MAYORALTY OF NEWORLEANS, March 7, 1853.
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWORLEANS.

No. 658.

Resolved, That article ten of an ordinance passed by the Common Council, and promulgated by the Mayor on the 31st Dec., 1852, fixing the tax and license to be paid on professions, carts, drays, etc., does not apply to drays, carts, etc., used to convey merchandise to the markets for sale, and that they shall pay the license as therefore fixed by the General Council of the City of NewOrleans.

[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Signed, Francis Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Approved March. 5, 1853.
Signed, A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 659.

Resolved, That the Mayor give notice in accordance with the acts of the Legislature that it is the intention of the Common Council to set apart for public uses two lots of ground composed within Camp, Race and Coliseum streets.

Resolved, That should no satisfactory opposition be made thereto, after due notice, the Mayor is authorized to take the necessary legal steps to carry out the views of the Council.

[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 660.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of New Orleans, That the square of ground formerly known as Congo Square and now known by the name of Place d'Armes, and comprised within Rampart, St. Anne, St. Peter and St. Claude streets, be, and is hereby, donated to the State of Louisiana, upon condition that the State House or Capitol be built thereon, at the expense of the State, provided that in the event of said square of ground being accepted for the aforesaid purpose, its destination shall never be changed, in which case it shall revert to the city as donor.

Be it further ordained, That the Mayor be requested to transmit a copy hereof to the General Assembly, and authorized, whenever the seat of Government shall be removed to the city of NewOrleans, to pass the necessary act transferring said property to the State.

[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.

No. 661.

Be it ordained, That the port of the Fourth District shall be divided as follows:

1. All that part between First and Sixth streets for flatboats, to load and unload their cargoes, except such wharves as in the judgment of the Harbor Master may be impracticable for such purposes.

2. That such wharves between Second and Sixth streets as can not be used for loading and unloading flatboats, may be appropriated to the use of ships and steamboats.

3. The balance of the port, from Sixth street to the upper line of the Fourth District, shall be used for breaking up flatboats, and no person or persons shall be permitted to break up any flatboats or other boats in any other part of the port, under a penalty of fifty dollars for each and every offence, recoverable before any Court of competent jurisdiction, for the use of the city.

4. Be it ordained, That all flatboats, keelboats or barges, laden in whole or in part with the following designated articles, shall, in future, land and discharge their cargoes within the limits of the Third and Fourth Districts, set apart for such purposes, viz: cotton, hay, grain in the ear, apples, potatoes, lumber, hoop poles, staves and mixed cargoes for trading purposes. Boats otherwise loaded may land as heretofore, in the respective Districts.

(Signed) Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
(Signed) Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
(Signed) A. D. Crossman, Mayor.
True copy: H. Bier, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEWORLEANS, March 7, 1853.
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWORLEANS.

No. 662.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit the following memorial, with these resolutions, to the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, now in session at Baton Rouge:

Resolved, That the Mayor be directed to cause three hundred copies of the memorial and resolutions to be printed, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to each and every member of both branches of the Legislature.

[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President of Aldermen.
[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

MEMORIAL OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana:

The memorial of the Common Council of the city of New Orleans respectfully sets forth:

That they have been informed that certain bills have been introduced into the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, having for their object a radical change in the present charter of the city as consolidated at the last session of the Legislature. That your memorialists have ascertained that among the amendments proposed, it is contemplated to make a complete alteration in the organization of the Police Department, and to so far abolish the provisions of the twenty-fifth section of the "Act to Consolidate the city of New Orleans and provide for the government and administration of its affairs," approved February 23, 1852, as to vest the appointment of Police-officers, Police-men, and Watchmen, in a so called Police Board, to be composed of the Mayor and the four Recorders of the city, who may suspend, remove, or discharge such Police-officers, Police-men or Watchmen, and decide on all Police matters finally and without appeal.

Your memorialists would beg to point out to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, that the present city charter has not been in operation one year, but that notwithstanding the brief period of its existence, and the difficulties inseparable from the entire alteration in the complex machinery of our city government, the Consolidated system has worked well, and bids fair to accomplish all that its most ardent friends desired. The restoration of our city credit has been effected, as your memorialists believe, on a sure and durable basis, and not the least gratifying result of Consolidation has been the gradual disappearance of that sectional feeling which had its origin in jarring interests, rival corporations, and *divided powers and responsibilities.*

Amongst the most important changes effected by the act of consolidation, was that which made the Chief Magistrate of the city the responsible head of the police, and which, as such, conferred upon the Mayor the appointment of the police under the ordinances of the Common Council, restricting his power so far, however, as to make the nominations of police officers dependent on the confirmation of the Board of Aldermen, and rendering it imperative on him, in case of the discharge of any police officer, to communicate the fact of such discharge to the Common Council, together with his reasons for the same. Under this system of accountability the police of the city has been organized, and is now working.

It is not within the province of your memorialists to dwell on the manner in which these enlarged powers have been used, nor is it a matter of much concern to the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana to know that, in the opinion of your memorialists, the police now is more efficient, more active, and more energetic, than it was before. But your memorialists conceive it to be their duty to apprise the Legislature that the system under which the police is now appointed, is a vast improvement on the old mode, by which the police was made accountable to sundry Councils and Recorders, and the Mayor was deprived of all but a nominal control or authority over the members of the department. The result of such a system was a complete disorganization, so that on occasions of great emergency, requiring the undivided energy of the police, they could scarcely be brought to act in concert. A similar system, as your memorialists conceive, is sought to be forced on the city by the bills which contemplate the re-enactment of the twenty-fifth section of the act of consolidation, and the creation of a Police Board possessing that most dangerous and deprecatory privilege of *divided powers and divided responsibilities.* A police appointed in this way would, in the opinion of your memorialists, lack efficiency and unity, inasmuch as the inevitable effect would be to partition the appointment of police men into Districts under separate heads, and to make them accountable in a great measure to that head, the Police Board being used as a nominal contrivance to impart an apparent unity to a system that, to the minds of your memorialists, would render the police a discordant and disconnected body.

But the most dangerous power attempted to be conferred on the Police Board, to be created by the bills now before the House of Representatives, is the utter irresponsibility with which it invests the five individuals who are to compose that Board. If your memorialists understand aright, they are to be utterly independent of the Common Council, and are to be without any check whatsoever, their decisions being final and without appeal. And not satisfied with this, the bills in question seek to confer other and extraordinary powers on the Police Board, by authorizing them to appoint Wardens, Under Wardens, and employees of the Work House, and the Superintendent, Warden, or keepers of the District and city Prisons, all of whom are now appointed "viva voce" by the members of the Common Council. To your memorialists the purport of these bills would seem to be to make the Common Council the mere paying instrument of the acts of the Police Board—a position which, if not derogatory to the Common Council, would scarcely appear to be acceptable to the mass of the citizens and tax payers.

Your memorialists are apprised also that there are other features of the bill, conferring extraordinary powers on the various Recorders, beyond those of mere committing magistrates, and, so far as they can perceive, the amendments, or rather alterations, proposed, would have the effect of embarrassing the ends of justice, inasmuch as they contemplate the unwise creation of fees which are forbidden by the present Charter, and the granting of extraordinary powers to the Clerks of Recorders, which can only have the effect of making our Inferior Courts less accessible to the destitute and impoverished class of litigants.

Your memorialists would, in conclusion, say that they have not heard of any petition before your honorable bodies to amend the City Charter, and that, considering it has only been a very short time in operation, they would respectfully beg to allow the same to remain unchanged for a brief period, so as to give an opportunity for the full development of the wise and salutary measures, and prudent checks and safeguards, engrafted on the Act of Consolidation. And your memorialists will ever pray, etc.

George Clark, Chairman.
S. Jones, Jr.
Valentine Heermann,
L. Berthe.
G. W. Shaw.
S. W. Philbrick.

True copy: H. Bier, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, March 7, 1853.
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

No. 663.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and is hereby, authorized to receive from the Keeper of the Archives of the late General Council, the receipts of taxes still due to the late Police Jury of the Parish of Orleans, and to appoint a competent person for the purpose of collecting the same.

[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Approved March 7, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 664.

Resolved, That the Sexton of the Public Cemetery, situated in the Fourth District, in the square bounded by Washington, Prytania, Sixth and Coliseum streets, be, and is hereby, directed to have the grounds thereof cleared of the rubbish that now encumbers said premises.

Resolved, That all persons who may hereafter erect tombs or vaults within said cemetery shall be required to remove therefrom, immediately after the construction of a tomb or vault, all bricks, mortar, sand, lumber and other materials that may remain, and that it shall be the duty of the Sexton to see that the same has been done without delay.

Resolved, That any person or persons that shall fail to comply with the foregoing resolution shall be subjected to a fine of ten dollars for each offence, recoverable before any court of competent jurisdiction.

[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Approved March 7, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.
True copy: H. Bier, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, March 8, 1853.
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

No. 666.

Resolved, That permission be, and the same is hereby, given to Messrs. Snow, Glidden & Co. to occupy, for a dry dock, one thousand feet of the Levee of the Third District, (commencing at the centre of the property formerly belonging to M. Andréss, and extending downward,) for the space of ten years from the date of the approval of this resolution; on condition that said Snow, Glidden & Co. shall annually pay into the City Treasury the sum of one hundred dollars, and shall keep the Levee in front of said dry dock in constant good repair to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 8, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 668.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant to the Gymnasium Stock Company (D. Gorren, President,) to establish a shooting gallery on St. Charles street, No. 16; provided D. Gorren pays the customary license for the same, and erects it to the satisfaction of the Street Commissioner, and subject to removal at the pleasure of the Common Council.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President of Aldermen.
Approved March 7, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 669.

Resolved, That the coffee-houses situated at the St. Charles Hotel, St. Louis Hotel, City Hotel, Verandah Hotel, Arcade Hotel, Louisiana Hotel, and the coffee-houses known as the Gem, the Ruby, the Sazerac, the Orleans and McDonell's, be classed as first class coffee-houses, and that all other houses selling at more than a picayune a glass be classed as second class, and those selling liquor at a picayune or less a glass be placed in the third class; and the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, instructed to collect the license according to this classification, under the provision of the third section of Ordinance No. 521, approved December 31, 1852.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 8, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 669.

Resolved, That the Surveyor issue to Thos. Duffy a duplicate certificate for work done by him to replace the one lost or mislaid.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 8, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 670.

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

To sundry persons employed in the Surveyor's Department in January, one thousand and seventy-eight dollars and thirteen cents.

To sundry persons for labor and cart hire in January, three hundred and sixty-one dollars and sixty-two cents.

To sundry persons for labor and cart hire in January, six hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty-eight cents.

To sundry persons for labor and cart hire in January, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and forty cents.

To sundry persons for labor and cart hire in January, three hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirty-seven cents.

To pay roll of dredge boat for January, forty-one dollars and fifty-seven cents.

To NewOrleans Gas Light Company, for lighting the city and for lamps and fixtures to 1st January, 1853, four months, thirteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-one dollars and seventy-four cents.

To E. A. Michel, for sundries for Board of Aldermen, four dollars and sixty-five cents.

To Thomas Davenport, for one box of candles for Board of Aldermen, fifteen dollars and ten cents.

To Charles McLaughlin, for conveying sick to the Charity Hospital, twenty-six dollars.

To Mary Field, for maintenance of an orphan two months, twenty dollars.

To Widow E. Schuber, for three months' rent of Watch-house, corner of Annunciation and Robin streets, one hundred and twenty dollars.

To A. Brusié, for stationery, one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and eighty-five cents.

To William Flemming, for stationery, twenty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents.

To W. B. Kenney, for steel pens for Recorder's office, Second District, twelve dollars.

To Louisiana Courier, for advertising notices of election, one hundred and eight dollars.

To J. P. Freret, Sheriff, for expenses of elections, 15th and 22d instant, ninety-two dollars and fifty six cents.

To J. P. Freret, Sheriff, for clothing furnished prisoners, fifty-seven dollars.

To R. Hall, for sundries furnished City Insane Asylum, six dollars and fifty cents.

To John Calahan, for repairs to sundry tools, five dollars and twenty cents.

To William Davis, for one month's services as laborer, employed by the Street Commissioner, thirty dollars.

To Stafford, Barrett & Upson, for buckets and brooms purchased by Street Commissioner, six dollars and forty cents.

To W. H. Waters & Co., for painting signs, City Hall, fifteen dollars.

To the True Delta, for twelve months' subscription, Recorder's office, Fourth District, ten dollars.

To Corson & Armstrong, for steamboat and flatboat regulation furnished Wharfinger, First District, twenty dollars.

To House of Refuge for boys, sundry expenses incurred in January, four hundred and seventy-nine dollars and seventy cents.

To S. D. Statts, for baize doors for Comptroller's office, one hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty-seven cents.

To Commercial Bulletin, for twelve months' subscription, Board of Assistant Aldermen, twelve dollars.

To Jos. Dubuc, for stoves and fixtures Mayor's and Recorder's offices, Second District, one hundred and thirty-one dollars and fifty cents.

To John Breen, for repairs to lamps, First District, seventy-seven dollars.

To John Conway, for Batture sand used in filling lot belonging to the city, five dollars.

To Arthur McArthur, for repairs to pumps of floating wharf, Third District, nine dollars and fifty cents.

To sundry persons for labor in January, four hundred and sixty-seven dollars and thirty cents.

To sundry persons for cart hire in January, thirteen hundred and seventy dollars and seventy-six cents.

To W. W. Dunbar, for six months' salary as Secretary to the Committee on Streets and Landings, three hundred dollars.

To H. R. Swasey, for binding books for Secretary Board of Assistant Aldermen, fifty dollars.

To Pierre Poutz, for lumber purchased by Surveyor, two hundred and seventy-three dollars and sixty-three cents.

To sundry persons for services rendered in preparing tax list for publication, and the list of landed proprietors for the vote on railroads, and for services in collecting taxes from May to January last, nine hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents.

To Giquel & Jamison, for blankets furnished Police Jails, Second and Third Districts, ninety-four dollars and seventy-five cents.

To Townsend, Tompkins & Co., for blankets, etc., furnished Police Jail, Second District, two hundred and eighty-four dollars and fifty-three cents.

To J. Lee, for blankets, etc., furnished Police Jail, Second District, one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents.

To W. H. Waters, for maintenance of insane persons in January, two hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-four cents.

To House of Refuge for Females, for sundry purchases in January, one hundred and thirty-six dollars and eighteen cents.

To Washington Artillery, for firing salutes on the 8th of January, seventy-six dollars and forty cents.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 8, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 671.

Resolved, That the contractors for lighting the oil lamps of the city be paid in the same manner as has been customary heretofore, viz: for all lamps in the market houses which burn all night, double the price of street lamps.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 672.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase from Mark Walton, Esq., the property situated at the corner of Lafayette and St. Charles streets, and known as the Old Municipal Hall, for the sum of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars, the city to assume the payment of the purchase notes given by the said Walton for the purchase of said property, together with the accrued interest on said notes, and the balance of the purchase money to be in cash.

Resolved, That the Comptroller shall issue his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of Mark Walton for the balance that may be due him in accordance with the above resolution, whenever the Mayor shall notify him that the purchase of the said property is completed.

Resolved, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to purchase from the Wardens of the Church of St. Louis the buildings now occupied by the Courts in the Second District, composed within the square bounded by Chartres, St. Ann, Royal and St. Peter streets, for the price and sum of $55,000.

Resolved, That the Comptroller shall issue his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the said Wardens of the Church of St. Louis for the said sum of $55,000, whenever the Mayor shall notify him that the purchase and transfer of said property is completed.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 8, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 673.

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

To A. Brusié, for stationery furnished the Police Station, Second District, one hundred dollars and fifty-five cents.

To U. Plauché, for inspecting the weights of the Market, First District, three dollars and sixty cents.

To John Paul, for fitting up Street Commissioner's office, fifteen dollars.

To Peter Mackey, for brooms, etc., purchased by Street Commissioner, two dollars and seventy-five cents.

To Francis Ploger, for removing nuisance, etc., eleven dollars and ten cents.

To Commercial Bulletin, for twelve months' subscription, Recorder's office, First District, twelve dollars.

To J. Joseph, for carriage of coffins from the Work-house, three dollars.

To J. Mackling, for repairs to harness of "Black Maria," fifteen dollars.

To Merchants' Insurance Company, for policy of insurance on Fisk Library, seventy-five dollars.

To H. E. Lawrence, for three months' rent of Recorder's office, Fourth District, three hundred dollars.

To John Coleman, for carrying sick to Charity Hospital, twenty-one dollars.

To J. R. Cochran, for glazing done at the store of Thos. McGuire, Fourth District, nine dollars.

To G. Doane, for services rendered as Secretary of the Finance Committee, one hundred dollars.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Signed, Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 8, 1853.
Signed, A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 674.

Resolved, That permission is granted to A. Brother, on behalf of the Board of Underwriters, to use a diving bell at the wharf of the Second District over the wreck of the steamer John Swasey, lately consumed by fire.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 675.

Resolved, That Fergus Gardere be, and he is hereby, accepted as the substitute in the place of Jourdan Barker, as contractor for making a plank road on First street, in the Fourth District, provided said Barker and his security agree in the transfer of said contract, and that said Gardere shall furnish security for performing the work according to the specifications on file in the Surveyor's office, satisfactory to the Finance Committee, and also provided the necessary act to complete the transfer shall be approved by the City Attorney.

Signed, Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Signed, Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
Signed, A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 676.

Resolved, That the Comptroller sell at public auction, after sixty days' notice in the official journal, the contract for the supply and delivery, within the Third District, of thirty-five thousand yards of square block paving stones, for the paving of the public road from Esplanade to Louisa street, agreeably to specifications on file in the Surveyor's Department. The sale to be subject to the approval of the Common Council.

Signed, Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Signed, Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 8, 1853.
Signed, A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 677.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay, on the warrant of the Comptroller, to Red Rover Fire Company No. 16, eleven hundred dollars for a new engine, if said engine is made in NewOrleans, and nine hundred dollars if made elsewhere; provided, that the warrant shall not be issued until the engine is received and approved by the Surveyor.

Signed, Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Signed, Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
Signed, A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 678.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay, on the warrant of the Comptroller, to Franklin Fire Company No. 11, one hundred and sixty dollars, ($160) same being for rent of Engine House for eight months, up to 1st March, 1853.

Signed, Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Signed, Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
Signed, A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 679.

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire be, and are hereby, authorized to purchase—subject to the approval of the Common Council—a suitable lot of ground for the use of Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

Resolved, That as soon as said purchase is completed the Comptroller be, and is hereby, authorized to sell at auction, after ten days' notice, the contract for building a house and stable for the use of Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, the contractor to use in the construction of the new house such materials as can be made available from the old house, all in accordance with specifications on file in the Surveyor's office.

Signed, Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Signed, Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
Signed, A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 680.

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire be, and are hereby, authorized to purchase—subject to the approval of the Common Council—a suitable lot of ground for the use of Chalmette Fire Company No. 23.

Resolved, That as soon as said purchase is completed the Comptroller be, and is hereby, authorized to sell at auction, after ten days' notice, the contract for building a house and stable for the use of Chalmette Fire Company No. 23, in accordance with specifications on file in the Surveyor's office.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 681.

Resolved, That when Liberty Hose Company surrenders to the Surveyor the following named property, viz: One Hose Tender; one Hose Carriage; one thousand feet good hose; three hundred and fifty feet hose in bad order; one horse and sundry articles furniture, that the Treasurer shall be authorized to pay on the warrant of the Comptroller the indebtedness of said Liberty Hose Company—provided, that the said indebtedness shall not exceed the sum of seven hundred dollars.

Resolved, That when the above named property is surrendered to the Surveyor, it shall be his duty to report to the Council the estimated value of said property, and if said value exceeds the amount of the indebtedness of said Company, the Comptroller is hereby authorized to warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the Firemen's Charitable Association for the amount of said excess.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 682.

Whereas, Under the provisions of ordinance No. 646, the several Fire Companies of the city are required to carry to a fire not less than five hundred feet of hose, and as many of the Companies have not that amount of hose, therefore be it

Resolved, That additional hose for the year 1853 be, and is hereby, appropriated to the following named Fire Companies, to wit: To Vigilant Fire Company No. 5, fifty feet; to Neptune Fire Company No. 4, two hundred and fifty feet; to Eagle Fire Company No. 7, one hundred feet; to Phœnix Fire Company No. 8, four hundred feet; to Red Rover Fire Company No. 16, one hundred feet; to James Gulick Fire Company No. 17, two hundred and fifty feet; to Orleans Fire Company No. 21, one hundred feet.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 683.

Resolved, That any Fire or Hook and Ladder Company of the city of NewOrleans (Milneburg Fire Company No. 1, excepted,) that fails to turn out at a fire, as required by ordinance No. 646, shall pay a fine of twenty-five dollars for the benefit of the Firemen's Charitable Association; and it is hereby made the duty of the Comptroller when an infraction of this ordinance is reported to him, to deduct said fine from the appropriation due the company reported.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 8, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 684.

Resolved, That the fifth article of the ordinance approved 20th November, 1845, relative to the Markets, be so amended as to dispense the Vegetable Market of the Second District of this city, situated on the Levee between St. Philip and Ursuline streets, and the Vegetable Market of the Third District, from the effect and requirements of the same so far as it imposes the obligation to the occupants of the tables under said Market to place their names and a number on said tables.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 685.

Be it resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, invited to remove or to cause to be removed, the large quantity of oyster shells now lying on the levee in the Second District, between the two markets.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 5, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.
True copy: H. Bier, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, March 8, 1853.
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

No. 686.

Resolved, That in consequence of the defalcation and disappearance of Francis Buchanan, Collector of Levee Dues on sea-going vessels, of the Second District, the said office be, and is hereby, declared vacated.

Resolved, That the temporary appointment by the Comptroller of Omer Fortier, Esq., as Collector of Levee Dues on sea-going vessels for the Second District, be, and is hereby, approved, and that Messrs. Gaston, Villars and Edward Fortier be accepted as securities, until the further action of the Council.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the several Wharfingers, from and after this date, to report to the Comptroller the date of departure of all vessels from their respective Districts.

Resolved, That the Common Council will meet in joint session on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at 9 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Collector of Levee Dues on sea-going vessels, for the Second District.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 7, 1853.
[Signed] A. D. Crossman, Mayor.

No. 687.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter into a contract with J. H. Nicholson as principal, and B. Dougant as security, for laying the square block paving of Tchoupitoulas street, from its present termination to Felicity street, for the sum of thirty-four cents per square yard for the paving, and thirty-four cents per superficial square foot for new curb stone, furnished and laid—the work to be performed and payments made agreeably to the specifications on file in the Surveyor's department.

[Signed] Frans. Alfuente,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] Wm. C. C. Claiborne,
President Board of Aldermen.
Approved March 7, 1853.
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