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will bring with me the I — in the mean time Cutler goes before me, to the City, in search of a friend, for a purpose which if consummated and I have little doubt, will bring satisfaction and pleasure to us both. I presume that the hour mentioned (11) will be time enough to enable you to make "a raise" before you require the "true religion" later in the day. I feel confident that it is not your wish — to do as intended, if I can in any way in time make the act unnecessary —

Yours truly

S^r J. R. Braine

Mr Morris Senior has a note for £100 which Mr Braine gave him as receipt for License money which he Mr Morris paid over to him on account of O. S. Weeks.

Monday last, I saw two and old looking notes of this amount in the hands of my Father signed by Mr R. Braine.

£143.0.0

50.0.0

75.0.0

268.0.0

40.0.0 With the above inspection of Mr Morris Senior
£308.0.0

When on Motion said report be received.

Read note of Mand from Messrs Morris for £75.15.6 Surtees of Mr Weeks

The following resolution is then introduced —

Resolved that a copy of foregoing statements be transmitted to Mr Alderman Braine, and he be requested to submit any explanation he may wish to give relative thereto to His Worship, the Mayor, on or before next meeting of Council which on being put is passed

Read following Petition from John Power relative to rent due by him to the City.

To William Maudoch Esquire Chairman, and the Committee of Public Property.

The Memorial of John Power of the City of Halifax
Petitioner Respectfully sheweth

That your Petitioner, is a British Subject and hath been a resident in this Province over seventeen years. That your Memorialist sued from the City Authorities

the Cellar

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The Cellar underneath the "Market House" and has prosecuted his business therein for the last six years, and has paid the Rent the whole of that period save the last six Months. That your Memorialist cannot afford from Stagnation of Business and the poverty of the times, to pay the full rent, and he prays that you will deduct a reasonable sum therefrom to enable him to pay the rent. That your Memorialist has expended in Repairs and otherwise, a large sum of Money over ninety Pounds and when he first took the place there was a Shed for which he received seven shillings per week for three years, when it was taken from him and the City Treasurer has been pressing your Memorialist for the rent now due

Your Memorialist therefore prays that Your Honours will take his Memorial into favourable consideration and thus enable him to pay the Rent now due, and that shall become due

And your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray

Wm John Power

When on Motion said petition is referred to Committee of City Property

Read following Letter from J. M. Ritchie Esquire Attorney of James Thomain Esquire relative to Stoppage of Drain in Victoria Street

To His Worship
The Mayor

Malibu January 20th 1850

Sir
Mr James Thomain has requested me to call your attention to a serious injury he has received in sustaining in having several houses belonging to him in Victoria Street in this City overflowed by water, in consequence of the City Authorities having closed up an old drain in the neighbourhood and opened a new one which terminates without any outlet near his property. Mr Thomain remonstrated against the Act of the City Authorities with respect to these drains as far back as July 1844 when the alteration was in contemplation, the subject was brought to the notice of the City Council several times in that year and the following as will no doubt appear by reference to the City Records. In July 1846 Mr Thomain again addressed the City Council as did others interested in property in the neighbourhood and again in April of the past year Mr Thomain protested against the course pursued by the City Authorities and petitioned for redress. No redress has hitherto been accorded

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to him and in consequence of his houses having been a few days since overflowed to so great an extent as to render them uninhabitable, he feels himself called upon to seek legal redress for the injury he has sustained. I hope the application I now make previous to instituting proceedings, will lead to an amicable adjustment of a question which may otherwise lead to expensive and protracted litigation. I feel at least sure that Mr. Tomains claim will meet with a careful investigation before the City Council will determine to resist it.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient Servant

J. M. Kitchie

P.S. I shall be obliged by your calling the attention of the City Council to this subject at their next meeting

When the following resolutions are introduced

Resolved that the foregoing Letter be referred to a Committee of three and that they be requested to ascertain the best and most efficient way in which the evil complained of can be remedied and the probable amount it will cost, and report on the same, to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the same be referred to Commissioners of Streets to report upon, which amendment being put is lost

The original resolution is then put and carried

Resolved that Aldermen Caldwell, Laidlaw and Mitchell, be that Committee, which on being put is carried

The City Council next proceed to appoint Presiding Officers for holding Elections to fill vacancies of Ward Assessors in following Wards

Ward No One	Alderman King
"	Three Laidlaw
"	Four Cabot
"	Six H. B. Anderson

Read following Report of Committee of City Property

Halifax July 1st 1850

The Committee of City property have to report to
The Council

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The Council, they have changed the Insurance from the Halifax Fire Insurance Co. where they were paying at the rate of 25/ per Cent on the County Court House only on which £2000. was Insured, to the Etna Co. and have effected on the County Court House £1000 @ 12/6%
 on the Meat Market ————— 250 @ 15/4%
 on the Fish Market ————— 100 @ 15/4%
 on the Range of Small Buildings Market Slip 100 @ 30/4%
 on the Engine Building on Parade. 350 @ 15/4%
 Premium in all Thirteen pounds and Policy 5/

They have passed a resolution to open a gate to the Pound on Spring Garden Road agreeably to a tender made for the sum of £32.6 and they have agreed to recommend to the Council to have a Curb Stone of Granite of Dimensions given them by Mr. Currie, to be laid along the East and West fronts of the County Court House, so as to widen the side Walk by forming a half Gutter, which they consider would be an improvement to the setting of this property, and they find they can contract at present for this Granite Curb Stone at the rate of 1/6 per running foot

In examining the property occupied by tenants they find some repairs and painting will be required before it is relet, the probable sum estimated £50 - They find the Market Slip, the plank covering has been taken off by the Tide, and they had to take the apart to save them and they are now piled up on the Fish Market Slip

They have resolved this Slip should be put in thorough repair, but have not decided on a plan, some of them for finishing it as a Slip as formerly at a supposed expense of £75. and others suggesting a plan of a Wharf with steps as a landing, they expect by the next meeting of the Council to have a plan and estimate to submit to the Council for their approval

The resolution of the City Council of the 26th Dec^r to introduce Gas and Water into the Establishment for the use of the Council they have had under consideration

They have communicated with the manager of the Gas Works Mr. Brist, and have a tender from him stating the fittings if with two Brackets from the Wall, it will be about £7 if lighted by a Lustre from the Ceiling 4 burners £10

In communicating with the manager of the Water Co. they find nothing can be done during the Winter. An estimate £6 to £7 would be about the expense if fitting up the necessary fittings for Urinal purposes if a first rate Water Closet is required £12 and if a Cistern in addition £5 or upwards according to distance from Urinal Basin, the Cistern would only be required in the event of the Water being off. The Water Company
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Charge for Water would be 10¢ per annum
 The Committee would desire the opinion of the Council on the plan they would wish to adopt in the introduction of Light and Water

Wm. William Murdoch
 Chairman

When on Motion said report is received and adopted

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that a Letter be addressed to the Gas Company calling their attention to the very imperfect manner in which the various Gas Lamps are kept lighted and that they be requested to adopt some more efficient state, in accordance with their Contract, which on being put is carried

Read Petition from Mr. C. W. Fairbanks on subject of his introducing Water into the City which on Motion stands over for consideration at next Meeting

Henry Fryer
 Mayor

Saturday February 6th 1850

Feb 6

Henry Spike Supervisor William Anderson, James Sutton, John McPherson, and Robert Graham having taken and subscribed the oath of Office required by Law are this day sworn into Office as Measurers and Surveyors of Lumber for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Feb 9

Thomas McMurray Supervisor William Wiswell and James Norwood having taken the oath of Office prescribed by Law are this day sworn into Office as Weighers and Sealers of Leather in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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William Holland Supervisor, Samuel King, Patrick O'Connor, James Cullen, William Buckley, William Madden, John Connor, Joseph Hindley, and Alexander Grant are this day sworn into Office as Measurers of Coals in the presence of His Worship the Mayor

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William Lovett having taken and subscribed the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as Surveyor of Lumber for the City in the presence of His Worship the Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen W. G. Anderson, Gaidlau, Mitchell, Drame, Smithers, Cabot, Matt. Caldwell, King, Murdoch, Taylor, Workshop, Stuns, Roche, Jimmy King and J. H. Anderson

Read over proceedings of 4 February 1850

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the amendments to the Act of Incorporation the appointment of City Clerk of Licenses and the transaction of other business

Read following return of Committee on subject of Mr Weeks late Clerk of Licenses Deficiencies

Names of Persons handed over by Mr Hartshorn to Mr Weeks in October 1848 for collection which do not appear in Mr Weeks's Books as collected by him, but which he acknowledged have paid

W. Sherry		Paid up	\$ 37 76
J. Jenkins	2 15 0	Michael Keating & Co	2 15 0
Maurice Bude	2 15 0	George Dunn	2 15 0
John Cahill	2 15 0	Patrick Tobin	2 15 0
Fredrick Inbion	1 76	Michael Power	2 15 0
William Kehoe	2 15 0	W. J. Madden	2 15 0
Timothy Dunn	2 15 0	Charles Catin	2 15 0
Martin Murphy	2 15 0	Eduard Nancy	2 15 0
James Ferguson	1 10 0	George W. Dupe	0 18 4
Thomas Murphy	2 15 0	Robert Watson	0 18 4
Michael Power	2 15 0	William Ackhurst	10 0 0
Austin Ferguson	1 10 0	Craig & Tife	10 0 0
Michael O'Brien	2 15 0	George A. Russell	15 0 0
Pulger	2 15 0	J. Lockhart	10 0 0
Patrick Cullen	2 15 0	Doran	6 0 0
Henry Nelson	2 15 0	Davis	1 0 0
Carried up	\$ 37 76	Wm. Dineran	5 10 0
		By William Murdoch	\$ 115 19 2
		John Taylor	
		W. Roche	

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Mr. Alderman Roche submit a petition from John Morgan and others for removal of Pump at foot of St George Church Hill and introducing a Hydrant. On Motion that the said petition be referred to a Committee, the same is lost 4 voting for it and 10 against it.

After some discussion on the subject of the late City Clerk of Licenses Accounts, and after hearing Mr. Alderman Braine, the following resolution is introduced at request of Mr. Alderman Braine

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to receive the explanation of Mr. Alderman Braine on subject of resolution passed at last meeting of Council and transmitted to him, To which the following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that the same Committee be appointed that investigated the Clerk of Licenses, accounts which amendment being put is passed 9 voting for it and 8 against it, the original is therefore lost

Mr. Alderman Sayle gives notice for reconsideration of above at next meeting of Council

The City Council next proceed with the Election of a City Clerk of Licenses

Read over several Applications, The Ballot is then proceeded with when there appeared for

Mr. William Hinwell	3
William I. Morris	11
William Foster	3
Francis LeCaine	1

Mr. William I. Morris having received a clear majority of votes is elected City Clerk of Licenses

Read following Letter from Secretary of Water Company

Halifax February 5th 1850

Sir

I have the honor to submit to you, and to request that you will bring before the Council, a Resolution, which was this day passed by the Board of Directors of the Halifax Water Company

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Company, and is as follows viz

Resolved that a Letter be addressed to His
Worship the Mayor requesting that whenever the Fire Depart-
ment think proper to open or shut the Fire Plugs, for the purpose
of examination, the same should take place in the presence
of the Superintendent of the Works or a person appointed by
him

To His Worship
The Mayor

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your obed^t Servant
S^r J. J. Shannon Secy

When the following resolution is introduced

Resolved that said resolution be adopted, and
that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Chairman of Board
of Fire Wards, which on being put is passed

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be
authorised to have Water introduced into the Bridewell
Establishment, which on being put is passed

Read following resolution of Commissioners of
Poor, also list of Paupers in the Asylum on 31 Dec^r 1849

Office of Commissioners of Poor Asylum
February 7th 1850

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be requested
to bring under the notice of the City Council at their next
meeting the absolute necessity there exists of instituting some
measures to found and establish a Hospital for the reception
of Disabled Seamen and others

Shew Copy
S^r J. M. Reynolds Secy

Segregate list of Articles purchased for the use of
the Salazar Asylum for the Poor during the year 1849

Amount, 106 th	5	9	6	
Barley 39 Cwt 3 ^q 12 ^{lb}	35	7	11	
Beer 669 Gal	55	2	6	
Prof Mutton #23022	202	14	1	
Butter #1359	17	10	1	
Bread 40 Cwt	40	0	0	386.14.1
Bakery				
Bakery Salary	36	0	0	
31 Cords Wood	11	13	8	
Coals, 76 Chaldron	41	6	0	138.19.8

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Contingent expenditure by			
The Nation whose use is entitled	57	6	0
Monthly by the acting Comptroller			
Clothing, Blankets, Shoes			
and Bedding &c	264	19	4
Chocolate 1150 lbs	26	7	1
Coffee 120 lbs	3	10	0
			312.1.5
Cows and Horses			
Wagon for Cows &c	18	11	0
Soy. Cat. 10 Bl. Mch. 100 lbs	62	17	2
Corn Meal 30 Bl	25	10	0
Fish 16 Bl. 2 Bl. Mch. 100 lbs			
3 Bl. Herrings	11	4	6
Flour 30 Bl	143	1	6
Gas Light Company			
Gas Light	15	11	7
			611.4.9
Saw Manufacturing			
Palm Leaf	143	9	3
Iron Nougery Nails &c	7	1	0
Lumber for Coffins and Repairing			
16,217 Feet	110	7	9
Leather for Shoes &c	113	15	11
Molasses 10571 Gals	70	6	9
			265.3.3
Miscellaneous expenses, outside			
required for the use of the establish-			
ment, not of ordinary consumption			
purchased by the Commissioners,			
which do not come under			
other heads	235	10	14
Oatmeal 100 Cwt 3 qrs	64	15	6
Oil 152 Gals	18	2	0
Old Sunk	76	12	10
Pork 2122 lbs	17	11	5
			142.15.1
Pow. Beans 230 1/2 Bus	59	15	2
Potatoes 375 Bus	65	19	11
Repairs to Buildings	127	14	9
Rice 147 Cwt 3 qrs 23 lb	35	6	11
Sugar 17 Cwt 2 qrs 18 lb	31	7	1
			340.16.3
Salt 9 Mch	4	15	6
Stationery and Printing	8	0	5
Stow 279 Cwt 3 qrs 10 lb	28	5	10
Soap 80 Cwt 3 qrs 27 lb	80	9	9
Salaries including Medicines			
and Medical Attendance	390	0	0
			1457.11.6

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Starch 30 lbs	0	15	9	
Tea 1035 lbs	64	11	6	
Furniture and Repairing	31	1	5	
Truck Hages	16	3	2	115.13.10
Vinegar 116 Gal	4	17	0	
Wine for the sick 127 Gal	38	13	0	
Wood 664 Boards	32	6	0	
Wool 138 lbs	7	12	0	83.8.0
Materials Farm and Hospital				
Ploughing 5.0.0				
Nurses 14.10.0				
Rent 60.0.0				
Cabs 2.10.0	72	1	0	
Balance remaining in the Bank of Nova Scotia	20	19	10	92.19.10
				<u>3240.18.1</u>

Examined and found correct

Mr Thomas R Gracie

Andrew McOmacks

Committee to examine general account

Account of Paupers remaining in on the 1st January 1850, and received into the Poor Asylum during the Year 1849

Men — Halifax	36		
" Transient	392	1128	
Women — Halifax	110		
" Transient	208	248	
Children — Halifax	123		
" Transient	77	200	876 Total

Death at the Poor Asylum during the Year 1849

Men	117	
Women	108	
Children	86	103 Total

Number of Paupers in the Asylum 31st Dec 1849

Men	156	of which 25 are Lunatic
Women	108	of which 23 are Lunatic
Children	86	of which 7 are Lunatic
	<u>350</u>	<u>55</u>

February 7th Number in the Poor Asylum
365 Men, Women and Children

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Account of Funds received for the use of the Halifax
Asylum for the Poor during the year 1849

1849	Commissioners			Casual	Total
	Balance in hand	31 Dec 1849			111.16.6
January	Henry Poyer Esq		200.0.0	32.10.0	232.10.0
February	Hon. H. B. Allen		100.0.0		100.0.0
March	Chas. Manning Esq		100.0.0	29.6.3	129.6.3
April	Hon. A. Bell	200.0.0	100.0.0	39.0.0	339.0.0
May	E. Kenney			67.17.0	67.17.0
July	W. A. Allen Esq	500.0.0			500.0.0
August	J. Whitting			19.14.4	19.14.4
September	Wm. Lawson	350.0.0	500.0.0	80.2.6	930.2.6
October	J. R. Grant		300.0.0	14.14.0	314.14.0
November	Genl. Russell		100.0.0		100.0.0
December	J. G. Tobin	300.0.0			300.0.0
	Donations from General Hospital				70.17.6
	Adm. for school				25.0.0
			1350.0.0	1400.0.0	283.4.1
December	By Balance remaining in Bank of Nova Scotia				20.19.10

Errors Excepted

Henry Poyer
Chairman of Commissioners of
Halifax Dec 31st 1849
Poor Asylum

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to Communicate with the Commissioners of the Poor on the subject of their resolution this day submitted to Council, which on being put is passed on Motion Alderman Jennings, Murdoch, J. W. Anderson, Naylor and Mitchell be that Committee

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that his Worship the Mayor be requested to administer the Oath of Office to all Officers appointed by this Council, as has been hitherto the practice, which on being put is passed

Alderman Naylor submits the following
Statement on subject of Cemetery Funds
Upon an

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Upon an examination of the List of Persons returned by Mr. Young as having paid for the opening of the Cemetery to July 26th 1849 and the entries in the registry Book kept at the Police Office; and comparing these, with the number of Lots on Mr. Keplers plan of the Cemetery held by the said persons, I found that 402 Lots had been paid for, which would yield £804.

Amount paid to Treasurer during the above period (exclusive of Ten Shillings for Two Transfers) £558
Showing a Deficiency of £246

Halifax July 11th 1850 ———— Sir John Taylor

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the opinion of His Honor the Recorder be requested as to whether the purchaser or seller of Land has the choice of a Surveyor, or whether he is bound to take the one sent by the Supervisors, which being put is passed

Read following letter from Mr. C. W. Fairbanks as introduced at last meeting

Halifax January 17th 1850
To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax
Gentlemen

I solicit you to appoint a Committee of three of your number to take into consideration certain services rendered by me, to the City Council in the year 1844, relating to the introduction of pure Water into this City, for which services I have never received any Compensation Alderman Caldwell can inform you, why I did not at the time receive the promised recompense

I think that in justice to me the City Council should present me with a certificate to prove my title to the invention of the Works which now supply the City of Halifax with a great abundance of pure and soft Water. I have also some few important plans to bring under the notice of the Committee you may nominate

I am
Yours &c &c
Sir Charles W Fairbanks
C.E.

Read

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Read report of Committee of 14th March 1845
when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to grant such a certificate as they may think Mr. Toulant's entitled to agreeably to his application and that Mr. Parish the Mayor affix the City Seal to the same, which on being put is passed

Resolved that Aldermen Caldwell, Mitchell, and Jennings be that Committee, which on being put is passed

On Motion the Council adjourn until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Henry Taylor
J.P. Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Laidlaw, Mitchell, Braine, Cabot, Hall, Caldwell, King, Hindoch, Taylor, Muthap, Sims, Roche, Jennings, King, and J. W. Anderson

Read over proceedings of yesterday

On Motion of Mr. Alderman Taylor, the entry of reading note of Messrs. Morris for £275.15.6 to the City of Halifax as sureties of the Late Clerk of Licenses, is directed to be allowed in the minutes of the 11th Instant, as having been entered as after motion for reception of Committee's report, which Motion is granted

The following resolution is introduced

Resolved that a committee be appointed to consider the application made by Inhabitants of Ward Nos. 1 & 2 for a Hydrant at the foot of St. Georges Hill, or in the neighbourhood thereof, which resolution on being put is lost

Mr. Alderman

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Mr. Alderman Taylor withdraws his notice for reconsidering the amendment passed yesterday, when on Motion Mr. Aldermen J. W. Anderson and Mr. Alderman Watt be added to that Committee

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Committee take up the whole transaction between Mr. Alderman Braine and Mr. Neek's late Clerk of License, and report upon the same, which on being put is passed

Resolved that the Statement by the Commissioners of the Tax, with memorandum of Purposes in the Establishment on 31 December 1849, be published in the City Papers, which on being put is passed

The following Report of Committee on subject of Amendments to Act of Incorporation is read. (See below)

The City Council then proceed to take into consideration the various Clauses, and the same are passed from Number One to Section Fifteen, Read over the remaining sections to be considered tomorrow

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Committee on the Incorporation Act, be requested to wait upon the County and Township Members, and bring to their notice the subject of the remuneration to be allowed the Weighers of Flour and other matters connected with Act now under the consideration of the legislature, which on being put is passed

The Council adjourn until Tomorrow at Two O'clock

N.P

(See above) The Committee appointed to revise the Act of Incorporation, submit as the result of their Labours the accompanying Clauses, which have been drafted by His Honor the Recorder, in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee

- Geo. W. Taylor Chairman
- George P. Mitchell
- William Murdoch
- John Watt
- J. Jennings
- John Arthur

Committee Room
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At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this day, present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Laidlaw, Mitchell, Praine, Smithers, Cabot, Watt, Caldwell, King, Huntloch, Taylor, Kirkup, Roche, Semmings, King and St Anderson —

The Mayor having requested leave of absence for a short time. leave granted —

Alderman King in Motion is called to the Chair. On Motion the City Council proceed with the Amendments to the Act of Incorporation —

Read the 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26 Sections, which were severally put and passed

The following is then introduced —

And be it enacted that the owners of Real Estate or persons receiving rent from tenants thereof, within the City of Halifax, be assessed for every Ten pounds of such rent or one hundred pounds, which on being put is passed —

Read the 27 & 28 Sections which are severally passed —

The City Council then on Motion adjourn until Tomorrow at Two O'clock, when the foregoing are to be reconsidered —

Henry Taylor
Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen
Ludlow, Mitchell, Praine, Wate,
Caldwell, King, Murdoch, Taylor, Northup, Johns,
Jennings M. Anderson.

Read over proceedings of yesterday

The City Council proceed to take into consideration the various amendments to the Act of Incorporation read sections 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34 & 35, which on being put are passed

The following resolution is next introduced

That permission be granted the City Council to issue Bonds to the amount of Four thousand pounds for the purpose of erecting a Market House, said Bonds payable in Ten years with Interest at the rate of not more than 6 per cent per annum payable semi-annually, which on being put is passed Eleven voting for it and Two against it

The following resolution is then introduced

Resolved that a Bill be prepared for the Weighing of Flour to embrace

First. Flour and Meal Imported or offered for sale in the City in Barrels or Half Barrels to be weighed & as landed or brought into the City

Each Barrel of Flour or Meal to contain not less than 196^{lb} net each Half Barrel not less than 95^{lb} net weight

Weighers to brand each Barrel or Half Barrel with the initials of their Character and Surname, - the Weighers to receive a salary to be named by the City Council

Price for Weighing not to exceed one penny per Barrel - the amount to be accounted for and paid over to the City Treasurer

Weighers to give Bonds in two Sums to be approved by City Council

All Barrels or Half Barrels found deficient not to be landed, until the owner or importer have the deficiency of weight made good - All Flour

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All Flour offered for sale not branded or being deficient in Weight, the Person or Persons offering the same for sale to be liable to a penalty of _____ for each Barrell or Half Barrell. Which on being put is passed _____

The following resolution is next introduced _____

Whereas the amounts submitted by the Commissioners of the Poor Asylum during the year 1849 - it appears that the number of ¹⁹⁹ persons supported therein are Paupers belonging to the City and ⁶⁷⁷ are Transient Paupers and whereas the City has been assessed for the support of this Establishment during the past year 1849 while the Summe has paid only \$1350 and whereas the said sum assessed on the City is entirely disproportionate to the number of City Paupers supported in the said Asylum _____

Be it therefore resolved that for the current or any future year no larger sum shall be assessed or paid for the above purpose than may be considered a fair proportion for the City taking into account the whole number of Persons likely to be supported in this establishment and the relative number thereof belonging to the City _____

Resolved further that a Copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of Commissioners of Poor, passed unanimously _____

The following resolution is next introduced _____

It having brought to the notice of the City Council, that the Keeper of the Bidwell Establishment has just been attacked with the Small Pox _____

Resolved that Alderman Hurdoch - the Alderman in Charge of the Bidwell be requested to see the Surgeon of the Establishment, have all the Prisoners vaccinated and take such other steps as may be deemed necessary to prevent the spreading of the disease, which on being put is passed _____

Henry Fryer
Mayor
J.P.

Copy sent
to Mr. Nutting
15 July 50

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William Smith having taken the Oath prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as Collector of Road Taxes for Ward No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the presence of His Worship the Mayor

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Joseph Neefler having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day sworn into office as Keeper of Protestant Cemetery in presence of His Worship the Mayor

James Pellet having taken the Oath of Office is this day sworn into Office as Overseer of Streets for Ward 4, 5 and 6 in the presence of His Worship the Mayor

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Samuel J. Morris having this day filed his Bond, and having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as City Clerk of Licenses in presence of His Worship the Mayor

March 2

George Tuder having taken the Oath of Office prescribed by Law is this day sworn into Office as one of the Three Wives of the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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At a Quarterly Meeting of City Council held this day present Alderman W.G. Anderson, David Law Mitchell, Braine, Imshus, Cabot, Caldwell, King, Hurdick, Taylor, Arthur, John, Roche, Jennings, King and J.H. Anderson

The Worshipful the Mayor being Sick and confined to the house

On Motion Alderman Jennings takes the Chair

Read over proceedings of 15th February

Read petition of Clerks of Market relative to Potato Measures which on motion lies on the Table

The Committee of Public Accounts having recommended the payment of following demands, The City Council direct the same to be paid by checks on the City Treasurer

W.H. Hanchard	1 0 0	Putwell of Feb. November	13 6 0
Christopher Bolton	10 7 6	ditto December	19 18 2
James F. May	2 6	ditto January	10 5 10
J.E. Leonard	11 6	ditto February	2 1 10
Wm. Crawford	15	Recorder Memorandum	
Thoma' Beegs & Co	12	of Expenses in suit of	29 12 5
Gas Company for fixtures	10 5	City versus Mills	
ditto for lighting		Campbell Esq	
4 Gas Posts	30 0 0	Sheriff of Kings Co Expenses	2 15 0
		in suit City versus Young	
		Also the following account W.H. Hanchard	1 0 0

Read following report of Committee of Public Accounts relative assignment

Sturifax March 25th 1850

The Committee of Public Accounts beg leave to make their annual report to the City Council

The Accounts presented to them by the City Clerk for Claims on the City Funds for the past and present year have received examination and the Committee recommend their payment

The appropriations for the present year have necessarily increased to meet the payment of Contracts entered into

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into by the sanction of the Council, to provide for Water and lighting the City with Gas, and also some addition for providing a more efficient night watch

The benefit derived from this last measure will be apparent to the members of the Council who have had daily opportunity of witnessing how very few persons have been guilty of Theft during a winter of extraordinary heat for the poorer class of Citizens

The advantages of Water and Light are obvious to all as to need from us no comment

Notwithstanding the loss of a considerable sum anticipated from the assignment of last year which has now been provided for, the Committee have the satisfaction of stating, that the sum of Five thousand pounds, will meet the appropriations for the present year as well appear by the accompanying estimate, which sum they recommend be assigned upon the Citizens of Halifax

The attention of your Committee have been directed to the published report of the Commissioners of the Poor Asylum for the last year

This statement clearly shows that the sum paid by the Citizens of Halifax for this purpose is more than their just proportion - Taking into consideration the number of persons sustained in the Asylum, properly chargeable to the City and those admitted properly chargeable to the Province, we suggest whether it would not be advisable for the City Council to take such action on this subject as may convey a distinct intimation to the Provincial Legislature, that they will be expected in future to pay a just proportion of the expense, and that our Citizens may be relieved to extent of the amount justly chargeable to the Province and which they have hitherto paid

All of which your Committee respectfully submit

- Sir W. Brooke
- W. Caldwell
- Jno. Taylor
- B. Smithers
- George Mitchell

Read following Estimate in Common Council

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Statement Showing Balances due for 1849. Accounts presented for Payment, and Estimate for 1850

Balances unpaid for 1849				
Quarter Salary of Public Officers due 31 Dec 1849	200	.	.	
do do do to 15 January 1850	172	10	.	
Printer of Sheets	40	.	.	
Constables 3 Months	80	.	.	
Health Inspectors and Keeper of Markets	12	10	.	
Keeper of Fish Market	6	5	.	
Keeper of Prison Magazine	5	.	.	
Insurance on Court House and other City Property	13	5	.	
Watch to 5 January 1850	56	10	.	
Bidwell account for November	13	6	.	
do do do for December	19	15	2	
Secretary of the Department for 1849	10	.	.	
				\$ 629 42
<u>Deduct</u>				
Amount in hands of City Treasurer	82	6	11	
Probable amount to be collected from assignments of 1849	625	.	.	
				\$ 707 6 11
				\$ 78 2 9
<u>Accounts since presented for Payment</u>				
Chittens account for attendance and copying account so in the case of the City versus John Wells	10	17	6	
For sundry expenses in the same cause				
See Nicolson account	22	12	5	33 9 11
				\$ 44 12 10
<u>Accounts presented for Payment</u>				
Grant for Advertising	12	19	7	
W. Cannon do do	1	19	.	
English Blackbirds do do	6	1	7	
African crew work done at Court House	1	66	.	
J. Black. attendance on Court Cotton				
Constable (Hatched)	6	16	3	
Dr Hoffman do do	7	4	9	
John J. Thompson for advertising	11	.	.	
Dr H. Stone for attendance at Bidwell	16	13	11	
J. A. Crispell advertising	1	11	6	
W. Gosse for Printing Plans for Contract	17	5	7	
do do for Stationery do do	20	15	6	
				\$ 111 3 7

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Amount Paid Forward	104	3	7		
Shall W Black Interest due him on 5th. 9. 7 to May 1850	33	7	9		
Richard August for Advertising	3	11	9		
Guardian Newspaper	1	15	"		
W. H. Hensie Co Stationary	3	15	3		
A. Bennett Son Work done at Court House	5	5	"	152	1 14

Estimate for 1850

Pensions					
John Liddle Esquire	250	"	"		
J. S. Clarke	300	"	"	550	"

Salaries					
The Mayor	250	"	"		
The Recorder	200	"	"		
City Clerk Salary \$250 allowance \$50	310	"	"		
Assistant City Clerk	140	"	"		
City Marshall	50	"	"		
8 Constables &c	480	"	"		
Keeper of Market and Health Inspector	50	"	"		
Under Keeper of Fish Market	25	"	"		
Keeper of Powder Magazine	20	"	"		
Crosses of Street &c	160	"	"		
City Offices Copying & payment	80	"	"	1455	"

Amount required for 1850					
Balance due for 1849	300	"	"		
Amount required for 1850	1212	"	"	1512	"

Fire Department					
For additional Horse voted in 1849	150	"	"		
Engine Service	150	"	"		
Pumps & Wells	100	"	"		
Keeper of Engine House	15	"	"		
Man in Charge of Tanks	10	"	"		
Services of Secretary	10	"	"		
Repairs of Engine House	40	"	"	475	"

Amount for Watch					
Say Captain and 12 Men for 13 Weeks and					
Captain and 6 Men for 39 Weeks	440	"	"		
Amount required for Prudenell	250	"	"		
Amount required for Fire Hoses and Hydrant	400	"	"		
Amount required for Lighting City with 80 Gas Lts	400	"	"	1492	"
Amount Forward				5926	1 14