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CITY COUNCIL.

ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

TUESDAY, 19th April, 1859.

The Board met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Hon. C. H. Waldo, President; Messrs. Beebe, Huyghe, Kearny, Magioni, Monroe, Ranney and White—8.

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

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

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, April 19, 1859.

To the Hon. the Common Council—

Gentlemen—It is my duty to call the attention of your honorable body to a conflict of duties and powers which exists between my officers, and between the Board of Health and one of the City Councils.

The damage made by the Council in the income of the Coroner's office, coupled with its previous refusal to pay bills for inquests he was obliged to hold, when evidently the result of violence or other unnatural cause, has been construed by the Coroner to relieve him from all responsibility in such cases. The duty of giving certificates of burial and of interring has been suddenly deposed. In therefore often left to th- Street Commissioner, who considers this matter a responsibility of the Coroner.

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The following communication was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings:

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Respectfully, your obedient servant,
GERARD STITH, Mayor.

The following communication was read and, on motion, all that portion in regard to contracts was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings; and the last part, in regard to the quarterly report and checks drawn by the Treasurer, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

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In these cases, I have no information. I learn from the purchaser, as well as from others, that the work contemplated in the second contract, to wit: making sidewalks on north side of Orleans street, has already been the subject of complaints of the property thereon; and as Mr. F. Lane has made a deposit of $1,000 in my hands, he would be but justice to authorize me, by a resolution, to return the same to him.

I herewith transmit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Health, during the month of March last, and statement No. 14 of checks drawn by the Treasurer for the week ending this day.

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