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Council of Municipality No. Two.

TUESDAY, August 26, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The Hon. J. H. Caldwell, President; Aldermen Brother, Bragiaea, Etter, Hawthorn, Johnson, Lawrason, Perry, Renshaw, Shields, Stewart, Sykes, and Wheelahan.

The journals of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following message of the Mayor was read, and that part relating to contracts was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings, and that in relation to the seizure of the Batture to the Committee on Finance:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, August 26, 1851.

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

GENTLEMEN—By virtue of resolutions adopted by your honorable body on the 1st of July, I adjudicated, after having given the requisite notice in the official journal, the contract for cleaning the Galvez Canal, from the New Canal to Canal street, to Martin Duggan, at the rate of thirty-five dollars per acre; security, L. Surgi. Also, the contract for furnishing the Municipality with sperm and lard oil for one year, to James Gandolfo, at the rate of one dollar and thirty-three cents per gallon for sperm, and seventy-three cents per gallon for lard oil; security, A. Montanye.

Agreeably to a resolution passed on the 19th of July, I adjudicated, on the 21st ult., at the risk of the former purchasers, the contracts for furnishing all the necessary material and extending the Steamboat Landing, and for furnishing all the necessary material and extending the Shipping Wharves Nos. 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, to George B. Bowditch, the former at twenty-three dollars, and the latter at twenty dollars and fifty cents per square; securities, Daniel S. Graham, James Davis, Francis Martin and Jackson McLanathan.

I duly notified the Committee on Streets and Landings of the disposal of the contracts for cleaning the Galvez Canal and repairing the Wharves, and by virtue of the authority vested in the Committee by a resolution of the Council, they have entered into the necessary contracts with the purchasers. I likewise gave notice to the Comptroller, in conformity with a resolution to that effect, of the particulars of the contract for furnishing the Municipality with oil for one year.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by your honorable body on the 19th instant, I caused due notice to be given in the official journal that I would sell, at my office, to the lowest bidder, the contract for taking up the old plank and raising and covering over that portion of the Steamboat Landing between the new and old works, and accordingly adjudicated the same yesterday to George B. Bowditch, at the rate of twelve dollars and ten cents per square; securities, Daniel S. Graham, James Davis, Francis Martin and Jackson McLanathan; the whole subject to your approval. Enclosed you will find the written obligation of the securities for the faithful performance of the contract.

I beg to inform your honorable body that on the 1st instant, I transmitted a notice of seizure, from the Sheriff's office, of the Batture of the suburb St. Mary, in the case of Charles H. Phelps and Lee & Babcock for the use of etc., vs. Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of New Orleans, to your Attorney, Randell Hunt, Esq., with directions to take such steps as he might deem proper to protect the interest of the Municipality. On the 14th inst. I received a notice of seizure of the same property in the case of the New Orleans Draining Company vs. Municipality No. Two, and forthwith advised your Chairmen of the Finance Committee of the fact, so that nothing might be left undone to guard the rights of the Municipality.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
A. D. CROSSMAN, Mayor.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, August 25, 1851.

We, the undersigned, Daniel S. Graham, James Davis, Francis Martin and and Jackson McLanathan, agree to become securities for the faithful performance of the contract for taking up the old plank and raising and covering over that portion of the Steamboat Landing between the new and old work of Municipality No. Two, adjudicated this day by the Hon. A. D. Crossman, Mayor, to George B. Bowditch, at the rate of twelve dollars and ten cents per square.

DANIEL S. GRAHAM,
JAMES DAVIS,
FRANCIS MARTIN,
(his agent) DANIEL S. GRAHAM,
JACKSON MCLANATHAN.

The following message, also from the Mayor, was read and referred to the Committee on Police:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, August 26, 1851.

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

GENTLEMEN—On Thursday last, our usually quiet city was thrown into the deepest agitation by the receipt of advices from Havana announcing the horrible massacre of a number of our citizens, coupled with details of the most revolting indignities and mutilations committed on their bodies. Commiseration for the untimely fate of so many gallant young men was for the moment absorbed in a universal expression of horror at the barbarous manner of their death, and it became evident that the recital of these cruel events had aroused the public mind to the highest pitch of excitement. Such being the state of affairs, and fearing that the natural indignation of the community might manifest itself in acts subversive of law and order, I gave directions in the forenoon to the heads of police to take the needful measures for the preservation of the public peace, by putting on such additional force as they might deem necessary.

Notwithstanding these precautionary steps, I deeply regret to state, for the fair fame of our city, that, during the afternoon and night, scenes of violence and disorder were committed, and the property of inoffensive citizens destroyed; and although using every personal exertion to put a stop to these outbreaks, I feel compelled to add that my efforts, together with those of the police, were only partially successful. Indeed, so spontaneous was the movement on the part of the rioters, and such the suddenness with which tumultuous assemblages appeared in various parts of the city, that, in addition to the embarrassment occasioned by the lateness of the hour, the police officers found it extremely difficult to act with that degree of concert necessary to the suppression of the disorders. Later, however, when the police had got fairly organized, it is due to state that they performed efficient service, and succeeded in arresting a considerable number of the rioters, and in restoring the public peace.

Early in the evening, finding that the riots and outrages on property continued unchecked, I deemed it my duty to call upon the military to hold themselves in readiness at a moment's warning and on a given signal, to aid in repressing the tumults.

At 11 o'clock that night I issued a proclamation, calling upon all good citizens to aid the authorities in preserving the order, peace and dignity of the city, and on the following day I put forth another proclamation, inviting my fellow citizens to enrol themselves as a special police for the purpose of performing patrol duty. This call, I am happy to say, was promptly responded to by many of our most respected citizens, and it is with great pleasure that I thus publicly acknowledge the important services rendered by this volunteer corps in preserving the peace of the city, despite the great excitement which continued to prevail on Friday and Saturday. Nor must I omit to mention the fact that many strangers now sojourning in the city, came forward and tendered to me their services on Friday, for which disinterested offer they are entitled to the hearty thanks of the community. As there was reason to apprehend a renewal of the scenes of Thursday, I caused the military to remain under arms on Friday night; but I feel deeply grateful in adding that no occasion was had for their services.

Several citizens, who, in consequence of threats, had been led to believe that their property was menaced with destruction, applied to me for protection, and in every instance I gave immediate orders for the stationing of an extra force in their vicinity. Indeed, if any intention existed on the part of evil-minded persons to disturb the public peace on Friday, it was most effectually thwarted by the complete and extensive arrangements made by the authorities to put down disorder wherever it might manifest itself. These preparations have necessarily entailed some expense on the city, which will have to be met.

I can not dismiss the subject without again expressing my sincere sorrow and regret that our city should have been made the scene of such disgraceful occurrences as took place on Thursday last. Conduct of this kind can admit of no palliation, and, whilst I would not for a moment set up in justification of these excesses the excitement produced by the heart-rending news from Havana, knowing, as I do, that in a popular government it is all essential that the laws be maintained, yet, on reviewing the causes out of which these disorganizing acts arose, I cannot but congratulate my fellow citizens that these disputable riots have terminated without bloodshed.

In conclusion, allow me to express the hope that our city may never again be disgraced by such exhibitions as were unfortunately witnessed last Thursday. New Orleans has always been characterized by her love of order and her obedience to the laws, and every good citizen should do all in his power to preserve this reputation. No grievance, however insupportable, no outrage, however great, can justify a resort to mob violence. An habitual disregard of the laws framed by the people for their own protection, can only end in the demoralization of the community.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your ob't serv't,
A. D. CROSSMAN, Mayor.

The Treasurer's Weekly Report was read as follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Municipality No. Two.

		Dr.
To balance as per last report		$8,344 37
To amount received since, viz—on account:		
Taxes 1850	2,441 07	
Levee Dues	800 00	
Collections, etc	168 00	
Fines	120 00	$4,029 22
		$7,333 59
		Cr.
Disbursed this week—on account of:		
Interest	144 00	
Streets	259 00	
Draining Rear of Municipality	100 00	
Wharves and Levees	259 00	
Public Schools	4,000 00	
Fire Companies	200 00	
Mayor, General Council, etc	241 46	
Common Sewers	208 00	
Guards	111 24	
Contingencies	84 00	$6,396 70
Balance on hand this day		$936 89
		$7,333 59

Amount received from the Collectors:

Names of Collectors.	Obligations.	Cash.	Total.
Pierre B. Rost	$816 76	1,564 21	$2,381 97
Julien Neville	194 00	300 35	494 35
E. R. Maxwell	760 00	604 00	1,364 00
	$1,770 76	$2,468 56	$4,239 32

NEW ORLEANS, August 26, 1851.
W. H. GARLAND, Treasurer.

PETITIONS, ETC.

A communication from the Surveyor, in relation to the cost of a shell road on Carrollton Avenue, was read, and laid over subject to call.

A plan and specification for the building of a new school-house in the Third Ward, were also submitted by the Surveyor, when Mr. Shields presented the following:

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized and requested, after having given ten days' notice in the official paper of this Municipality, to sell at public auction the contract for building a new school-house, with all necessary appurtenances, on the corner of Bartholomew and Constance streets, Second Municipality, in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the Surveyor. The work to be done in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the satisfaction of the Surveyor, and to be completed within five months from date of contract, under a penalty of twenty dollars for each and every day thereafter, until completion. Payments to be made as the work progresses, by notes at six and twelve months, bearing seven per cent. interest.

Mr. Sykes moved that it lie over, which was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Hawthorn, Lawrason, Stewart and Sykes—4.

NAYS—Messrs. Brother, Bragiaea, Etter, Johnson, Perry, Renshaw, Shields and Wheelahan—8.

And on motion, it was adopted.

A petition from G. H. Leefe, to be reinstated in the night watch; of Victor F. Wilson, to retain a fire proof shed on the corner of Philippa and Canal streets; of Bazil Jaubert, for leave to emancipate his slave Maria, and of Marie J. Muscatel, the slave Nicole—were read and referred to the Committee on Police.

A communication from the committee of the Opelousas, Attakapas and New Orleans Railroad Company, was read and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A letter from N. Tourné, Farmer of the Poydras Market, asking certain alterations in the manner of collecting dues from coffee stands; a communication from A. Grailhe, in reference to the destruction of his property by a mob, at the corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, on the 21st instant; of Henry Hoskins, agent of Ferries & Geipi, in relation to same, rendering bill of damages, etc., and of Michael Poplane, for compensation for a fruit stand, also destroyed by a mob on the 21st instant—were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from A. G. Blanchard, District Surveyor, recommending the purchase of the note books of the late G. T. Dunbar; and of certain citizens and property holders on Jackson street, in relation to the bad condition of the sidewalks in their vicinity—were read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

A letter from A. H. Eldridge, Deputy Wharfinger, asking leave of absence for one month, was read and granted, provided he appoint a Deputy in his stead, other than the one named by him, and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Streets and Landings.

An application for the office of Clerk of the Workhouse, from C. H. Forne, was read.

The resignation of watchman Michael Glossen, was read and accepted.

Messrs Eastman and C. V. Jonte were accepted as the securities of Richard Turner, as Commissary of the Fourth Ward.

A letter from Jerome Hanly, complaining that the Mayor would not receive his bid on a certain contract, was read and laid on the table.

A communication having been read from Samuel Powers, asking for a certificate of the lunacy of Aaron Ezekil and Margaret Clark, Mr. Lawrason offered the following, and it was adopted, the rules being suspended:

Resolved, That Aaron Ezekil and Margaret Clark, lunatics and in indigent circumstances, be, and they are hereby, declared fit subjects for the State Lunatic Asylum.

A bill of one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and ten cents, submitted by Col. W. W. W. Wood, for refreshments furnished the volunteers called out by the Mayor on the 19th, 21st and 22d instant, was read, and ordered to be paid.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brother, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following resolutions, and they were adopted after suspending the rules:

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay the following sums on the warrant of the Mayor, viz:

To Henry McGuinn, for shells, sand, etc., twenty-seven hundred and ninety-one dollars and six cents.

To Alexander Levy, for stationery furnished Municipal offices, three hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty cents.

To Bernard Marigny, for certificates furnished State Assessors, one hundred and sixteen dollars and five cents.

To J. B. Steel, for stationery, fifty-one dollars and thirty-five cents.

To the Crescent, for advertising slaves in Police Jail, ten dollars.

To Firemen's Charitable Association, for graves in Potter's Field, one hundred and twenty-four dollars.

To J. M. Forgay, for granite paving blocks furnished for Tchoupitoulas street, seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars.

To Patrick Fox, for lowering grades around Annunciation Market Place, one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and ninety-four cents.

To M. G. Almindinger, for repairs on Workhouse, one hundred and forty-two dollars.

To A. de Young, for making diagrams, ten dollars.

To L. C. Dillard, for taking sick to hospital, etc., six dollars and fifty cents.

To Samuel Lee, for repairing sidewalk corner of Canal and Philippa streets, twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

To J. Waterman & Co., for oakum, etc., thirty-five dollars and twenty-eight cents.

To S. W. Slater, for binding bond book Recorder's office, three dollars.

To James Golding, for work on Vegetable Market, one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents.

To C. C. Weingart, for five hundred yards lamp wick, forty dollars.

To F. Lhermet, for services to Surveyor in June, 1851, eighteen dollars.

To New Orleans Bee, for twelve months' subscription to two copies, twenty-four dollars.

To C. Frank, for wardrobe for Municipal police, eleven dollars and thirty cents.

To Joseph Lopez, for ten hundred and thirty barrels oyster shells, one hundred and three dollars.

To Clerk Second District Court, for fees in case of Municipality No. Two *vs.* Mrs. J. M. Kennedy six dollars and forty cents.

To J. W. Crockett, for lettering Jackson and Jefferson School-houses, thirty-eight dollars.

To F. R. Southmayd, for services of persons employed in making indexes to journals of Council, under resolution of the Council passed July 2, 1850, one thousand dollars.

To George Nicholas, for judgment and costs in case of George Nicholas *vs.* Municipality No. Two, and G. W. Hardin, forty-three dollars.

To pay roll of Day and Levee Police, for extra services in May, 1851, one hundred and sixty-four dollars and forty cents.

To pay roll of Night Watch, for May, (supplemental,) fourteen hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty-two cents.

To Col. Wm. W. W. Wood, for expenses of Volunteers, called out by the Mayor on the 19th, 21st and 22d instant, one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and ten cents.

Resolved, That the proposition of A. Robb, to adjust twenty thousand dollars of the bonds of this Municipality issued to the Atchafalaya Bank, and due on the 1st day of June last, by receiving five thousand dollars in cash, five thousand dollars on or before the 15th January next, with interest thereon at 7 per cent. per annum, and to renew the remainder under the act of May 4, 1847, at five years, by receiving bonds therefor bearing 7 per cent. interest per annum, be, and the same is hereby accepted.

And further *Resolved*, That the Comptroller and Treasurer are hereby authorized to draw from the Sinking Fund of Municipality No. Two the amount necessary to make the cash payment, that is to say, five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Comptroller be, and they are hereby, authorized to issue to A. Robb ten bonds of this Municipality for one thousand dollars each, payable in five years from the 1st June, 1851, bearing interest at 7 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, both interest and principal payable at the Treasurer's Office; said bonds to be of the usual form, with interest coupons attached. Provided, that before the delivery of said bonds said Robb shall deliver to the Treasurer the bonds of this Municipality issued to the Atchafalaya Railroad and Banking Company, and due on 1st June last, for the same amount, viz.: Ten thousand dollars, the whole in conformity with the Act entitled "an Act to provide for the payment of the debts of the Municipalities of New Orleans," approved May 4, 1847.

Resolved, That the proposition of Gray, Macmurdo & Co., to adjust seven thousand dollars of the bonds of this Municipality, issued to the Atchafalaya Bank, and due on the 1st day of June last, by receiving two thousand dollars in cash, two thousand dollars on or before the 15th January next, with interest thereon at 7 per cent. per annum, and to renew the remainder under the act of May 4, 1847, at five years, by receiving bonds therefor bearing 7 per cent. interest per annum, be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Further *Resolved*, That the Comptroller and Treasurer are hereby authorized to draw from the Sinking Fund of Municipality No. Two the amount to make the cash payment, viz.: Two thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Comptroller be, and are hereby, authorized to issue to Gray, Macmurdo & Co., three bonds of this Municipality for one thousand dollars each, payable in five years from the 1st of June, 1851, bearing interest at 7 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, both interest and principal payable at the Treasurer's Office, said bonds to be of the usual form, with interest coupons attached. Provided, that before the delivery of said bonds said Gray, Macmurdo & Co. shall deliver to the Treasurer the bonds of the Municipality issued to the Atchafalaya Railroad and Banking Company, and due on the 1st June last for the same amount, viz.: Three thousand dollars, the whole in conformity with an Act entitled "an Act to provide for the payment of the debts of the Municipalities of New Orleans," approved May 4, 1847.

Resolved, That the proposition of Mr. E. Forstall, to sell to this Municipality a portion of the bonds of the State of Louisiana issued to the Municipality under the authority of the Act of the 15th March, 1839, at the rate of ninety-five dollars in every hundred dollars, and the interest that may have matured from the 1st of May last till paid, be, and the same is hereby, accepted to the extent of forty-three thousand two hundred dollars—provided the Treasurer of the State agree thereto; and the Treasurer of the Municipality, with the concurrence of the State Treasurer, is hereby authorized to withdraw from the Sinking Fund No. Two, in the Bank of Louisiana, such an amount of money as will be necessary to pay for the same, and also to return the bonds so redeemed to the State Treasury, in payment of the sum of forty-three thousand two hundred dollars, on account of the bonds of this Municipality, issued to the State.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized to contract with Jas. Gandolfi, with Abraham Montanye as security, for the furnishing to this Municipality, for one year from the 21st July, 1851, and from time to time, as it may be required, with winter strained sperm oil of the best quality, and winter strained lard oil, also of the best quality, at the rate of one dollar and thirty-three cents per gallon for sperm and seventy-three cents per gallon for lard oil, in accordance with the adjudication made to him by the Mayor on the said 21st July, 1851, in virtue of the 12th section of an act of the State of Louisiana, approved March 18, 1850, and a resolution of this Council, passed July 1, 1851.

Mr. Renshaw, Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Landings, presented the following report and resolutions, and they were adopted, after dispensing with the rules:

The Committee on Streets and Landings report, that during the adjournment of the Council, the works under their supervision have been prosecuted with vigor. The contract for extending the wharves was resold for account and risk of the former bidders, agreeably to a resolution of the Council passed at its last sitting of 12th July last, and purchased by Mr. Bowditch, Messrs. McLanathan and Davis and Martin and Graham being the securities, with which parties the necessary contract has been entered into, and the committee are pleased to say that that important improvement—the extension of the wharves—is rapidly progressing.

The contract for cleaning and widening Galvez Canal was adjudicated to Mr. Duggan, with L. Surgi as security, and entered into at the rate of thirty-five dollars per acre. The work is now in progress.

On application, permission was granted to work the Diving Bell, near the wreck of the Illinois, under the direction of the Surveyor, and during the pleasure of the Council.

In continuing the square block paving on Tchoupitoulas street, there was not a sufficient quantity of stone contracted for to complete the intersections at Benjamin and Hunter streets, and the committee, deeming it essential that said work should be done, and the stone being offered at fair rates, directed the Surveyor to purchase the requisite quantity, which was done, amounting to 845 2-3d square yards, at $2 per yard—$737.

Great improvement has been made in the condition of many of our streets, and particularly the gutter drains, under the direction of the Surveyor, at the expense of the contractors, who seemed to show so little disposition to avail themselves of the favorable weather to carry out the provisions of their respective contracts, that the Surveyor, in the performance of his duty, was compelled to have the work done for them, and yet many streets and sidewalks that require repairing, which the committee will endeavor to have put in proper condition by the ensuing spring, otherwise the Surveyor will be directed to have the work done at their cost.

The committee authorized the Surveyor to have the ditch on Canal street, between Galvez Canal and Claiborne street, filled up, it being of no use, on the contrary, a nuisance; which work has been done. They also authorized him to have the plank road on Fulton street repaired, where absolutely necessary, which work is now in progress.

Complaints on the part of some of our citizens have been made to the Council, and to the Committee, respecting the course pursued by the Canal and Banking Company, in obstructing the drains and public way in Florida Landing. The attention of the Council was called to the same subject by the Surveyor, in a letter, read at the special sitting of the 19th instant, and referred to the Committee. It being represented by property-holders in the said vicinity that the said operations of the Canal and Banking Company are infringements on their rights, and, as tax-payers, they call on the Council for protection, while, on the other hand, it is alleged that what the company is doing, it has the undoubted authority and sanction of law to do, the subject resolves itself into a mere question of right, to test which, in an amicable manner, the Committee suggest that the Surveyor be directed to cause said drains to be opened, and obstructions removed, and in the event of any legal opposition, the matter will be decided by the proper tribunals.

The Draining Machine in the rear of the Fourth Ward is kept in active operation when required, and thus has answered the purposes for which it was created, and greatly enhanced the value of property in its vicinity. The Committee are of the opinion that its usefulness might be extended, and a large portion of the rear of the Second and Fourth Wards brought into drainage; in order to do so effectually it may be necessary to remove the Machine, as in its present location its operations are in a measure restricted, as the Committee are informed, by embankments and dams thrown up by the New Orleans Canal and Banking Company.

Owing to the high stage of the river the Dredge Boat has not been able to work with any advantage in front of the Steamboat Landings; but has been kept actively employed, and with success, at the Shipping Wharves, and in deepening the mouth of the Flatboat Landing; and now that the water is falling, the Committee confidently anticipate that the Dredge Boat will soon create a sufficient depth of water in front of the Steamboat Wharves.

The Committee would suggest that as Batture sand will very soon be easily obtained, that notice be given by the Surveyor, in the official paper, to all parties owing lots that require filling up, to cause the same to be filled, agreeably to an ordinance passed August 27, 1850.

The resolutions offered by Alderman Bragiaea, and referred to the Committee, requesting the Committee to inquire if the Surveyor had made any change in the system of the drainage; also to take into consideration the expediency of opening Napoleon street, from Common street to Canal street, have had the said resolutions under consideration. With respect to the first, they called on the Surveyor for the desired information, and herewith submit his reply:

NEW ORLEANS, August 25, 1851.

To the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Streets and Landings.

GENTLEMEN—The grades referred to as given by me on Claiborne street are the first legitimate grades adopted at that place. There is no data in my possession by which the late Surveyor (Mr. Dunbar) exhibits a change in the system of drainage. That adopted by me corresponds with the sidewalks on the other side of Canal street in the First Municipality, descending towards Galvez Canal, which is the first cross draining canal at this section of the rear. I apprehend that a canal in Claiborne street, although it some may have calculated upon it, will not be excavated. There is really no necessity for it, nor can I think it would prove other than a great injury to that fine street. I therefore believe a change in our system of drainage can only be advisable below Galvez street, draining there in opposite directions into Broad and Galvez Canals. The same between Broad and Hagan Avenues and between the latter and Carrollton Avenue.

I refrain from commenting on the cause of this inquiry. Suffice it, that I am preparing a plan, with grades and levels, conclusive of the fallacy of adopting any mode of drainage other than I have followed, this side of Galvez street, between Common and Canal streets.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
HUGH GRANT,
Surveyor of the Second Municipality.

In respect to the second, the Committee, although aware of the importance of the improvement at a proper time, deem it inexpedient to recommend it at the present.

The Committee also report against the prayer of the petitioners to open Poeyfarre street, there being satisfactory opposition to the same, and deeming it to be a work not called for by the public interest, and that would incur considerable expense without any adequate return.

There are improvements that the Committee would be pleased to recommend, among which would be the improving of Canal street, the paving of several of our principal thoroughfares with square blocks, the sewerage, or improvement by other means, of the Melpomene and Camp street Canals; but the low state of the Treasury admonish them to avoid, at present, any expenditure not absolutely needed.

The committee received a communication from the Commercial Water Works Company, under date of ——, giving notice that from and after the ——, the public hydrants would be stopped, unless the Municipality would agree to pay the amount of loss in water rents sustained by the company, in consequence of said hydrants being used to the detriment of the company; landlords not caring to introduce the pipes into their houses, and tenants being unwilling to pay for the water so long as the public hydrants furnish it free of charge. There is certainly some justice in the objections of the Water Works Company to continue the free hydrants under the circumstances, and as their discontinuance would undoubtedly subject the poorer classes to much inconvenience, the committee would suggest that the subject be referred to them to ascertain what arrangement can be effected with said company, by which the poor will be supplied with water without the Municipality incurring the heavy expense of furnishing it to those who can afford to pay for it, but are unwilling to do so, when the public hydrants furnish a free supply. On ascertaining that in consequence of the stoppage of the hydrants at the markets, the market people suffered great inconvenience from the want of water, the committee suggested to the Water Works Company that the Commissary of each market be furnished with a key to the hydrant, to obtain the necessary supply of water, which was readily agreed to.

The committee regret that they are again compelled to bring to the notice of the Council the continued failure on the part of the lessee of the Canal street Ferry to carry out the provisions of the lease, and recommend that the Attorney of the Municipality be instructed to proceed against said party for a violation of the terms of the lease.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and the committee offer the following resolutions to carry out the suggestions contained in this report.

HENRY RENSHAW,
A. BROTHER,
R. ETTER,
T. H. SHIELDS,
BERNARD WHEELEHAN,
JOHN C. STEWART.

Resolved, That the Surveyor be, and he is hereby, authorized to remove the obstructions to the public way, and to open the gutter drains on the Florida Landing.

Resolved, That the Surveyor be, and he is hereby, authorized to give notice in the official paper to all owners of lots in the Municipality, that require filling up, to cause the same to be done, in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance, passed 27th August, 1850.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets and Landings be directed to confer with the Commercial Water Works Company, with a view of ascertaining what arrangement can be made for the continuance of the free hydrants now located, and for the erection of others, should it be deemed necessary.

Resolved, That the Surveyor be, and he is hereby, authorized to repair temporarily, at a cost not exceeding $35, the fence around Annunciation Square.

Mr. Renshaw, as Chairman, etc., also presented the following, which was laid over subject to call:

Resolved, That the Attorney of the Municipality be, and he is hereby, authorized to take the necessary step against the Lessee of the Canal Street Ferry, to annul the lease, in consequence of the continued failure on the part of the said Lessee, to comply with the provisions of the said lease.

Mr. Etter offered the following resolution, and it was adopted, after suspending the rules:

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for the expenses of the Workhouse, for the month of July last.

Mr. Shields, Chairman of the Committee on Education, reported verbally, that during the recess of the Council, the Committee had authorized certain necessary repairs to be made by the Surveyor, to school-houses, and which action of the Committee, on his motion, was approved by the Council.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

The following ordinance and resolution came up in their second reading, and were, on motion, adopted:

Be it Ordained, That hereafter, in cases of the emancipation of slaves by this Council, the Secretary shall give ten days' notice of the intention of any person or persons to emancipate his or her slave or slaves; and after the passage of the usual resolution to that effect, the person or persons emancipating shall be required to procure, within ten days, under pain of nullity, from the Secretary of this Council, a certificate and copy of the resolution, and proceed to confirm the act before a judge of the District Courts, and furnish the bond to the Recorder of this Municipality within sixty days, according to law.

Be it further Ordained, That all proceedings for emancipation now pending, and which have not been completed, shall be governed by the provisions of this ordinance.

Resolved, That permission to and is hereby granted to John L. Lee to emancipate the slaves Milly Ann, a mulattress, aged about 22 years, and her four children, to wit: Anna, aged about 8 years; Cornelia, aged about 6 years; Celia, aged about 4 years, and Joseph, aged about 2 years. And to E. H. Lemeyer, to emancipate the slave Joseph Smith, a mulatto, aged about 35 years. And that said slaves be permitted to remain in the State when their respective owners have given the usual bond and security, subject to the approval of the Recorder.

The resolution presented by Mr. Vontagen on the 1st of July last, compelling the owner of the acre of sale of the batture property, to be made before the Municipal Notary, came up on its second reading, and was, on motion, postponed.

The minority report and resolution of the Finance Committee, presented on the 1st July last by Mr. Yancey, came up on its second reading.

Mr. Brother presented the following as a substitute:

The majority of the Finance Committee beg leave to report, that they have, after a long and tedious negotiation, finally settled by a mutual act of compromise, before H. B. Cenas, Esq., the long pending Batture question in front of this Municipality, under the authority of this Council, passed at its sitting, No. 101, on the 17th of June, 1851, vesting the Finance Committee with power for that purpose. The settlement of this question being one of such importance and interest to this Municipality and the city, we feel, therefore, it is necessary to state fully the terms and conditions of said compromise. By the act of the Legislature authorizing this compromise, one-third of the proceeds of the sales has to be paid over to the Sinking Fund of the city of New Orleans, thereby leaving only two-thirds to be settled by compromise between the Second Municipality and the original front proprietors, those two-thirds are to be equally divided between said proprietors and Municipality No. Two. Your Committee have obtained in the act the following—that the rights of this Municipality, of three squares of ground, laying between North and South Market streets, and marked on the plan as markets, but only to be used for market houses and other public buildings, or to be kept open as public squares; the compromise or division was made upon the basis of the survey and plan of G. T. Dunbar's Survey, which lays off two streets from the line of Montgomery's property, down to Canal street, and also one street which only runs down to Lafayette street; the first of these new streets is named Fulton, the next Front street, and the last Delta. The following clause is inserted in the act, regarding the ownership of the present and future accretion of Batture outside of said survey and plan, viz: "All that portion of the Batture between Delta street and the river Mississippi above Lafayette street, to the line of Montgomery's property, and all that portion of the Batture between Front street and the River Mississippi, from Lafayette street down to Canal street, shall be, and the same is hereby vested in perpetuity and full ownership in the said Municipality No. Two, in lieu of whom the appearers do hereby cede and relinquish for ever all their claim in and to the said Batture, as well as all and every enlargement thereto or accretion thereto by new formation;" the foregoing is a true copy from the act itself, word for word, and the majority of your Committee have been thus particular in reporting this clause of the compromise, as it finally settles and puts to rest forever the question of ownership of future formation of Batture in front of this Municipality, a question which has been agitating this city and Municipality for nearly half a century; by this extract from the act the majority also assign the reasons, for the palpable and inexplicable misstatement in the minority report, viz: "That said act is in violation of the understanding which he believes existed between the representatives of the parties to the original compromise of 1840 and the Finance Committee, and a surrender of a large portion of Batture which it was understood was to be relinquished entirely to this Municipality." How a statement manifesting such ignorance of the plain conditions of the compromise, could have been made, we leave to the party making it to explain. The lots in the square between New Levee street and Fulton street, are to be sold in the winter of 1851 and 1852—fifth cash, balance in one, two, three and four years, with 6 per cent. interest. The lots in the square between Fulton and Front streets, are to be sold in the winters of '52 and '53—same terms and conditions. The lots in the square between Front and Delta streets, above Lafayette street, to be sold at such time as the Council of Municipality No. Two may determine to be expedient.

By resolution of the Council, the Finance Committee were empowered to employ auctioneers to make the sales of said Batture, but they selected J. A. Beard and J. L. Carman, and fixed the commissions at one-half per cent., but the other parties to the act of compromise instead upon inserting in said act the names of Messrs. Beard and May, as the auctioneers, or such other auctioneers, as the parties to the act might hereafter agree upon; and the majority of your committee signed the act thus filled up, deeming it more to the interest of this Municipality to have the matter at once closed, than to be left open and unsettled merely for the benefit of one individual, and the interests can yet be provided for and arranged, if the parties to the compromise can agree. H. B. Cenas was also treated Notary by the act, to pass the sales of lots. The majority of your Committee beg leave, in conclusion, to state, that in their judgment they have concluded and consummated this long vexed and important question, upon as favorable terms as the act of the Legislature, under which the settlement was authorized, could be expected, and offer the following resolution:

A. BROTHER.
HENRY RENSHAW.

Resolved, That the act of compromise passed before H. B. Cenas, Notary for the settlement of the Batture in front of this Municipality, and signed by the majority of the Finance Committee, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

On motion, the consideration of both reports was postponed.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following, offered by Mr. Stewart, was adopted, after suspending the rules:

Resolved, That resolution No. 3360, adopted on the 1st July, 1851, be so amended as to make it the duty of the Secretary to publish in the official paper certain statements of the Treasurer and Collectors, but not to spread them on the minutes.

Mr. Ferry offered the following, the rules being suspended:

Resolved, That the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to sell at public auction, after giving ten days' notice in the official journal, the contract to build a road on Carrollton Avenue to connect the bank of the New Canal with the Common street Shell Road; the said road to be built and prepared to receive a covering of shells, or to be planked, as the Council shall in future direct. The whole to be done in accordance with a plan and specification to be furnished by the Surveyor, agreeably to his letter to the Council, submitted this evening.

On motion of Mr. Renshaw, it was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings, by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Bragiaea, Brother, Etter, Hawthorn, Johnson, Lawrason, Renshaw, Shields, Sykes and Wheelahan—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Perry, and Stewart—2.

Mr. Stewart moved that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn until the last Tuesday in September, which motion was carried.

The following offered by Mr. Renshaw, was adopted, after suspending the rules:

Resolved, That during the adjournment of the Council, the Committee on Streets and Landings be empowered to carry out all works ordered by the Council and coming under their supervision; and that the Treasurer pay on the approval of said Committee, the monthly pay rolls of laborers and others in the employ of the Municipality, provision for whose payment is not already made by a resolution of the Council.

And on motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN CALDWELL, Secretary.

Report of Taxes on Real Estate, Slaves, etc., collected by J. O. Pierson and Samuel G. Black from August 16 to August 23, 1851, inclusive.

TAXES OF 1850.

A. Hodge	[illegible]
A. Bell	[illegible]
A. Wilkinson	[illegible]
A. Bell	[illegible]
A. Bell	[illegible]
A. Bell