

1863
November 3^d At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His
Worship the Mayor. Aldermen Smlay, Hill, Eden, Dunbar, Magher, Richardson, Egan,
Pegg, Nash, Ironsman, Murphy, Spence, Roche, Richey, Jennings & Mumford.

The City Council were summoned to take up the business standing
over from previous meetings and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 30th Oct

His Worship the Mayor hands in a communication from City
Architect relative to Building in Argyle Street, also
Letter from Joseph Coombes, Solicitor of Alderman Spence, also
Opinion of His Honor the Recorder, relative to rate imposed
by Water Commissioners for a Fire Tax

Alderman Jennings hands in draft of address to His
Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, on motion the same is adopted

Alderman Eden hands in Report from Committee of Rates
and Taxes

Read Communication from Mr Coombes, Solicitor of Alderman
Spence

On motion the same lays on the Table until next meeting
of the Council

Communication
from Commd Commissioners of Water Supply
& Water Supply

His Worship the Mayor hands in Communication from
Office of Commissioners of Water Supply

Naufax 3^d Nov. 1863

Sir

I regret it is my duty to report for the information of the City Council
that a new pipe House, erected by the Commissioners at the Chain Lakes, since the
City became proprietors of the Water Works, was last evening destroyed by fire, without
any doubt, the act of an Incendiary

The pecuniary loss will probably not exceed £300, though the
inconvenience, will be considerable, this however the Board will endeavour to repair
as speedily as possible

It has been the intention of the board from the first to build
a small cottage at this spot, as a residence for a Watchman, and Keeper, in fact it
was partly with this view, that the lot of land was purchased from De Cogswell, the
City previous to that purchase, not having owned a single foot of land in the
neighbourhood

The necessity for having some person resident, at or near
the pipe Houses, to take charge of them, is made so evident by the occurrence of last
night, that the Board will feel it to be their duty to make arrangements immediately
for a small permanent Establishment in connection with the works at the Chain Lakes

In the meantime means will be taken to prevent if possible
further mischief by placing a night Watch on the premises. During the Winter
His Worship the Mayor
when the following Resolution is introduced
John A. Bell, Chairman

Resolved that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds
be appropriated by this Council to aid the Executive Government in detecting the perpetrators of
the recent incendiarism - Moved by Alderman Eden Seconded by Alderman Jennings & passed

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Alderman Nash hands in Memorial relative to a Juvenile Reformatory

the same is read when the following Resolution is introduced

Memorial re
to Juvenile
Reformatory

Resolved that a Committee of one from each Ward, be appointed to confer with such Citizens as they the Memorialists may deem necessary to carry out the intention of the Memorial presented in reference to a Reformatory for Youth, and report to this Council

Moved by Alderman Nash, Seconded by Alderman Jennings which on being put is passed

Committee Alderman Bill, Richardson, Nash, Freuneman Conway & Jennings

Statement of
the Internal
Health Com-
mittee

Alderman Egan hands in Statement of Finances of Internal Street

Amount in Treasurers hands May 1 1863	£ 3.8	
granted by assessment	500.00	503.8
Expended from 1. May to 27. June	320.14.3	
27. June to 31. July	154.1.11	
31 July to 28. Aug	92.11.0	567.6.4
granted 3rd Sept		23.10.0
Expended Aug 29. to Oct 2	112.14.5	250.17.1
paid Trades men for work from		
July to Oct 3	13.9.11	166.3.9
In hands of Treasurer 1. Oct		114.13.11
Expended from Oct 3 to 30.		105.5.5
Now in hands of Treasurer		12.7.11

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that this Council hereby authorize the Treasurer to open an account at the Bank for the Internal Health Committee for the sum of £250. for the purpose of carrying out the objects contemplated in the Constitution of said Committee, to be provided for in the next appropriation for the Internal Health Committee

Moved by Alderman Egan Seconded by Alderman Dunbar which on being put is passed 13 voting for the same and 4 against, and the names being called for they appeared thus

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| For the Resolution | against it |
| Alderman Nash | Alderman Munford |
| Freuneman | Boyes |
| Murphy | Roche |
| Egan | Spence 4 |
| Dunbar | |
| Bill | |
| John | |
| Pallister | |
| Jennings | |
| Richardson | |
| Rehu | |
| Dunbar | |
| Magher 13 | |

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Read letter from Mr. Andrew Downs

Halifax Sep 24/63

His Worship The Mayor

Respected Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of \$200 granted me under a resolution of the City Council, in aid of my "Ariary" Letter from at the North West Arm.
Andrew Downs

I beg Sir to return you and the Gentlemen of the Corporation my sincere thanks for this handsome donation and their appreciations of the value of such Institutions. I shall endeavor to expend this donation judiciously in procuring such valuable additions to my collection as will render my establishment still more attractive to those who derive both pleasure and instruction from so fascinating a study as that of natural History.

Allow me to remark in conclusion that His Worship the Mayor, His Honor the Recorder the Members of the City Council, the Treasurer and City Clerks will be, entitled at all times, to visit my Ariary, without charge, and that I shall always be pleased to make their visits as interesting and profitable as possible

I am with respect
Your Obedt Servt
Andrew Downs

Read report of special Committee on Petitions of Paul Woods and Charles Griffin

Halifax Oct 24th 1863

Report of
Committee
in re
petition
of
Woods
&
Griffin

The Committee to which was referred the case of Paul Woods have seen what is called an Agreement with the mark of Frank Rome witnessed by Richard Walsh and dated Feb 16th 1863 to build a frame 52 ft long by 30 ft high 20 ft wide of the same material as the other Barn to be landed on the premises the last of March or the first or second of April. No price is named and no penalty for non fulfillment of contract.

The building has never been commenced. It is stated that the frame was delivered on Bonnaville Wharf that Mr Woods was not then prepared to build and therefore Rome was requested to take it back and keep it until Woods was prepared or in a condition to build. The building Act is dated 29th April 1863

Paul Woods has made oath that the agreement quoted above was a bona fide one - and Richard Walsh has sworn that he witnessed it at the date named and saw Frank Rome make his mark thereto. Finally the 19th clause in the Building Act says: This act shall not be applicable to any building the contract for the construction of which shall be in good ^{truth} entered into before the passing of this act.

All which we submit for the decision of the Council

Robert Richardson Chairman
W Roche
John Mumford

On motion the same is adopted and that they be allowed to go on with the work

Read Letter from City Architect submitted this day

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Halifax Nov 3rd/63

To His Worship
The Mayor and City Council
Gentlemen

I beg leave to report that in pursuance of my Duty I visited the City Architects premises on the East Side of Argyle Street now in possession of Mr. Rooney Blacksmith
Report I find that a building standing in the rear of his yard which has been for some time occupied as a wheelwrights shop of which Mr. Rooney since Friday Money Property last the 30th Oct has raised the roof from the front Eave to the height of four feet forming a shed roof from the original peak of said roof and by so doing has caused the extension of the building in front about two feet out which is a violation of the Act passed 15th April 61 Chap 45. the length of building in front is about 28ft and two short stories in height. All of which is submitted for the decision of your Honorable Board

I am respectfully your
Obt Servt
130 St Marshall
City Archt

On motion the same is referred to a Committee to Report upon
Committee, Alderman Richardson, Mumford, and Roche.

Read Report of Committee of Rates and Taxes
Committee Room Oct 29. 1863

(here copy)

Report of
Committee
on Taxes

Committee on taxes met this day Present Alderman Fenway, Mumford and Richardson, Tobin in Chair Alderman Nash entered during discussion and joined the Committee

Examined Mr. Lynch's Petition for relief of Taxes, Committee of opinion that no relief could be given in the present state of the Statute -

In the case of William Letts the Committee considered Mr. Letts is himself to blame for the position he finds himself in and can afford no further remedy than the law provides -

Henry Williams has no ground for complaint consequently the Committee can afford no relief

Mr. Brown being a resident at Jubilee during the levy of assessment and in full occupation of the premises rated by Statute is decidedly liable Taxes -

In the case of W^m Huggan the Committee are of opinion that the receipt and the evidence of the assessor should induce their recommending the real Estate rated at £300 be reduced to the sum of £250

James Tobin
Chairman

Read Report of Committee of Law & Privileges submitted

Law & Privileges this day

On motion the same lies on the table till next meeting of the Council
The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the City Treasurer be requested to furnish this Council the names of all names of parties who have been assessed for Poor Tax only and also who have paid such poor tax during the last two years, in each Ward moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Roche which on being put is passed to be furnished
On Motion the Council Rise

1863
November 6th

At a Special meeting of the City Council held this day Present
His Worship the Mayor Alderman Enlay, Abin, Dunbar, Maguire, Richardson
Boggs, Nash, Sweeney, Sullivan, Murphy, Conway, Roche, Richey and Jennings
The City Council were summoned to consider the revision of the remaining
clauses of the Charter

Read Proceedings of 3rd Inst

Alderman Richey handed in Report of Committee of City Prison

Ald Roche handed in Report of Committee on reorganisation of Fire Department

His Worship the Mayor hands in Report of City Marshall

Alderman Nash hands in Petition of P. Costin

Read Report of Committee of City Prison where following
resolution is introduced.

Resolved that Report of Committee of City Prison be
City Prison received and adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw Cheques
Report for the payment of the same, Moved by Alderman Dunbar Seconded by Ald Conway
which on being put is passed.

Read Petition of P. Costin submitted this day

To The Worshipfull the Mayor and the Alderman
of the City of Belfast in Common Council convened.

The memorial of Patrick Costin

Respectfully Sheweth.

P. Costin's
Petition

That your memorialist has recently erected a porch to
his dwelling house in Birmingham Street, and he has inadvertently placed the same
about one foot, ten inches, beyond the exact line of his property, being misled by inaccurate
information and not intending to trespass or encroach at all, and not building it further
than the old steps of the house stood for twenty five years before.

That it would prove a heavy expense to remove or alter
this porch, so as to put it back to the exact line and as the sidewalk is wide
there, and the street so very much travelled on, he is desirous that the porch may
be permitted to remain as it is for the present.

Memorialist is willing and ready to be bound not
to rebuild or repair the same and to remove the part of it which projects beyond
the line whenever the City shall require it to be done and in the mean time to pay
a rent for the permission as pointed out by the Province Law of Streets in the
Revised Statutes page 236 Chap 64. Sect 10

Memorialist would beg leave to refer to the
plan of the street which is annexed hereto showing the position of the porch, and he
prays Your Worship and the Council will take his case into your favorable consider-
ation and grant him such indulgence as may appear reasonable

when the following Resolution is introduced. P. Foster

Resolved that Mr Costin's porch be permitted to stand
until the Council have the line of Street defined when Mr Costin shall be subject
to any course the Council may deem necessary to pursue Moved by Alderman
Sobin Seconded by Alderman Enlay which on being put is passed.

Re

Read 63rd clause of Charter passed

Read 64th " which on being put is passed ten voting for the
same and five against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus:

Clauses of
Charter

for the clause

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November 6th

For the Clause

Ald. Nash	Ald. Richey
" Mumford	" Tobin
" Murphy	" Conway
" Egan	" Dunbar
" Sontag	" Meagher 10

against it
Ald. Freneman
" Pallister
" Richardson
" Roche
" Boggs 5

55th Clause refusing to serve as Mayor or Alderman
Read 65th clause passed as amended \$50 penalty for

66th " Read 66th Clause which on being put is passed

67th " Read 67th Clause - which on being put is passed

68th " Read 68th Clause . Amendment

That the vote be by ballot, amendment passed 9 voting for the same and 7 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the amendment

Alderman Richey	Richardson
Nash	Roche
Mumford	Boggs
Jennings	Dunbar 9
Pallister	

against it
Alderman Freneman
Murphy
Egan
Sontag
Tobin
Conway
Meagher 7

The 68th Clause is next put and passed as amended

Alderman Conway gives notice of reconsideration

69th Clause Read 69th Clause - amendment that the City Officers be elected annually. Amendment passed 8 voting for the same and 7 against it

Alderman Nash gives notice of reconsideration

70th " Read 70th Clause, amendment introduced

That the Marshal submit the names of 10 additional Policemen at the annual Election of Policemen
Amendment lost - 5 voting for the same and 8 against it

The 70th Clause is next put and passed and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Clause

Alderman Conway
Freneman
Egan
Sontag
Richey
Jennings
Boggs 7

against it
Alderman Nash
Murphy
Richardson
Roche
Dunbar
Meagher 6

Alderman Nash gives notice of reconsideration

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Second amendment introduced that the Bank be filled up with
8 voting for the same and 5 against it
Alderman Conway gives notice of reconsideration

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Treasurer is hereby empowered
to open an account with one of the Banks for the purpose of borrowing
so much money as will meet the necessary demands due or coming
due by the Committee of Streets, so as to enable them to finish up their
to catona credit work, the said amount to be repaid from the next apessment. not to
exceed £1100

Moved by Alderman Nash. Seconded by Alderman Jennings
which on being put is passed

On motion the Council adjourn

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November 13

At a special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present
His Worship the Mayor Ald Enlay, Tobin, Dunbar, Magher, Richardson, Egau,
Nash, Trenaman, Pallister, Murphy, Conway, Spence, Roche, Richey, Jennings,
Mumford

Read over the Proceedings of the 5th November

The City Council were summoned to proceed with the amend-
ments to the Charter and the transaction of other business.

Ald Richey, Chairman, hands in Annual Report of
City Prison.

His Worship the Mayor submits Communication of
Ars Company. Also letter from J. Lynch Esq relative to Mr McCill's Claim
also annual report of His Worship the Mayor.

Reconsideration of Clause 68th being put there appeared for the same 6 against it 6 and the Mayor being called upon
for his casting Vote gives it in favor of the Reconsideration.

A Call of the Council is made at 3 1/4 o'clock

Reconsideration of Clause 68th Alderman Nash's notice of reconsideration on amendment
to 69th clause on being put is lost 4 voting for the same and 10 against it,

For the Reconsideration
Alderman Nash
" Richey
" Jennings
" Conway 4

against it.
Alderman Trenaman Ald Mumford
" Egau " Enlay
" Murphy " Tobin
" Richardson " Roche
" Dunbar " Magher
" Spence "

Reconsideration of Clause 70 Alderman Nash's notice of Reconsideration on amendment of
No 70 clause is next taken up and lost 5 voting for the same and 9 against it,
and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Reconsideration
Alderman Nash
Richey
Jennings
Dunbar
Magher 5

against it
Ald. Conway, Mumford,
" Trenaman, Tobin
" Murphy, Richardson
" Egau, Roche
" Enlay, Spence 10

Reconsideration of Clause 68th Amendment sent to 68th clause is next taken and Carried and the following amendment
of second is introduced. That the Police be 36 in Number which on being put is lost 5 voting
Amendment for the same and 12 against it
to 68th clause For the amendment

Ald Conway
" Egau
" Tobin
" Jennings
" Magher

against it
Ald Nash Ald Richey
" Trenaman " Pallister
" Murphy " Richardson
" Enlay " Roche
" Mumford " Bogg
" Dunbar " Spence 12.

The hour having expired since the call of Council as made on 68 clause
the vote is again taken when there appeared for the clause as amended for the same 6
against it 10.

For open voting
Ald Conway, Murphy,
" Egau, Enlay,
" Tobin, Magher 6

against it
Ald Nash, Jennings, Roche, Spence 10
" Mumford, Pallister, Bogg
" Richey, Richardson, Dunbar

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November 12. for the same and 4 against it
Petition from Boatmen North end
North end

Read 69th clause on being put is passed 12 Yeas
Alderman Roche hands in petition from Boatmen

Read 70 clause which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that a Committee be appointed

Clause 70

Resolution in re Sewer in upper Water Street.

to investigate a sewer now being built in Upper Water Street from Cross Lane to Cornwallis Street and ascertain whether the six inch pipe, now laid, or being laid therein is sufficient for the Sewerage of that part of Water Street and report to this City. Moved by Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman Nash, which on being put is passed

Committee Ald Johns, Nash, and Roche, with power if they think necessary to call for the opinion of an Engineer

On motion the Chairman of Committee of Streets is instructed to lay down no more earthen pipes in Water Street until further directed by the Council

On motion the Council will

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1863
November 17th

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Drury, Hill, Atin, Ountar, Muagher, Richardson, Egan, Boggs, Nash, Freeman, Pallister, Conway, Jance, Roche, Richey Jennings and Mumford.

Read over proceedings of 13 Nov The City Council were summoned to proceed with the business standing over from previous meetings and the transaction of other business.

Report on Mooney's Building

Alderman Richey hands in report of Committee on Mr Mooney's building.

His Worship the Mayor hands in a communication from Secretary of Halifax Tanning Dispensary.

Read annual Report of His Worship

Annual Report of Mayor

Read annual Report of Committee

of City Prison
of City Marshal

Read annual Report of

Read annual Report of Capt. of Night Watch

of City Marshal

On motion the reports just read with other Reports of Committee and heads of departments, are ordered to be published in Pamphlet form similar to last year for the information of Citizens

Resolution upon Report to be published

Read Report of Commissioners of Water Supply
Office of Commissioners of Water Supply
Halifax 30 Oct 1863

Sir,

In the annual Report from this Department submitted to the City Council on 31st March last and adopted by the Council it was stated that the sum of £20,000 would be required for the operations of the current year. In accordance with the suggestions contained in a communication from this office to your Worship on 17 April it was decided by the City Council to borrow one half of the sum wanted that is £10,000 in the early part of the season leaving the remaining half until the end of the year.

From Water Company

As the money will be wanted about that time to pay for materials imported from Britain and other requirements I have now respectfully to request that the requisite action shall be taken by the City Council, in order that the City Treasurer may issue advertisements and take tenders for the sum of £10,000

I have the honor to be
Your obt. Servt.

John A Bell
Chairman Com W.S.

When the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolution in re Water Company

Resolved that the Commissioners of Water Supply are hereby requested to submit to this Council a detailed report of the manner in which the last £10,000 has been spent and also for the special purpose on which the present £10,000 is to be spent or laid out, Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Boggs, which on being put is passed 11 For and 5 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

1853 For the Resolution
 November 17th Ald. Nash Ald Richardson
 Mumford " Roggs
 Bonn " Dunbar
 Pichey " Magher
 Pallister " Spence
 Roche

against it
 Ald Fenamud
 " Egaw
 " Smloy
 " Conway
 " Jennings

Read ordinance relative to Hackney Carriages

Ordinance a 3rd time.

Relative to
 Hackney Coaches

On motion the same is ordered to be jointly engrossed, and submitted to His Honor the Administrator of the Government for approval.

Ald John Chairman hands in and asks leave to have

read Report of Committee on Drain in Upper Water Street the same is read.

Halifax Nov 16th 1853

Report of
 Committee
 in re
 Sewer
 in
 Water
 Street

Your Honship
 Sir,

The Special Committee, in pursuance of Resolution of City Council, proceeded to inspect the sewer leading from foot of Gray's Lane to Cornwallis Street, and from existing tributaries, as well as the service which such main sewer may be necessarily required to maintain, the Committee do not hesitate to recommend the disuse of the brick Parthen pipe, now being laid down, and to substitute the most improved plan of sewer in a locality so important to public traffic, and likely to be rendered difficult, and expensive to repair, when the City Tramway should have been once established.

The Committee regret the opening of so much North and South drainage should exhibit how negligent the authorities of former days have been in not preserving the Harbour outlets which were wisely reserved by the original Settlers of our City

James Tobin
 Chairman.

Resolution
 in re
 Sewer in
 Water Street

When following resolution is introduced.

Resolved that under the circumstances in which the Committee of Streets at this late season of the year are placed they be permitted to proceed and finish that Special Sewer in Water Street with the brick pipe and if it can be procured a 12 inch pipe or brick in preference if they can be obtained, but to use their best judgement to finish up the sewer. Moved by Ald. Nash sec^d by Ald. Mumford to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the sewer be built of Brick in Upper Water Street from Mr. Robinson's house, to Alderman Conways wharf and if Brick cannot be procured this autumn, it remain until Brick can be procured in the Spring. Moved by Ald. Roche sec^d by Ald. Jennings which on being put is lost 6 Yeas for the same and 10 against it.

The resolution is next put and passed.

Ald Jennings hands in Resolution by way of notice

The following Resolution was next introduced

Resolution
 relative to
 the Gas Co
 placing
 Lamp post

Resolved that an Alderman for each Ward do form a Committee in order to ascertain and Report to the Council how far the Gas Company have progressed in laying the Gas lamps as agreed upon by Resolution of this Council and how many lamps are erected in each Ward and to see that the remainder should be supplied, Moved by Ald. Tobin seconded by Ald. Hill which on being put is passed.

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November 1st

Committee John Richardson, Egan, Senaman, Spence and Pichey
Deo Deo in the Council Room

1863
November 27

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day
Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Andray, John Dunbar, Meagher Richardson
Egan, Boggs, Nash, Struamaw, Pallister, Murphy, Conway, Spence, Roche, Richey
and Jennings

Read over proceedings of 17th inst

The City Council were summoned to continue the business standing
over and the transaction of other business.

Alderman Conway hands in two Reports from
Committee of Students.

His Worship the Mayor submits Communication from
Jos Coombes Solicitor in reference to Alderman Spences claim. Also communication
from Christian Kelly relative to a Building. Also By-law relative to dogs.

Bye Law

relative to Dogs to be filled up with 31st Dec.

data 31. Dec.

On Motion the same is read the date

to His Honor the Administrator of the Government and Council for approval

Report of Com.

of Sunders Houses.

for Engine Houses

Read Report of Committee of Sunders for Engine

Read Report of Committee of Sunders of 10th Oct.

On Motion the same lies on the table for the present

Read Report of Committee of Sunders relative to publish-

ing Mayor's annual report

Committee of

Sunders for

publishing

Reports

Committee

On Motion the said Report is adopted

Committee Room Halifax Nov 27/1863

Committee of Sunders met this day. Present

Ald Egan, Meagher, Struamaw Andray and the Chairman. When the following
tenders were opened for printing yearly Reports of His Worship the Mayor and the
various standing Committees.

No 1 Sander Compton & Co will furnish 1000 copies in pamph-
plet form for \$12 per form of eight pages

No 2 H. Blackador will furnish 1000 copies of the above for \$120.00

No 3 James Bowes " " 1000 " " " " " \$ 93.50

McNab & Shaffer " " 1000 " " " " " \$ 100.00

The Committee are of opinion that the tender of James Bowes
and Sons is the lowest they recommend the same be accepted

Respectfully submitted
Jeremiah Conway
Chairman.

On motion the said Report is adopted

1863
November 24th

Water Supply

Read Communication from Commissioners of

Communication
from
Commissioners
of
Water Supply

Office of Commissioners of Water Supply
Malacca St. Nov 1861

Sir

In accordance with a resolution of the City Council dated 17th Nov requesting from this Board a detailed Report of Expenditures upon the Water Works and also an explanation of the manner in which it is proposed to expend the £10,000 now applied for. I beg to submit the enclosed documents and at the same time to make a few observations "See Mem: on File"

I presume the Resolution applies only to operations for the present year, as all expenditures up to 31st Dec 1862 are minutely detailed in the Annual Report and papers submitted to the City Council on 21st March 1862. I must also state for the information of Gentlemen who have since come into the Council that plans were presented to the City Council with the Annual Report showing in detail the work to be done this year and estimating the cost of the same, with materials at £20,000 - all of which was approved and adopted by the Council after full enquiry and investigation.

The division of the sum required into two parts was merely with the idea of saving six months interest the whole of the money not being wanted at once.

On 31st Dec 1862 there was in the City Treasury a balance to the credit of the Commissioners of Water Supply £2147. Adding to this the £10,000 taken up by debentures last June, gives £12147 the amount available up to this date for the requirements of the year.

The detailed statement now established shows an expenditure of £11,071. 2. 0. up to 31st Nov inst which will account for the disposal of the £10,000 last borrowed, and so meet the first part of the Resolution.

With regard to the special purposes to which it is proposed to apply the £10,000 now asked for I have to state that the Commission one Messrs Hildelous and Sons for pipes imported this year £4563 5/2 which at the current rate of Exchange will come to nearly £6000 Cy -

There is also the labour account for the remaining of the season to be paid several contracts some of them pretty large to be closed up, and a number of accounts against the Department which will come in at the end of the year. It will be necessary also to build a New Pipe House and perhaps some other buildings at the lakes.

I think the Council must perceive that the greater part of the £10,000 will be required but should there be a balance left in the Treasurers hands at the end of the year it will be available for the resuming of work early in the ensuing Spring. Some portions of the working plan last presented to the Council remain unfinished partly in consequence of the late arrival of Pipes from Britain. There is for instance a large main to be laid through the whole length of Water Street which will be a heavy and expensive job.