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The hour having expired since the call of the Council on No. One Resolution The same is again Read and on being put is passed, and the Names being called for they appeared thus,

For the Resolution
Aldermen Conway " Cross
Fennaman " Richey
Sennings " Warfe
Compton "

Against it
Aldermen Rowe
Barnstead
Nash
S^r Puggan
Actonhurst

On Motion
Council adjourn

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February 6th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen John Duggan, Nash, McCulloch, Acthurst, James Duggan, Trennamin, Coleman, Conway, Leahy, Richey, Jennings and Kaye,

In the absence of His Worship the Mayor - Alderman Acthurst is called to the Chair.

Alderman Richey Chairman submits report of Committee of City Prison. On Motion the same is received.

Alderman Richey Chairman submits Draft of an Act relative to further supply of Water for the City.

Alderman Richey submits a Draft of Building Act.

The Chairman submits two Communications from the Board of Health.

On Motion the same is received

Read Report of Committee of City Prison this day submitted

Committee Room

City Prison 6 Feb 1861

Committee Met

Present Alderman John Duggan, Barnstead Conway and the Chairmen.

The following accounts were submitted

No 1	Thomas Purney	£ 8. 5. 1/2
2	Pitto	1. 0. 10/2
3	Samuel Walker	6. 3. 5/2
4	Joseph Jennings	12. 6. 5/2
5	M. G. Longard	15. 11. 2
6	William Murray	1. 19. 6
7	Phelan & Kelly	12. 5. 0
8	Boggs & Ross	32. 10. 11
9	John Parker	51. 15. 9
10	John Taylor	7. 17. 4
11	Judson & Thompson	2. 12. 10
12	Pitto	. 4. 1
13	Thomas Purney	" 12. 9
14	Charles Barnstead	5. 0. 0
15	James Cochran	1. 4. 0
		<u>£ 159. 7. 8</u>

The above accounts were passed and allowed. A Statement of account from William McDonald late Keeper of Bridewell was also presented in which he says a credit in favor of the City of £ 2. 12. 3 but he submits a charge in Blank for trees.

The Committee resolved to allow Mr. McDonald the balance due from him and thus close the account. An Account against Messrs. McEwen & Reid was ordered to be collected.

Report of Committee of City Prison

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On Motion it was ordered to prevent the uncertainty and
and inconvenience arising from long running accounts not
properly vouched that in future Pass Books be kept by the
Governor with contractors for supplies and with others with
whom running accounts are kept, all orders for articles in
such books to be signed by the Commissioner for the month.

Report of Committee of
City Prison
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It having been brought to the Notice of the Committee
that Mr. Holloway one of the Undertakers wished to tender
his resignation in consequence of the rule requiring him to
sleep in the Prison, he was sent for and on appearing before
the Committee stated that he found that he could not with
justice to his family leave them at night and therefore
though very reluctantly offered his resignation.

After inspecting the several Wards of the Prison
the Committee adjourned.

Signed M. H. Richey
Chairman

When following Resolution is introduced

Resolution Relative to
Report Committee City Prison

Resolved that the Report of the
Committee of City Prison just read be adopted and the
accounts paid and that His Worship the Mayor or Presiding
Alderman be authorized to draw checks for the same and be
it further Resolved that notice be given in the papers advertising
for the City for applications for an Under Keeper for City
Prison in place of James Holloway who has resigned, which
resignation being accepted by the Committee, and be it
further Resolved that the Salary of said Under Keeper be
forty pounds instead of eighty pounds. Moved by Alder-
Conway seconded by Alderman James Cuggan which on
being put is passed.

The former applications for situation of
under keeper to be received.

The order of the day is sus-
pended to allow Alderman Nash to introduce a Resolution,
when following Resolution is introduced.

Whereas several creditors of the City
of Halifax hold Debentures to the amount of £13,500 upon
which Six per cent interest is at present paid and Whereas
in the opinion of this Council the said amount can be obtained
from other parties than the holders of said Debentures at lower
rate of Interest. Be it therefore Resolved that His Worship
the Mayor in conjunction with the City Treasurer take the
proper mode of certifying the said holders of the debentures of
the intention of the City to pay off said amount of Debentures,
and that His Worship the Mayor and City Treasurer do advertise
for the requisite loan to supply the said debentures and rate
of interest to be charged thereon.

Provided however that if the

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 Continued. do reduce the rate of interest to 5 per Cent on their several
 Debentures, that then they be permitted to retain the said
 loan and continue to hold the debentures. Moved by
 Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman James Duggan
 which on being put is passed

Resolution Relative to Repair
 Committee City Prison
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The City Council next proceed to
 the order of the day, and take the Bill relative to Water
 Supply and Sewerage submitted this day,
 Said Bill is read,
 When following Resolution is introduced

Resol. Rel. to a Bill.
 Water Supply and
 Sewerage

Resolved that the Bill just read
 be received printed in the papers advertising for the City
 fairly engrossed and handed to the Committee of Laws
 and Privileges for Presentation to the Honorable the House
 of Assembly and Legislative Council for approval,
 Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman
 Nash To which the following amendment is introduced,

Resolved that the present Bill
 be recommitted to the Committee to prepare a Bill for the
 purchase of the Works of the present Water Company.
 Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman
 Coleman which amendment on being put is lost 3 Voting for
 the same and 8 against it, and the following amendment
 is next introduced

Resolved that the Bill now before
 this Council be taken up and read clause by clause and
 such amendments made if any should be necessary as a
 majority of the Council might deem proper Moved by
 Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman James Duggan
 which amendment on being put is passed, 9 Voting for
 the same and 2 against it.

The original Resolution is
 therefore lost,
 On Motion the Council adjourn

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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hill, John Duggan, Compton, Nash, McCulloch, Walsh, Acthurst, James Duggan, Trennamin, Coleman, Conway, Roome, Richey and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of the 6th instant

Alderman Roome Chairman submits Report of Committee of City Property, on Motion the same is received

The order of the day is suspended to take up the Report of Committee on origin of Fire on Hares Building. The same is read.

On Motion said Report with evidence is ordered to be transmitted to the Prothonotary agreeably to Law.

Read Report of Committee of City Property submitted this day (See File)

The Council next proceed to the order of the day, and take up the Bill relating to a further supply of Water &c for the City.

Bill - Rel. to further supply of Water &c for the City.

First Clause passed.

Read First Clause which on being put is passed 10 Voting for the same and 4 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For the clause		Against it	
Alderman Barnstead	James Duggan	Alderman Roome	
Conway	Nash	Coleman	
Trennamin	Acthurst	McCulloch	
John Duggan	Walsh	Hill	
Richey	Jennings		

An Amendment is ordered to be added to the Preamble of the Bill.

Read Second Clause to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that instead of three Commissioners a Competent Engineer be entrusted with the Supervision of the Works and carrying out of the purposes of this Act. Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Coleman which amendment on being put is lost 5 Voting for the same and 10 against it.

The Second Clause is then put and passed 10 Voting for the same and 5 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

amendment - relative to a Competent Engineer be entrusted with the carrying out the Works of this act

Seconded Clause passed.

For the clause		Against it	
Ald. Roome	Trennamin	Ald. McCulloch	Coleman
Nash	Walsh	Hill	Compton
Barnstead	Richey	James Duggan	5
Acthurst	Conway		

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Read 3. 4. 5. clauses which on being put
are passed 10 Voting for and 4 against it.

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Second Blank filled up with 20/- per Day
Third Blank filled up with £50 per annum

Read 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th and 13th clauses
passed.

A Motion is next made that the
Council do adjourn. which motion on being put is lost.

Read 14th and 15th clauses which on
being put are passed

Read 16th clause passed 1 Blank
therein filled up with £5.

Monday at 2 o'clock.

On Motion Council adjourn until

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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Hill, John Duggan, Barnstead Nash, McCulloch, Walsh, Ackhurst, James Duggan, Spennaman, Evers, Edman Conway, Poome, Leahy, Kichey, Jennings and Kaye.

Read over proceedings of the 8th Febry
Alderman Hill hands in a Report of Delegation to the United States, on Motion the same is received.

Alderman Jennings hands in two tax notices from Mr James Hendry, on Motion the same is ordered to be handed to the Committee of Taxes to report on,

The Report of the Delegates to the United States is next taken up and read,

————— To the City Council. —————

Report of Delegation to United States Relative to Fire Engine

The Committee appointed to visit the United States for the purpose of purchasing two Steam Fire Engines and hose beg to report as follows.

They proceeded by Steamer to Boston and immediately on their arrival put themselves in communication with Ex Mayor Lincoln by whom they were kindly introduced to the Hon^{or} Mayor Wightman, Chief Engineer Bird, Mr Allen the Secretary of the Fire Department and other officials who with Alderman Hatch and other gentlemen spared no pains to promote the objects of your Committee in every way during their stay in Boston, accompanied by those gentlemen they inspected a number of the steam fire engines at the engine houses, they also examined the towers or air chests for drying hose which were simply openings carried through both stories of the building so as to allow the hose to be hung up and exposed to the warm air of the room on the lower story which ascends through the opening or box to the upper.

Your Committee next visited Manchester N.H. for the purpose of inspecting the engines of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company. This company has made many of the most successful engines now in operation and has orders from cities in the most distant parts of the Union among which are Philadelphia Chicago, Detroit, New York Pittsburg Harrisburg Milwaukee and Norwich, for engines to be delivered before July next. One of their engines nearly completed was put in operation with a Steam pressure of 80 lbs to the square inch and in six minutes from the application of the Match to the fire was working very satisfactory throwing Water over a large five story building 80 feet in height, with a 1 1/4 inch nozzle and a second stream from a 1 1/4 inch nozzle in a horizontal line over 150 feet,

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Your Committee then proceeded to New York and through the kindness of Chief Engineer Bird of the Fire Department of that city had an opportunity of inspecting a number of the Steam Fire Engines and Engine and hose stations in that city they also witnessed several of the steam engines in operation, which were from different manufactories.

At New York they have at present ten Steam Fire Engines and your Committee found the opinion of Mr Decker to be in favor of the smaller class engines, such as your Committee eventually purchased for this city, as being more manageable and more readily available at fires.

Your Committee also visited the manufactory of Messrs. Leed & Larned better known as the novelty works and examined the Engines made by that firm.

From New York your Committee proceeded to Philadelphia and again received the utmost courtesy and attention from Fire Marshal Blackburne, Chief Engineer Wyle and other members of the Fire Department of that city, by whose kindness they were enabled to inspect as many of the steam engines, and engine and hose stations as their time would permit. They also visited the extensive works of Messrs. Keane & Levy by whose most of the steam engines in use in Philadelphia were made and saw many both in the city and at their works in operation these engines are certainly excellent machines and well built, and were nearer the standard proposed by your Committee as suitable for Halifax than most of the other engines they examined. At Philadelphia they have 26 Steam fire engines now in use and the whole Fire Department who at first were strongly opposed to the introduction of steam are now as strongly in favor of it.

In the course of their tour your Committee had an opportunity of inspecting steam engines from nearly every manufactory of note including those of Manchester New York, Philadelphia, Portland and Seneca Falls.

During the stay of your Committee in Philadelphia a fire occurred which was quickly suppressed by the aid of the Steam Fire Engines 8 or 9 engines were on the spot but only 3 were required to be put in operation. A fire also occurred in Boston which we had an opportunity of witnessing. 3 Steam Engines were quickly at the scene of the fire & only however got up steam and of these but 2 were actually put in operation which were both from the Amoskeag Company's works, their working was most satisfactory and the fire which was in a large paint and oil warehouse was extinguished in a very short time.

After witnessing all the various engines above mentioned in operation and making every enquiry in their power your Committee came to the conclusion that the engines made by the Amoskeag Company at Manchester were in all respects the best adapted to the wants of our city. In simplicity of construction or in other words in freedom from liability to derangement, in lightness relatively to their power in efficiency and in price your Committee believe these engines

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to Steam Fire Engine -
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will be found to exceed those of any other manufactories in the United States. Your Committee do not mean to assert that other engines do not possess some of the above qualifications in a high degree but the Amoskeag engines they believe possess them all combined in a larger measure than any others they had an opportunity of inspecting. They therefore on their return to Boston telegraphed to Manchester for the agent of the Amoskeag Company who met them in Boston and with whom they entered into the following contract viz.

Manchester N.H. Feb'y 11th 1861

The Amoskeag manufacturing Company agree to furnish to the City of Halifax two Steam Fire Engines of the second class (or size) delivered in said City of Halifax in good order and condition, accompanied by an engineer who shall put the same in working order to the full and entire satisfaction of the City Government or a Committee of the same. Said Amoskeag Company agree to warrant said engines in every particular of workmanship and material and fully guarantee their working capacity.

The engines are to be of the first quality in material and workmanship to be furnished with 20 feet of suction hose, Sauters and all the small tools necessary to the care and working of the engines. one of these engines is to be delivered in the course of four weeks and the other in the course of ten weeks from the date of this memorandum.

The Amoskeag Company are to be paid by the City of Halifax for delivery of said engines as herein specified when they are accepted by said City as herein provided. Three thousand dollars for each engine to be paid in sterling exchange equal to £1200 Sterling or in drafts on Boston or New York at the option of said City. The duties (if any) to be paid by the said City of Halifax

(Signed) E. A. Straw agent

On behalf of the City of Halifax we a Committee duly appointed for this purpose accept the above

(Signed) Samuel R. Baldwin Mayor

P. Barker Hill Alderman

Memo annexed to the above agreement.

A double branch or Y for the leading hose to be furnished with each engine, a spare grate for each engine. The engines are to be fitted to be drawn by hand and to have a "brake" to be worked from the tongue, an iron tongue to be furnished to serve as a spare tongue (for horses) for both engines. Wheels to be size usual on the Amoskeag engines with tires 2 3/4 inches or 3 inches wide and to be painted blue and gold.

(Signed) E. A. Straw agent

Your Committee devoted their earnest attention also to the subject of proper hose for Steam Fire Engines.

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and after making all the enquiries in their power as to the relative merits of leather india rubber and cotton canvas lined with water proof material known as Boyds patent hose, they decided in favor of the latter leather hose will not stand the pressure of a steam engine. india rubber decays rapidly and has other defects while Boyds patent hose resists any amount of pressure, is more durable, cleaner, in handling as it requires no oiling and is cheaper than leather.

Your committee therefore contracted with Mess^{rs} James Boyd & Sons of Boston for 3000 feet of their hose at 95 cents per foot, to be delivered in Halifax, one half with the first engine and the remainder with the second engine. To be paid for as provided for the payment for the engines.

Your committee would bring to the notice of the Council that one of the steam engines will shortly arrive in this city and that it is requisite that a suitable fire and and frosh proof building should be provided at once and a site or sites slected which in the opinion of your committee should be done by a joint committee of the New Wards and this body,

Your committee would beg leave before concluding their report to suggest several regulations which they found to have been tried and worked successfully in the cities of the United States in reference to the practical working of the Fire Department, viz

They would recommend that the whole control and management of fires be vested in one competent person who should be paid for his services and to whom for the time being both the Fire Department and the police should be subjected, and who should wear some distinctive badge or dress of office by which he should be at once known by every one. That he should have power to draw a cordon across the streets at such points as he may deem proper and to station police or any military or volunteer parties who may be on duty to prevent the passage of unauthorized persons within the lines, that he shall have power to order any house or building to be torn down he may think necessary to arrest the progress of the fire. That a sufficient number of active men be enrolled who shall on an alarm of fire repair to some specified post and be in readiness to work the hand engines as they may be ordered by the person in charge before mentioned and who shall be paid at such rate per hour as the City Council may determine from the time of answering to their names until they are dismissed.

In conclusion Your committee cannot speak too highly of the marked attention and kindness received by them from Mayor Wightman, Ex Mayor Lincoln the Aldermen and all the officials of the city of Boston, those Gentlemen were untiring in their attentions and acts of courtesy and appeared to feel that they could not do enough to mark their sense of the reception given to their own Mayor and Alderman ~

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Amory on the recent occasion of the visit of H. H. the Prince of Wales by the authorities of Halifax.

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Your Committee also feel great pleasure in expressing their gratitude to the authorities of New York and Philadelphia for the extreme kindness with which they were received and enabled to promote the object of their Mission with facility in those great and important cities.

Sigs J. Caldwell Mayor
P. G. Hill Alderman

Memorandum Expenses
of Delegation

Memorandum of Expenses of Delegation

Received from Treasurer	\$500.00
Expended	250.00
Balance unexpended	\$ 40.00

next introduced

When following resolution is

Resolved that this ^{Council} hereby direct the City Clerk to convey to the Mayor and Ex-Mayor - Lincoln and other authorities of Boston, The Mayors of New York and Philadelphia the hearty and sincere thanks of this Council for the attention and kindness shewn to our Mayor and Alderman Hill while on their Mission to the United States. Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Nash which on being put is passed unanimously.

Resol. of sincere thanks. Rel. to Mayor & Ex-Mayor, Lincoln & other authorities of Boston - New York & Philadelphia

Alderman Nash next hands in a resolution by way of Notice relative to order of the day.

introduced

The following resolution is next

Resolved that a Committee be appointed consisting of an Alderman for each Ward with the Chairman of the Wards for the purpose of providing suitable houses for the Steam Fire Engines which is expected in a few weeks to be landed in this City. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Burnstead. Committee Alderman Hill Nash. James Puggan Coleman. Conway and Ray

Resolution to appoint a Committee of Aldermen one from each Ward Relative to suitable house for Steam Fire Engines

introduced

The following Resolution is next

Whereas it is the opinion of a number of the citizens of Halifax that the City Council should if possible purchase the piece of Ground on which Heares Building formerly stood for the use of the City. Be it therefore resolved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain from the owners of said property upon what terms they will dispose of said piece of Ground to the City and report at an early day to this Council.

Resolution relative to the Purchase of a piece of Ground which Heares Building formerly stood

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Moved by Alderman Evans seconded
by Alderman Jennings which on being put is passed.
Committee Aldermen Evans, Jennings and Nash

Bill rel. to Water Supply

The City Council next proceed with
the order of the day and continue the debate on the Water
Supply.

Read 14th 15th 19th 20th 21st 22nd
23rd 24th and 25th clauses which on being put are passed.

Read 26th clause which on being
put is passed. Blank filled up with 1st Monday of
February

Read 27th clause which on being
put is passed as amended

Read 28th 29. 30. 31. 32 & 33 clauses
which on being put are passed

Read 34th clause with Schedule
Marked A which on being put is passed.

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fifty years Second Blank filled up with £100,000

Read 35th & 36th clauses which
on being put are passed Blank filled up with £100.

The following resolution is next

Resol. rel. to Bill for
Water Supply to be finally introduced,
& presented to Regulation for
approval

introduced
Resolved that the Bill just read
be fairly engrossed and handed over to the Committee of
Laws & Privileges for presentation to the Honorable the House
of Assembly and Legislative Council for approval. Moved
by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Nash
to which the following amendment is introduced

Whereas it is important to make
provision for supply of water adequate to the immediate
wants of the City; and Whereas the Bill now before the Council
proposed to make provision for a larger population than the
City is likely to contain for many years to come and includes
a very heavy expense.

Resolution relating to
Water Company bringing
in 12 in pipes & trolley & other

Therefore Resolved that in view of the
provision contemplated by such Act an agreement be made
with the Water Company to bring in a 12 inch main past the
pavillion Barracks and to lay 6 inch pipes along the Streets
running North and South as proposed on a former occasion
by the Water Company. Moved by Alderman Hill seconded