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Adjourned Meeting Council Chamber September 21st 1858.

Council met at 7 oclock P.M. Present his Honor the Mayor and Councilmen, Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, Pratt and

Vandegrift.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Cottrell moved that the Council have a Secret Session for the purpose of hearing the report of the finance committee which prevailed the report was then read and on motion by Mr. Locke the clerk was ordered to Spread the Same on the minutes in full.

From the finance Committee

Mr. President

The finance Committee make the following report.

Stoughton A. Fletcher Jr) Jacob Vandegrift (Finance Committee Joseph K. English)

Mr. D. B. Culley was employed by the finance committee of the preceding council to examine the Books of Treasurer and City clerk under instruction of the following resolution adopted by the Council March 13th 1858.

Resolved.

That the Finance Committee be allowed to employ if they think fit a Skillful accountant to examine the Books of the Treasurer and clerk of the city extending Such examination back for such period as the Committee Shall deem proper for the purpose of ascertaining the manner in which Such books have been kept, wether there are any and if So what inaccurasies therein and wether the Financial Condition made by the clerk is a correct and accurate exhibit, provided that for Such Service the Said accountant Shall not be paid over one hundred dollars.

The examination was commenced and with great labour and care, has been carried to a successful termination, the result of which is herewith Submited.

A Statement of all the errors found would encumber this report with a great deal of useless matter and therefore it has been omited.



No attention was given the yearly Statement of the condition of the Cash account made by the city clerk for the reason that the debit Side of Cash was based upon the reports of the Treasurers, and all mistakes occurring therein found their way into the Statement of the clerks.

The following interrogetories were propounded by the finance Committee First State the amount of assessments for taxes for the years 1848, 1849,1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856 & 1857. also the amount of delinquencies returned by the Treasurers for the above mentioned years, also, the percentage of delinquencies for the Same years.

also, the name of Treasurer for each year above Stated Secondly. State the amount of warrants drawn by the clerk, with-

out authority of the common Council if any, and by whom.

Third, State wether the Treasurers of the city from the year 1849 until the present time have made Such Settlements as were contemplated by the acts of incorporation governing the city at the time Such Settlements were or Should have been made.

Fourth. State wether there is remaining in the hands of any of the Treasurers any money belonging of right to the city if So State the names of such Treasurers, and the amount So

remaining.

Fifth. State what evils exist in the present System of transacting the business of the city in the clerks and Trea-

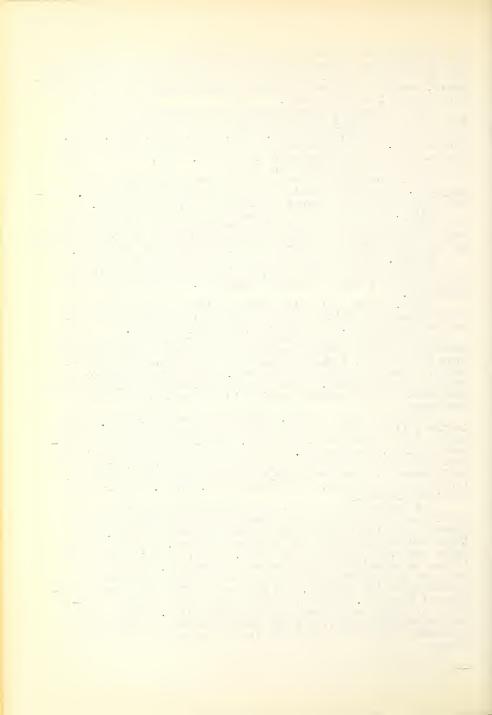
surers departments, as the examination may present.

Herewith Submitted find tabular Statement marked A which Shows the amount assessed upon the tax duplicate of each year from 1850 to 1857 inclusive the amount assessed by the Treasurer, amount of illegal assessment, amount of Collections amount of delinquency, amount Stricken from the delinquent list and amount of delinquency carried to the succeeding years duplicate.

The duplicates of 1848, 1849&1850 were destroyed by fire in the fall of 1851, and not being in possesion of the Statements of the years 1848, and 1849, are unable to make a Statement of them, Statement B. Shows the amount of assessments for each year after deducting the illigal assessments, amount of delinquencies, the percentage of delinquency date of report, and name of Treasurer, the Statements A. and B. answer the

first interogatory

The Second query is one which required a great deal of Search and although it was impossible to find the record of proceedings direct authority for many warrants issued, yet there was implied authority for most of them, and those for which authority could not be found, either direct or implied, it was an oversight in writing up the records, only one case could be found were warrants were issued clearly without authority of the Council, and that was during the term of Service of Joseph T. Roberts, who drew warrants upon the Treasury to pay his own Salary to the amount of 9.26 nine dollars and twenty six cents, over and above the amount allowed by ordinance which is charged him in his account acompanying this report



The books, Containing the Statements of the names of those returned delinquent for the non payment of taxes, and amount thereof, for the years 1851, 1852 and 1853 were not in the possession of the City Clerk, and could not be found elsewhere, These Books were returned by A.F.Shortridge the then Treasurer, the gross Sum of these Yearly Statements were obtained from the Treasurers Yearly reports, the correctness or incorrectness of them cannot now be determined in the examination they were recognized as correct.

The list of delinquents for the non payment of taxes for the years 1854 and 1855 were not returned in accordance with requirements of Section 53 of an act of Incorporation of cities, approved June 18th 1852 and adopted for the government of the city March 7th 1853 by the common council. The causes of failure to enforce the payment of taxes was not Stated nor the affidavit verifying the correctness of Said report is not attached.

The Treasurer failed for the financial years 1856-57, 1857-58 to make Such Settlement Sheets as were required by law the Statement giveing the names of delinquents for non payment of taxes, and amounts due, does not State the causes of failure to enforce the payment of taxes, nor are the required affidavits verifying the correctness of Said reports attached. In addition to the foregoing the delinquent list of 1857 contains the names of Several persons whose taxes are paid before the time when the list should have been returned, and Several whose names do not appear upon the list were defaulters on return day, this is owing to the fact that the list was commenced in February and not completed until May.

In answer to your fourth inquiry the examination discloses the fact, that there is due treasury by the following persons

the Sum Set oppisite their names.

John S. Spann former Treasurer

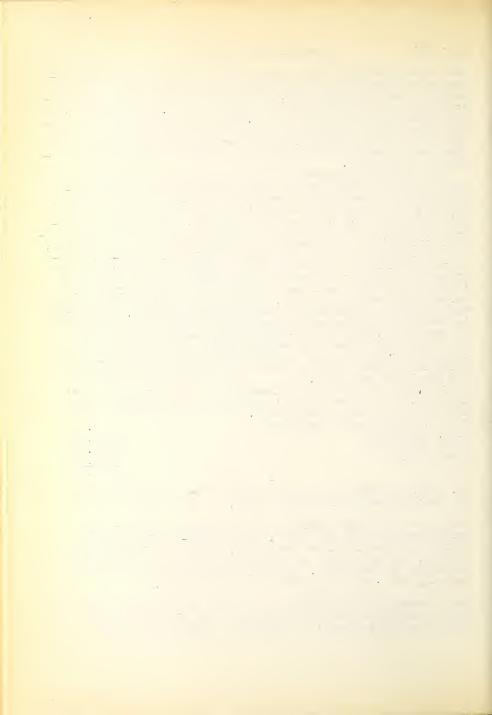
A. F. Shortridge
Henry Vandegrift
Francis King

\$ 2686.84
173.09
\$ 3398.75

Mr. Spanns indebtedness grows out of an erroneous footing in his monthly report of December 1850.

Mr. Shortridge from errors in duplicating the payments of his percentages for the year 1853, 54 and 1854-55 also in not chargeing himself with collection of taxes on delinquent list of 1851, and in failing to charge himself amount of a note collected the Same year. Errors in his favour were discovered reducing the Sum to the above mentioned amount.

Henry Vandegrift from errors in footing of delinquent list and not correctly copying the footings of the tax duplicate in making up his Statement in returning property as illegal



which was also upon his delinquent list, and in returning as a credit the Dickman note which had been paid him

Mr King receiepted to Mr Vandegrift for the Sum of \$1088.73, and charged himself with the cash recidents \$911.61 the balance being amount of notes returned by Mr Vandegrift, and afterwards acting under the impres

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sion that he had charged himself with the full amount of the reciepts he claimed credit for them, which would leave due from him the Sum of \$173.09 after deducting amount charged as having been recieved on Pettys note.

There is nothing on the books indicating that any of the above persons were aware of these Sums being due from them.

It is our pleasant duty to inform the Common Council that Messrs Spann, Vandegrift and King have paid promptly the amounts above Stated discovered to be due, from them and that Mr Shortridge has given his notes at one two and three years with interest Secured by morgage upon real estate in Indenapolis for the amount due by him.

There is nothing on the books indicating that any of the above persons were aware of these Sums being due from them.

There is no evidence upon the delinquent records of there being any examinations made, as to their correctness, either by the Finance Committee or by the City Clerks, making it necessary to foot them carefully during the examinations.

Upon the tax duplicates occasional notes were made Stateing that the Treasurer had abated the tax assessed against
Several individuals. Such as Dog tax, erroneous. "Poll. error"
"Personal property, too much" these tax abatements, by the
Treasurer was a source of much embarrasment, during the examination, no abatement of taxes Should hereafter be allowed
the Treasurer, except by order of the Common Council.

The books in the City Clerks office were not written up

The books in the City Clerks office were not written up with any System, each clerk haveing a System of his own, and gave but little information.

The "Register of orders issued" did not in all cases fully and clearly Specify for what purpose the money was paid, nor did the record of proceedings of the Common Council furnish the information.

The record for information necessary to be known in writing up the books of the city, plainly demonstrating that the Council Should direct the city Clerk to keep the Books by double entry, and that vouchers properly numbered, for all warrants drawn upon the Treasury Should be filed, Also to require all officers of the city, avouching for the correctness of an account, to State for what purposes the articles were purchased, or if labor where preformed and the nature of the account.

Absence of indexes to the records of proceedings Now 1,2 & 3, make it very difficult to find information Sought for in them. The council Should immediately direct, that they be



properly indexed

Much difficulty was found in tracing back the delinquences appearing upon the duplicate of 1857 owing to the absence of the number of the preceding duplicate from whence

the delinquency was obtained

Herewith find the names of persons returned as delinquent for non payment of taxes for the year 1857, and a Statement of the amounts to be carried forward to the, tax duplicate of 1858, after deducting the Sum assessed for school purposes

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Statement "C" Shows the number, and amount of Sundry warrants drawn upon the Treasury remaining in the city Clerks office unclaimed.

Statement "D" Shows the condition of the cash account each financial year from 1849. - 50 until the 1st of March 1858.

Statement "E" Shows the indebtedness of the city at the time of the Several dates mentioned, also the amount owing to the city over and above the amount owing by the city, at the time of the Several dates mentioned

Statement "F" Shows the balance Sheet of the Ledger on the 1st of March 1858, from which it appears that the city has due her \$22,388.64 more than She owes.

Statement "G" Shows the reciepts and Expenditions of Cash during the financial year ending March 1st 1858.

Statement "H" Shows the amount of cash reciepts, and amount of Cash appropriated.

Statement "I" Shows the amount of Scrip issued for the improvement of Streets, under the operation of Section 13 chapter 1 of an ordinance for the government of the city adopted May 27th 1848, but long Since, repealed

Statement "J" Shows the amount of Cash appropriations for Hospital Buildings and grounds, and the cash expenditures therefore

Statement "K" Shows the amount of City Bonds issued and amount now unreedeemed.

Statement "L" Shows the amount of notes given by the city and the amount paid, Showing the Sum \$5,318.05, yet unpaid, being the note given by N. B. Palmer agent of the city to Winslow Lanier & Co New York, for the purpose of obtaining the possession of 14 of the 21 bonds, pledged



with them by J. D. Skeen # Agent, for the Sum of \$5,000 which amount never reached the City Treasury.

Statement "M" Shows the amount of Notes due the city

Statement "N" Shows the condition of the account of J. D. Skeen agent.

Statement "O" Shows the condition of the account of A. Wallace Chief Fire Engineer. Mr Wallace has an unsettled account against the city that will probably be greater than the amount, charged him upon city books, owing, to the purchase of real estate for purposes of the city building the Western and Union Engine Houses, purchase of hose etc.

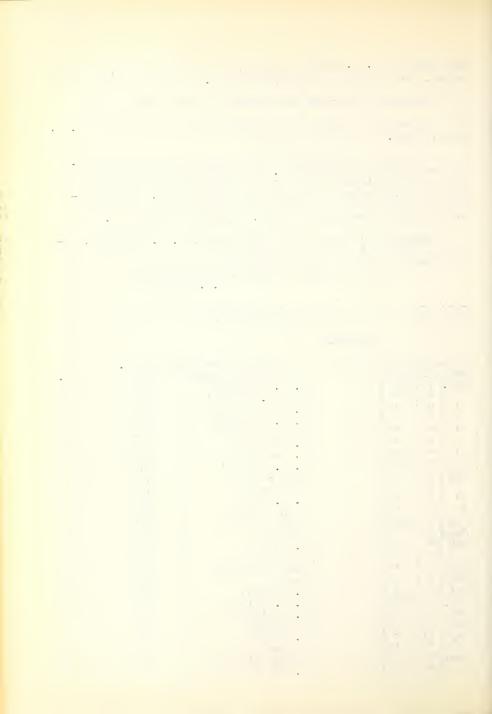
Statement "P" Shows the condition of J. T. Roberts, account, Judgement was obtained upon this account in the year 1851 and has not yet been collected

All of which is Respectfully Submitted D.B. Culley

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Statement "C"

Warr	ante	rema	ining in the Clerks office unre	eclaimed.		
		Issue		No	A	mt.
Nov.	7	1851	A. B. Houston	288	1	50
Ħ	Н	10	Thos H. Sargant	314		50
11	10	- 11	A. Clark	322		50
10	10	88	C. L. Anderson	323		50
H	H	H	Francis Barry	329		50
H	68	8	R. Stewart	334		50
H	18	11	F. Banard	764	1	00
May	3	1852	A. W. Sargant	575	ī	00
Dec	8	11	John Coen	777	īl	00
H	II	11	J M Bramwell	780	ī	00
19	11	11	J. G. Ray	790	1	00
ti	29	68	John Clarck	861	ī	00
Mch	8	1853	John Ferriter	991	1	00
June	23	60	Merryman	1149	2	00
Mch	22	1854	J. Spron Jr	108	3	75
11	H	11	R Kuffton	122	5	00
Apl	21	85	James Buchanan	163	2	00
Мау	2	- 60	Derly	237	2	50
Oct	16	н	J. Herman	608		62
Feby	20	1855	H. A. Walker	209	2	50
Mch	27	- 11	M. Nailer	347	1	75
Apl	30	Ħ	M Churchy	617	2	75
Мау	21	15	C. Bentley	729	1	29
11	10	- 85	J Woods	730		50
June	6	11	George Wilson	828	3	00
11	11	- 11	M. Churchy	855	5	50
	1				1	



June Nov Mey " " July	6 5 17 # # 7	1855 1856 H	J. Donnahue W. Smith W.C. Thompson J. G. Doughty Maston Deshiel Thomas Splain	860 521 1383 1387 1389 1544	2 1 3 3 3 1	00 50 00 00 00 90 87
			Total		\$ 58	83

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Statement "D"

	Cash in Treasury	Orders unpaid	. Over draw	n
1849 & 8	50 446.03	262202	2175.99	Subject to Draft
1850 &	51 15 73	259877	258304	
1851 &	52 1725 80	208841	362 01	
1852 & 8	53 4288 02	127863		3009.39
1853 &	54 595491	166788		4287 03
1854 &	55 6973 30	6990 56	17 26	
1855 &	56 3904 33	1395166	10047 33	
1856 &	57 3225.94	1781287	14586 93	
1857 & 9	58 2481 89	25,38043	22898 54	

Statement " E "

Indebtedness of the city at the Several dates below mentioned was as follows.

May 1st 1851 \$ 4,906.94 April 1st 1852 April 1st 1853 2 300.07

Amount owing to the city over and above the amount owing by the city at the Several dates below mentioned was as follows

525 57

April	1st	1854	\$	333932
April	lst	1855		475797
April	lst	1856		708123
April	lst	1857		857710
March	lst	1858	:	2238864



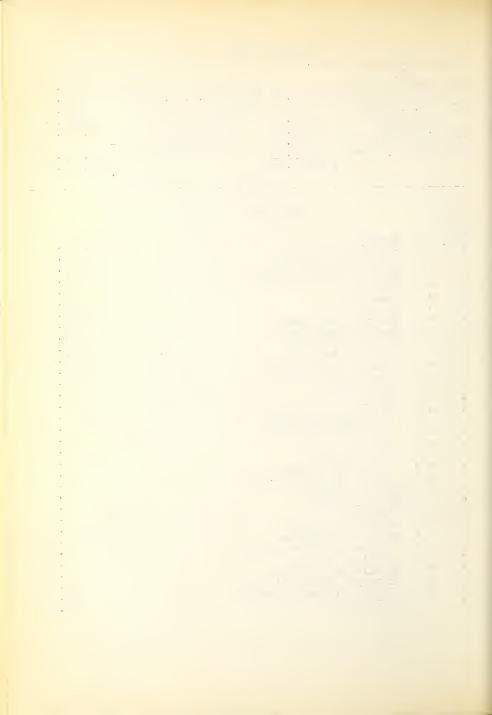
Statement "F"

Balance	Sheet	of	Ledger.	City	of	Indianapolis	Mch	lst	1858

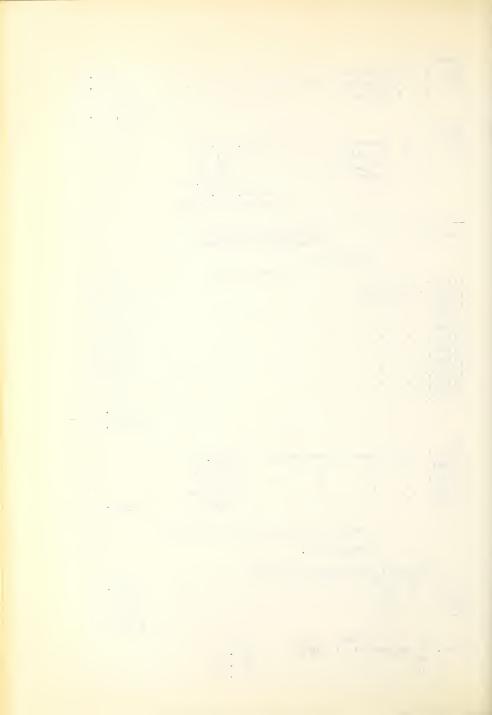
Dr					
50 Revenue amt of		68	Street Script	unpai	d \$437.26
Delinquent list	\$44568.77	109	Hosp.B.&G.App	unpai	d 1957.09
92 Jos.T.Roberts		119	City Bonds		7000.00
Judgement	113.09	88	Bills Payable		5318.05
116 A. Wallace	8305,46		Cash		22,898.54
117 Bills Recieveab	le 12.16		appr Sub to a	ppro-	·
118 Jerry D. Skeen	7000.00		pration		22,388.64
•	\$ 59999.58		-	\$	59,999.58
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1858				
Mch.	1	To	Balance	11,841.76
11	11	11	Interest & Discount	753.69
11	- 11	11	Street Improvement	7 440.65
11	11	11	Specific appropriation	441.29
11		11	Rent	46,00
11		11	Printing	728.54
11		11	Bridges	2 745.20
11		11	Books & Stationary	236.81
11		11	Removing Nuisances	147.64
11		11	Election Expense	144.00
11		11	Officers Salaries	4 651.59
11			Council Compensation	834.00
11			Percentage	1 227.41
11		11	Pumps & Wells	10.13
11		11	Lumber	285.04
11	#	11	Fire Department	3 209.13
18		11	Incidental Expenses	124.37
11		11	Office Furniture	32,99
11		11	Tools	17.10
11		11	Fire Apparatus	1 727.50
11		11	Repairs of Bridges	73.30
11		11	Repairs of Market House	31.00
11		11	Cemetry Expenses	180.00
11		11	Taxes refunded	6.00
11		11	Cisterns	86.45
11	11		Watch Compensation	4 173.85
11		11	Repairs of Streets	1 334.98
11		11	Repairs of Engine House	32.40
		11	Lighting Streets	2 011.18
11		11	Repairs of Cisterns	13.00
11		11	Firemans Certificates	347.98
11		11	Repairs of Pumps & Wells	250.90
"	11	11	Real Estate	280.00



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1858
                                                      5 318.05
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        To Supense
          # Hospital Buildings & Grounds
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           Licences
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            Fires
                                    450 80
                               $ 76,503.18
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               Statement I
                           Street Scrip
                                                        Dr
(1848)
                                                      365 71
           cash
                                                      444 17
(1849)
(1850)
                                                      714 71
(1851)
                                                      937 50
(1852)
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(1853)
                                                      892 66
(1854)
                                                     1100 86
(1855)
                                                      729 60
(1856)
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(1857)
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(1858)
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                                                   $ 6652.97
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(1852)
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(1853)
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                                                   $ 6652.97
              Statement J.
     Hospital Buildings & Grounds
                                                       Dr
1855
       To Cash
                                                    4 305.00
1856
                                                    3 465 13
1857
1858
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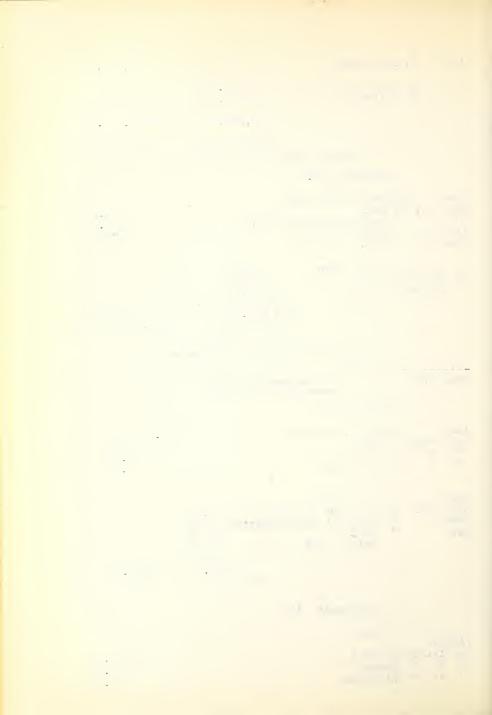
1855. By appropropriation	330 61 ,300.61	\$15,300.61
Statement K. (1857) City Bonds To J. D. Skeen Agent Balance (1857) Cr By Jerry. D. Skeen Agent		18,000.00 7 000.00
	,000.00	\$25,000,00
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Statement L		
Bills Payable 1849 To Cash 1850 " " 1854 " "		100.00 600.00 2 500.00 5 318.05
Cr (1848) By Hospital Grounds (1854) Cash (1858) Suspense	700.00 2 500.00 5 318 05	0 020,00
\$	8 518,05	\$8,518.05
Statement M. Bills Recieveable 1857 Mch 31st To Cash	4	16.66
Cr Mch 31st By Cash " " Balance	4.50 12 16	
	\$ 16 66	\$ 16 66
Mch 1 To Balance (J. Petty	s note	\$ 12 16

Statement N.

594.00

1857 To City Bonds 25,000.00 Cr By City Bonds 18,000.00 Balance 7 000.00 \$ 25,000.00 \$ 25,000.00 Statement "O! 1857 Andrew Wallace Esqr Mch 31st To Cash 5 996.49 " Engine House & Grounds 115.00 207 52 1858 " Fire Apparatus 2 193 97 Mch 1st " Cash Same Cr 207 52 By Fire Apparatus " Balance 8 305,46 \$ 8 512.98 \$ 8 512 98 Page 272 September 21st 1858 Statement "P" 1851 Joseph T. Roberts Dr. Apl 30th To Cash \$ 194 10 13 4.65 Hospital Lots 310.00 1851 Same By Officers Salaries \$ 175.00 Apl 30th 1852 Specific appropriation 14 00 206 66 Cash Apl Balance due 113 09 \$ 508.75 \$ 508.75 Statement MG# Cash Dr (1858)Mch 1st To Revenue \$ 30,681.64 Market 207.87

Licences



Mch 1st To Fines
Cash Expenditures (1858) Mch 1st By Balance \$ 14,586.93 " " Interest & Discount 753.69 " " Specific appropriation 441.29 " Street Improvement 7 440 65 " " Rent 46 00 " " Printing 728.54 " Bridges 2 745.20 " " Books & Stationary 236 81 " Removeing Nuisances 147.64 " " Election Expenses 144.00
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Officers Salaries 4 651.59
" Councilmens Compensation
834.00 "
"
Lumper 285 04
Fire Department 3 209.13
" Incidental Expenses 124 37
" Office Furniture 32 99
Amt Card up \$ 37,664.85
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Fire Apparatus 1 727 50 Repairs of Bridges 73 30
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Cemetry Expenses 180 00
Taxes Refunded 6 00
Cisterns 86 45
Watchmens Compensation 4 173 85
Repairs of Streets 1 334 98
Repairs of Engine Houses 32 40 Lighting Streets 2 611 18
Hospital Buildings & Grounds 4 408 39
Repairs of Cisterns 13 00
Fire Certificates 347 98
Repairs of Pumps and Wells 250 90
A Wallace 2 193 97
Real Estate 280 00
\$ 54,832.85



Statement "B" Amount of assessment for the financial year 1850-1 \$65,365.00 " of delinquency 1 204 46 Per cent of delqinquency \$22,450 John S. Spann & James Kennedy Treasurer Reported May 1st 1851
Amount of assessment financial year 1851-2 8 742.17 of delinquency 1 660 90 Percentage of delinquency \$18,998 A. F. Shortridge Treasurer Reported Maylst 1852.
Amount of assessment financial year 1852-3 13,933.46 of delinquency 4,108.29 Percentage of delinquency \$29,485 A. F. Shortridge Treasurer Reported April 1st1853
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Amount of assessment Financial year 1853-4 \$21.123.82 of delinquency \$24,822 A. F. Shortridge, Treasurer Reported Apl 1st 1854
Amt of assessment Financial year 1854 = 55 31 094.96 of delinquency 6 443.96 Percentage of delinquency \$20,723 A. F. Shortridge Treasurer Reported April 1st 1854
Amount of assessment Financial year 1855 - 6 \$31,976.06 of delinquency 7 538.07 Percentage of delinquency \$23,574 Henry Vandegrift Treasurer Reported April 1st 1856.
Amount of assessment Financial Year 1856-7 \$37,036.36 9 797 72 Percentage of delinquency \$26,454 Francis King Treasurer Reported April 1st 1857
Amount of Financial Year 1857. & 8 \$61.244.11 of delinquency \$57,999 Francis King Treasurer Reported Mch 1st 1858

Statement A.

Tax duplicate of 1850, Road 1192, Polls 1192, Dogs 152, General 3,507.95 School 2923.30. General Delinquent 393.69. School delinquent 346.84. Total General 6437.64. Total School 3270.14. Treasurer assessment Road 60. Polls 60. Dogs 3. General 150.51 School 124.24 Total General 273.51. Total School 124.24. Total Assessments 1252. Polls 1252. Dogs 155. General 3658.46. School 3047.54. General delinquent 393.69. School delinquent 34684. Total General 671115 Total School 3394.38. Illegal assessments Road 431. Polls 431. Dogs 24. General 6646 School 6647. General Delinquent 24191. School delinquent 165.95 Total General 119437 Total School 232.42. Delinquent list. Road 446. Polls 446 General 31246. School 12945. General delinquent 2114. Total General 1225.60 Total School 129.45. Total assessments Road 1,252 Total Polls 1250. Dogs 1,55 General fund 3658.46 School 3047.54. General delinquent 393.69 School delinquent 346.84. Total General 6711.15. Total School 339438. Illegal and Delinquent Road 8.77 Polls 8.77. Dogs 24. General 378.92. School. 195.92 General delinguent 263.05 School delinguent 165.95 Total General 2419.97 Total School 361.87.

Cash Collections Road 3.75. Polls 375. Dogs 131. General 3279.54, School 2851.62 General Delinquent 130.64. School delinguent 180.89 Total General 4291.18. Total School 3032.51

Illegal and delinquent list. Road 877. Polls 877. Dogs 24. General \$378.92 School \$195.92. General Delinquent \$263.05 School delinguent \$165,95. Total General \$2419.97. Total School \$361.97.

Collections of Delinquent list 1849. General \$63.55 School

\$24.83. Total General \$63.53 Total School, 24.83.

Amount of delinquent list burned Road 877. Polls 877. Dogs 24 General 315.39 School 171.09 General Delinquent 263.05. School delinquent 165.95 Total General 2356.44. Total School 337.04.

Tax Duplicate of 1851 Road 997. Polls 1000. Dogs 124. General 47,5387 School 3961.52. Delinquent list 1851. burned. Total General 6874.87 Total School 3961.52 Treasurers assessment. General 45.83 School 14.95 Total General 45.83 Total School 1495. Town clock Fire Engine &c \$1909.73. Total General \$1909.73. Total assessments. Road 997. Polls 1,000 Dogs 124, General

6709.43. School \$3976.47. Total General \$8830.43. Total School

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Illegal assessment, General 88.26. School 20.05 Total Gen-

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Delinguent List. General 1660.90 School 437.97 Total General 1660.90 Total School 43790.

Total assessments Road 997. Polls

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Cash collections Financial year 1851 - 2. Road \$997. Polls \$1000. Dogs 124. General \$4960.27.\$ School \$3518,25 General Delinquent \$63.53. School delinquent \$24.83. Total General

\$7144.80 Total School \$3543.28.

Delinquent List 1851. General \$1660.90 School \$437.97

Total General \$1660.90. Total School \$437.97.

Collections upon Delinquent List of 1851. General, \$349.72. School \$166.37. Total General \$349.72. Total School, \$166.37. Stricken off General \$291,16. School \$72.99 Total General \$29196. Total School \$72.99.

Carried to Duplicate of 1852, General \$1019.22. School \$198.61. Total General \$1019.22. Total School \$198.61.

Tax Duplicate of 1852. Road \$1627. Poll \$1628. Dogs \$395. General \$11,159.30 School \$4349.92. General Delinquent \$1019.22 School Delinquent \$198.61 Total General \$15,828.52 Total School \$4,548.53.

Treasurers assessments. General \$45.46 School \$7.59 Total

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Illegal assessment. General \$921.30. School \$70.15 Total General \$921.30 Total School \$7015.

Delinquent List. General \$4108.29. School \$522.37. Total

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Total assessments. Road \$1627. Polls \$1628. Dogs\$395. General \$11,204.76 School \$4357.51. General Delinquent \$1019.22, School delinquent \$198.61. Total General \$15,873.98. Total School \$4556.12.

Illegal and Delinquent, General \$5029.59 School \$592.52.
Total General. \$5029.59. Total School \$592.52.

Cash Collections Road \$1627. Poll. 1628. Dogs \$395. General \$6175.17 School \$3764.99 General Delinquent \$1019.22 School Delinquent \$198.61 Total General. \$10,844.39 Total School \$3963.60

Collections Delinquent List 1851. General Delinquent \$349.72. School Delinquent \$166.37. Total General \$349.72

Total School \$166.37.

Cash Collections financial year 1852 & 53. Road \$1627. Poll \$1628. Dogs 395. General \$6175.17 School \$3764.99. General Delinquent \$1368.94 School Delinquent\$364.98. Total General \$11,194.11. Total School \$4129.97.

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General \$4108.29 School \$522.37. Total General \$4108.29. Total School \$522.37.

Collections upon Delinquent List of 1852. General \$664.37 School.\$273.55. Total General,\$664.37. Total School \$273.55

Stricken off. General \$2268.89. Total General \$2268.89. Carried to Duplicate of 1853. General \$1175.03. School \$248.82 Total General \$1175.03 Total School \$248.82.

Tax Duplicate of 1853 Polls \$593. Dogs \$342 General \$21015.74. School \$10,507.87 General Delinquent \$1175.03. School Delinquent \$248.82. Total General \$23,125.77. Total School \$10,756.69.

Treasurers Assessment. General \$178.80 School \$83.40 Total General \$178.80 Total School \$83.40

Illegal Assessments. General. \$100 5.72 School \$308.46

Total General. 1005.72. Total School 308.46.

Delinquent List. General \$52.43.45 School \$1716.68 Total

General \$5243.45 Total School \$1716.63.
Total assessments Poll 593. Dogs \$342. General \$21,194.54 School \$10,591.27 General Delinquent \$1775.03. School Delinquent \$248.82. Total General \$23,304.57. Total School \$10,840.09

Illegal and Delinquent. General \$6249.17 School \$2025.14.
Total General \$6249.17. Total School \$2025.14.

Cash Collections Polls \$593. Dogs \$342. General \$14,945 37. School \$8566.13, General Delinquent \$1175.03. School \$248.82. Total General \$17,055.40. Total School \$88.14.95.

Collections upon Delinquent List 1852 General Delinquent \$664.37. School Delinquent \$273.55. Total General \$664.37.

Total School \$273.55

Cash Collections Financial Year 1853-54, Poll \$593 Dogs \$342. General. \$14,945.37. School \$85.66.13. General Delinquent \$1839.40 School Delinquent \$522.37. Total General. \$17,719.77. Total School \$9088.50

Delinquent List of 1853. General. \$5243.45. School \$1716.68.

Total General \$5243.45 Total School. \$1716.68.

Collections upon Delinquent List of 1853. General \$729.60 School \$335.20. Total General \$729.60. Total School \$335.20 Stricken Off. General \$2697.77. School \$775.48.Total General \$2697.77 Total School \$775.48.

Carried to Duplicate of 1854. General \$18.16.08 School \$606.00. Total General. \$1816.08. Total School \$606.00.

Tax Duplicate for 1854 Polls \$968. Dogs \$324. General \$29,916.71. School \$14,958.08. General Delinquent \$1816.08 School Delinquent \$606.00 Total General \$33,024,79 Total School \$15,564.08

Treasurers Assessments, General \$27.08. School \$6.53

Total General \$2708 Total School \$6.53

Illegal assessments General \$140.83. School \$9095. Total General \$140.83. Total School. \$9095. Delinquent List General. \$6443.96

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Illegal and Delinquent. General \$658479. School \$3372.22.

Total General \$6584.79. Total School \$3372.22.

Cash Collections \$968. Dogs. \$324 General 23,359.00 School \$11,592 39. General Delinquent \$1816.08. School delinquent 606.00. Total General \$26,467.08. Total School \$12,198.39.

Collections upon Delinquent List 1853. General Delinquent \$729.60. School Delinguent \$335.20. Total General \$729.60.

Total School \$335.20.

Cash Collections financial year 1854. 55 Poll \$968. Dogs 324. General \$23359.00. School \$11,592.39. General Delinquent \$2,545,68. School Delinguent \$941.20. Total General \$27,196.68. Total School \$12,533.59.

Delinquent List 1854 General \$6,443.96 School \$ \$3,281.27

Total General \$6,443.96. Total School \$3,281.27.
Collections upon Delinquent list 1854. General \$1,300.40 \$ School \$571.43. Total General \$1300.40 \$ Total School \$571.43.

Stricken off General \$1004.22 School \$1675.01. Total General \$1004.22. Total School \$1675.01.

Carried to Duplicate of 1855. General \$4,139.34. School \$1034.83. Total General \$4,139.34. Total School \$1,034.83

Tax Duplicate of 1855. Poll \$983. Dog 222. General \$30,794.56. School \$13,707.90. General Delinquent \$4,139.34. School Delinquent \$1034.83 Total General \$36,138.90 Total School \$14,742.73.

Treasurers Assessments Road Poll \$1550. General \$3246 School \$941 Total General \$4796 Total School \$941. Costs

General 50 Total General 50

Illegal Assessments, General \$69.96 School \$6222. General Delinquent \$154.69. Total General \$226.65. Total School \$6222.

Delinquent List. Poll \$590.50. Dogs 99. General \$6848.57 School \$311595. General Delinquent \$3111.50. School Delinquent \$816.55. Total General \$10,649.57 Total School \$3932.50

Total Assessment Polls \$998.50. Dogs 222. General \$30,827. 52. School \$13,717.31. General Delinquent \$4139.34 School

Delinquent \$1034.83 Total General \$30,187.36 \$14,752.14

Illegal & Delinguent Polls \$592.50. Dogs 99. General \$6,918.53. School\$ \$3178.17. General Delinquent \$3266.19 School Delinquent \$816.55. Total General \$10,876.22 Total School \$3,994.72

Cash Collections Polls \$406.00. Dogs 123. General \$23.908. 99 School \$10,539.14. General Delinquent \$873.15 School Delinquent \$218.28 Total General \$25,311.04 Total School \$10,

757.42.

Collections upon Delinquent List of 1854. General Delinquent \$13.40 School Delinquent \$571.43 Total General \$1340 Total School \$571.43

Cash Collections Financial year 1855-56. Polls \$406.00

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Delinquent List 1855. Polls \$590.50. Dogs 99. General \$6,848.57. School \$3,115.95. General Delinquent \$3,111.50 School Delinguent. \$816.55. Total General. \$10,649.57. Total School \$3,932.50.

Collections upon Delinguent List of 1855. General \$1341.73 School \$390.40 Total General \$1341.73 Total School \$390.40

Stricken off General Delinquent \$8253. School Delinquent \$27.52 Total General \$82.53 Total School \$2752.

Carried to Duplicate of 1856. Polls \$590 50 Dogs \$99 General \$5,506.84 School \$2,725.55 General Delinquent \$30.28.97. School Delinquent \$789.03 Total General \$9,225.31 Total School

\$3,514.58

Tax Duplicate of 1856. Poll \$869. Dogs \$1.28. General \$35.729.01. School \$14,305.12. General Delinquent \$9,225.31 School Delinquent \$3,514.58 Total General \$45,942.32. Total School \$17,819.70. Treasurers Assessment. Poll \$3,350 Dogs 2. General \$283.85. School \$118.54 Total General \$319.35. Total School \$114.54.

Total Assessment Polls \$893.50 Dogs \$130. General \$36.01286. School \$14,419.66 General Delinquent \$9,225.31 School Delinquent \$351458. Total General. \$46,261.67. Total School \$17,934,24.

Delinquent List Polls \$5.51 Dogs \$75 General \$9,171.72 School \$3,912.99 General Delinquent \$7,170.45 School Delinquent \$2,686.25. Total General \$16,968.17. Total School \$6,599.24

Total Assessment. Polls \$893.50. Dogs \$130. General 36,012.86 School \$14,419.66 General Delinquent \$9,225.31. School Delinquent \$3,514.58. Total General \$46,261.67 Total School \$17,934.24

Illegal and Delinquent Polls \$551. Dogs \$75. General \$9.1.7172 School \$3,912.99 General Delinquent \$7,170.45. School Delinquent \$2,686.25. Total General \$16,968.17. Total School \$6,599.24

Cash Collections Polls \$342.50. Dogs \$55. General \$2,6,84.1.14 School \$10,506.67. General Delinquent \$2,054.86 School Delinquent \$828.33. Total General \$29.293.50 Total School \$11.335.00

Collections upon Delinquent List of 1855. General Delinquent \$1,34173 School Delinguent \$390.40. Total General

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Cash Collections Financial year 1856 & 57 Polls \$342.50 Dogs \$55. General \$26,841.14. School \$10,506.67. General delinquent \$3,396.59 School Delinquent \$1,218.73. Total General \$30,635.23. Total School \$11,725.40.

Delinquent List of 1856. Polls \$551 Dogs 75. General \$9,171.72. School \$3,912.99 General Delinquent \$7,170.45. School Delinquent \$2,686.25 Total General \$16,968,17 Total

School \$6,599.24

Collections Upon Delinquent List of 1856

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General \$2988.49 School \$1,414.75 General Delinquent \$553.53. School Delinquent \$171.00 Total General \$3,542.02 Total School \$1,585.75.

Stricken off General \$1,781.87 School \$1,318.74. General Delinquent \$1,179.90 School Delinquent \$1,079.16 Total General

\$2,961.77. Total School \$2397.90.

Carried to duplicate of 1857. Polls \$551. Dogs \$75. General \$4,040.136. School \$1179.50 General Delinquent \$5,437.02. School delinquent \$1,436.09 Total General \$10,464.38 Total School \$2,615.59.

Tax Duplicate of 1857. Polls \$1,222 Dogs \$3,86 General \$59,532,47 School \$19,844.16 General Delinquent \$10,464.38 School Delinquent \$2,615.59 Total General \$71,604.85. Total

School \$22,459.75.

Treasurers Assessment. Poll \$9. Dogs \$1 General \$9364.

School \$17.75 Total General \$103.64 Total School \$17.75.
Total Assessments.Polls \$1231. Dogs \$387 General \$59.626 11. School \$19.861.91. General Delinguent \$10.46438. School Delinguent \$2615,59 Total General \$71,708,49 Total School \$22.447.50.

Delinquent List Polls \$827. Dogs \$241. General \$34.330.68. School \$15.568.06. General Delinquent \$9.17019. School Delinquent \$2,475.93. Total General \$44,568.87. Total School

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Total Assessments. Polls \$1231. Dogs \$387. General \$59,626 11. School \$19,861.91. General Delinquent \$10.464.38. School Delinquent \$2.615.59. Total General \$71.708.49 Total School \$22,477.50.

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Cash Collections Poll \$404. Dogs \$146. General \$25,295.43. School \$4,293.85 General Delinquent \$1,294.19 School Delinquent \$139.66 Total General \$27.159.62. Total School \$4,433.51 Collections upon Delinquent List of 1856. General Delin-

quent \$3,542.02 School Delinquent \$1.585.75 Total General

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Cash Collections Financial Year 1857. - 58. Polls \$404. Dogs \$146. General \$25.295.43 School \$4,293.85.General Delinquent \$4,836.21. School Delinquent \$1,725.41 Total General \$30,681.64. Total School \$6.019.26.

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Mr Pratt presented the following.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

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Your petitioners, would respectfully, represent that they are about to occupy a room in the basement of the Metropolitan Theatre as an Agricultural Ware Room, and that they are desirous of having a Hay and grain Scales as an appendage thereto. They would therefore ask your honorable Body to grant them the privalege of erecting Such Scales on Tennessee Street oppisite the North end of the lot on which the Said Metropolitan Theatre Stands, with the understanding, that the Same Shall not interfere with the public throughfare or convenence, and be removed whenever the Council Shall deem it injurious to the public interest, or for any other good cause, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray &c September 18th 1858

The above petitioners have my consent in full for the erection of Said Scales V. Butch

On motion of Mr Lock the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

By Mr Cottrell,

A communcation from John. S. Bobbs and T. M Stevens contradicting Statement of G. H. Bicking on the reputed authority of I.N. Phipps that he had not Sold a portion of the property on McCarty Street as represented to the Council as owned by him in a petition for Street improvement.

The above communication on motion of Mr Vandegrift was

laid on the table.

From Officers

From City Engineer

The Civil Engineer reports to the City Council

lst That Michael O. Sulliwan has finished the grading of Market Street, and end grading and graveling the Sidewalks, between West Street, and the Canal The citys part of the estimate amounts to \$9.12 (1712)

- 2 Thomas Ferriter has recieved a partial Estimate for the work done on Washington Street, between Alabama and New Jersey Street and the Citys portion thereof is \$22.50, which the Council will please allow (1709 1710)
- 3 That Michael O.Conner, on the 27th ult, contracted with the city



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Council to grade, and gravel Liberty Street, between Wash-ington and New York Streets, has not yet commenced operations. Some order Should be taken to compel him to proceed with the work or relinquish his contract.

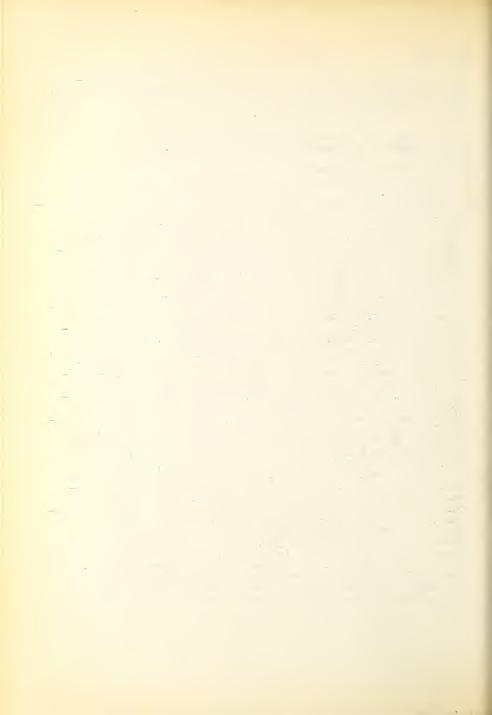
On motion the report was recieved and clerk ordered to issue warrants to person named in the report.

From Chief Fire Engineer

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

Gentlemen.

Permit me to present to your honorable body the following report, at this time our department with few exceptions is in good Condition, and we are prepared to prevent any building from burning down, if we have a Sufficiency of water, you will remember that at your last meeting one of the honorable Councilmen from the Seventh Ward asked for a cistern to be located on Alabama Street near Pogues run, and as it was not granted permit me to State a few reasons why I Sugested that there be a cistern located at or near the above point, and here permit me to remark that there is no part of our city that is so destitute of Water as that part bordering along Pogues run from the Union Depot to Noble Street, and perhaps there is no locality were were there is more money invested. You gentlemen are aware that nearly all our Manufacturing interest is there, and also our Rail Road interest, we have invested in manufacturing between the above named points about \$200,000 dollars, and the different Rail Road Companys have invested about \$300,000 dollars in depots, machine Shops, Cars, Locomotives &c &c now this property is beyond the reach of any cistern unless we Splice our forces, which is difficult to accomplish often and is attended with great loss of time, you perhaps are aware that we have no cistern between Washington Street and Pogues run and between the above named points, that is to say, between the Union Depot and Noble Street, and you are well aware gentlemen, that were our manufacturing establishments destroyed by fire the blow would be felt by our whole business community and that would not be all, a large number of our mechanics and labouring men would be thrown out of employment, which would be a great Calamity, now the question is how Shall we have a necessary Supply of the element, it is well know to most if not all of you, that in the Summer time that there is but little water in the run, and in the winter it is frozen to the bottom, So you See that it is not reliable. Now how Shall we remedy the evil here in view of the poverty of the City permit me to offer a Suggestion which is this that you cause to be dug wells in the bottom of the run Say six feet



in diameter and five feet deep. to have them walled up the Sides without morter and then to Spring an arch and lay the brick in cement morter, with an Iron Cap, the top of the well, to be level with the bottom of the run, to place two of

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at Pennsylvania Street, two at Deleware Street, one between the Bridges at Virginia Avenue, and here I will State that between the Central depo and the Bellfontaine, the Central Company about four years ago dug a well which is about Seven feet in diamter and will Supply a large amount of water the well is now covered up, as the Company abandoned its use, they proposed to Mr Jacob Fitler who was then chief Engineer, that if the city would arch it over and put a cap on it, that the City might have it for fire purposes, as nothing was done about it at that time, the Company, covered over, they now make the Same propisition, I would Suggest that you have it arched over, and a cap put on it, as it is in the just the right place, the wells in the bottom of the creek will cost I think not over twenty dollars each, we would want Six of them, they would afford an abundant Supply of water without the expense of filling by means of Pumps, permit me again gentlemen to call your attention to the fact that the hose, belonging to the City are not properly cleaned Some two months ago I recommened that you purchase a good force pump for each of the Engine Houses, it is impossible to properly Clean hose without Some better means than a rag or hand brush, if they are propetly cleaned they will last on an average about ten years, as it is Some of the hose that where purchased about three yearsSince. are unfit for use, and unless Something is done the city will be compelled to purchase within three years about twenty five hundred feet of New Hose, which will then cost two Thousand dollars the pumps will cost about two Hundred and Seventy five dollars all put up Complete, all of which is respectfully Submited Joseph. W. Davis

On motion the part of this report that refers to well in Pogues run was reffered to Committee on cister® and the balance was laid upon the table

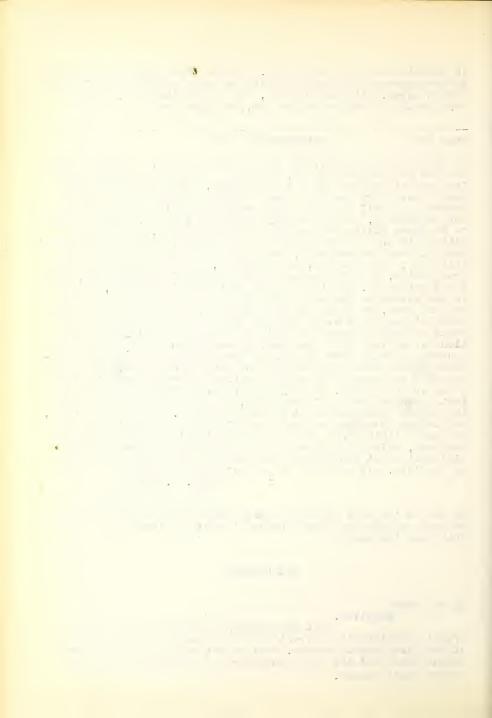
Chief Fire Engineer

RESOLUTIONS

By Mr Locke

Resolved.

That HenryHabeny be permited to grade & gravel the Sidewalk in front of his property on the South Side of New York Street between. West Street and Canal at his own expense and that the civil Engineer be instructed to Set the proper grade Stakes.



Ayes Messrs, Cottrell, Donlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Gelesendorff, Hadley Locke, McNabb, North, Pratt and Vandegrift = 13. Noes = None = Adopted

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By Mr North, Resolved,

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make estimates for building a culvert of Stone walls, to be covered with good oak plank across Washington Street on the West Side of Pennsylvania Street, and report at the next regular meeting of the council

Aves Messrs,

Cottrell, Dunlap. Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, Pratt and Vandegrift 13 = Noes = None Adopted

By Mr Donlap,
Resolved.

That the City Engineer be empowered to call to his aid the Services of Wm Sullivan and Thomas Morris in making a correct Survey. So as to ascertain and permanently

fix the corner of the donation Ayes Messrs. Cottrell, Donlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Locke, McMabb, North Pratt and Vandegrift 12 = Noes. Hadley

Adopted.

By Mr English.

Resolved.

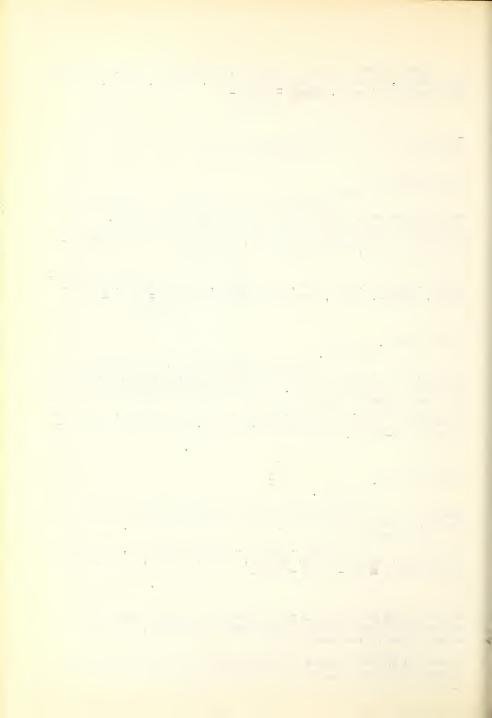
That the Civil Engineer be directed to make and report to this Council a profile of Massachusetts avenue, between East Street, and the donation line.

Ayes Messrs,
Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher,
Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, Pratt & Vandegrift = 13 = Noes = None.

Adopted.

On motion by Mr Fletcher the Treasurer was instructed to celloct the taxes due the city from delinquents, by legal means unless, previously paid

On motion by Mr Fletcher the clerk was ordered to Strike the School delinquent tax from the books of the City



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From Finance Committee

By Mr. Vandegrift,

An opinion from Morrison & Ray relative to the power of the City to make a loan through the Council for the payment of the debts of the City.

An appropriation of Twenty dollars was asked for as a compensation for the opinion which was allowed by the following Vote. (1713) Ayes, Messrs Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, McNabb, Pratt and Vandegrift 8 Noes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Hadley, Locke, and North 5

On motion By Mr. Vandegrift the Street Commissioner was instructed to repair the Bridge across the canal on Washington Street.

On Motion the Council adjourned

Attest

John G. Waters

rs Samuel D. Maxwell City Clerk Mayor

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