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Council of Municipality No. Two.

TUESDAY, December 10, 1850.

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Hon. James H. Caldwell, President; Aldermen Hale, Hawthorn, Hooper, Johnson, Lawrason, Marks, Montanye, McCormick, Pride, Renshaw, Sewell, Shields, Sykes, Stewart and Yancey.

The minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved.

The following communication from the Mayor was read, and that portion relative to the police was referred to the Committee on Police, and that relating to contracts, to the Committee on Streets and Landings:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 2, 1850.

To the Hon. President and Members of Council of Municipality No. Two:

GENTLEMEN—On the 25th October last, I addressed a communication to the High Constables of the Three Municipalities, directing them to furnish me with the number of arrests made during the year ending the 30th June, 1850, the classification of offences, the sex, the amount of money found on prisoners, the number of recommitments with license to sell or, the various contraventions of ordinances, etc., together with such other general information as might bear on the administration of the Police of the City.

The result of these inquiries is now before me, and considering, as I do, that there are few matters which demand more serious consideration on the part of your honorable body, than the prompt, effective, and rigid administration of the Police Department, intimately interwoven as it is with the protection to the lives and property of our fellow-citizens, I shall proceed to lay before you the information in question, as contained, more especially, however, with the criminal records of Municipality No. Two.

The total number of arrests made in the Second Municipality, during the year ending the 30th June, 1850, was 10,047, of which:

Whites: Males	5690	
Females	941	6 567
Blacks: Males	3380	
Females	1100	4 480
Total		10 047

The various functions of offenders have been carried under the heads of white persons is concerned, and shows the following exhibit:

Offences.	Men.	Women.
Drunkards	808	180
Breaches of the Peace	1357	327
Vagrants	1117	317
Assaults and Batteries	682	98
Assaults with intent to kill	70	7
Larcenies	577	91
Burglaries	61	5
Robbery	20	9
Highway Robbery	10	0
Horse Stealing	6	0
Arson	9	0
Forgery	28	2
Counterfeiters	11	1
Receiving Stolen Goods	15	2
Gambling	58	1
Rape	1	0
Attempt at suicide	10	1
Forgery	1	0
Beaches of trust	10	0
Counterfeiters	10	0
Disposing slaves	19	0
Perjury	4	0
Murder	1	0
Manslaughter	0	1
Rioting	0	16
Illegal voting	0	6
Murder	1	0
Cruelty	4	0
Cruelty	1	0
Burning	1	0
Libel	1	0
Conspiracy	1	0
Duelling	5	0
Total	5690	941—5967

The number of places licensed to retail liquor in the Second Municipality is 490, viz:

Hotels.	Coffee Houses.	Groceries.	Cabarets.
First	26	26	6
Second	19	21	6
Third	48	49	5
Fourth	13	29	0
Fifth	12	15	2
Sixth	21	21	0
Seventh	18	48	0
Total	158	205	19

The statistical information conveyed by Captain Forno is accompanied also by a report from that officer, containing useful hints, suggestions, and reflections, which are of considerable interest.

Under the head of Breaches of the Peace are enumerated the violations and infractions of ordinances. The vagrants include all those indefinitely that are not, when arrested, on any other criminal charge than that of following no honest occupation, and of being dangerous and suspicious characters. The term used by the Captain Forno, is perhaps the most annoying, from the fact, that as no tangible crime is charged, they are repeatedly and frequently bailed out by persons who have the business of bailing them, and who, just to keep upon society, to commence anew their pilferings and depredations.

I am informed that about 2178 persons of both sexes have applied for and received shelter for the night at the two Watch-houses in the Second Municipality.

My particular attention has been directed to the immense amount of petty larcenies and pilferings that are daily committed on the Levee, mostly by children of tender years, who will steal cotton bales, corn, sacks, molasses, etc., and dispose of, in the aggregate, abstract a large amount of property. So extensive, indeed, has this system of petty stealing become, that I am assured that a proprietor of one of the steam cotton presses has, on an average, two bales of cotton per month. This state of things clearly demonstrates the necessity which exists for a House of Correction—a measure to which, from time and again, called the attention of the Municipal Councils, of which, in my opinion, would go far towards remedying the evil complained of.

The amount of money found in the possession of prisoners during the year, and returned to them on their release, was $17,784.

The Police force of the Second Municipality, according to Captain Forno's report, is distributed as follows: There are sixteen men on the Day Police, of whom four are detailed on the lower landing, from Canal to St. Joseph street; four on the upper levee, from St. Joseph street to the Lafayette; four on duty in the Recorder's office, for the execution of warrants and service of subpoenas; and one stationed in the High Constable's office, to register arrests and receive applications for police aid during the day. Night Police:

During the past year there have been 119 warrants executed, and 1439 subpoenas issued and served; the enormous total of which has, allowing for occasional sickness on the part of the officers and many of the warrants calling for the arrest of four or five parties and often more) left me almost without police aid during the day, with the exception of my self, on the levee, whose duties are sufficiently arduous without extra service being demanded of them.

The Night Police consists of two lieutenants, four sergeants, and 114 men, thus making the total police force of the Municipality 132 day and night police, and seven officers—together, 139 men.

This Force, large as it may appear, Capt. Forno considers insufficient for the suppression of the vast amount of crime, increasing as it does with the increase of population. Many beats are not adequately guarded during the night, the number of the night watch being in the opinion of that officer too limited, and urging him to other alternative.

While such are the complaints that have been arrived at by the efficient High Constable of the Second Municipality, and who is entitled to much credit for the care he has bestowed on his report, I am not prepared hastily to recommend any measure that would add in the slightest to the already heavy burdens imposed upon the tax-payers. If the onerous demands made on our treasury be considered and examined, I believe they have been thus far cheerfully met—and I will bear willing testimony to the readiness and alacrity of my fellow-citizens in zealously responding to every contribution—yet the fact can not be too strongly impressed on your minds, that a most rigid adherence to future economy in all branches of our service should be observed, as a base compatible with a prosperous administration of municipal affairs.

These remarks having suggested themselves to me anew, I will now observe that, as the maintenance of life and property is the paramount duty of every government, so should also no false system of economy prevail on the attainment of that vital object. It seems to me, however, that the present establishment of the Police department is sufficiently large, even for the purpose of rendering it more effectual than it is at present. Indeed, so persuaded am I of the fact, that I can not conceive any increase of force, or the efficacy that would have for its basis an increase of expenditure. On the other hand, however, I would counsel such a re-organization of the Police as would not only render its services far more self-active, but would also not require one additional dollar of expense; and I trust that the efforts of your honorable body will be soon directed to the attainment of this desirable end.

As a matter of interest and for future reference, I enclose a statement containing at length the operations of the whole Police department of the city, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1850.

By virtue of two resolutions adopted by your honorable body on the 6th and 13th November, public notice was given that I would sell at my office, to the lowest bidder, the contract for the ensuing Calaboose street, from Hercules to Howard, and Liberty, from Calaboose street to the New Basin; as also, Calaboose, from Jacob to Polk street. Both contracts were awarded to M. G. Almonbinger, at the rate of $2 23 per running foot. Security, H. J. Ranney. The whole subject is now submitted. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. D. CROSSMAN.

General Statement of the Police Operations of the City of New Orleans for the year commencing on the 1st July, 1849, and ending on the 30th June, 1850.

ARRESTS.

	First Municip.	Second Municip.	Third Municip.	Total.
Drunkards	69	1029	60	1159
Breaches of the peace and contraventions	4114	1930	1825	7869
Vagrants	4568	1311	240	6079
Assault and Battery	644	748	833	2225
Assault with intent to kill	93	77	60	77
Larceny	809	698	514	1969
Gambling	31	184	69	284
Robbery	60	108	60	108
Highway robbery	4	10	0	14
Horse stealing	8	10	0	10
Arson	12	28	5	35
Forgery	4	10	15	16
Counterfeiters	4	31	0	31
Receiving stolen goods	0	77	0	77
Rape	0	23	0	122
Attempt at suicide	0	1	0	1
Forgery	0	1	0	1
Breaches of trust	10	5	0	5
Counterfeiters	10	13	0	13
Disposing slaves	19	8	0	8
Perjury	0	4	0	4
Robbery	0	2	0	2
Burning	0	1	0	1
Rioting stores	0	1	0	1
Manslaughter	0	1	0	1
Rioting	0	16	0	16
Illegal voting	0	6	0	6
Murder	0	1	0	1
Cruelty	0	4	0	4
Cruelty	0	1	0	1
Libel	0	1	0	1
Conspiracy	0	1	0	1
Duelling	0	5	0	5
Violation of ordinances not enumerated	1	480 (col'd)	1866	2347
Grand Total	10,043	10,047	5615	25,705
Whites	7963	5967	4034	
Col'd and Slaves	2080	4080	1581	5615—25,705
Males	8426	5690	3380	
Females	1617	1941	1961	
Amount of money found in possession of prisoners returned after release	$27,353 23	$19,084	$18,259 80	$64,697 03
Number of horses caused to retail liquor	843	490	19	1352

The following communication, also from the Mayor, was read:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, December 10, 1850.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Council of Municipality No. Two:

GENTLEMEN:—I would take this occasion of informing your honorable body that since your last meeting the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana has filed a petition in the Fifth District Court, claiming, in behalf of the State of Louisiana, one half of the succession of John McDonogh, which by his last will and testament is bequeathed to the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of New Orleans and their successors forever.

On Friday last the Attorney General filed a supplemental petition, setting forth that the Executors of the late John McDonogh have not the legal right to administer the real estate, and praying therefore for a writ of sequestration to issue on the same until the question of ownership is decided. The sequestration was granted, and temporarily at least, the Sheriff has sequestered the property in question. This step, which I consider entirely unwarranted and uncalled for on the part of the State, renders it necessary at once for your honorable body, in connexion with the other Municipalities, to adopt such measures as will secure to the city of New Orleans the great benefits that will arise from carrying out the benevolent intentions of the deceased. This is a most important matter, and must be attended to forthwith, if we do for wish to impair the nature of the legacy and render its ultimate objects difficult of execution and attended with great delay.

I had hoped that no obstacle would have occurred in carrying out the munificent intentions of the deceased, but inasmuch as the initiative has been commenced by the State, the interests of the city of New Orleans demand that she should protect herself in her rights.

Enclosed I hand you copy of an injunction issued by the Fifth District Court, in the case of "James H. Caldwell and others, vs. the city of New Orleans and the Council of Municipality No. Two," to which I would respectfully call your attention. With great respect,

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. D. CROSSMAN, Mayor.

P. S. I have this moment received from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, a summons (which I enclose) commanding the Mayor of the city of New Orleans and Council of Municipality No. Two, to appear before the Honorable the Judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court of the United States of America at a Circuit Court to be holden on first Monday of January, 1851, then and there to answer a bill in chancery filed against him and said Municipality, wherein Mary Murdock et als. heirs of John McDonogh, are complainants, to which I would also invite your attention. A. D. C., Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Lawrason, that portion relative to the injunction was referred to the Attorney of the Municipality, with instructions to take such steps as will protect and enforce the just authority of the majority of this Council; and that portion relative to the McDonogh bequest was referred to the special committee on said bequest.

The following letter from the Comptroller was received:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, SECOND MUNICIPALITY, NEW ORLEANS, December 3, 1850.

To the Honorable Brooker and Members of the Council of Municipality No. Two:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the ordinances of this Municipality, I yesterday adjudicated to the highest bidders the right to collect the revenues of the Markets for the year 1851, as follows:

Fayette Market, to N. Tourne, for	$43,400 00
St. Mary's Market, to William Crespel, for	20,400 00
Vegetable Market, to Jno. Baumgardner, for	2,800 00
Total	$76,600 00

I herewith transmit the letters of the above-named purchasers, offering their securities for your consideration, and remain,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ADOLPHE LANET, Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Lawrason, it

Resolved, That Messrs. Joseph Mathis and Jacob Meile be accepted as the securities of William Crespel as lessee of the St. Mary's Market, for the sum of $20,400; Messrs. Jacob Meile and Joseph Mathis as securities of John Baumgardner as lessee of the Vegetable Market, for the sum of $2,800, and Messrs. Jerome Tourné and Pierre Rivière as securities of N. Tourné, as lessee of the Poydras Market, for the sum of $43,400.

The Treasurer's weekly reports and the accompanying documents were read as follows:

TREASURER'S WEEKLY REPORT.

	Dr.
To balance as per last report	$827 34
To amount received since, viz: on account—	
Fines	8 00
Levee dues	4,817 80
Taxes 1849	1,377 00
Do 1848	34 00
Paving reimbursements	1,792 25
Notes payable	10,000 00
Bears, carts, etc.	45 00
Hawkers and peddlers	51 00
Merchant's, etc.	80 00
Coffeehouses, etc.	480 00
Oyster saloons, etc.	60 00
Billiards, etc.	142 00
Balls, etc.	70 00
	$18,459 65
	$19,286 42
	Cr.
Disbursed this week, on account—	
Taxes, 1848	8 00
Do 1849	35 00
Charity	242 95
Contingent	295 10
Leaving the Municipality	3,204 47
Interest	292 34
Night Watch	5,341 00
Public Schools, pedlers	1,251 19
Wharves and Levees	968 77
Streets	559 49
Municipal Hall	1,357 00
Mayor, General Council, etc.	359 48
Fire Companies	280 00
Day Police	1,100 00
Levee Police	938 05
	$16,144 64
Balance on hand this day	3,141 77
	$19,286 42

Amount received from the Collectors:

Names of the Collectors.	Warrants.	Cash.	Total.
C W Lytle	80 00	1,239 45	1,319 45
W H Rice	2,652 65	753 75	3,406 40
J O Pierson	1,292 44	928 18	2,220 62
S G Risk		483 03	483 03
F H Quick		96 00	96 00
Chas Meyer, Jr.		812 00	812 00
	$4,024 09	$4,318 96	$8,339 05

W. H. GARLAND, Treasurer.

New Orleans, December 10, 1850.

Report of Flatboats, from the 24 to 9th December, 1850.

Owners' Names.	Duty.	Owners' Names.	Duty.
Segal	10 00	Brennan	10 00
Middleward	12 00	Do	12 00
Collins	12 00		

New Orleans, December 9, 1850. $126 00

C. W. LYTLE, Collector.

Report of Steamboats, from 24 to 9th Dec. 1850.

Name.	Duty.	Name.	Duty.
Gen Brown	74 50	Mary Belle	48 75
Amazonia	74 50	Mohawk	59 25
J M Niles	37 50	Chancellor	55 95
Meridean	36 30	Pride of the West	48 75
Huntsville	51 45	Europe	52 50
Siam	72 00	Webster	48 60
Alex Scott	81 00	Reagan	48 60
Bella	59 40	Belle Key	78 60
Bay State	36 00		
Total			$963 50

New Orleans, Dec. 9, 1850. C. W. LYTLE, Collector.

Report of Taxes on Real Estate, Slaves, etc., Collected by Joseph O. Pierson, from December 3d, 1850, to date, inclusive.

Taxes of 1849.

James Clough	$12 00
F Hess	40 00
James Lanthier	40 00
Heirs of Lombard on account	40 00
St. John Canton	10 00
S Conon	6 00
Heirs of E Gordon	10 00
Owen Kirwan	40 00
F Irwin and E Wells warrant	100 00
George Brooks do	32 00
George Brooks cash 60c. do	10 00
Thomas Clark do	40 00
John Brandenburg	16 00
John Cattle on account	15 00
Samuel Baker	20 00
Estate of J H Lambie	24 00
Lockett & Micou	80 00—580 00

Taxes of 1848.

Pat Kerrigan	5 00
J J Bisvely warrant	6 00
George Brooks	20 00
F Irwin and E Wells	20 00
Francis Clark	3 25—49 85

Recapitulation.

Taxes of 1849	580 00
Taxes of 1848	49 85—629 85
Amount of warrants paid in	100 00
Amount of cash paid in	529 85—629 85

New Orleans, Dec. 5, 1850. J. O. PIERSON.

Report of Taxes on Real Estate, Slaves, etc., collected by Samuel G. Risk, from December 2, 1850, to date, inclusive.

Taxes of 1849.

Estate of D. O'Leare	$48 00
Estate of T. M. Wadsworth balance	25 00
M Prue	40 00
Mrs. R. Watterson	20 00
J. W. Parr	24 00
Mat. Mehnerney	20 00
M. Maher	20 00
H. J. Ranney	20 00
Wm. Ryan	20 00
Thomas Rose	20 00
Wm. A. Violett balance	120 00
John Thornhill	20 00
John Thornhill	32 00
John Roach balance	52 00—520 00

Taxes of 1848.

J. B. Walsh	8 00
J. W. Young	50 00
M. Maher	10 00— 68 00

Paving Reimbursements.

Frost Bros.	354 03—354 03
	$948 03

Recapitulation.

Taxes of 1849	$580 00
Taxes of 1848	68 00
Paving Reimbursements	354 03—948 03
Total amount paid in cash	$948 03

New Orleans, December 6, 1850. SAML. G. RISK.

Report of C. Meyer, Jr., Collector on Coffee Houses, etc., on account of Municipality No. Two, from December 3d to 10th instant.

Coffee Houses.

H. Bidwell & Co.	Cr.
Hotel with Bar.	$191 00
A. Doyle balance	25 00
Restaurant without Bar.	
P. Guffroy 4th Quarter	37 50
Oyster Licenses.	
Michael Ross	15 00
Exhibitions, Balls, etc.	
Campbell Minstrels	30 00
	$298 50

CHARLES MEYER, Jr., Collector.

New Orleans, December 10, 1850.

WEEKLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Municipality No. Two. Dr.

To balance as per last report	$3161 79
To amount received since, viz: on account—	
Fines	47 00
Taxes 1849	1129 00
Taxes 1848	138 85
Paving Reimbursement	354 03
Coffee houses, etc.	163 50
Oyster Licenses	15 00
Balls, etc	30 00
Levee Dues	1020 50—3898 88
	$6942 67
	Cr.
Disbursed this week; on account—	
Wharves and Levees	$1559 33
Side Walks	89 64
Paving Materials	101 45
Streets	3653 98
Public Schools	245 00
Lafayette Square	25 00
Ammunition Square	25 00
Draining Rear of Municipality	118 24
Fire Companies	32 64
Interest	27 50
House of Refuge	239 33—5576 93
Balance on hand this day	764 62
	$6942 67

Amount paid in by the Collectors:

Names of Collectors.	Warrants.	Cash.	Total.
J O Pierson	200 00	458 85	658 85
Saml G Risk		948 03	948 03
Charles Meyer		208 50	208 50
C W Lytle		1020 50	1020 50
	$200 00	$2635 88	$2835 88

New Orleans, December 10, 1850.

W. H. GARLAND, Treasurer.

Report of Sea Vessels, from November 26 to December 3, 1850.

			Clad.	Wind'ds
Barq Lucerne, O. Wickham	18 72		18 72	—
Bark Isabella, Perdin, Cruzy & Co.	21 73		21 73	—
Brig Gulnare, C. L. & E. L. Levy	32 25		32 25	—
Ship Lucius, Wayne & Co.	136 00			
Ship Hungarian do	223 00			
Ship Hagabhonock, do	488 00	99 67	428 33	
Brig T. W. Cushman, Rice & Holbrook	49 33		49 33	—
Ship Delaware, J. P. Whiting & Co.	160 33			
Ship Tremont do	160 33			
Ship Ten O'Shaugh, do	244 33			
Ship Gen. F. Palmer, do	184 50			
Ship Wm. Penn do	177—356 00	184 00	172 00	
Ship Horse Star, T. C. Jenkins	176 00			
Brig Americo do	97 67—273 73	103 73	169 00	
Brig Cuba, Jas. Green & Dixon	12 33			
Ship S. Walker do	62 73—175 06	127 06	—	
Brig G. T. Kidd, J. P. Chisolm	10 00	10 00	—	
Brig Golden Rule, Wm. Hodgson	31 00	31 00	—	
Ship Milan, C. J. Meeker	171 33	—	—	
Brig Patriot, J. W. Brown & Co.	120 00			
Ship Hampshire do	244 00			
Ship Ann do	244 00			
Ship N. B. Jones do	160 00			
Brig F. P. Sage do	179 33			
Brig Rainbow do	52 73—1008 93	36 83	1072 12	
Total		1,408 40	1,772 93	2,635 93

WM. H. RICE, Collector.

Report of Flatboats from 25th November to 2d December, 1850.

Owners' Names.	Duty.	Owners' Names.	Duty.
Ruse	$12 00	Lambston	$12 00
Stanty	12 00	Buchanan	2 00
Philips	12 00	Grace	12 00
Gougen	12 00		
		Total	$74 00

New Orleans, December 2, 1850.

C. W. LYTLE, Collector.

Report of Steamboats from November 25 to December 2, 1850.

Pacific	$85 16	Robert Campbell	$49 35
Storm	37 05	Gen Lane	36 00
John Adams	44 77	Do warrants,	
El Paso	38 01	Atlantic $86; Cash,	99 00
Amazonian	38 55	$13 90	
Brothers	43 20	New World	30 00
United States	49 40	Isabel	49 03
Columbus	81 30	St Louis	160 05
Lexington	49 40	Hendrick Hudson	49 40
Hunkerdoll No. 3	20 25	St Paul	12 70
Isaac Newton	36 20	Steamship Alabama	108 00
			$1257 40

New Orleans, December 2, 1850.

C. W. LYTLE, Collector.

Amount received in cash $1171 40

Amount received in warrants 86 00—$1257 40

C. W. LYTLE.

Report of C. Meyer, Jr., Collector on Merchants, Coffee-houses, etc., on Account of Municipality No. Two, from Nov. 26 to date, inclusive:

Merchants.

Mr. Burnsides	On Account	$80 00

Coffee Houses.

Corbett J. Hannon	4th Quarter	50 00
B. Pia	On Account	50 00

Half Licenses.

P. Guffroy	4th Quarter	25 00

Restaurant without Bar.

J. Moreau	On Account	50 00
F. Chassaing	On Account	50 00

Hotels with Bar.

A. Doyle	On Account	125 00
M. Mehnerney		125 00

Oyster Licenses.

Jean Baptist		15 00
John Nolan		15 00
George Barrett		15 00
Boyle		15 00

Ten Pins, etc.

M. Ascoli		81 00
Peter Keenan		81 00

Exhibitions, Balls, etc.

Olympic Circus		60 00
John Dale		5 00
George Barrow		5 00
Total amount in cash		$812 00

New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1850.

CHAS. MEYER, JR., Collector.

Report of F. H. Quick, Collector on Drays, Carts, etc., from the 26th November, to the 3d December, 1850.

John Wilson	$2 75
Thomas Boggs	2 75
Michael Malvy	2 75
J J Osborn	2 75
Robert Ganley	2 75
Frank Poe	2 75
J F Fisher	2 75
Wm Fox	2 75
Wm McLeod	15 00
Thos Mullor	51 00
	$86 00

New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1850. F. H. QUICK, Col'r.

Report of Taxes on Real Estate, Slaves, etc., collected by J. O. Pierson, from Nov. 21 to date, inclusive:

Taxes of 1849.

Jacob Fay	(balance)	80 00
Wm Kear		80 00
R Chaney		20 00
Pierre Hussem		10 00
Widow Durny		160 00
Estate of J A Bunns		100 00
Mrs J Hunn		20 00
H Kelly		80 00
Reed Arnoys		80 00
Pauline Lallande		20 00
Lafond Dunnis		20 00
John W Cummings	(warrant)	107 00
T B Lee	(warrant)	110 00—1192 00

Taxes of 1848.

Hannah Kelly		9 00

Paving Reimbursements.

Dr J L Riddell		54 69
John W Cummings	(warrant)	102 42
Estate of T Tinsley	do.	136 56
Pino	do.	202 90
Chas A Jacobs	do.	317 06
Marie Villaret	do.	54 75—1192 62
		$2,393 62

Recapitulation.

Taxes of 1849	1192 00
Taxes of 1848	9 00
Paving Reimbursements	1192 62—2201 62
Amount paid in cash	192 00
Amount paid on warrants—Interest on do.	1202 44—2220 62

New Orleans, Nov. 30, 1850. J. O. PIERSON.

Report of Taxes on Real Estate, Slaves, etc., etc., Collected by Samuel G. Risk, from November 23d, 1850, to date, inclusive.

Taxes of 1849.

David Sullivan	$8 00
Wm. Mullendy	47 00
A J & E Roberts	40 00
Waters & Co.	40 00
Charles Rhodes	40 00
E Wellman	10 00—185 00

Taxes of 1848.

John Pierce	25 00

Paving Reimbursements.

Antonio Cambre	273 03
	$483 03

Recapitulation.

Taxes of 1849	185 00
Taxes of 1848	25 00
Paving Reimbursements	273 03—483 03
Total amount paid in cash	483 03

New Orleans, November 30, 1850. SAML. G. RISK.

The following special report of the Commissioners of the House of Refuge was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee of seven, appointed November 26th, 1850.

HOUSE OF REFUGE, MUNICIPALITY NO. TWO, } New Orleans, December 3, 1850. }

The Executive Committee beg to present a Special Report: The House of Refuge was established by the Second Municipality, under the authority of the Legislature of this State, for the very humane and benevolent object of saving from ruin and reforming young offenders and vagrants. The many evils resulting from placing youth in contact with older offenders in our prisons demonstrated in the most striking manner the necessity of such institutions. Accordingly, they have been established in several of our sister States with highly beneficial results. The Municipality determined that they would not be backward in so important and useful an enterprise. This institution has now been in active and constant existence for more than three years. Good has been done, but not to the extent contemplated by its founders or friends.

This has arisen from various causes like the following:

The locality is objectionable, on two grounds, namely: its being alongside the Work house, which creates in the minds of the inmates and the public generally, an erroneous impression as to the character and objects of the Institution. Its proximity to the city which facilitates escapes from it, and produces other inconveniences. The grounds are too limited for almost any kind of occupation, either agricultural or mechanical.

In addition to the instruction of the inmates in the primary departments of education, the learning of trades was deemed a most essential object. To accomplish this and other benevolent purposes, a larger space of ground is necessary. The House is not sufficiently guarded, having only a fence, instead of a brick wall, so that escapes have frequently occurred.

Since the destruction by fire of the building in April, 1849, no suitable accommodations for the comfort of the inmates have existed, and the Commissioners have never been able to separate the older from the younger offenders, a most necessary measure in every institution of reform.

The expenses of the Institution have been considerable, though your Committee are not aware that they are greater than necessary.

Every demand by the Commissioners for money has always been promptly and liberally met by the Council.

The Committee think that a sufficiency of time has elapsed in order to decide the question, whether the Institution can succeed in its present situation and under the difficulties above alluded to. They think that the site of the House should be changed, and another effort made to accomplish the objects of the Legislature and Council, in another but accessible place. To decide if they think is not the wish of any one, and if now destroyed it is probable that it would not be received in our city. The Committee think that the present lot of ground might be advantageously sold, and that with the proceeds the Council could purchase a large tract of sufficient extent within a convenient distance of the city. The act of the Legislature of last session authorizes the Council to place the Institution in or out of the city. The Committee think the Legislature, who have ever shown a disposition to and benevolent and philanthropic institutions, would render important pecuniary aid, and the Committee hope and trust that appeals in behalf of the House of Refuge could be successfully made to our fellow-citizens.

Under these circumstances the Committee present the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Honorable Council of this Municipality be most respectfully requested to sell the present lot of ground on which the House of Refuge stands, and to purchase another of not less than ten acres, within an accessible distance of the city, and on the same to erect suitable buildings and improvements for said House.

2. *Resolved*, That the Honorable Council be most respectfully requested to apply to the Legislature at its next session for an appropriation for the House of Refuge.

The Committee resolved that a copy of this Report and of the Resolutions be laid, by the President of the Board, before the Council at its next session.

(Signed,) J. A. MAYNIN, L. MATTHEWS, J. S. COPES.

A true copy: CHAS. V. SHAW, Secretary.

Sitting of the Board of Commissioners, House of Refuge, Municipality No. Two, New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1850.

The following communication from the Surveyor was read:

NEW ORLEANS, December 3, 1850.

To the Honorable Council Municipality No. Two:

GENTLEMEN—I am constrained by ill health, and by the advice of my physician, to request a leave of absence for three months, with the privilege of appointing one of the District Surveyors to act as Surveyor during my absence.

In reply to a resolution passed during your last sitting, calling for information in relation to Tchoupitoulas street, I beg leave to state, that this street has been repaired with ballast for some years, by a special clause in the contract. Under the new contract the contractor has been permitted to continue it—the street having been ordered to be paved with stone blocks, and the Municipality anticipating the arrival of stone daily.

Seeing but little prospect of getting stone immediately, I ordered the contractor to repair those blocks which could be done in a proper manner, and to use ballast only on such blocks as could not be repaired without taking up the whole street. Respectfully your obedient servant,

GEO. T. DUNBAR, Surveyor Second Municipality.

That portion referring to streets was referred to the Committee of Streets and Landings.

Mr. Hooper moved that the salary of the Surveyor be suspended during his absence.

Mr. Lawrason moved to lay the motion on the table, which was carried.

Mr. Yancey made a motion that he pay his deputy during his absence, which was adopted.

The following resolution was then passed:

Resolved, That leave of absence be and is hereby granted to Geo. T. Dunbar, Surveyor, in accordance with his request, for the space of three months, from date, with the privilege of appointing one of the District Surveyors to act as Surveyor during his absence, whose salary shall be paid by the said Geo. T. Dunbar.

A letter from D. W. McComb, Sergeant of the Night Watch, was read, tendering his resignation, which was accepted.

PETITIONS.

Of W. H. Rondeau, asking reimbursement for a horse taken up and sold, as an estray; of Thomas Molloy, asking for an extension of license for one year, and for relief for having violated the revenue laws; of John Reily, asking for pay during confinement to his house, caused by injuries received while on duty as Watchman. Were read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Of C. Deneubourg, complaining of a steam engine on St. Thomas street, adjoining his property, as a nuisance; of Giovani Baptista, complaining of Watchman No. 32, for dereliction of duty; of James B. Rowley, praying for the emancipation of his slaves, Rebecca and her child; of Thomas Pipkin, praying for the emancipation of the slaves, Julia Ann and her child; of C. F. Ford, for emancipation of the slave Matilda. Were read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Of citizens of Lafayette, asking co-operation for the formation of a railroad from the River to the Lake on Jackson street. Was read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Of Hugh Murphy, asking for reimbursement for taxes paid in error; and a communication from the proprietors of the "Crescent," asking payment for extra work done. Were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Of Patrick Crenan, asking for damages for a house of his demolished by the Fire Department. Was read and granted.

Mr. Denis Corcoran, contractor, asking for a settlement for work done under contract; of James Irwin, for same. Were referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

Of Merchants, Shipmasters, and Stevedores, asking to have the ordinance, etc. repealed, which requires platforms to be lain in the use of horse power on the wharves, having been read, Mr. Hale moved lay it on the table, which motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Hale, McCormick and Stewart—3.

NAYS—Messrs. Hawthorn, Hooper, Johnson, Lawrason, Marks, Montanye, Pride, Renshaw, Sewell, Shields, Sykes, and Yancey—12.

And on motion it was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

Of citizens, against the Laboratory situated near Melicerie street; was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Marks offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That N. Jarvis & Co. be, and are hereby required to move, within thirty days, the steam engine, etc., now used by them at their factory on Melicerie street, and factory being a nuisance, and a serious injury to the lives and property of the inhabitants in the neighborhood.

The resignation of watchman S. Quinn was read and accepted.

The resignation of watchman Morrell was tendered through Mr. Sewell and accepted.

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