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Halifax 13th May 1861

Gentlemen,

Letter from P. Lynch Esq.  
Relative to drain of P.  
Mahoney, Lower Water Street

Mr. Patrick Mahoney has called at my office and requested me to write you in reference to an obstruction of the drain opposite his premises in Lower Water Street. Whence by his property has been overflowed with water and rendered untenable for many months, as this matter was brought before your notice, as long ago as November last, and a promise made to have remedied he feels very much aggrieved in the matter and has suffered serious pecuniary loss by it. His instructions to me are, to request that you will have the obstruction in the drain at once removed and make him such reparation in damages as he has sustained.

His Worship the Mayor  
and the other members  
of the Corporation

I have the honour to be  
your obedient servant.  
(Signed) P. Lynch.

When on motion the same is referred  
to Committee of Streets to report upon

Communication from  
Fire wards to His Worship the  
Mayor. Relative to their resignation

Wards this day Submitted.

Read communication from fire

To His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

We the undersigned Fire Wards, having been appointed to serve in conjunction with the Union Engine and six fire Companies, beg to tender our Resignation. We are induced to adopt this course in consequence of what we conceive to be, the recent arbitrary action of the City Council, combined with the insulting amendment of Alderman McCulloch reflecting on our body.

Yours Respectfully

- Henry a Taylor
- W. H. Pallister
- Alex. Stephens
- James Wilson
- Robt Lewis,
- Wm. Handick
- W. H. Hart,
- Rich. J. Roome,

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Read opinion of his Honor the Recorder relative to resignation of Fire wards.

Opinion of his Honor the Recorder, relative to Resignation of Fire wards

1 As the Fire wards accept office for the year, they are in my opinion subject to the Fine under the 145 section of the Charter, if they resign and refuse to serve out the year

2 The 4th section of the 99th Chapter of the revised statutes says, on any re-appointment of such Fire wards it shall not be necessary that they should be again sworn into office.

3 If a Fireward has served one year and is reappointed and enters upon the duties of his office for a second year and resigns before the latter year expires. I am of opinion that his refusal to serve renders him amenable to the Fine.

(Signed) Wm. Sutherland  
Recorder

Read report of Committee of Public accounts this day Submitted.

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Committee Room City Prison 1st

Report of Committee on Relative to City Prison

Present Alderman John Suggan  
Barnstead, Walsh, Conway, and the Chairman

The following accounts were Submitted.

City Prison		
1	J. Ferrings	\$42.80
2	Jane Wilson	1.50
3	Thos. Walsh	2.57
4	James Scott	3.20
5	Black Bros & Co.	3.50
6	Black Bros & Co.	2.79
7	John Evens	1.60
8	P. Walsh	2.00
9	W. K. Reynolds	2.31
10	Joseph Malcahy	4.05
11	Charles Jones	9.00
12	Thomas Hughes	12.00
13	Thomas Ross	2.50

The above account were passed and allowed.

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May 20th employment of Thomas Ross to weave mixed wool and cotton hom-  
Continued. Spun at 12 per yard and full wool at 2 per yard.

The Committee sanctioned the

Report of Committee  
Relative to City Prison  
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Report from City architect upon lat-  
-age in Building and defect in the Chemenys head and Referred to the  
Chairman and Commissioners of the month to obtain the architect Estimate  
of the probable Expense.

Several names were submitted by  
the Governor of the Prison of Prisoners whose behaviour and remains  
while in the Prison entitled them in his Estimation to favourable consid-  
-eration, it was Resolved that that the release of Thomas Nowlan  
Should be recommended

Also the release of James Lawler  
and Arthur Finlow on the consent of the committed alderman  
being obtained.

Communication from the Private  
Secretary of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was  
read with petitions in favour of Thomas Wald enclosed with it. The  
Committee resolved that they could not recommend his release

(Signed) M. H. Richey  
Chairman

When following resolution No 1 is  
introduced

Resolved the report of Committee  
of Public accounts be adopted and the Mayor be requested to  
draw Checks upon the Treasurer to pay the same. Moved by alder-  
-man Nash Seconded by alderman Evans which on being put  
is passed

The following resolution No 2 is next  
introduced

Whereas the letter received by His  
Worship the Mayor from Alex<sup>a</sup> Stephens and others resigning  
-ing their office of Five Wards for the City describes the action of this  
Council as arbitrary and contains a discourteous reflection upon  
a member of this Council

Resol. rel. to Alex<sup>a</sup> Stephens  
& others resigning their office  
of Five Wards.

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Therefore Resolved that the resignation of said firewards be accepted without prejudice to the rights of the City but that the letter so received be not entered upon the Minutes of this Council. Moved by alderman James Duggan seconded by alderman Evens. to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolution Relative to  
Resignation of fire wards

Amble of alderman James Duggan resolution relative to firewards be omitted and that the resolution read as follows.

Resolved that the whole of the pre-

amble of alderman James Duggan resolution relative to firewards be accepted without prejudice to the City and that the rest of said resolution be omitted Moved by alderman Nash seconded by alderman Barnstead which amendment on being put is lost 5 voting for and 11 against it and the names being called for the (amendment), they appeared thus.

For the amendment		Against	
alderman	Nash	alderman	Conway
_____	Barnstead	_____	Coleman
_____	Hennaman	_____	Hilly
_____	Ackhurst	_____	Richey
_____		_____	Evens
	5	_____	Walsh
			11

The following amendment is next introduced.

Resolved that the whole of the Preamble to alderman Duggan resolution relative to fire wards be left out. Moved by alderman Nash seconded by alderman Roome which on being put is lost 5 voting for it and 11 against it

The original resolution is then put and passed 12 voting for it and 4 against and the names being called for they appeared thus

For The Resolution		against Resolution	
alderman	Coleman	alderman	Roome
_____	Conway	_____	Nash
_____	Hilly	_____	Barnstead
_____	Mr Duggan	_____	Hennaman
_____	McCulloch		
_____	Richey		
_____	Ja. Duggan		
_____	Leamy		
_____	Compton		
_____	Evens		
_____	Welsh and Ackhurst		
	12		4

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next introduced,

The following resolution no 3 is

Resolution relative to  
Fines on Fire Wards.

Resolved that the fines of those fire  
wards who have served more than one year and have now resigned  
be not exacted. Moved by alderman Ackhurst seconded by alderman  
Nash. - to which the following amendment is introduced.

Whereas a member of Fire Wards  
appointed by this Council have resigned said office of Fire  
wards before the expiration of the time provided by law.

Resolved that proceedings be  
instituted against the several persons who have so resigned to  
recover the sum of Five pounds fine from each individual  
who having fulfilled the duties of their several offices as  
provided by the 145 Clause of the Charter of Incorporation  
Moved by Alderman Evens, seconded by Alderman Compton  
which amendment on being put is lost 7 voting for the  
same and 9 against it and the names being called for  
appeared thus.

For the amendment		Against Amendment	
Alderman	McCulloch	alderman	Roome
_____	Evens	_____	Nash
_____	Conway	_____	Banstead
_____	Jas Duggan	_____	McDuggan
_____	Leahy	_____	Newman
_____	Walsh	_____	Coleman and Hill
_____	Conway	_____	Richey and Ackhurst
_____		_____	9

next introduced.

The following amendment is

Resolved that no fine be imposed  
in respect of the resignations this day accepted from certain fire  
wards of the City. Moved by alderman Richey seconded by ald-  
erman Roome, which amendment on being put is passed lost 5 -  
voting for it and 11 against it.

next introduced \_\_\_\_\_

The following amendment is

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Resolution relative to fines imposed on fire wards.

Resolved that the sum of Four Dollars be imposed as a fine on each of the fire wards of this City who have resigned and refused to serve after accepting office, and that the City Clerk be directed to prosecute according to law. Moved by alderman Conway, seconded by alderman Evens which amendment on being put is passed voting for the same and six against and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the amendment \_\_\_\_\_ Against.

Alderman Mc Suggan	Leahy	alderman	Nash
_____ Coleman	Evens	_____	Roome
_____ McCulloch	J. Duggan	_____	Barnstead
_____ Hill	Compton	_____	Tremaman
_____ Conway	Walsh	_____	Richey
_____		_____	acthurst
		10	6

The original resolution is therefore lost.

City Council next proceed to appoint fire wards to fill up the vacancies caused by resignations

On motion William Dunbar is appointed a Fire ward for ward No. one.

John Lithgow & Geo Lang are appointed Fire wards Ward No. 2

On motion John Lithgow and George Lang are appointed Fire wards for Ward No. Two.

Michael Dwyer is appointed a fire ward for Ward No. 3

On motion Michael Dwyer is appointed a Fire ward for ward No. three.

Augustus Creighton & Jas. Isles appointed Fire wards for Ward No. 4.

On motion Augustus Creighton and James Isles are appointed Fire wards for ward No. four.

Edw. Billing & Jno. Blundell are appointed fire wards No. 6

On motion Edward Billing and James Blundell are appointed Fire wards for ward No. Six.

The following resolution (no 4) is next introduced

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Resolution relative to  
Loan of £1000 for the  
purpose of laying down  
sidewalks in the city

Resolved that the Treasurer  
be authorized in conformity with the recent act concerning Streets  
and Street-Expenditure in the City of Halifax, to issue advertisements  
for the loan of £1000 for the purpose of laying down sidewalks in  
pursuance of such act under the direction of the Committee of  
Streets. Moved by alderman James Duggan Seconded by alderman  
Ackhirst which resolution on being put is passed.

The Council next take up the  
appointment of an Engineer and Fire Man for the new Steam  
Fire Engine.

Application for Engineer  
and Fire Man of new  
Steam Fire Engine

Read over the various applica-  
tions for Engineer and fire man when on motion the same are  
referred to Special Committee of three alderman to report  
upon

Committee alderman Nash  
M<sup>r</sup>. Culloch and Compton

Petition from J. R. B.  
Seaton & others relative to  
removal of hydrant corner of  
Hollis & Granville Streets

Read Petition from J. R. B.  
Seaton and others relative to the removal of a Hydrant at  
the corner of Hollis Street and Sackville Street when on  
motion the is referred to the alderman of the Ward to report  
on

Ordinance relative to  
Lag and Lunk Shops

Read ordinance relative to  
Lag and Lunk Shops a first time.

His Worship the Mayor  
Brought to the notice of Council  
Rel. to H. R. H. Prince of Wales Visit

His Worship the Mayor  
Having brought to the notice of the Council the expected  
visit of His Royal Highness, Prince Alfred, the following  
are appointed a Committee to prepare an address to His  
Royal Highness (if necessary)

Committee His Worship the  
Mayor, alderman Hill, Richey, Compton with His Hon-  
or the recorder

Read report of Special Com-  
mittee relative to purchase of the works &c of The Halifax  
Water Company

Council adjourn until  
3 o'clock until to-morrow  
Tuesday

On motion Council adjour-  
n until to-morrow Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

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 May 21st City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor  
 Continued Alderman Hill, Compton, Bamstead, Nash, McCulloch, Walsh,  
 Ackhurst, James Duggan, Freeman, Coleman, Conway, Rrome, Kichey  
 and Jennings

At an adjourned meeting of  
 Read over proceedings of 20th Inst.

Alderman Compton Chairman  
 submits report from Special Committee relative to Engineer of Steam  
 Fire Engine received.

His Worship the Mayor  
 submits draft of an address  
 to H.R.H. Prince Alfred

His Worship the Mayor submits  
 draft of an address to His Royal Highness Prince Alfred,  
 the same is read and ordered to be fairly engrossed to be  
 presented if necessary to His Royal Highness.

Report of Committee appointed  
 to consider the tenders laid  
 before the Council relative  
 to Steam Engine (Fire)

The Committee appointed to consider  
 the tenders laid before the Council yesterday relative to taking  
 charge of Steam fire Engine beg leave to report as follows.

That they have considered the  
 various tenders and recommend that the tender offered by Mr  
 Moir for furnishing Engineer, Fireman, Fuel materials for repairs  
 and for use of the engine &c. &c. as hereto annexed be accepted.

They also recommend that a proper  
 agreement be drawn up, and signed by Mr. Moir, for the faithful  
 performance of the duties specified.

And they further recommend  
 that the Fireman be compelled to sleep either on the premises or in  
 some convenient place thereto, as the Chairman of Firewards  
 or other competent authority may agree to.

Committee Room,  
 May 21st 1861.

(Signed) William Compton  
 Chairman

Read report of Special Committee  
 above, relative to appointment of Engineer &c for Steam fire engine

On motion the same is adopted

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Read report of Special Com-  
mittee relative to purchase of Water Company's Works

Report of Special  
Committee relative to  
Purchase of Water Co's Works

The committee appointed to nego-  
tiate with the Directors of the Halifax Water Company for the Trans-  
fer of the company's works to the City of Halifax. beg leave to report -

That the directors have agreed -  
on behalf of the Company to sell to the City for the price of Fifty  
Six Thousand pounds as appears from the letter of the Secretary to the  
Company. hereto annexed.

That your Committee had  
this morning an interview with a Committee of the directors -  
and obtained the particulars as to the assets of the Company  
and the condition of the works contained in the schedules and  
Superintendants report also hereto annexed. They also learned  
that the Company holds a lease of the premises at present occupied  
for office &c in Argyle Street at £120 per annum for four years -  
of the term being unexpired, which would be assigned to the  
City

Your Committee were further  
informed that the first of July will be a convenient day for the  
City to enter upon possession of the works, the Company's year -  
then terminating and that a proportional amount of the current  
half year's Rates dated from that day would then be credited  
to the City

Your Committee therefore  
recommend that in order to test the ability of the City Council to  
comply with the terms now offered, advertisements should be  
immediately issued requesting tenders for City debentures under  
the Water Act to the amount of Fifty Six Thousand pounds -  
reserving the right to decline any or all of such tenders. The money  
if the tenders be accepted to be payable on the 30th day of June  
next.

And your Committee further  
recommend that so much of the Water Act as relates to issue of  
debentures and the means provided for recovering payment of  
the principal and interest therein should be published with  
the advertisement

(Signed) M. H. Richey  
Chairman.

on Hand. hereto annexed. Read Schedule of Property -

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When following resolution No 1

Resolution rel  
to Committee  
on Water

Committee on Water be received and be adopted. Moved by  
alderman Nash, Seconded by alderman Compton which Resolution  
on being put is passed, \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution No 2 is

next introduced \_\_\_\_\_

Resolved that the 20th of June  
be specified in the advertisement for debentures under the Water  
act as the last day of receiving tenders. Moved by alderman Richey  
seconded by alderman Trenhaman which Resolution being put is  
passed.

The following resolution No 3,

is next introduced \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution rel  
to purchase of  
Property and  
Rights of  
Water  
Company

Resolved that this Council  
agrees to purchase the property and rights of Water Company  
at the price stated in report of the Committee, this day received  
provided the \_\_\_\_\_ can be raised and all other necessary arrange-  
ments can be satisfactorily made. Moved by alderman Richey  
seconded by alderman Coleman to which the following amend-  
ment is introduced \_\_\_\_\_

Resolved that the schedule of Real  
Estate belonging to the Water Company this day submitted to the  
Council, be referred to His Honor the Recorder that the title to the  
several properties named therein may be duly Examined and  
reported upon and that in the meantime no further action relative  
to the purchase, be taken by this Council. Moved by alderman  
Richey, seconded by alderman Ackhurst which amendment on being  
put passed.

Application for  
License for  
Sweeping Chimneys

Read application from Edward  
Spike requesting a License to sweep Chimneys in the City of Halifax

On motion the same is referred  
to His Worship the Mayor to deal with

Council next take up alderman  
Conways resolution handed in some time since by way of notice,

introduced

When following Resolution No 4 is

Resolution to  
elect Fire  
Brigade

Resolved that this Council do  
proceed to elect now or at some future day as a majority of this Cou-  
ncil may deem proper, sixty able bodied, well Conducted Men to  
act as a Fire Brigade within the City and that the brigade be a  
paid body and that each man be paid a Salary of Thirty-

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 May 21st. Dollars per annum with the other privileges allowed by law while  
 serving in said brigade, and be it further Resolved that the brigade  
 be paid half yearly, but no person serving in said brigade shall  
 be entitled to receive any remuneration for a shorter period than  
 six months and that said Brigade shall be under the control of a paid  
 chief, moved by alderman Conway, seconded by alderman Ash.  
 Which Resolution on motion stands  
 over for the Present - Passed.

On motion the Council Rise.

May 25th.

William Dunbar, John Lithgow  
 George Lang Michael Dwyer Augustus Crighton and John  
 Blundell are this Day sworn into office as Fire Wards for the City  
 of Halifax.

James Isles, is this day sworn  
 into office as fire Ward for Ward Four the City of Halifax

1861.  
June 10th.  
Continued,

At a special meeting of the City held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Hill, John Duggan, Barnstead, Nash, McCulloch, Walsh, Ackhurst, James Duggan, Coleman, Conway, Roome, Leahy, Seemings and Kaye

The City Council were summoned to appoint a ward assessor for Ward No Five, and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 21st May.

Alderman Barnstead in absence of the Chairman hands in report of Committee of City Prison.

On Motion the same is received

Alderman Roome hands in a Petition from residents in Lockman Street for a sewer, received

His Worship the Mayor, hands in a communication from P. Lynch Esq. relative to drains in Water Street near Mr. Mahoney's property

Alderman James Duggan reports from Committee on taking census, and submits Books and reports of Enumerators, on

On Motion the same is received

Alderman Ackhurst presents Memorial of R. C. Oakes — Received.

Alderman Hill, Chairman Reports from Special Committee on organizing Fire department, received

Read report of Committee of City Prison

The Committee of the City Prison

beg leave to report.

That having in accordance with a resolution of the Council, Purchased a house for the City Prison, your Committee are desirous of Procuring the services of a Competent Person as General Man servant who would be employed in taking care of the Hired Conveying Prisoners from the Station house and performing such other duties in connection with the Prison, as your Committee may appoint. Your Committee have also to report, that at a meeting of the Committee held this day the following accounts were submitted and the payment thereof authorized subject to the sanction of the City Council —

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Report of  
Committee of  
City Prison