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THE COMMON COUNCIL.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

TUESDAY, Jan. 15, 1856.

(Concluded from Yesterday.)

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were read, the rules being suspended, and adopted:

Resolved, That Solomon Sadler, Esq., be and he is hereby accepted security for Louis Lamb, as Under Warden of the city Work-house, in place of E. J. Ker as the Sureties.

Yeas—Messrs. Barbarin, Benit, Bouny, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Hebrard, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Long, Rawlins, Rusha, Stith, Thayer and Violett—20.

Nay—Mr. Banister—1.

Resolved, That the Comptroller warrant on the Treasurer in favor of W. A. Breedlove, for the sum of one hundred dollars, salary as Secretary of the standing committees of the Board of Assistant Aldermen for the month of December, 1855.

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Bouny, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Hebrard, Howell, Long, Rawlins, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—20.

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Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to employ the negroes of the chaingang in levelling and filling up the mud holes in the Annunciation Square, to lay off and shell two footpaths across said square, and to have the broken gates of the same repaired.

Yeas—Messrs. Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—17.

Nay—Mr. Banister—1.

Resolved, That the Surveyor be and is hereby requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, whether the contractor for draining the Third District has complied with the terms of his contract.

Resolved, That the contract entered into between the First Municipality and the late John Thorn, for running the draining machine of the second section, which contract will expire on Friday, the 18th inst., be and the same is hereby declared null and void.

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Bouny, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Long, Rawlins, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—22.

On motion, the foregoing resolution was sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

The following resolution was read, the rules being suspended, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings:

Resolved, That the Surveyor be and is hereby required to repair the shell road along the Carondelet Canal, and repairs to be made with either shells or hard bricks, provided the cost does not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr. Fabre moved to reconsider the vote taken on the above resolution to refer the same to the Committee on Streets and Landings. Carried.

Mr. Chambers moved to amend by inserting, providing that it does not cost more than $75.

Mr. Wiltz moved to lay the amendment on the table. Carried.

On motion, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chambers, Chiappella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—18.

Resolved, That the Commissary of the Vegetable Market be and is hereby required to discontinue the cleaning of levee street, between the Vegetable and Market.

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Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby required to cause the following bridges to be made, to wit:

One at the intersection of Villere and Lesseps streets; one at the intersection of Robertson and Lesseps streets; two at the intersection of Claiborne and New Orleans streets.

Resolved, *Further*, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby required to cause a large post hole to be excavated at the corner of Claiborne and St. Bernard Avenue.

The following ordinance and resolution were read, the rules being suspended, and, on motion, laid on the table:

Be it ordained, That from and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, or driver of any omnibus, dray, cart, cab or other vehicle, to stop in any of the crossings of the streets, either for the purpose of taking in or letting out passengers, or loading or unloading any goods, wares or merchandise, under a penalty of ten dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction, for the benefit of the city.

Resolved, That the Surveyor have placed chains across Delore street, at the corner of Tchoupitoulas street; also, across Tchoupitoulas street, at the lower side of the 8th Ward Market, to remain up during market hours, in order to protect persons visiting said market from the drays, carts, etc.

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Resolved, That the Comptroller set at public auction, after ten days notice in the official journal, the contract for running the drying machine of the second section according to specifications now on file in the Surveyor's office.

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Resolved, That the privilege of running a ferry from the landing at the foot of Canal street to the opposite side of the river, be and is hereby given to such person or persons as will comply with the ordinances to be adopted by the Common Council and agree to the specifications now on file in the Surveyor's office.

By a message this Board was informed that the Board of Aldermen had concurred in the following resolution:

A resolution fixing the tax to pay the interest on the bonds issued by the city to the different railroad companies.

By a message this Board was informed that the Board of Aldermen had concurred in the resolution instructing the Surveyor to withhold the sum of $250 from the certificate of the contractor for draining the second section, as a fine for non-compliance with his contract, with the following amendment, by inserting "$500" in lieu of "$250."

On motion, the amendment was concurred in.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following report from the above committee was read and adopted:

The Committee on Finance have the honor to report upon sundry bills referred to them, as follows:

Upon bill of B. S. Harrison, being for amount of balance due for feed furnished for horses of Black Maria, from July 28, 1854, to August 5, 1855; and for horses of Black and Red Maria, from August 6 to December 24, 1855. Your committee have duly examined the same and find it correct, and while they recommend payment by the necessary resolution, cannot omit recording the fact that the quantity of feed used for said horses, during the time specified, is quite extravagant. Your committee cannot avoid noticing the very irregular and negligent manner in which portions of this account have been paid. The claimant represents that his bills were regularly made out for each purchase, and sent to the Work-house. The only ones paid were those up to January 25, 1855, omitting two bills, one of September 20, 1854, and the other December 21, 1854, leaving a balance of $44 36 unpaid on January 25, 1855. On the 4th October, 1855, a bill of October 10, 1854, was included in pay roll of Work-house for September, 1855, amounting to $15 44; the same bill was also included in Work-house pay roll for supplies for month of December, 1854. The balance of the account comprises charges made for feed supplied from January 25, 1855, up to December 24, 1855. Why these last bills have never been included in the monthly pay rolls for supplies which are regularly submitted to your honorable body as singular, and if the bills were sent with each purchase, shows gross neglect on the part of the person who prepares the pay roll for supplies furnished Work-house.

Your committee offer a resolution for the payment of sundry bills. Respectfully,

J. BAGER, Chairman,
I. BRIDGE,
ADAM DIFFEN,
A. CHIAPELLA,
B. W. HEBRARD.

The following resolutions, accompanying the above report, were read, the rules being suspended, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller warrant on the Treasurer, in favor of B. S. Harrison, for the sum of six hundred and eighty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents, being amount due for bill feed furnished, for horses of Black and Red Maria, from July 28, 1854 to Dec. 24, 1855.

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—17.

Nay—Mr. Guyol—1.

Resolved, That the Comptroller warrant on the Treasurer for payment of the following bills:

M. Marigny, Sheriff, maintenance of prisoners in Parish Prison—		
From October 1, 1855, to January 7, 1856	$10,609 87	
Executing power [illegible]	75 00	
Conveying pauper insane persons to Jackson Insane Asylum	253 00	
		$10,938 87
S. Mailloux, Superintendent Insane Asylum—		
Keeping insane for December, 1855	$189 86	
Salary as Superintendent, for December, 1855	60 00	
Sundry expenses for December, 1855	7 29	256 76
Gaste Leiner, salary as Assistant Superintendent Insane Asylum, for December, 1855	45 00	
House of Refuge, pay rolls for December, 1855—		
Supplies for boys	$707 85	
Supplies for girls	206 79	913 44
Street Commissioner's pay roll for December, 1855		3,592 34
E. Planchard, Keeper Police Jail—		
Rations to slaves for December, 1855	$422 27	
Salary as Superintendent for December	50 00	
Bill of glazing	4 15	476 42
Philip Power, salary as messenger of Mayor for December, 1855		20 00
John Forshee, Coroner for holding—		
33 inquests in November, 1855	$660 00	
43 do December, 1855	860 00	1,520 00
G. F. Bergman, bill petty expenses for Board of Aldermen, for December, 1855		3 40
C. Crowley, furnishing materials and running the draining machines of First and Fourth Districts, for December, 1855		466 67
James Lilly & Son, for bill painting and lettering, done at Sixth District Court, in 1853 and 1854		35 25
Surveyor's Department, pay roll for December, 1855		729 89
C. C. Gaines & Co., bill tools supplied Insane Asylum, May 28, 1855		30 39
A. Levy & Co., bill stationery for use of special committee to examine books, etc.		3 50
Clerk of Fourth District Court, bill costs to January 1, 1856		952 55
New Orleans Crescent, for official printing, from October 1, 1855, to January 1, 1856, as follows:		
Proceedings Board Aldermen	$164 50	
Proceedings Board Assistant Aldermen	353 30	
Proceedings Police Board	71 70	
Reports from Public Pounds and for advertising specifications, etc.	416 95	
Resolutions and ordinances	180 85	
Sales under ordinances, etc.	167 70	
Mayor's proclamations, etc.	125 95	
Recorder's notices to tax payers	18 00	
Sheriff's notice election, October 11, 1855	195 50	
Police Committee notices	2 40	1,694 85
A. S. Phelps, Street Commissioner, for sundry purchases for shells and ballast to January 3, 1856		296 28
J. C. Hartridge, Justice Fourth District, for following costs:		
Tax on suits	$200 00	
Transcripts, etc.	142 50	432 50
S. P. Authenay, salary, Finance Committee on Finance to Dec. 26, 1855		125 00
Male Orphan Asylum, Fourth District, for maintenance of Orphans to Oct. 27, 1855		89 93
Commercial Water-works, bill for repairs to hydrants, supplying fire plugs, etc., etc., from June 15, 1853, to Nov. 2, 1855		2,357 30
A. B. James, for materials furnished chain gang for clothing		215 97
J. H. Keller, five barrels soap for Insane Asylum		10 00
Creole Office, printing alphabetical list of professions, etc., for Street Commissioner		10 00
Henry Strong, price pressing music for minutes in Mayor's office	$12 00	
Washing towels, City Hall offices, etc., bill see City Hall for Dec. 1855	8 00	20 00
John Lucas, bill see City Hall for Dec. 1855		19 05
H. Blakesley, hauling for Street Commissioner's department		30 00
Pooley, Nicol & Co., bill lumber for repair of nuisance wharf		30 00
H. G. Pearson, salary as Secretary of Committee on Streets and Landings, for December, 1855		50 00
O. Robin, bills medicines for December, '55, Parish Prison	$62 50	
Insane Asylum	10 95	73 85
Lieut. Kearney, First Dist. Police Station, Rations to prisoners for Dec. '55	$73 30	
Cab hire	1 00	74 30
Lieut. Adams, Fourth Dist. Police Station, Rations to prisoners First District from Dec. 24	$20 00	
Rations to prisoners Fourth Dist. to Dec. 21	12 70	
Hiring night guns, Fourth Dist. for Dec. 1855	15 50	
Cab hire and for petty expenses	4 50	53 00
Lieut. J. Fremaux, Second Dist. Police Station, rations to prisoners for December, 1855	$90 00	
Hire of negro for Dec.	25 00	
Hauling police boat to Work-house	5 00	120 00
L. Roussean, firing night gun Second District for December, 1855		15 50
Lieut. C. E. Morenal, Third Dist. Police Station, Rations to prisoners Dec. 1855		27 90
J. Michael, bill glazing Third Dist. Police Station		5 00

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—18.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

The following report from the above committee was read and adopted:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of H. D. Keen, Wharfinger of the Fourth District, beg leave to report:

It appears from the representation of Mr. Keen, made in his petition and orally to this committee, and corroborated by others, that in July last he cast adrift a flatboat found in a sinking condition in front of the landing in the Fourth District; that he has been sued by Spencer Field & Co. for the value of the boat, and that judgment has been rendered against him, amounting, with costs, to $31 50, which sum he has been compelled to pay.

Your committee are of the opinion that the Wharfinger was perfectly right in the course he pursued, and that he should be held harmless for any loss or damage to the premises. They therefore offer a resolution authorizing the Comptroller to warrant on the Treasurer in his favor for $31 50.

They believe that Spencer Field & Co. are subject to a fine of from $10 to $50 for violation of ordinances bearing upon cases of this kind, and offer a resolution directing Mr. Keen to institute suit against them through the Assistant City Attorney.

W. CHAMBERS,
E. BOUNY,
E. A. RAWLINS.

The following resolution, accompanying the above report, was read, the rules being suspended, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Rush, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—18.

Resolved, That the Comptroller warrant on the Treasurer in favor of H. D. Keen, Wharfinger of the Fourth District, for $31 50, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him by Spencer Field & Co., for a flat-boat cast adrift by him.

Resolved, *Further*, that H. D. Keen, Wharfinger of the Fourth District, be instructed to institute suit through the Assistant City Attorney, against Spencer, Field & Co., for violation of ordinance with regard to sunken flat-boats.

POLICE COMMITTEE.

The following report from the above committee was read and adopted:

The Committee on Police, to whom has been referred the following subjects, beg leave to report:

1. Upon the communication of the Chief of Police, relative to the lock-up of the First District, your committee beg to refer the same to the Committee on Improvements and Buildings.

2. On the petition of sundry persons, complaining of certain nuisances, your committee beg to refer the same to the Street Commissioner, whose duty it is to enforce the ordinances applicable in which cases.

3. Upon the petition of Constantine Kolili, to be allowed to continue his ice-cream establishment on the levee, between the wharves, Second District, against, inasmuch as there are now in force numerous ordinances and resolutions prohibiting the erection of all kinds of buildings and obstructions on the wharves and levees; your committee therefore present an additional resolution, requiring the Street Commissioner to remove the same, after the notice be given to the occupants and owners of such places, in accordance with the resolution herewith annexed.

4. Upon the petition of D. O. Nadaud, Commissary of the Vegetable Market, Second District, relative to selling at Commissary of the Fruit Market, a resolution is presented requesting the Commissary of the Vegetable Market to act as Commissary of the Fruit Market.

5. Upon the resolution appointing a joint committee for the purpose of organizing a police guard for the city, your committee report in favor of the appointment of said committee.

6. Upon the petition of sundry persons in the neighborhood of Adam Rath's blacksmith shop on Clio street, your committee refer the same to the Street Commissioner to attend to the premises.

7. On the petition of M. Overton, in relation to a stove pipe erected on his premises, your committee would refer the same to the Street Commissioner, who is charged with the execution of the city ordinances in such cases.

8. Upon a petition signed by a number of persons in the Third District, complaining of a slaughter-house on Goodchildren street, is also referred to the Street Commissioner.

9. Upon the petition of George Tate, asking that he pay as policeman, he was allowed during his sickness, inasmuch as he was wounded in the discharge of his duty; unfavorable, inasmuch as no certificate or evidence is submitted to your committee in proof of said claim.

10. Upon the petition of sundry property owners and residents of the Fourth District, complaining of shanties occupied by negroes on St. Mary's street, your committee beg to call the attention of the Chief of Police as the proper person to correct this complaint.

11. Upon the petition of Nicholson & Co., asking permission to erect a blacksmith shop on their property situated corner of Magazine and Robin streets, favorable. A resolution is presented for said purpose.

12. Upon the petition of Pedro Simon, asking to be allowed to keep an oyster stand between the Meat and Vegetable Markets, Second District; against, as the Council have no right to grant any exclusive privileges to any person or persons located on the levee.

13. On the petition of Philip Willman, concerning the lighting the oil lamps of the city; also in relation to a deduction made for non-compliance with his contract. Your committee have had the matter under consideration and do not think so much blame can be attached to the contractor, the lamps being of little or no use; and it would be almost impossible to keep the light in a proper condition unless some other lamps were provided. Your committee introduce the resolution necessary to provide for the same through the proper officer.

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. WILTZ,
HENRY GUYOL,
C. BANISTER.

The following resolutions accompanying the above report were read, the rules being suspended, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby requested to remove, after five days' notice having been given by him, the Ice Cream saloon occupied by Constantine Kolili, situated on the levee, in front of Jackson Square, Second District.

Resolved, That D. O. Nadaud, Commissary of the Vegetable market, Second District, be authorized and requested to act as Commissary of the Fruit market, Second District.

The following resolutions accompanying the same report, were read, the rules being suspended, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Banister Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen,, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—18.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to allow the contractor for lighting the lamps of the Fourth District, the certificate for the deduction made in December last, when he shall be satisfied the cause of the reduction was from the bad construction of the lamps.

Resolved further, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to replace such lamps as may be unfit for use in all the districts in the city.

The following resolution referred to in the same report, was on motion laid over till the next meeting:

A resolution appointing a joint committee for the purpose of organizing a proper guard for the protection of the city.

WORK-HOUSE AND PRISONS.

The following report from the above committee was read and adopted, and the resolution accompanying the same was read, the rules being suspended, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Kelly, Landry, Rusha, Stith and Violett—15.

The Committee on Work-House and Prisons beg to present the following report and resolution for adoption: Your committee have examined the several accounts and bills due for the months of October and November, 1855, for provisions and materials, and find the same correct; they therefore present a resolution appropriating the amount required to pay the same. They also present a quarterly statement of the operations of the City Work-House, ending on the 19th October, in which there is a complete statement of all articles manufactured and the disposition made of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

HANSON KELLY,
WILLIAM LONG,
E. M. RUSHA,
C. BANISTER.

Resolves, That the sum of three thousand and eleven 77-100 dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of bills for provisions and materials for the City Work-House, for the months of October and November, 1855.

IMPROVEMENTS AND BUILDINGS.

The following report from the above committee was read and adopted:

The Committee on Improvements and Buildings beg leave to report, that it is absolutely necessary to have some repairs made to the buildings owned by the city and used as Recorder's office, First District; also, used as a lock-up. The buildings are going to destruction for want of the repairs to the roof, which is in a leaky condition. They would also add that for the facilitating of the public business, the lock-up should be repaired. They therefore present a resolution, authorizing the Comptroller to sell the contract for the same. They also present a resolution to have the Robin street Watch-house repaired.

E. M. RUSHA,
WM. H. BARBARIN,
ISAAC THAYER.

The following resolutions accompanying the above report were read, the rules being suspended, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller sell, after five days' notice in the official journal, the contract to repair the building and lock-up, First District, belonging to the city, situated at the corner of Hevia and St. Charles streets, agreeably to plans and specifications to be furnished by the Surveyor, said sale subject to the approval of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to sell after five days' notice in the official journal, the contract to repair the Robin street Watch-house.

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chambers, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Giffen, Guyol, Kelly, Landry, Rusha, Stith and Violett—15.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner, in accordance with a resolution already passed, be required to have the gas introduced into the Robin street Watch-house with as little delay as possible.

Mr. Barthette took his seat.

The following resolution was read, the rules being suspended, and on motion laid over till the next meeting:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to any of the lessees of any of the wharves of the city to set aside some particular portion of the wharves of the city, not exceeding one hundred feet, for the exclusive use of the New Orleans and Vicksburg mail, the lessees Pitcher, Natchez and Southern Mails, the same to be continued during the pleasure of the Council.

Mr. Fabre offered the following resolution, which was read, the rules being suspended, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution creating a special committee of three, to which was referred the petition of Herman Delknight, to remove the flatboats from the First District to the Fourth, and to extend the steamboat landing, be amended, so as to make the said committee four instead of three.

On motion, the chair appointed Mr. Fabre as the additional member to the above mentioned committee.

Mr. Chambers, on behalf of the Committee appointed by this Board on the special joint committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and other city officers, offered the following report, together with the resolutions accompanying the same, which were ordered to be published:

The members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen appointed on the special joint committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and other city officers, beg leave to offer the following report:

In pursuance of the duties assigned them by resolution of the Council, No. 2305, approved July 15th, 1855, the committee, in the latter part of July last, appointed three experts, or accountants, to make the examinations requisite to ascertain whether the revenues of the city had been properly collected and accounted for. The result of their labors, commencing with the consolidation of the city in April, 1852, and ending on the 31st of December, 1855, will appear from the accompanying resolutions of a report from them, and the documents accompanying the same marked A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

Document "A," gives a statement of warrants issued by the Comptroller for which the authorities cited cannot be found, and others which are not provided for by the ordinances of the Council and laws of the State; these warrants have been examined, and are found to be chiefly the certificates of the Surveyor and Street Commissioner to bills and pay rolls, and the receipts of the numerous claimants under the same, and in some cases the approval of the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Your committee have no doubt that these warrants were issued in payment of the debts of the city, and that the authorities cited and vouchers accompanying, are the same, under the usage of that period, deemed sufficient warrant for their issue.

Document "A" also gives a statement of overissues of warrants. Three of them are of small amount, the fourth is for $1,947. An error appears to have been made in the entry of the $1,947 last named Warrant upon the books of the Comptroller and Treasurer, by which the city is charged with $1,947 too much. Unless it should appear upon further examination that a credit to the city was subsequently given for this amount, it will have to be made good by the Treasurer.

Document "B" shows the balance to be accounted for by the Treasurer of the tax on real estate and slaves for the year 1853, amounting to $36,546 99-100. This officer is now engaged in making up the statement of reductions made on tax bills upon the certificates of the Assessors, and in consequence of the double assessment of property in numerous cases. By this statement he expects to account satisfactorily for the above named balance.

Document "C" also shows that of bills for taxes on real estate and slaves for the year 1853, amounting to $270,422 3-100, placed in the hands of the late Assistant City Attorney for collection, only $122,879 93-100 have been paid into the treasury, leaving the very large balance of $147,432 93-100. The fact of so large an amount of taxes levied three years since, remaining uncollected up to this time, shows a most lamentable want of efficiency, either on the part of the collection of taxes, or in their enforcement, a corrective of which is imperiously demanded.

Your committee are aware that a large amount of the tax bills placed in the hands of the late Assistant City Attorney were uncollected during his term of office, and fear, that under the present system, such will continue to be the case with his successors in office. A copy of a letter on this subject, addressed by Mr. Labatt to the committee, is herewith submitted. In this letter he expresses his readiness now to account for all claims placed in his hands. By resolution of the Council, No. 2461, approved November 30th, the Treasurer was directed to make up a statement showing the claims placed in the hands of the late Assistant City Attorney remaining unaccounted for. When this is completed (and to its speedy completion your committee beg to call the special attention of the Treasurer) it will be a simple task for Mr. Labatt to show if in what court each particular claim was put in suit, and the condition of the suit at the expiration of his term of office.

Tax bills have been made out by the experts to supply the omissions occasioned by errors in transcribing from the assessment rolls to the tax ledger, amounting to some four thousand dollars, the larger portion, if not all of which, it is presumed can be collected.

With the view of avoiding errors in the issue of warrants, and of facilitating any future examination of the kind now on hand, your committee would recommend that the Comptroller be requested to keep a book, upon the credit side of which shall be placed all ordinances or resolutions authorizing the payment of money, and on the debit side all payments made in pursuance of them. And for the purpose of fixing the liability of the Treasurer with regard to licenses, they would recommend that the Comptroller who the same in all licenses before placing them in the hands of the Treasurer, and take his receipt for the number he may deliver to him, representing a certain sum of money, thereby fixing the liability of the Treasurer in a specific sum, for which he must account in money or in licenses returned to the Comptroller.

Your committee do not find the accounts for 1852 kept with the system and accuracy that could be desired. This is especially the case in the accounts relating to taxes. Some allowance, however, should be made for this, from the fact that the taxes for that year were levied late, and the tax bill had to be made out hurriedly; and some want of well matured system might be expected upon the initiation of the new city government. This has retarded the labors of the experts very much. We are assured, however, by the city officers, that the examination for the subsequent years can be conducted with much greater facility.

By resolution of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, adopted on the 10th July last, the members of that Board appointed on the Committee were instructed to enter into no engagements with experts or accountants involving an expense of more than $2,000. The salaries of experts employed already exceeds that sum. A resolution was offered in committee some time since to suspend the salaries of experts until further action should be taken upon the subject by your honorable body, but the proposition did not meet the approval of a majority of the committee.

Longer time has been already occupied and greater expense incurred than was originally contemplated, but your committee would regret to see the work abandoned on this account. They are satisfied that the examination commenced should be completed, and believe that the result will more than compensate the community for the expense incurred, whether that result be the detection of serious abuses, or the knowledge that the officers of the city, entrusted with the collection and disbursement of its revenues, have been faithful to their trust.

Your committee ask your favorable consideration of the resolutions they submit.

W. CHAMBERS,
S. BOWELLS,
L. McKNIGHT,
W. H. BARBARIN,
T. A. BARTLETTE.

Resolved, That the resolution of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, adopted on ..., instructing the members appointed on the joint committee for examining the accounts of the Treasurer and other city officers, to enter into no engagements with experts or accountants, in voting an expense of more than $2,000, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to keep a book, on the credit sides of which shall be entered all ordinances or resolutions authorizing the payment of money, and on the debit side, all payments made in pursuance of them.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to write the sums in all licenses before placing them in the hands of the Treasurer, and take his receipt for the number he may deliver to him, representing a certain sum of money, thereby fixing the liability of the Treasurer in a specific sum, for which he must account in money or in licenses returned to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned to Tuesday next, January 22d, 1856, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

JAMES A. HOPKINS, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS.

COMMON COUNCIL,
City of New Orleans, January 17, 1856.

No. 2246.

Resolved, That there shall be levied a tax of 31-100 of one per cent. on the real estate and slaves assessed within the city of New Orleans, for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds of the City of New Orleans issued in the Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, the Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company, and the Pontchartrain Railroad Company.

[Signed] E. L. TRACY,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] J. J. LUGENBURG,
President Board of Aldermen.

Approved January 16, 1856.
[Signed] JOHN L. LEWIS, Mayor.
ja18 A true copy THOS. THRASHER, Sec'y.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
City of New Orleans, May 1, 1855.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby authorized and required to give notice, by a standing advertisement in the official journal, that in accordance with the ninth section of ordinance No. 1442, approved March 30, 1854, the Council will not pay any bill against the City unless contracted under authority of an order from the Comptroller, in accordance with the ordinance referred to.

[Signed] E. L. TRACY,
President Board of Assistant Aldermen.
[Signed] L. H. PLACE,
President Board of Aldermen.

Approved April 28, 1855.
[Signed] JOHN L. LEWIS, Mayor.

The attention of the officers of the city and of the public is respectfully called to the foregoing resolution.

O. DE BUYS,
my19 tf Comptroller City of New Orleans.

First District Pound.

WAS brought to the First District Pound, on Dryades street, between Julia and Gleed, as estrays—

One brown and yellow ox Goat, white belly, black streak on the back, no horns.

One gray and black ox Goat, left ear swallow-fork, right ear cropped and half cropped, with wattle.

Which, if not claimed within ten days and the expenses thereon paid, will be sold at public auction, at said pound, on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M.

AUG. S. PHELPS,
Street Commissioner.

New Orleans, January 7, 1856.

La etc conduit au depot des Epaves du Premier District, rue Dryades, entre les rues Julia et Girod, comme epaves—

Une Chevre brune et jaune, ayant le ventre blanc, une raie noire au dos, sans cornes.

Une Chevre grise et noire, l'oreille gauche fourchue, l'oreille droite ecourtee et a demis ecourtee, ayant une barbe.

Si les dits animaux, ne sont pas reclames dans dix jours, et les depenses payees, ils seront vendus a l'encherre publique, au dit depot, VENDREDI, le 18 du courant, a 10 heures A. M.

AUG. S. PHELPS, Commissaire des Rues.
Nlle-Orleans, 7 Janvier, 1856. ja8 14 18

Third District Pound.

WAS brought to the Third District Pound, No. 82 Elysian Fields street, as estrays—

One red and white (piebald) Cow, crop and split in both ears, branded on both hips with hieroglyphics.

One dark brown she Goat, black back, and white spots on right side.

Which, if not claimed within ten days, and the expenses thereon paid, will be sold at public auction, at said pound, on FR