ing of Religuine street, between New Levy and Front streets, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from J. B. Robertson, proposing to contract for a book of plans of the city, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

A report from the Grand Jury was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A communication from Alderman Isaac Gillmore, tendering his resignation as member of the Finance Committee, was read.

On motion, the resignation was accepted, and Alderman Culbertson appointed a member of the Finance Committee, in his place.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Mr. Durell, were read twice and adopted, the rules being suspended.

Whereas, the Government of the United States have determined to erect a Marine Hospital, upon Common street, in this city; and whereas, said Government will, after the erection of said hospital, discontinue its occupation of the building erected for the purpose of being used as a Marine Hospital on the right bank of the Mississippi river: Therefore be it

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress, and our Representatives of the First and Second Congressional Districts of the State, be requested to use all proper means for obtaining from the United States Donation to the city of New Orleans of the Marine Hospital Building, located upon the right bank of the Mississippi, together with the grounds thereto attached, to be used by said city as a House of Refuge and Reformation for juvenile delinquents.

The following ordinance, offered by Mr. Bailey, was read and laid over to the next meeting:

AN ORDINANCE defining the limits of Election Precincts.

Be it ordained, by the Common Council of the city of New Orleans, That the following be and are hereby constituted the Election Precincts of said city:

First Precinct.—All that portion of the Eleventh Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of Magazine and First streets.

Second Precinct.—All the remainder of the Fourth Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of Felicity, Magazine and First streets.

Fourth Precinct.—All the remainder of the Tenth Ward comprised between the middle of Magazine, Felicity and First streets.

Fifth Precinct.—All that portion of the First Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of Thalia, Annunciation and Felicity streets.

Sixth Precinct.—All that portion of the First Ward comprised between the middle of Annunciation, Thalia, Prytania and Felicity streets.

Seventh Precinct.—All the remainder of the First Ward comprised between the middle of Prytania, Thalia and Felicity streets.

Eighth Precinct.—All that portion of the Second Ward comprised between the Mississippi river and the middle of Julia, Magazine and Thalia streets.

Ninth Precinct.—All that portion of the Second Ward, comprised between Magazine, Julia, Barone and Thalia streets.

Tenth Precinct.—All the remainder of the Second Ward comprised between the middle of Barone street, Julia street and New Canal, Lake Pontchartrain, Upper line of city and middle of Thalia streets.

Eleventh Precinct.—All that portion of the Third Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of Julia, Magazine and Julia streets.

Twelfth Precinct.—All that portion of the Third Ward comprised between the middle of Magazine, Canal, Carondelet and Julia streets.

Thirteenth Precinct.—All that portion of the Third Ward comprised between the middle of Carondelet, Canal, Rampart and Julia streets.

Fourteenth Precinct.—All that portion of the Third Ward comprised between the middle of Rampart, Canal, Villere and Howard streets, and New Canal.

Fifteenth Precinct.—All the remainder of the Third Ward comprised between the middle of Villere and Howard streets, Canal street and dividing line between 1st and 2d Districts, Lake Pontchartrain and New Canal.

Sixteenth Precinct.—All that portion of the Fourth Ward comprised between the Mississippi river and the middle of St. Louis, Burgundy and Canal streets.

Seventeenth Precinct.—All the remainder of the Fourth Ward comprised between the middle of Burgundy and St. Louis streets, Metairie Road and Canal street.

Eighteenth Precinct.—All that portion of the Fifth Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of St. Philip, Bourbon and St. Louis streets.

Nineteenth Precinct.—All that portion of the Fifth Ward comprised between the middle of Bourbon, St. Philip, Treme and St. Louis streets.

Twentieth Precinct.—All the remainder of the Fifth Ward comprised between the middle of Treme and St. Philip streets, Bayou St. John, Metairie Road and middle of St. Louis street.

Twenty-first Precinct.—All that portion of the Sixth Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of Esplanade, Bourbon and St. Philip streets.

Twenty-second Precinct.—All the remainder of the Sixth Ward comprised between the middle of Bourbon and Esplanade streets, Lake Pontchartrain, dividing line between First and Second Districts, Metairie Road, Bayou St. John and middle of St. Philip streets.

Twenty-third Precinct.—All that portion of the Seventh Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of Elysian Fields, Claiborne and Esplanade streets.

Twenty-fourth Precinct.—All the remaining portion of the Seventh Ward comprised between the middle of Claiborne, Elysian Fields street, Lake Pontchartrain and middle of Esplanade street.

Twenty-fifth Precinct.—All that portion of the Eighth Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of Lafayette Avenue, St. Claude and Elysian Fields streets.

Twenty-sixth Precinct.—All the remainder of the Eighth Ward comprised between the middle of St. Claude street and Lafayette Avenue, Lake Pontchartrain and middle of Elysian Fields street.

Twenty-seventh Precinct.—All that portion of the Ninth Ward comprised between the Mississippi river, the middle of Louisa street, Lake Pontchartrain and middle of Lafayette Avenue.

Twenty-eighth Precinct.—All the remaining portion of the Ninth Ward which is comprised between the Mississippi river, lower line of city, Lake Pontchartrain and middle of Louisa street.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

CHAS. CLAIBORNE, Sec'y.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

TUESDAY, April 22, 1856.

The Board met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Hon. Gerard Stith, President pro tem.; Messrs. Barbarin, Bartlette, Benit, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Fabre, Guyol, Hebrard, Kelly, Landry, Long, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—16.

The reading of the minutes was, on motion, dispensed with.

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

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, April 15, 1856.

To the Presidents and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I here with transmit to you a statement showing the distribution of the police force in the several districts of the city, to which I most earnestly call your attention. You will perceive, therefrom, that many populous and important portions of the city are entirely without protection, from the fact that there are not men enough to place upon many of the streets; also, in many portions of the city where watchmen are placed, the beats are necessarily so long that it is physically impossible that those portions should be properly protected.

From the statement it must be evident to the minds of all, that the present force is entirely too small for the proper protection of a city of the extent and population of New Orleans.

Such portions of the city where there are no policemen are as much entitled to protection as the others, and I earnestly call upon the representatives of those portions to see that their constituents are righted.

Should the Council refuse to augment the police force to a number sufficient to afford effective protection, it cannot fairly be expected that the responsibility of a partial and insufficient police, should rest solely on my shoulders, but must be divided and likewise supported by that branch of the administration to which is confided the power of augmenting the force, thereby affording ample security and protection to all.

Hoping, gentlemen, that you will give this important subject your serious consideration, and afford me the means of having the police of this city performed in such manner as the public interest loudly calls for.

I have the honor to be,
Respectfully,
JOHN L. LEWIS, Mayor.

The following message from the Mayor was read:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, April 22, 1856.

To the Presidents and Members of the Common Council—

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully call your attention to the accompanying order from the Honorable First District Court of New Orleans, which has been served on me, directing that the Third District Lock-up be entirely closed and that no person charged with any offence be confined therein until it be repaired and made fit for the confinement of persons charged with crimes and misdemeanors; and request that you will order the necessary repairs to be forthwith made.

I have been requested to lay before you and call your critical attention to the petition and resolutions of the Board of Wardens of the Church of St. Louis, relative to the shelling of Esplanade street, from St. John Road to the Bayou St. John, which are herewith transmitted.

I would also call your attention to the accompanying communication addressed to me by Mr. Louis St. Martin, appointed Register of voters for this city, under the late act of the Legislature, informing me that he is prepared to enter upon the duties of his office, and requesting that he be supplied with a suitable office in the City Hall, and furnished with the necessary books, et.

In compliance with section 5th of an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act to provide for the draining and cleaning of the marshy grounds and cypress swamps, situated between the city of New Orleans, its incorporated suburbs, and Lake Pontchartrain, approved 20th March, 1839," I have appointed as Directors on behalf of the city of New Orleans, Messrs. Wilhelmus Bear, Benjamin Bloomfield, Edgar Montleigat and Hery Peychaud, and respectfully submit them to your approval and confirmation.

JOHN L. LEWIS, Mayor.

Messrs. Howell, Banister and Rusha took their seats.

The first part of the foregoing message, in regard to the closing of the Third District Lock-up, was refered to the City Attorney; the second part, in regard to the shelling of Esplanade street, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landing; the balance of the message was referred to ie Finance Committee

The following communications from the Comptroller were read, and, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee:

[The statements referred to in the communications will be found in another column of this paper.]

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
New Orleans, April 15, 1856.

To the Honorable the Common Council of New Orleans:

GENTLEMEN—I have to inform you of the adjudications made by me yesterday, viz:

1st. For building two bridges across Canal Carondelet, at the junction of Claiborne and Morais streets, to John McVitie—security, Thomas Buckley—at $2,900 00 for the whole work.

2d. For the construction of a Nuisance Wharf, opposite Independence street, to M. Garvin—security, Philip Drum—at $23 per square of 100 superficial feet.

3d. For attending the Bayou St John Bridge for one year, to J. B. Delcour—security, Frank Kaltman—at $375.

Yours, respectfully,
O. DEBUYS, Comptroller.

P S. According to provisions of ordinance No. 2,634, I herewith transmit statement of checks drawn by the City Treasurer.

O. DEBUYS, Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
New Orleans, April 22, 1856.

To the Honorable the Common Council of New Orleans:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith transmit to your honorable body a statement of checks drawn by the Treasurer, up to this date, as required by ordinance No. 2,634.

Yours, respectfully,
O. DEBUYS, Comptroller.

The following weekly reports from the Treasurer were, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee:

TREASURER'S WEEKLY REPORT.

FROM 7th TO 14th APRIL, 1856, INCLUSIVE.

To Cash	Dr.
To balance	$18,545 41
Notes Receivable	13,693 98
Interest	581 85
City Tax, 1855	14,42 29
Interest on Railroad Bonds	16,012 53
Consolidated Loan Tax of 1855	14,769 88
Merchants	3,900 55
Peddlers	124 00
Coffee-houses	1,820 00
Family Groceries	500 00
Drays, Carts, etc	90 00
Cabs and Carriages	65 00
Market Carts, etc	78 00
Interest on Pontchartrain Railroad Bonds	499 49
Balls	225 00
Billiards, etc	240 00
W. H. Garland	450 00
Ground Rent	175 37
Taxes and other assets, municipalities and Lafayette	457 56
Public Schools	33,529 59
Police Halls	135 50
Piers	63 00
Paving Reimbursement	81 89
City Tax of 1854	10 00
Consolidated Loan Tax, 1854	8 50
	$142,050 53

By Cash	Cr.
Interest on Pontchartrain Railroad Bonds	454 82
Interest on Railroad Bonds	16,154 66
Consolidated Loan Tax, 1855	44,965 56
Interest	39 00
Judgments	175 91
Public Schools	459 16
Charity	248 00
Fire Companies	2,679 91
Law charges	149 00
Draining	1,018 00
Printing	352 05
Military Companies	40 00
Contingent	3,016 50
Office Expenses	57 50
Markets	32 00
Police Halls	162 40
Market Carts	6 00
Family Groceries	50 00
Salaries	722 50
Streets	3,290 00
Police	14,745 76
Public Pounds	60 00
Balance	54,866 78
	$142,050 53

ADAM GIFFEN, Treasurer.

New Orleans, April 12, 1856.

TREASURER'S WEEKLY REPORT.

FROM 14th TO 19th APRIL, 1856, INCLUSIVE.

To Cash	Dr.
To Balance	$54,866 78
Printing	75
Law charges	74 50
Interest	120 67
City tax, 1854	474 50
Interest on Railroad bonds	25,297 02
Merchants	5,620 00
Family groceries	598 55
City Tax, 1855	23,676 18
Consolidated Loan Tax, 1855	71,890 43
Coffee-Houses	1,510 00
Street Exhibitions	10 00
Interest on Railroad Bonds	257 50
Cabs and carriages	63 00
Market carts	42 00
Balls	36 00
Drays, carts, etc	30 00
Peddlers	60 00
Notes receivable	299 40
Oyster licenses	30 00
Ground rent	694 25
Consolidated Loan Tax, 1854	334 47
	$122,185 93

By cash	Cr.
Interest on Pontchartrain Railroad bonds	229 65
Interest on Railroad bonds	28,765 91
Consolidated Loan Tax, 1854	539 97
Consolidated Loan Tax, 1855	66,805 37
Licensing	2,996 33
Judgments	6,765 72
Streets	2,837 12
Police	15 00
Elections	21 00
Balance on hand in Branch of State Bank of Louisiana	73,249 16
	$181,185 92

ADAM GIFFEN, Treasurer.

New Orleans, April 19, 1856.

The following letter from the Treasurer was read, and, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee:

[The statements referred to in the letter will be found in another part of this paper.]

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
City of New Orleans, April 15, 1856.

To the Presidents and Members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to lay before you the number of licenses which have been issued from this office from the 7th to the 14th April, inclusive, with the name of the party to whom issued and the amount received for the same. The number issued is as follows:

10 family grocery licenses,
2 billiard tables do,
9 police houses do,
54 retail merchants' do,
3 exchange brokers do,
1 auctioneer do,
11 commission merchants' licenses,
6 wholesale do do,
1 coal yard do,
8 dress do,
1 warehouse do,
3 doctors do,
1 cotton press do,
2 insurance co's do,
1 notion broker do,

DRAYS, CARTS, ETC.

2 licenses, First District,
1 do Third do,
1 do Fourth do,
3 cab and carriage licenses,
15 market cart do.

Very respectfully,
ADAM GIFFEN, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
City of New Orleans, April 21, 1856.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to lay before you the number of licenses which have been issued from this office from the 14th to the 19th April, inclusive, with the name of the party to whom issued and the amount received from each. The number issued is as follows:

12 coffee house licenses,
7 family grocery do,
2 fruit stands do,
31 retail merchants' licenses,
11 commission do do,
2 wholesale do do,
2 wood dealers' do,
2 doctors do,
1 ship broker's do,
2 cotton do do,
7 cotton do do,
1 lumber yard do,
2 restaurant do do,
1 cigar store do,
1 soap factory do,

DRAYS, CARTS, ETC.

3 licenses, First District,
1 do Third do,
4 do cabs and carriages,
8 do market carts.

Very respectfully,
ADAM GIFFEN, Treasurer.

The following letter from the Surveyor was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings:

SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT,
City of New Orleans, April 15, 1856.

To the Hon. the Common Council, Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: It becomes my duty to report that Mr. James A. Lang, lessee of the revenues of the port of the Third Section, has failed to comply with that part of his contract requiring that the wharves and levees shall always be kept in good repair. The wharves in this Section are, in many places, in a very dilapidated condition and dangerous. The wharfinger has reported to me that, for the last few days, accidents have daily occurred, and yet the lessee shows no willingness to have the most urgent repairs performed. In conformity with resolution No. 2690, I have, on the 23d of March last, notified the lessee to have the levee—which is in the most wretched condition from Notre Dame street up—repaired in five days, and the notice has not yet been complied with.

A clause of the contract, if it is true, gives to the Surveyor, whenever the lessee refuses to make the repairs, the power to have the same made forthwith at the expense of said lessee; but, as I am satisfied that such a course, if pursued by me, would undoubtedly engage the city in one more law suit, and that the cost of the repairs so done will have to come out of the revenues of the city already appropriated to other objects, and would consequently greatly embarrass the Treasury, I deemed best to delay action in the premises, and wait for the decision of your honorable body.

I remain, respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
LOUIS H. PILIE, City Surveyor.

A communication from the City Attorney, informing the Board of decisions rendered by the Supreme Court, in the following cases:

City of New Orleans vs. the Wardens of the Church of St. Louis; J. L. Carman vs. the city of New Orleans; the legatees of N. Girod vs. their honors A. D. Crossman, J. L. Lewis, and the City; Patrick Murphy vs. the City; Henry Gobert vs. the City; was read, and on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

The following communication from the City Attorney was read, and on motion, referred to the Finance Committee:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY,
NEW ORLEANS, April 22, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN: At the session of your honorable body, on the 8th instant, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the City Attorney be requested to inform this Board, whether according to the new City Charter, the Common Council have any officers to elect before that date, or the first day of May, 1856.

Under the charter of 1852, the election of the executive officers and of the members of the Common Council was held on the 4th Monday of March, and their term of office commenced on the 1st day of April following. All officers, whose election was not otherwise provided for, were usually elected by the Common Council during the months of April and May, and their term of office dated from the day of their election.

There is no clause in the new charter which continues these officers in office beyond the term for which they were elected, except those officers enumerated in the 24th section.

It may be urged that because this section continues a certain class of officers in office until the first Monday of August, the term of all others expires at the time fixed by the Act of 1853. I do not consider that this section contains an affirmative pregnant with a negative, though it may be so regarded by some. The most usefully, all statutes granting power. But I do not consider that the prolongation of the term of an office is the grant of a new power.

If however it should be urged that the present Council should elect all officers, others than those enumerated in the 24th section, I would then ask under what section of the new charter the exercise of such a right can be claimed.

There is no section or clause in the act of 1856, which continues in office, the Mayor, the Recorders, or the Common Council, beyond the 2d Monday of April. Upon what principle of law or rule of construction are they continued in office? Under the broad principle that all public officers hold until their successors are elected and qualified. I know of no other rule of construction which can keep alive the present municipal government. The same rule will keep in office all those not enumerated in the 24th section.

If the terms of these officers have expired, so has the term of the Mayor, and of the Aldermen, and it would be a usurpation of a power on the part of the Council to elect at this period, any officer.

Should the present Council claim the right to elect, it is by no means certain that the new Council would not claim the same right. The corporation then would have two sets of officers and the consequent litigation could not but be detrimental to the best interests of the city.

It would also seem proper that the new Council should have the right of selecting all its officers. Full power should be given them to put into motion the machinery of the new municipal government, and it does not work well, if they must bear all the responsibility.

Your obedient servant,
J. LIVINGSTON,
City Attorney.

A communication from the City Attorney, informing the Board that the Supreme Court had rendered judgment in favor of the city in the suit of Drs. Chastant and Weatherly vs. The City; also, that he had wrote to the Hon. Miles Taylor, at Washington, that the Judiciary Committee would report in favor of paying him $1,000, for professional services he might render the city in the case of the heirs of Poultney, now before the Supreme Court of the United States; also informing the Board that in the case of Euphrosine Fouvergne, widow of J. Ginet, and M. Aime and als, vs. Municipality No. 2, the United States Supreme Court had rendered judgment in favor of the city, was, on motion, referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Messrs. Bridge, McKnight and Tracy took their seats.

A communication from the Street Commissioner, recommending the purchase of curb and gutter stones to continue the paving on Levee street, Third District, was read.

The rules being suspended, Mr. Chiapella offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase as many curb and gutter stones as will serve to lay the round stones already on the above street, Third District, provided the quantity of curb and gutter stones thus purchased do not exceed 1500 running feet in length, and do not cost exceeding 55 cents per running foot for curb and gutter inclusive; and provided further, the contract for laying said pavement, shall first consent, in writing, to continue the pavement as far as said stones will go, upon the same terms and conditions as is specified in his contract, dated 23d January, 1856.

Mr. Eager moved to refer the foregoing resolution to the Committee on Streets and Landings. Lost.

On motion, the resolution was read a second time and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs Tracy, Banister, Barbarin, Bartlette, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Ducros, Fabre, Guyol, Hebrard, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Long, McKnight, Rusha, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—20.

Nay—Mr. Eager—1.

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

The following message was read:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
April 9, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—The following resolutions adopted by your honorable body were concurred in by the Board of Aldermen:

A resolution requiring the Street Commissioner to employ the chain gang to open the ditch on the North side of Hospital street, from Picton to Broad street, and requiring the Surveyor to make the necessary bridges over the same.

A resolution authorizing the sale of the contract for attending and keeping the bridge across Canal Carondelet, on Claiborne street.

A resolution granting permission to G. W. Smith and Thos. McCoy to construct a plank road on Broad street, from Dumaine to the New Canal.

A resolution authorizing the Surveyor to have a wooden crossing made at the corner of Fourth and Coliseum street.

The following resolution adopted by your honorable body was rejected:

A resolution authorizing the Street Commissioner to make a flag-stone crossing across Camp street opposite the upper opening of the Magazine Market.

Respectfully,
CHAS. CLAIBORNE, Sec'y.

The following resolution, adopted by this Board and rejected by the Board of Aldermen, was, on motion, persisted in, and Messrs. Tracy, Thayer and Rusha were appointed a committee of conference on the subject:

A resolution authorizing the Street Commissioner to make a flag-stone crossing across Camp street opposite the upper opening of Magazine Market.

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, was read:

A resolution granting permission to P. C. Wright to establish a cemetery upon a tract of land lying near the Gentilly Road.

Mr. Wiltz moved to lay the resolution on the table indefinitely—lost.

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Fabre, Hebrard, Kelly, Landry, Long and Wiltz—10.

Nays—Messrs. Tracy, Banister, Bartlette, Ducros, Eager, Guyol, Howell, McKnight, Rusha, Thayer and Violett—11.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Third District Delegation.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department was read, and, on motion, referred to the Fire Committee:

To the Hon. President and Members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

NEW ORLEANS, April 21, 1856.

Gentlemen—I have been instructed by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department to transmit to your honorable body the enclosed communication.

Respectfully,
CHAS. CLAIBORNE, Sec'y.

A communication from the Hon. George V. Bright, Recorder First District, asking to be furnished with the official journal at the expense of the city; also asking to have exclusive authority over the slave boy Texas, and asking for an additional clerk was read, and, on motion, referred to the Police Committee.

Mr. Tracy took the chair.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following were referred to the Finance Committee:

Of C. V. Jonte, asking payment of bill.
Of J. H. Keller, asking payment of bill.
Of James McCord, asking payment of bill.
Of Jos. Delny, asking payment of bill.
Of Duffy Orleaman, asking payment of bill.
Of C. M. Bradford, asking payment of bill.
Of Judge McGary, asking payment of bill.
Of J. A. D'Hemecourt proposing to contract with the city for making a general plan of the city.

The following were referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings:

Of L. Surgi, in regard to the bad condition of Claiborne Canal and its inefficiency for the drainage of the First and Fourth Districts.

Of Philip Willman, praying to be reimbursed fines imposed upon him.

Mr. Fabre offered the following preamble and resolution in regard to the above petition, which was read and referred to the same committee:

Whereas, The fines imposed upon the lamp-lighter of this city were imposed on account of the bad condition of the lamps;

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to remit said fines for the months of January and February, 1856—the others having already been remitted for December, 1855, by virtue of a resolution of the Common Council.

Of the lessees of the St. Charles Hotel and City Hotel, protesting against an injunction issued against them, intervening them from emptying their vidangers in the gutters.

Mr. McKnight offered the following ordinance in regard to the above petitions, which were read and referred to the same committee:

AN ORDINANCE

To provide sewerage on Common street, from Magazine street to Galvez Canal:

SECTION 1st. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the city of New Orleans*, That a semi-stone pipe, not less than sixteen inches in diameter, shall be laid under the ground in the street, from the corner of Magazine street to Galvez Canal.

2d. The aforesaid pipe shall be laid at proper distance below the surface, and be used by the St. Charles Hotel, City Hotel and the Charity Hospital, as drain for the sinks and cess-pools of those establishments.

3d. The connection-pipes and cost of fitting same shall be paid entirely by the respective establishments from which they are made—together with all cost of re-laying pavements and banquettes occurring in making such connections.

4. The entire cost of the sixteen inch pipe as aforesaid, shall be paid by the St. Charles Hotel Company two-thirds, and the City Hotel one-third.

5th. The cost of laying said main pipe, paving and filling shall be borne by the city of New Orleans.

6th. The said sewer pipe may be used for drainage of cess-pools and sinks, by the persons on or near the line of said street, who shall receive permit therefor from the City Surveyor, pay the cost of all connection pipes and repairing pavements, and pay into the city Treasury the sum of two hundred dollars.

7th. The contract for furnishing and laying the aforesaid sewer pipe, shall be sold by the Comptroller at public auction, after five days notice thereof in the official journal, according to specifications approved by the Streets and Landings Committee and Surveyor.

8th. The consent of the St. Charles Hotel Company and of the proprietor of the City Hotel, shall be had in writing, to the terms of this ordinance, before the final confirmation of sale, as provided in section 7.

The following were referred to the Committee on Claims:

Of J. S. Wickes, in reference to an erroneous assessment.

Of Widow Arthur McArthur, in regard to certain shares assessed in her name through error.

Of Widow Dennenbaum, in regard to suit instituted against her for taxes.

Of Henry Renshaw, agent of H. W. Hill, in regard to certain costs paid by him, and asking that the same be credited to him.

Of Michel Aime, agent, in regard to certain taxes due by the succession of L. M. Mullen, and asking that the assessment roll be changed.

Of J. R. Jones, asking that certain taxes on three slaves be remitted to him.

Of Thomas S. Randall and others, asking to be paid for extra work done prior to the adjournment of the Legislature in preparing the city charter.

Of N. Overton, asking to be refunded excess of taxes paid by him in error.

Of Patrick O'Sullivan, asking to be refunded amount of taxes paid in error.

The following were referred to the Police Committee:

Of James R. Young and Louis Metz, in regard to the encumbrance on Carondelet street.

Of H. Kloppenburg, asking permission to erect a steam engine on his property.

Of F. Schmidt, night watchman, asking to be paid his salary for the time he was confined to his bed from injuries received while on duty.

Of property-holders and residents of the Ninth Ward, praying for the removal of certain cotton pickeries.

Of Hugh Dowlin, in regard to a judgment obtained against him.

Of Sister Regis, of the Female Orphan Asylum, in regard to a notice received by her to cause to be removed the dairy kept at said Asylum.

Of citizens and property-owners, praying to permit the continuance of the soap factories on Ellen street, Fourth District.

Of A. Gautier, asking to have a retail grocery license transferred.

The petition of James Morrison, asking to be paid for services rendered in keeping engine house during disbandment of the Fire Department was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Fire.

The petition of Patrick Creighton, asking permission to transfer his coffee house was, on motion, granted.

Petition of Chas. Caffin, praying that a certain mortgage for taxes against him be cancelled, was read.

The following preamble and resolution in regard to the above petition was read, the rules being suspended and adopted, by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Benit, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Fabre, Hebrard, Kelly, Landry, McKnight, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—16.

Nays—Messrs, Bartlette, Bridge and Howell—3.

Whereas, a judgment for the sum of $57 86 has, by error, been taken on the 21st June last, 1855, in the Sixth District Court, against Chas. Caffin and Nicholas Goetz, for taxes for the year 1854, on a piece of property assessed and inscribed upon the rolls of the city, in the name of said Nicholas Goetz *only*; and whereas, said Nicholas Goetz yet remains a debtor of the city for the aforesaid year 1854, in the sum of $72 25, of which is included the above mentioned sum of $57 86.

Be it Resolved, That the City Treasurer be required to claim from said Nicholas Goetz, the said sum of $72 25, and that the City Attorney be required to raise, in the shortest delay, said judgment, so far as it bears upon Charles Caffin.

The petition of the owners of the British mail steamship "Wye," asking to be refunded amount of levee dues paid by them, was read.

Mr. McKnight offered the following resolution in regard to the above petition, which was read, the rules being suspended, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Bartlette, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Long, McKnight, Rusha, Stith, Thayer and Violett—18.

Nay—Mr. Fabre—1.

Resolved, That the Comptroller warrant on the Treasurer in favor of Wm. Ure, British Consul, for one hundred and thirty dollars ($130,) amount of levee fees received from steamship "Wye," in British mail service, which vessel put into this port in distress, in August last and remained only twenty-four hours, for the purpose of coaling and provision.

The petition of A. Bellanger, Chief of the Fire Department, asking for the issuing of a warrant for one lost, was read.

Mr. Guyol offered the following resolution, in regard to the above petition, which was read, the rules being suspended, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Banister, Barbarin, Bartlette, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Fabre, Guyol, Hebrard, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Long, McKnight, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—21.

Resolved, That the Comptroller warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the Treasurer of Creole Fire Company No. 5, for the sum of nine hundred dollars, amount due said Company, in place of the one No. 9614 lost, paying of the original having been stopped, and that the Treasurer be instructed not to pay the original.

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

The petition of Noel Magnon, asking that a lot belonging to the city and adjoining his property be allowed to him as a pasture, was read.

Mr. Fabre offered the following resolution, in regard to the above petition, which was read, the rules being suspended, adopted and, on motion, sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence:

Resolved, That Mr. H. Magnon be authorized to keep and repair the property situated on the Gentilly Road, belonging to the city, during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The petition of B. Rodriguez, concerning the market that was about to be erected on the neutral ground on Esplanade street, was, on motion, referred to the delegations of the Second and Third Districts.

The memorial of sundry persons, residents of the second drainage section, in regard to the decision lately rendered by the Supreme Court in favor of the New Orleans Draining Company, was, on motion, referred to a special committee of five, composed of Messrs. Stith, Eager, Wiltz, Howell and Hebrard.

[The memorial was ordered to be published and will be found in another column of this paper.]

The chair appointed Mr. McKnight as Chairman of the Committee on Claims, in place of Mr. Bouny, resigned.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Bartlette offered the following resolution, which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to repair the several plank roads of the city.

Mr. Fabre moved a reconsideration of the vote on the resolution offered by the Committee of Conference, to repair the different plank roads of the city, (published in full in the proceedings of the 8th April, inst.) Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Eager, Fabre, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Long, McKnight, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—15.

Nays—Messrs. Banister, Bartlette, Ducros, Rusha and Stith—5.

Mr. Bartlette moved to lay the resolution on the table—lost, and, on motion, the same was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—Messrs. Barbarin, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Long, Landry, McKnight, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bartlette, Fabre, Rusha and Stith—4.

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

Resolved, That the clerk of the First District Court of New Orleans be authorized to have gas fixtures placed in his office, provided the costs do not exceed eighty dollars.

Yeas—Messrs. Barbarin, Bartlette, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Fabre, Guyol, Howell, Kelly, Landry, Long, McKnight, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett, and Wiltz—19.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause gas light to be introduced into the Third District police station, not exceeding six burners.

Yeas—Messrs. Barbarin, Bartlette, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Fabre, Guyol, Kelly, McKnight, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—16.

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Fire Department of the city be and are hereby authorized to appoint a suitable person who shall act as Secretary of said Board of Commissioners at a salary of three hundred dollars per annum, and that the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to place the name of the person so appointed on the city payroll of officers.

Yeas—Messrs Barbarin, Bartlette, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Fabre, Guyol, Howell, Rusha, Stith, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—15.

Nays—Messrs. Kelly, Landry and McKnight—3.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay, on the warrant of the Comptroller, to W. A. Beemer and son, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for services rendered and money expended in cab hire, as Secretary and acting Sergeant-at-Arms during the several trials of impeachment during the years 1854 and 1855.

Yeas—Messrs. Barbarin, Bartlette, Benit, Bridge, Ducros, Guyol, Kelly, Landry, Rusha, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—12.

Nays—Messrs. Chiapella and Eager—2.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be invited to meet this Board in joint session, on Tuesday evening next, the 29th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing city officers.

Resolved, That the adjudication made by the Comptroller on the 7th March, 1856, of the contract for repairing the paved streets of the first and second sections to P. J. Correjolles, for the sum of $6,900 per annum, be and the same is hereby rejected.

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

Whereas, From the report of the Commissioners of the Consolidated Debt, it appears that there matured on the 1st July, 1855, sixty-eight bonds of the old city, of $1,000 each, issued to Andrew Hodge; also, on the 1st Nov., 1855, three hundred and twenty-eight bonds of the old city, of $1,000 each, issued to the Draining Company, amounting in all to $360,000—the same being a part of the Consolidated Debt of the city of New Orleans. And, whereas, The charter of the city provided that new bonds of the city should have been exchanged for the above bonds, and to pass over and paying the same. And, whereas, after duly advertising, no bids were received satisfactory to the Commissioners, whereupon the sale was deferred, and the holders of the bonds notified that interest would be paid upon the same until redeemed, at the rate of six per cent. per annum. Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana (the Fiscal Agent of the City) be and is hereby authorized to pay to the holders of the aforesaid bonds the sum of six per cent. per annum, from date of sale, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the maturity of the bonds until the principal be redeemed, when such interest as may have accrued since the last payment of interest be also paid to the holders of said bonds, out of the money deposited to the credit of the Consolidated Loan Tax with the said Fiscal Agent.

Resolved further, That the Comptroller of the city be directed to notify the said Fiscal Agent for any sums paid on account of the above resolution out of the Consolidated Fund.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions be furnished to the Cashier of the Citizens' Bank.

Yeas—Messrs. Bartlette, Benit, Bridge, Chiapella, Ducros, Eager, Fabre, Guyol, Kelly, McKnight, Rusha, Thayer, Violett and Wiltz—14.

The following resolutions were read, the rules being suspended, and lost.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to transfer a retail grocery license taken out by A. Gautier & Co., to such person or persons as may desire the same.

Resolved, That permission be granted to the St. Charles Hotel