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ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY MANAGER

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**This publication
is dedicated to the memory of
Philip M. Erickson
for his service and friendship to
Alexandria Archaeology**

Foreword

This Alexandria Archaeology publication is a transcription of the Alexandria Common Council Minutes for a specific period, 1817-1831. I asked Phil Erickson, a most thorough Alexandria Archaeology volunteer researcher, to undertake this task for a number of reasons. First, the original book of minutes sat safely in the City Clerk's Office; yet, the treasure house of knowledge was untapped. The pages could neither be handled well nor photocopied due to their fragile nature. In order to understand many basic aspects of the city's history, someone need to transcribe each page - a major task.

Second, when I asked Phil to undertake the transcription, I centered his work on the earliest surviving documents leading up to 1831. In that year, the Nat Turner Rebellion took place near Jerusalem, in Southampton County, Virginia. The Alexandria African American Neighborhood Project required a better understanding of how the City's leaders viewed the free Black population, and how they chose to respond to increasing conflict between Black and White.

While initially only signing on to transcribe this particular information, Phil quickly saw that the Minutes required complete transcription. Armed with a hand-held tape recorder, Phil spent over 100 hours in this job. He contributed many more hours editing this document.

The Word Center provided the much-needed technology to turn Phil's tapes into a useful written document. The final phases of the project were carried out by Dean Baird and Dr. Steven Shephard. They both edited the document to provide this final copy. Dean indexed the minutes for major topics of interest and locational information. However, due to the redundancy of individual names, a person index is not provided.

Today, microfilm copies of the Alexandria Council Minutes await researchers at the Lloyd House. Transcription and indexing of the post-1831 years will give us even more information. It is my hope that this report will stimulate interest in the Minutes as an archival source of political and governmental history, and also motivate others to further this transcription task.

Pamela J. Cressey, Ph.D.
City Archaeologist

Preface

Historians interested in archaeology try everything they know about, or might learn about, to discover new treasure troves. In this format, with a close working relationship with the Alexandria Archaeology staff and volunteers, a project came into being. Where were the Alexandria wells? Who owned them? Our quest led us to the Minutes in Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Quite fortunately we had access to the original records, the Genesis of another project. (see Alexandria Water Company Permits-the First 1000 Pipers). Delving through these early records, it became apparent that much more was to be learned. The early wells, the City pumps, the tunnels to alleviate water damage, the tunnel gates the underground pipes, the wells -- even the flood gates in the lower regions of the City -- came to the fore.

And then came the question: Should we make a complete survey of those old records? What follows is a transcription of the Minutes In Council, 1817-1830. Reading the Minutes has been a study of the growth of Alexandria.

Some may comment on the spellings of names, the titles, the upper case and lower case of such, but I recorded these as they were reported in the Minutes. In this researching, some problems arose as a new scribe or recorder had to make the books. I am sure that any errors of some ten or fifteen decades ago might be excused. The records are veritable.

Through these recordings, it is sincerely hoped the history of the City will be enhanced and more especially, the clues and targets for the future Alexandria Archaeology "digs" may be enriched.

My great appreciation goes to Pat Walter and the Word Center staff for the production of this study. And also I want to thank Helen Holleman, Beverly Jett and all the people in the City Clerk's Office for providing me such courtesy and gracious working conditions.

P.M.E
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1817

Minutes
For the Year Eighteen Hundred and Seventeen
Beginning on the 8th Day of March
1817

Members of Council
Returned for the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventeen

Josiah Davis	
Anthony Rhodes	For the First Ward
John Gird	
Thomas Vowell	

Jacob Morgan	
John Longeden	For the Second Ward
Robert Anderson	
Augustine Newton	

William T. Swann	
Hugh Smith	For the Third Ward
George Deneale	
Louis Hipkins	

William Veitch	
Robert I. Taylor	For the Fourth Ward
Phineas Janney	
John C. Vowell	

At a Meeting:

Of the persons elected to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing 12 months, at the Council Chamber, on Saturday the 8th day of March 1817, present

Mssrs. Gird, Davis, Rhodes, Morgan, Anderson, Newton, Deneale, Hipkins, Swann, Veitch, T. Vowell, Janney, Taylor, Smith, J. C. Vowell-

On balloting for a President of the Council Hugh Smith, Esquire was elected, who after having taken the oath of office prescribed by the Law before Thomas Vowell, Esquire. a Justice of the Peace, administered the same to the members present -

On balloting for a clerk and auditor J. P. Thompson was un-animously re-elected;

On balloting for a Mayor, Edmund I. Lee, Esquire was re-elected.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, T. Vowell, Deneale, Janney be a committee to revise the rules of the Council, and report the same to the next meeting, and that the former rules be adopted until otherwise altered or amended.

On balloting for a messenger, James Campbell was unanimously re-elected.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, Davis, Deneale, and Vowell be a committee to bring in bills fixing the salaries of the officers of the Corporation, and for raising a revenue for the present year -

Ordered that Mssrs. Janney, T. Vowell, Anderson and Hipkins be a committee to examine into the situation of the Lancastrian Schools and report to this Council on the subject, and how far the provisions enter into in regard to the education of children of the corporation, have been carried into effect -

Edmund I. Lee, Esquire the Mayor-Elect, appeared and had the oath of office administered to him by Thomas Vowell, Esquire, Justice of the Peace in the presence of the Council -

Ordered that Mssrs. Janney, Newton, Swann, and Vowell be a Committee to superintend the finishing of the new Market House -

Ordered that Mssrs. Veitch, Newton, Rhodes, and Hipkins be a Committee to inquire into the situation of the streets, and public property of the Town and report to Council what repairs and improvements may be necessary to that.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

10 March 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, C. Vowell, Veitch, Taylor, Swann, Hipkins, Deneale, Davis, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Morgan, Newton, Anderson.

Ordered that the communication of the Mayor received by the Council on 8th day of February last and then referred to Mssrs. Herbert, Taylor, and Hoffman, together with a report and papers returned by the said committee, be recommitted to Mssrs. Taylor, Newton, and Anderson for further examination.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Council give notice that the Common Council will proceed to the appointment of the following offices on Saturday, the 15th. inst:viz: the Superintendent of Police - Keeper of the Poor House - Collector of Taxes - Superintendent of

Watch - the Watchman - Keeper of the Powder House - Physician to the Poor House - and Constables -

A communication was received from the Mayor and referred to Mssrs. Deneale and Veitch.

Mr. Morgan from the Committee reported bills for "fixing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation," and for "raising a revenue for the present year," which were severally read "first" time and laid on the table -

Ordered that the Committee appointed to Superintend the furnishing of the New Market House due cause the carpenters work already done to be remeasured before commencing the new work of the present year -

Ordered that Mssrs. C. Vowell and Morgan be a committee to form an estimate of the probable expenses of the Corporation for the present year, and to report a bill making the necessary appropriations -

Ordered that the tax on 1 tyth improperly charged to William DeVaughan be refunded -

Ordered that the proprietors of the ground on the north of Cameron between Pitt and Royal Streets; on the west of Cameron between Pitt and St. Asaph Streets; and on Pitt on east and west between Cameron and Queen Streets do cause to be removed the nuisance on the same by filling up the sunken ground on or before the first day of May next, and that the Superintendent of Police do give them notice that if the said nuisance be not removed at the time aforesaid, that he will, and he is hereby directed to proceed according to law.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

13 March 1817

In Council. Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Anderson, Newton, T. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Hipkins, Swann, Taylor, Veitch, C. Vowell, Janney, Morgan, Mr. Longeden, one of the Members elect from the second ward appeared with qualified and took his seat.

The taxes due from Katherine Smith for the present year were remitted.

On balloting for Trustees of the Poor House for the present year Samuel Harper, Andrew Fleming, Thomas Jacobs and Amos Alexander were duly elected.

An Act to amend and act entitled "An Act for Regulating the Market" was read a "first" time and laid on the table.

An Act for establishing the Fish Market for the present year and the County Wharf, was read a "first" time and laid on the table.

An Act making appropriations for the year 1817 was read a "first" time and laid on the table.

An Act for revising a revenue for the year 1817 was read at "second" time and upon motion recommitted to the Committee who accepted it for further amendment -

The Act fixing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the present year was read a "second" time and the blanks being filled, it was read a "third" time and passed -

Ordered that the Clerk prepare and lay before the Council at their next meeting, and account of the rents due from the tenants of the public property for the year 1812, 13, 14, 15, and 16, and the sums expected on the said property, redesignating the same specially -

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

15 March 1817

In Council. Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Taylor, Veitch, Deneale, Janney, Swann, Gird, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Morgan, Newton, Anderson, Longeden, C. Vowell.

The Act fixing the salaries of the officers of the corporation for the present year was returned by the Mayor with his objections to the law in writing - the Common Council thereupon proceeded to reconsider the same by section; and upon the question to adhere to the section describing the salary of the Mayor, the Ayes and the Noes were as follows.

Ayes: Mssrs. Janney, Swann, Gird, Morgan, Newton, Anderson, Longeden,

Noes: Mssrs. C. Vowell, Taylor, Deneale, Veitch, Rhodes, Vowell, Smith.

On reconsidering the section prescribing the compensation of the printers the sum of \$50 was stricken out and \$75 inserted in its place; the bill was then upon motion ordered to be on the table -

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police due cause a tunnel to be placed across the north end of Fairfax Street near Montgomery Street so as to carry off the stagnant water, and cause the top of the same to be filled in with earth or gravel provided the expense of the same does not exceed \$50, to be charged to the Second Ward -

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police due forthwith cause West Street north of King to be regulated so as to admit the passage of carriages and charge the expense to the Third Ward,

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police due cause so much of Water Street as fronts a lot leased to Beard and Tyler, between Queen and Cameron Streets to be filled up so as to admit of a passage to their workshop, and charge the expense to the Second Ward, provided it does not exceed \$25 -

Ordered that the Committee appointed to Superintend the finishing of the new Market House, be and they are hereby authorize to rent the "Marine", and "Fire" insurance companies two rooms, not exceeding 24 feet each in the same house adjoining the rooms already rented for the use of the Exchange Coffee House, at the rent of \$100 each per annum, and that they do cause the same to be finished as soon as possible agreeably with law -

Whereas, it appears to the Common Council that the presentation of the navigation of the river, and the prevention of imports thereto and to the docks is of primary importance to the present and further interest of the town, and that it would be a great benefit to designate a line conformable as far as practicable to the course of the channel, beyond which no person should be allowed to extend their improvements is therefore ordered, that Mssrs. Gird, Janney, and Morgan be a committee to obtain information on the subject, to inquire into the expediency of procuring a machine for cleansing the docks, and to report to Council such plans, as to them may seem best adapted to effect the subject in view -

On balloting for the Assessors for the present year John T. Brock, and William Ramsay were duly attested.

The Act establishing the Fish Market at the county wharf was read, a "second" time and "third" time and passed.

Ordered that the publication of the resolution of the 1st of March last relative to William W. Fitzhugh and of this order be suspended--.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

20 March 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esq., President, Messrs. Longeden, Anderson, Newton, Morgan, T. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Davis, Swann, J. C. Vowell, Janney and Deneale.

On balloting for a Superintendent of Watch, Alexander Williams was re-elected.

The following persons were appointed Watchmen for this present year viz., James Aubrey, John Green, Leven Walker, Gerrard Arnold, Benjamin Jefferson, Brian Johnston, Lewis Sherwood, Theodore Gibbs and John Wiggs -

On balloting for a Keeper of the Poor House Thomas Parsix was re-elected -

The following Officers were also appointed by ballot - viz. Peter Rhodes, Keeper of the Powder House.

Thomas Semmes -- Physician to the Poor House -

A communication was received from Mordecai Miller on the subject of a nuisance on the South side of Oronoco and East of Fairfax Street which was referred to Messrs. Morgan and Anderson -

Ordered that Mssrs. Janney, Longden and Hipkins be appointed a Committee to inquire into the conduct of the police constable on a charge made against him, which was a committee was appointed by the last Council without having reported thereon -

Ordered that the petition of sundry grocers of town of Alexandria requesting a tax be levied on retailers of goods from vessels at the wharf be referred to Messrs. Gird and Longden who are authorized to report by bill or otherwise -.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

22 March 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esq., President, Mssrs. Deneale, Swann, Veitch, Vowell, Taylor, Janney, Gird, Davis, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Morgan, Newton, Anderson, Longden and Hipkins.

The Council proceeded to elect by ballot the following officers, viz.; - James L. McKenna; Treasurer, Jacob Weismiller, Clerk of the Market; George Coryell, Superintendent of Police; Gustavus A. Brown, Physician to the Vaccine Institution.

The Committee to inquire into the conduct of the late high constable made a report which was read -- Ordered that Mssrs. Gird and Rhodes be a committee who with the Superintendent of Police after due notice of the same being given in the newspapers of the Town of the time and place, shall proceed to lease to the highest bidder the lot on the public fish wharf for the benefit of the Corporation until the 1st day of June next, and make such disposition of the public warehouse as they may think proper.

On the petition of sundry proprietors of lots on both sides of Duke Street between St. Asaph and Columbus Streets, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police do proceed to pave Duke Street from the west side of St. Asaph Street to the west side of Columbus Street, according to law as soon as possible--.

On the petition on sundry proprietors of lots on both sides of Columbus Street between Prince and Duke Streets it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police do proceed to pave Columbus Street between Prince and Duke Streets according to law as soon as practicable -

On the petition of sundry proprietors of lots on both sides of Washington Street between Prince and Duke Streets it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police do proceed to pave Washington Street between Prince and Duke Streets according to law as soon as practicable.

Resolved that it be considered a part of the duty of Police Constables to pass occasionally through the Market Square and to disperse the coloured and other vagrants collected there for the purpose of a rioting and gambling after the hour of 10:00 in each day.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, Veitch and Vowell be appointed a Committee to ascertain the probable cause of a "Town Clock" and make a report to Council.

The Council resumed the consideration of the act for raising a revenue for the year 1817, which having been read a "second" time, amended, and the blanks being filled, it was then read a "third" time and passed.

The Act making appropriations for the year 1817, was read a "second" time, and the blanks being filled, it was then read a "third" time and passed.

Ordered that Mssrs. Davis and Veitch be a Committee who, with the Superintendent of Police be authorized to examine the state of the dock at the lower end of Prince Street, and report a mode for the cleansing thereof.

Ordered that the Clerk do furnish the Superintendent of Police with a copy of the laws and all orders passed during the present Council directing certain duties to be performed by him.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do proceed to regulate Wolfe Street between Prince and St. Asaph Streets at the expense of the "Fourth" Ward and to set the side stones on the south side of Wolfe Street between St. Asaph and Pitt Streets at the expense of the proprietors according to law.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

27 March 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esq., President, Mssrs. Janney, Vowell, Deneale, Hipkins, Rhodes, Newton, Anderson, Longden, Morgan, Swann, T. Vowell and Veitch.

A communication was received from the Mayor which was read and laid on the table.

The Council proceeded to the election of Constables when Russell Stephens was elected "High Constable" and Thomas Murrey and Elijah Chenault "Assistant Constables."

A communication was received from the trustees of the Alms' house which was referred to T. Vowell, Longden and Swann -

Ordered that the Board of Regulators, together with the Superintendent of Police do report to Council forthwith what will be the proper regulation of Oronoco Street between Fairfax and Union Streets as a permanent regulation.

Ordered that Mssrs. Deneale, Swann and Hipkins be a Committee to report the best and most practicable mode of draining water from Henry Street between Cameron and King Streets and if they shall be of opinion that the least expense will be in making a cut from Henry along Cameron Street west or repairing the present tunnel that the Superintendent be instructed to commence the work under such instruction as they shall give him for that purpose, and charge the expense to the "Third Ward" -

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the gutters on both sides of Union Street between King and Prince to be repaired.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police be and he is hereby directed to report to Council the best mode of removing the nuisance of the sunken ground on the north side of Oronoco between Fairfax and Union Streets -

Ordered that in future the Superintendent of Police do cause large flat stones of sufficient width for a foot way to be laid at all of the intersections of streets hereafter paved.

On the petition of sundry proprietors of ground of both sides of Queen Street, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police do proceed to pave Queen Street between Royal and Fairfax Streets according to law -

Ordered that the application of James Young relative to his taxes in the year 1815 be referred to Mssrs. Anderson and Longden -

Ordered that the Superintendent do give notice to the proprietor or proprietors of the sunken ground south of King Street between Henry and Fayette Streets to fill up the same and provided it is not done in ten (10) days that he shall proceed to fill up the same, and charge the expense to the proprietors.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

29 March 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esq., President, Messrs. Vowell, Veitch, Hipkins, Swann, Deneale, Davis, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Janney, Longden, Newton and Morgan.

Elijah Chenault having declined acting as Assistant Police Constable, Davis Bowie was elected to supply the vacancy.

A report was received from the Committee on the subject of the Alms' house which was read and concurred in by Council.

On balloting for Collectors, John C. Mandel was unanimously elected for the Northern District and John H. Phillips was elected for the Southern District -

Ordered that William Bailey, the inventor of the steam pump be at liberty to make use of any one of the public pumps that shall be assigned him by the Superintendent of Police for the purpose of making his experiments, and that any works he may erect shall be removed on a reasonable notice and less than sixty (60) days -

"An act entitled - An Act to repeal an Act to authorize the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of Pumps" was upon motion indefinitely postponed -

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the foot ways on Water between Wilkes and Wolfe, and on Wilkes between Water and Fairfax be regulated and charge expense to the "First Ward."

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C. C.

16 April 1817

In Council. Present. Messrs. Longden, Anderson, Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Davis, Swann, Taylor, C. Vowell, Veitch, Deneale, and Morgan.

The president being absent Mr. Robert I. Taylor was elected pres. pro:tem.

A communication was received from the Mayor embracing several subjects which the Council proceeded to consider by sections, and thereupon made the following orders:

1. Ordered that a bond be required from the Treasurer in the penalty of \$10,000, and from the Keeper of the Powder House in penalty of \$1,000 to be taken and approved by the Mayor -

2. Resolve that so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to the inspection of fish be referred to Mssrs. Morgan and Gird, present: W. Smith.

3. Resolved that so much of the Mayor's communication as relates to the appointment of auctioneers be referred to Mssrs. Deneale and Smith -

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause Washington Street to be repaired from Queen to Montgomery Street in the sum of \$30 is hereby appropriated for that purpose to be chargably "Third Ward" -

The report of the Committee on the petition of James Young was adopted by the Council, whereupon ordered that the sum of \$10.88 be paid under a judgment of the Mayor for retailing liquors, without a license in the year 1813 be suspended, and that a fine and cost imposed on a second judgment for similar offense be remitted -

On balloting for a Surveyor and Regulator John T. Brooks was appointed the Surveyor and William Yeaton, and Thomas Reston appointed Regulators -

Mr. Deneale from the Committee appointed on that part of the Mayor's communication relative to auctioneers reported "An act to amend an act for licensing auctioneers and other purposes", which was read a "first" time and laid on the table. Mr. Morgan from the Committee appointed on that part of the Mayor's communication relative to the inspection of fish reported "An Act to amend an act entitled An Act for the inspection of pork, beef, and fish in the Town of Alexandria" which was read a "first" time and laid on the table.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Police do cause the gutters on the west side of Royal between King and Prince Streets to be repaired and charge the expense to the "first" and "second" wards.

Resolved that Mssrs. Deneale and Veitch be a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of amending the laws concerning the paving of alleys.

Resolved that so much of the pavement on Union Street between Prince and King be taken up and regulated as to give the water a free passage through the gutters on each side of said street, and that the expense be a portion between the "First" and "Second" Wards -

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police and the Committee of the Ward do dispose of the earth for the purpose of making bricks or otherwise, that is now above the level in Fayette and Payne Street between Duke and Prince Streets, and that he do dispose of the same at public auction, the proceeds to be placed in the credit of the "Fourth Ward" -

Ordered that the Clerk of the Market do cause the outside walks of the lower Market next to the scale house be kept for the use of the country people only.

Mr. Deneale from the Committee reported "An Act to amend an Act entitled An act concerning the paving of alleys and other purposes," which was read a "first" time and laid on the table -

Ordered that Mssrs. Longden and Gird be appointed a Committee in conjunction with the Clerk of the Market to rent out the stalls in the Market House, and make report to Council on the subject.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson C.C.

19 April 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Veitch, Newton, Anderson, Longden, Morgan, Davis, Hipkins.

Resolved that the Council will sit as a Court of Appeals on the 6th, 7th and 8th days of May next and that notices be given in the papers.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police proceed forthwith to have a well sunk and pump placed therein at the corner of Royal and Queen Streets and charge expense to the "Second Ward".

On the petition of Mordecai Miller and others, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police do remove any surplus dirt in Wolfe Street, regulating in the Fourth Ward, into the First Ward, the later being the expense of removal and the Superintendent fill up Royal Street to paving regulated with stone gutters between Duke and Wilkes Streets.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson C.C.

Court of Appeals

The Court met this day May 6, 1817

Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President

Mssrs. Longden, Veitch, Morgan, Veitch, T. Vowell, Gird, Janney, Deneale, Hipkins.

Remissions

John Janney and Company of \$5,000 from valuation in "Second Ward"
David House - 1 Tavern License, \$30 in "Third Ward"
The Court then adjourned until tomorrow at half past 10 o'clock.

Hugh Smith, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, C.C.

7 May 1817

The Court met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Hipkins, Janney, Veitch, Gird, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Anderson, Longden, Morgan.

Remissions

Garrett Skidmore - 1 male dog in "Fourth Ward".
Thomas Vowell - \$500 from valuation in "First Ward".

The Court then adjourned until tomorrow at half past 10 o'clock.

Hugh Smith, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, C.C.

8 May 1817

Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Longden, Anderson, Morgan, Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Swann, Deneale, Veitch, Hipkins, January.

Remissions

Nicholes Hingston - 1 (2w) carriage, \$3 in "First Ward".
Joseph Dean - \$2,000 from valuation in "First Ward".
Samuel Wheler - 1 male dog, \$5, "Third Ward".
Thompson Simpson - 1 male dog, \$5-1 cart, \$1 "Third Ward".

The Court then adjourned, sine die.
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

7 May 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Hipkins, Janney, Veitch, Gird, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Anderson, Longden, Morgan.

Ordered that the tax of one story charged to Elisabeth Manley for the year 1816 be remitted -

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do regulate the sideway on Water Street between Gibbon and Franklin Streets to the regulation for paving and charge the expenses to the "First Ward".

Ordered that the proprietor or proprietors of the ground on the north west section of the square between Queen and Princess Street, Pitt and St. Asaph Street do cause that the nuisance thereon be removed before the 1st of June, and in the fault thereof that the Superintendent of Police do cause it to be done and charge the expense to the proprietors.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the gutters on Prince between Washington and Alfred Street to be repaired and charged to the expense of the "Fourth Ward".

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do notify the proprietor of the lot of ground on the north side of Queen between Royal and Pitt Street, to cause the stagnant water, now on said lot, to be effectually removed, and a failure thereof within ten (10) days notice, do cause the same to be done and charged to the expense of the said proprietor.

The following return made by the assessors to Council, was on motion, ordered to be published.

"Return" of the number of houses, warehouses, places of worship, manufactories, schools to be in the City of Alexandria this 1st May 1817."

of 3 story Brick houses.....	164
of 3 story wood houses and warehouses..	10
of 2 story brick houses and warehouses.	348
2 story wood houses and warehouses.....	373
1 and 1/2 story dwelling houses.....	380
Places of worship.....	7
Academies.....	1
Landcaster Schools.....	2

Carried over	<u>1285</u>
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Of 1 and 1/2 and 1 stories as occupied as warehouses.

"Sheds occupied by blacksmith, tanners, boat builders, well rights, joiners, painters, callo chandlers, coopers, pump makers, block makers, cabinet makers, and twiners separate from their dwelling houses

51	100
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Within	the	above	enumeration	there	occupied
	Total		<u>1385</u>		

As follows viz.: -

of banks	6
of schools (private)	22
and brewers	1
of biscuit bake houses	7
of sugar houses	2
of potteries	2
of brass foundry	1
of nail manufactories	2
of morocco leather manufactory	1
of plaister mills	2

There are also ship yards	2
lumber yards	5
vinegar yard	1
livery stables	5
And in and adjoining the precincts	
there are tannerers	3
and rope walks	4

Signed John T. Brooks, William Ramsay, Assessors.

On the application of George Lawrence, late keeper of the Alms House, it is ordered that Mssrs. Janney, T. Vowell, Longden, and Deneale be appointed a Committee to examine his papers, relative to what compensation he has received, and to report whether any additional compensation ought to be allowed him.

Ordered that a list of persons who were returned as not having five buckets by the Assessors be placed in the hands of the Mayor on the first day of June next to be proceeded on by him agreeable to law.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, C.C.

8 May 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Longden, Anderson, Morgan, T. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Swann, Deneale, Veitch, Hipkins, Janney.

Ordered that the auditor issue a warrant in favor of Mr. Elliott for \$20 being a fine imposed by the Mayor a supposed violation of the law of the Corporation, it having appeared from evidence adduced to the Council that the offense was committed outside the district -

Ordered that Superintendent of Police do forthwith cause the gutters on King Street between Pitt and Columbus Street to be regulated and repaired agreeable to the present mode of paving gutters and charge the expense to the "Third Ward".

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the gutter at the intersection of Pitt and Queen Streets to be filled up and charged to the expense of the "Second" and "Third" Wards.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do call on the persons who received their dockage and wharfage at the public dock opposite to Prince Street to require them to have the same properly cleansed and repaired, and to make such arrangements with them for keeping the same in proper repair as usual in similar cases, and report the result to Council.

Ordered that the auditor be authorized to issue a warrant in favor of William A. Williams for \$325 for a sword presented by the corporation of Alexandria to Lt. John T. Newton of the U. States Navy, and that the Mayor be requested to present the same.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, C.C.

24 May 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Swann, Veitch, Newton, Hipkins, Vowell, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Morgan, Longden, Anderson, Gird, Taylor, Janney.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do re-set the side stones and gutters on Prince Street between Alfred and Patrick Streets and charge expense to the "fourth ward".

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do repair the gutter at the intersection of King and Patrick Streets so as to remove the nuisance at present existing thereon and charge expense to the "third ward".

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do carry the order of 19 April last respecting gutters on Royal Street into full effect provided the proprietors of the ground on both sides of Royal Street do agree to the payment of the expense for setting the side stones, and in case of their declining to do so, the Superintendent of Police, is to cause the gutter to be completed in the mode he thinks most eligible to remove the nuisance.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause St. Asaph Street between King and Cameron Street to be filled up to the regulations as required for paving and charge it expense to the "Third Ward".

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, Veitch, Rhodes, and Hipkins to be a Committee to examine and ascertain what repairs the Corporation wharf and other public property may regard, and that the Superintendent of Police be and is hereby directed to cause such repairs to be made as said Committee may direct and charge the same to the General Fund provided the expense does not exceed \$1,000.

Ordered that the account of James McGuire and Company as settled by the Committee for superintending the erection of the new Market House, be paid out of the fund heretofore by law appropriated for erecting the said building, and that any penalty which may have been incurred by the said James McGuire for furnishing materials for the said building, while acting as Superintendent of Police under the third section of "An act to amend an act prescribing the duties of the Superintendent of Police", be in the same are hereby released.

"An Act to amend an act entitled An Act more effectually to diminish the number of dogs within the town of Alexandria" was read a first time and laid on the table.

28 June 1817

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Taylor, Janney, Swann, Hipkins, Veitch, Gird, Davis, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Anderson, Morgan, and C. Vowell.

The President, being absent, W. Robert I. Taylor was elected Pres: pro tem.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the side stones on the south west corner of King and Union Streets to be repaired and charge expenses to the "Second Ward".

The Committee of the First Ward appointed by Council to view the proposed regulation on Royal between Duke and Wilkes Streets, report that to meet the wishes of the individual owners of property therein, it is expedient that this Superintendent of Police be directed to fill up the west side of Royal Street to paving height to the south line of John T. Brooks property, and to continue it from thence in a sloping direction to the bridge on Wilkes Street, and to pave the gutters and further to open and pave a gutter on the east side of Royal Street.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do regulate Fairfax Street between Wilkes and Gibbon and charge the expense to the "First Ward".

A petition of Sundry inhabitants of the Town praying a law may be passed to prevent the retailing of spiritous liquors on the Sabbath Day was presented, and referred to Mssrs. T. Vowell, Swann, and Hipkins, to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered the tax of \$5 charged to Mary Norton for a retail license be remitted.

Ordered that the tax of \$1.50 for one tythable be deducted from the amount of Captain Drew, having been improperly charged.

Ordered that the tax of \$5 charged Elisabeth Spencer for a male dog be remitted.

Ordered that the tax of \$10 for a female dog improperly charged to Andrew Dumanx be transferred to the account of James Blonosen.

Ordered that the tax of \$5 improperly charged Abraham Afty/a black man/for a dog be remitted.

Ordered that the Auditor issue warrants in favor of John T. Brooks and William Ramsay for \$80 each, being a compensation for their services as Assessors for the present year.

Resolve that Mssrs. Deneale, Anderson, and J.C. Vowell be a Committee to inquire into the site of individuals building on the south front of the Market Square and to make such arrangements with the proprietors as will be reasonable, and that the said Committee be further authorized to extend the horse-yard to the eastward, and to cause the same to be repaired and secured against further nuisances, provided the expense does not exceed \$200, and charge the same to the general fund.

Ordered that the Committee for superintending the finishing the new Market House be authorized to have a bell belonging to Corporation that now belongs in cupola of the theatre removed to the cupola on the new Market House.

It appearing to the Council at the Public Wharf to the south of the tobacco warehouse is so connected with the wharf belonging to the heirs of Jesse Taylor deceased that the repairs of the former heretofore ordered to be made cannot be made with advantage without at the same time proceeding with the repairs of the later. It is therefore ordered that the Committee heretofore appointed an selection to said repairs be authorized to make such contracts with the heirs of said wharf in relation to the repairs of their portions as to them shall seem expedient, and to report the same to Council. An Act making an appropriation for the repairs of the County Wharf was read a "first" time and ordered to lye on the table.

The Council then adjourned
R. I. Taylor, Pres. pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

19 July 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Taylor, T. Vowell, J. C. Vowell, Longden, Hipkins, Newton, Gird, Deneale, Morgan, Davis, Janney, Rhodes.

Ordered that the tax of \$10 on a f-dog improperly charged James Bloxham be remitted.

Mr. T. Vowell, from the Committee to whom the subject was referred reported a bill to prevent the retailing of spirituous liquors on the Sabbath; which was read and ordered to be on the table.

A communication was received from the Mayor which was read and referred to Mssrs. Taylor and Morgan.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the side stones and gutter on the south side of Cameron Street between Royal and Pitt Streets to be repaired and charge expenses to the "Second Ward".

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause Washington Street between Duke and Wilkes Streets to be regulated agreeable to law, and the expense to be charged to the "Fourth Ward".

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the gutters on King Street east of Union to be so raised and regulated as to allow the water to run to the river.

Ordered that the tax on a tavern license charged to Abraham Rapley be remitted.

Ordered that the collection of taxes of William McMechen for the years 1816 and 1817 be postponed until the first day of December next.

Ordered that the Mssrs. Rhodes and Gird be a Committee to examine the state of the road and avenue leading to the Powder House and report to Council.

Ordered that the tax of \$250 charged to John Green on 1 Tyth and 1 story be remitted.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements with the individuals building on the south front of Market Square, made a report, whereupon resolved -

Ordered that the proprietor of ground fronting on Market Square be at liberty to use the same until otherwise ordered, on there causing a same to be scraped, and swepted and cleaned each day in the week,/Sunday excepted or when prevented by ice or snow/and that they be at liberty to dispose of the manure collected on the same for their own benefit.

Ordered that \$20 additional be paid to each of the Assessors as a full compensation for services of the present year.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause intersection of Queen and Union Street to be filled up with earth or gravel so as to prevent the tide to prevent from overflowing the same, and charge the expense to "Second Ward" provided it does not exceed \$25.

Ordered that the Committee appointed a superintend the building of a New Market house be authorized to have stalls erected therein as soon as possible.

An Act making an appropriation for the repairs of the County Wharf, was read, a "second" time and "third" time and passed.

Ordered that the Collector of Balances be authorized to receive the TWO FIELD PIECES offered by the Secretary of War, in discharge by the claim made by the Corporation of Alexandria against the United States.

Ordered that the report of the Committee made under an order of Council of the 23 November last relative to the amendment necessary to be made to the chart of the Corporation, and the bill accompanying the said report, be recommitted to a committee of the Mayor and Mssrs. Taylor and T. Vowell.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

4 August 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Taylor, Janney, Swann, Hipkins, T. Vowell, Gird, Morgan, Anderson, Newton.

The tax of \$2.50 improperly paid by George Johnston on a shop was ordered to be refunded.

The taxes of Susanna Barry for the present year were remitted.

The Act making an appropriation for the repairs of the County Wharf was returned to the Council by the Mayor with his objections in writing - the Council thereupon proceeded to reconsider the same, and the objections of the Mayor, and upon the question, shall the bill pass? It was carried unanimously and ordered to be sent to the Mayor for his signature.

A communication was received from the Mayor assuring the Council of the existence of the yellow fever of some other contiguous disease prevailing in several of the West India Islands, and recommending the enforcement of the QUARANTINE LAWS, which was read and referred to Mssrs. Taylor, Swann and Hipkins with leave to report such amendment to the existing quarantine laws as they may consider necessary.

The tax on one retail merchant improperly charged to William Venter was remitted.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to examine the state of the road to the Powder House be authorize to have the boundaries thereof ascertained by regular survey, and report the result to the Council.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the stagnant water now standing at the intersection of Queen and Fairfax Streets to be drained off forthwith, and charge the expense to the "Second Ward".

Ordered that the Board of Regulators and Surveyors or anyone of them, do proceed to regulate Oronoco Street between Fairfax and Union Streets so as not to interfere with the injunction obtained

P.R. Beverly, and that the Superintendent of Police do cause the superfluous earth and sand to be moved and fill up the public wharf ordered to be repaired.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

Dr. Thomas Semmes was elected Health Officer under the first section of an act passed August 9, 1802 entitled "An Act to amend and to repeal the first section of an act entitled An Act to prevent more effectually the introduction of contagious diseases, passed the 30th day of August 1800".

Ordered that Mssrs. Taylor, Janney, and Smith be a Committee to assess the present quarantine laws, and to report on the subject to Council.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do proceed to regulate the gutter at the intersection of King and Union Streets, on the north side of King Street, and charge the expense to the "Second Ward".

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of Issac Robbins for \$49.50 for so much expended in filling up St. Asaph Street between Cameron and King Street and charge the sum to the "Third Ward".

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do proceed to have the side stones at the south west and north west corners of Duke and Union Streets, reset and the gutters repaired, and charge expense to the "First Ward".

Ordered that in case Hugh Smith extends his fence in such manner as to make a temporary access to the Powder House through his lot, that he have liberty to remove the same at his pleasure, or when ever the Common Council may order him to give up such part of the Powder House lot as may be enclosed by him.

Ordered that the application of the Officers of the First Regiment, Second Brigade of Militias of the District of Columbia for a part of the public square for the purpose of erecting an arsenal; be referred to Mssrs. Deneale, Swann and Newton.

21 August 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Longden, Anderson, T. Vowell, Davis, Gird, Janney, Taylor, Swann, Veitch.

The taxes due from Sarah Pearson for the years 1816 and 1817 were remitted. The tax on one M. D. [male dog] improperly charged to Henry Compton was remitted.

The tax on one tax license improperly charged to Robert Sands was ordered to be refunded.

The tax on one tax license improperly charged to John Dixon was remitted.

Ordered Essibella Summers do proceed to remove the nuisance on the back of her lot on King between St. Asaph and Washington Street on or before the 25th inst., and that in case of default a Superintendent of Police do cause the same to be done according to law.

Ordered that Mssrs. Davis, T. Vowell, and Longden, be a Committee to ascertain the necessity for a law to regulate the inspection of singles and plastering laths, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Health, Dr. Thomas Semmes, was elected Superintendent of Quarantine and Captain James McKenzie was elected Master of Quarantine under the law of council of June 5, 1806.

"An Act making further appropriations for the preservation of the health of the town", was read a "first time" and was laid on the table.

The proposal of Mr. Parsons relative to the payment of the paving tax imposed on her lot on St. Asaph Street was received and accepted by Council, on the condition that the said arrangement shall not in any shape interfere with the ultimate lien which the Council by law has for payment of said tax; and it is further ordered, that the Attorney for the corporation do cause the said arrangement to be carried into effect by preparing and causing to be executed a proper assignment of Anthony Caeases rent.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, C.C.

9 September 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Rhodes, Newton, Swann, T. Vowell, Gird, Deneale, Taylor, Janney, Anderson.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do fill up the footway on the west side of Pitt Street between Cameron Street, 9 feet wide, 146 feet in depth and 4 feet deep, and that the collection

of the fine and costs imposed on James R. M. Long for not filling up his adjoining lot be suspended until the first day of October next.

That so much of the Mayor's communication as special appropriations of money be referred to Mssrs. Deneale, Taylor.

On application of Elizabeth Logan/widow/it is ordered that the collector of the Southern District suspend the collection of her payment tax until the first day of February next.

That the taxes due from Sarah Lower, Dorothy Waters, Margaret Smith, Sarah Ballenger, Jane Robinson, Rebecca Silenca, Maryann Bradden, and Hannah Brice/black woman/for the present year were remitted, and the collection of the taxes due from Maryann Wilkes were suspended the first of February next.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the Officers of the First Regiment. Second Brigade of the Militia of the D.C. for leave to build an arsenal on Market Square made a report which was read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned until Monday
next at 3 1/2 hours
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

15 September 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, C. Vowell, Deneale, Veitch, Rhodes, Taylor, Longden, Newton.

The taxes from Frances Parsons for the present year were remitted.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the boundaries of the Powder House lot made a report which was read and laid on the table.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do procure a proper person to sweep and keep clean the new Market Square, and the foot pavement around the Market Square each day in the week at the most reasonable price the same can be done, and that it be paid for quarterly out of "General Fund".

Ordered that the Keeper of the Powder House do cause a gate to be erected to leads through the ground of W. Hugh Smith to enable the keeper to get to the Powder House, until other arrangements can be made and charge the same to the "General Fund."

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the footway on Duke Street between Union Street and the Potomac Strand on the public property to be paved and charged to the expense of the General Fund.

Mr. Deneale from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of establishing a house of Industry gave notice that the same would be called up for consideration at the next balloting of council.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, C.C.

25 October 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Hipkins, Deneale, Veitch, Gird, Rhodes, Davis, Morgan, Newton, Longden.

The taxes due from Mary Taylor for the present year were remitted.

The tax on one Tav.lic. [tavern license] improperly charged to William Garner was remitted.

Ordered that the Board of Regulators do proceed to regulate Water Street from the intersection of Princess Street to Oronoco Street, and that the Superintendent of Police do cause the earth to be removed therefrom when the same may be required, provided, the expense does not exceed \$50.

"A Bill to establish the manner of regulating the Town Clock and ringing the alarm bell" was read a "first time" and laid on the table.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the old warehouse on the north side of the corporation Wharf, formerly Conway's to be repaired, and the charge expense to the General Fund, provided the same does not exceed \$35.

Ordered that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to cancel Auctioneers license given by John Jackson and Company, and issue another in the name of John Jackson and George A. Bibby upon their complying with the conditions of the law.

"The Act to regulate the inspection of shingles and plaistering laths" was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police be authorized to rent vacant ground between Union Street and Potomac Strand until the expiration of Thomas Preston's lease.

The Council then adjourned until
Saturday next at 1/2 past 2 o'clock
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

1 November 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Newton, Morgan, Taylor, Davis, Gird, T. Vowell, C. Vowell, Rhodes, Veitch, Anderson, Janney, Swann, Hipkins, Deneale.

"The Act to establish the manner of regulating the Town Clock and ringing the alarm bells" was read a "second" time.

"The Act to regulate the inspection of the shingles and plastering laths" was read a "second time" and recommitted.

A petition from Issac Entwisle was received and read and referred to Mssrs. T. Vowell, Rhodes, and Davis.

A resolution of the Trustees of the Poor House was received and read, and laid on the table.

Ordered that the tax on one retail store improperly paid by Mathew Robinson be refunded.

A petition from the proprietors of the Alexandria Museum was seconded and read and referred to the Committee heretofore appointed to superintend the building of the New Market referred to the Committee heretofore appointed to superintend the building of the New Market House.

A message from the Mayor was received and read.

"An Act to amend an act entitled "An act for the regulation of the Market", was read a "first" time and laid on the table.

A petition from James R.M. Lowe was received and read and referred to the Mayor.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan and C. Vowell be a Committee to inquire if any, or what alterations are necessary to be made to the laws relative to paving streets and alleys with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do after the first Monday in December next, pull down and remove from Market Square so much of the old jail as is denominated the north shed part and

kitchen, and that he open as soon as an alley the ground enclosed between the south side of the house and the Corporation line on Fairfax Street - and it is further ordered that he cause to be removed the inner partition walls and floor of the first story of the old jail, and cause an arch to be turned in the two gable ends, so as to admit a free passage through the same, and have the second story rooms fitted up for a Watch House, and underpart exclusively appropriated for a Fish Market, and that he dispose of the old materials, and make a report to the Council.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause three lamps to be prepared and suspended as follows. viz. One in the south end of the new Market House, one in the north end of the same, and one in the east end of the Old Market House, and that the Captain of the Night Watch, cause the said lamps to be lighted in the same manner as the lamps erected in the streets.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police cause a gutter to be paved of sufficient width to secure the side stones and carry off the water on Wolfe Street between St. Asaph and Pitt Streets, and charge the expense to the proprietors of the ground, and if necessary, collect the expense before the work is commenced.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the north end of Water Street to be regulated so as to admit the passage of carts from Oronoco to Pendleton Street and charge the expense to the "Second Ward".

Ordered that the petition for a pump at the intersection of Prince and St. Asaph Streets, be granted, and that the Superintendent of Police be instructed to have the same sunk.

Ordered that the petition for a well and pump therein, at the intersection of Columbus and Pendleton Streets, be granted, and that the Superintendent of Police be instructed to have the same sunk forthwith, and the pump from the intersection of Columbus and Oronoco Streets placed therein.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause a well to be sunk and pump put thereon at the north east corner of the intersection of Gibbon and Washington Streets.

On the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the "First Ward", it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police under the direction of the Regulators, do regulate Duke Street from the center between Fairfax and Water Streets to Union Street, to favor the ascent of carriages thereon, by taking up the present pavement and repaving the same, and such part of Water Street as may be found necessary, and charge the expense to the "First Ward"; provided the individuals owning the properties on said streets, assent to the said regulation, and that they will at their own cost repair the footways.

Ordered that leave be granted to the Secretary of the Exchange Coffee House, to erect a small shed on the Market Square for the reception of fuel for the use of the house, under the direction of the Committee appointed to superintend the building of the new market house.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

27 December 1817

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, C. Vowell, Veitch, Taylor, Hipkins, Deneale, Gird, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Morgan, Anderson.

Ordered that the tax on one tyth and improperly paid by James Harris be refunded.

The tax on one female dog charged to Ann Hurles, a colored woman, was ordered to be remitted.

The tax on one tyth and one ditto improperly charged to James Harris Jr. was ordered to be remitted.

The personal taxes of Robert Rutter for the present year were remitted and the collection of the taxes on his real property was ordered to be suspended for three months.

A message from the Mayor was received and read.

"The Act to amend The Charter of the Town of Alexandria in the District of Columbia," was reported by the Committee and read a first time.

"The Act to provide for the poor, and outdoor pensioners, by creating a House of Industry and concentrating the charities of benevolent institutions and private individuals," was read a "third" time and passed.

On application of Phineas Janney, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the alley between Duke and Prince Street, and running from Washington to Columbus Streets, to be paved forthwith from Washington Street to the center of the square, and to charge the expense thereof to the applicant.

Mr. T. Vowell, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Issac Entwisle, made a report on the subject which was read.

"An Act to establish the manner of regulating the Town Clock and the ringing of the alarm bell," was read a "third" time and passed. Mssrs. Janney, Newton, Swann and T. Vowell were appointed a Committee to rent out the stalls in the new Market House.

The account of Robert Brockett was referred to Mssrs. T. Vowell, Davis and Gird with instructions to examine the manner in which the pavement Royal Street between Prince and Duke Streets, has been executed by him.

Ordered that the Committee for finishing the new Market House be authorized to have the room in the second story in the north end of said building furnished, and that they be authorized to let the same to the Register of Wills, for his office for one year at the rent of \$150. It is further ordered that they be authorized to furnish the portico.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

1818

3 January 1818

In Council. Present. Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, J. C. Vowell, Veitch, Gird, Davis, T. Vowell, Morgan, Anderson.

Mr. T. Vowell, from the Committee to whom was referred the account of Robert Brockett, made a report which was read and laid on the table.

Thomas Barton was appointed by Council to keep the town clock in order for one year, at a salary of \$60.

Ordered that the Auditor do issue a warrant in favor of Dr. Thomas Semmes for \$150, for his Superintendent of Quarantine for the present year.

The account of Semmes and Washington for medicine and attendance on the poor amounting to \$44.75 was ordered to be paid.

On balloting for Inspector of the Poor under the Act entitled "An act to provide for the poor and outdoor pensioners, by creating a House of Industry, and concentrating the charities of benevolent constitutions, and private individuals" the following Gentlemen were duly elected: viz.: Charles Page, John Harper, Andrew Fleming, Bernard Bryan, Jacob Hoffman, Issac Robbins, James Lawrason, and Jonathan Janney.

Mssrs. J. C. Vowell and Anderson were appointed a Committee to distribute the donation of the late Owen F. Magrath.

Ordered that the Auditor do issue a warrant in favor of John W. Beedle for \$300, agreeable to a certificate from the Superintendent of Police under date the 8th November 1817, on account of paving on Washington Street between Duke and Prince in the "Fourth Ward".

The "Act to amend an Act entitled an Act for the regulation of the Market" was read a "second" and "third" time and passed.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

14 January 1818

In Council. Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, J. C. Vowell, Veitch, Swann, Newton, Deneale, Gird, Anderson, Davis, T. Vowell.

The fine of \$5 imposed on James O. R. Lowe for failing to fill up a sunken lot, having been referred to the Mayor, and on considering his communication thereon, ordered that the fine be remitted.

The resignation of Jacob Hoffman and Andrew Fleming as Inspectors of the House of Industry was received and accepted, whereupon the Council proceeded to ballot for two members in their place, when Johnathan Swift and John Adam were duly elected.

Ordered that the Committee for finishing the new Market House be at liberty to employ any carpenter or carpenters they may think proper, and upon terms most advantageous to the town.

Ordered that the further sum of \$500 be appropriated for the use of the House of Industry to be drawn for at such times and in such sums as a majority of the Inspectors of the said House of Industry shall by their order, direct.

Ordered that the Auditor do issue a warrant in favor of Thomas O. Bird for the sum of nine dollars and twenty-four cents for work done on Wolfe Street, and charge the same to the "Fourth Ward".

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

10 February 1818

In Council. Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Veitch, Hipkins, Deneale, Janney, Gird, Rhodes, Newton, Anderson.

The following persons were appointed Commissioners for holding the elections in the different Wards on Tuesday the third day of March next for members to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing twelve months viz.:

Alexander McKenzie	At a Rhodes Tavern on
Matthew Robinson	Union Street for the
John Muncaster	"First Ward"
Collon Auld	
John Lloyd	At the Council Chamber
John Adam	for the "Second Ward"
John Roberts	
Jacob Hoffman	At Shethart Tavern for
Abraham Farr	the "Third Ward"
Alexander Moore	At Joseph C. Gird's,
Thomas Lawrason	corner of Duke and St.
David Ross	Asaph St. for the
	"Fourth Ward"

Ordered that the tax on a tax license charged to William Follin be remitted, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Council that the said license was never used by him.

Ordered that \$3, the difference between the tax on one four-wheeled and one two-wheeled carriage improperly charged to, and paid by Richard Libby, be refunded.

Ordered that Mssrs. T. Vowell, Morgan, Hipkins, and J.C. Vowell, be a Committee to settle the annual accounts, and to prepare the same for publication.

Ordered that the Committee for adjusting the present years accounting be instructed to give up Joseph Rowens bond as Collector provided he has complied with the conditions of the same.

An Act entitled "An Act for issuing of due bills in the name of the Corporation of Alexandria", was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, C.C.

23 February 1818

In Council. Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. J. C. Vowell, Veitch, Rhodes, Gird, Davis, T. Vowell, Morgan, Anderson, Hipkins, Swann.

A message from the Mayor was received and read.

Ordered that the \$3 the tax in the third Sto. [story] improperly charged to and paid by McLean and Weston be refunded.

"The Act for the issuing of due bills in the name of the Corporation of Alexandria" was read a second and third times and passed.

Resolved, that the Committee heretofore appointed on the petition of Robert Brockett be authorized to have his account passed, and his giving sufficient security to have the pavement on Royal between Prince and Duke Streets kept in good repair for three years.

The Act to regulate the inspection of shingles, etc., was taken up and read in part, and recommitted to the committee to which Mr. Veitch was upon motion added.

Ordered that the Auditor be authorized to return to John C. Mandel his bond for the year 1817; to Joseph Rowen his bonds for 1816; and to John H. Phillips his bond for the years 1815 and 1816, they having complied with the conditions of the same.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C. C.

28 February 1818

In Council. Present: Hugh Smith, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Anderson, Newton, T. Vowell, Gird, Deneale, Hipkins, Veitch, J. C. Vowell, Morgan.

Ordered that the sum of \$8 improperly charged to, and paid by William H. Brown be refunded.

Ordered that the sum of \$2.50 improperly charged to and paid by Laughlin Masterson, be refunded.

Ordered that the sum of \$8, improperly charged to, and paid by Ambrose Vasse, be refunded.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of James Campbell for \$200 in full compensation as Messenger to Council and for Sundries furnished by him.

Ordered, that the Attorney and Auditor of the Corporation, examine the accounts of the collector of old balances, and report to next meeting of Council, what balance may be due by him to the Corporation.

The Committee to whom were referred the settlement of the account of the Corporation for the year ending the first March 1818, vaguely to report to Council, that they have examined the separate accounts of the collectors of the "first", "second", "third", and "fourth" wards, for the last year, and the sums which have been paid into the hands of the Treasurer - the

Collectors of former years have also been in before the Committee, and their accounts found to be correct. At foot is a statement of the balances to be accounts for the several of the Collectors.

They further report that the Collector of Balances, William A. Harper, presented to the Committee an informal recap of the collections made by him in which it appeared that he has received about \$2,000 in money, and paid into the Treasury in February 1817 the sum of \$200. He states that when his account is settled, the balance after deducting this \$200, will be due him for commission of 12 1/2 percent agreed to be allowed for collection, and attending to the suits in favor of the Corporation on which judgements have been obtained, with a charge of \$700 for posting books, and other charges which the Committee from the view they have of the subject, are of opinion are inadmissible.

The Treasurers and Auditors accounts have been also carefully examined and found correctly and handsomely kept - they further beg leave to hand the accounts of the Auditor and Treasurer for publication agreeable to consistent usage.

Signed Thomas Vowell, Louis Hipkins, Jacob Morgan, C. Vowell.
Alexandria, 28 February 1818.

Outstanding debt:

John C. Mandel	for payment at \$622.36
John H. Phillips	for rent a sum \$1,845.17
Benjamin C. Wood	former collector \$1,027.80
William Ramsay	former collector a sum \$134.63
Charles McKnight	former collector \$189.68

The Attorney for the Corporation has returned a list of suits pending and to which they refer, by which it appears the amount when received will be about \$4,750.

The foregoing report was concurred in by the Council.

The Council then adjourned, sine die.
Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C. C

Minutes
For the Year Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen
Beginning on the 7th Day of March
1818

Members of Council
Returned for the year Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen

Anthony Rhodes	
Thomas Vowell	For the First Ward
Isaiah H. Davis	

John Gird	
John Adam	
Jacob Morgan	For the Second Ward
Augustine Newton	

James McGuire	
Hugh Smith	For the Third Ward
Lewis Hipkins	
George Deneale	

Edmund I. Lee	
Phineas Janney	For the Fourth Ward
William Veitch	
James H. Hooe	
Alexander Moore	

At a Meeting:

Of the persons elected to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing year at the Council Chamber on Saturday, the 7th day of March 1818,

Present: Messrs. Rhodes, Vowell, Gird, Davis, Adam, Morgan, Newton, McGuire, Smith, Hipkins, Lee, Janney, Veitch, Hooe.

On balloting for a President of the Council, H. Hooe, Esquire, was elected, who after having taken the oath of office prescribed by law before Thomas Vowell, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, administered the same to the members present.

On balloting for a Clerk and Auditor, J. P. Thompson was unanimously reelected.

On balloting for a Messenger to Council, James Campbell was unanimously reelected.

On balloting for a Mayor in place of Edmund I. Lee, Esquire, whose term of service has expired, Jacob Hoffman, Esquire, was duly elected.

On balloting for a Keeper of the Poor House, James Harris was duly elected.

The resignation of W. George Deneale, a member elected from the Third Ward, was received and accepted by the Council, whereupon, ordered that John Roberts, James Douglas, and Daniel McLean, to be Commissioners to hold an election at James Shethard's Tavern on the 20th day of the present month for a member to serve in the Council of Alexandria for the "Third Ward" in place of George Deneale, Esquire, resigned.

Ordered that Mssrs. Gird, Smith, Janney, and Morgan be a committee to examine into the amount and nature of the public debt, and make report to Council. It is further ordered that the same committee do bring in bills, for fixing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation and for the raising of a revenue for the present year.

Resolved that Mssrs. Lee, Smith, and Hipkins be a Committee to inquire into the expediency of transferring the duties of the Street Commissioner from the Superintendent of Police to some other department; and also the expediency of abolishing the Office of High Constable and whether the law prescribing the duties of Police Constables should not be amended, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, that Mssrs. Smith, Rhodes, Adam, and Veitch be a Committee who with the Superintendent of Police after due notice being given, shall proceed to rent the warehouse and lots on the Public Fish Wharf until the first of June next.

Ordered that Mssrs. Smith, Rhodes, Adam, and Veitch be authorized to bring in a bill to regulate the wharfage on fish landed at the Public Wharf.

Ordered that Mssrs. Janney, Smith, Vowell, and Newton be a Committee to superintend the finishing of the new Market House. The Council then adjourned until Monday next at half-past three o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

9 March 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Rhodes, Vowell, Davis, Adam, Morgan, Newton, Smith, Lee, Janney, Moore.

Jacob Hoffman, Esquire, the Mayor-elect, appeared and had the oath of office administered to him by Thomas Vowell, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, in the presence of the Council.

W. Lee asked for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill "for Amending, Revising and Publishing the laws of the Corporation, which was read a "first" and "second" time and ordered to be engrossed for a "third" reading.

Ordered that the Attorney for the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to bring suit against William A. Harper and his security for the amount of monies collected and retained by him as Collector of Old Balances, and a suit against William A. Harper for settlement of his account and the books and papers relating to the accounts of the Corporation in his hands.

Ordered that William A. Harper, Collector of Old Balances, be removed from that office.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee appointed on the subject, reported "an act to establish the rates of wharfage at the public fish wharf" which was read a first time and recommitted.

Resolved that, in future, all orders and resolutions passed by Council be signed by the President of the Council, and be presented to the Mayor for his concurrence.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police expose to sell the materials of the Old Powder House, and stipulate with the purchaser that the same shall be removed within 60 days.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, Vowell, Hipkins, and Moore be and they are hereby appointed a standing committee on finances whose duty it shall be to examine the account of the Auditor and Treasurer once in every month, or oftener if they think necessary, and report to Council the state of the same.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police cause the nuisance at the intersection of West and Cameron Street to be removed without delay and that he cause West Street to be regulated in such a manner, as to admit passage of carriages and charge the expense thereof to the Third Ward.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday at three o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

11 March 1818

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Davis, Morgan, Newton, Smith, Lee, Janney, Moore. The President of the Common Council being absent, Hugh Smith, Esquire, was appointed President: pro tem.

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Clerk at each meeting of the Common Council to lay on the table of the President, a list of the unfinished business, and it shall be duty of the

President to call over the unfinished business before any new business is entered upon which the Council shall dispose of before they enter upon any new business.

An Act for Amending, Revising and Publishing the Laws of the Corporation was read a third time and passed.

Resolve that Mssrs. Lee, and Veitch be a Committee to inquire whether any and what amendments are necessary to be made in the law concerning the night watch, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

An Act to establish the sale of wharfage at the public fish wharf was read a second and third time and passed.

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "an Act transferring the duties of the Street Commission to the Superintendent of Police", was read a first time and laid on the table.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "an Act reducing into under several Acts for the regulation of the Market for the adjustment of weights and measures and for the size of bread" was read a first and second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On balloting for Assessors, John T. Brooks and William Ramsay, Jr., were unanimously elected. The Council then adjourned until tomorrow at 4 o'clock p.m.

Hugh Smith, President, pro tem.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

12 March 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Davis, Gird, Adam, Newton, Morgan, Lee, Smith, Veitch, Janney, Moore.

An Act to repeal an act entitled" an Act transferring the duties of the Street Commissioner to the Superintendent of Police and for other purposes" was read a second time and third time and passed.

The Council formed themselves into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Morgan in the Chair, to reconsider the Act entitled an "Act to amend an Act reducing under several acts for the regulation of the Market for the adjustment of weights and measures and for the size of bread," which having been amended, was reported to Council and read a third time for the amendments and passed.

Ordered that the license of Auctioneer be granted to P. G. Marstellar on his giving bond and security according to law.

Resolved that Mssrs. Veitch and Gird to be a Committee to inquire whether any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the law on the subject of regulating the Market.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow at 4 o'clock p.m.

H. Hooe, President
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

13 March 1818

In Council. Present. James S. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Davis, Gird, McGuire, Newton, Adam, Morgan, Hipkins, Lee, Smith, Janney, Veitch, Moore.

A preamble and resolution relative to the granting of tavern licenses was read and passed.

A report from part of the late trustees of the Poor and Work House relative to Thomas Parsons, late Keeper thereof, was read and received by Council.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to employ Constables to aid the Police Constables during the fishing season was read and passed. Ordered that Mssrs. Vowell, Gird, Morgan, McGuire, Smith, Hipkins, Janney and Veitch be a Committee to report to Council what sums of money will be required for the necessary local expenditures in each Ward for the present year.

Ordered that Mssrs. Smith, Moore, Adam, and Davis be a Committee to inquire into the manner in which contracts are made for cleansing the streets and report by bill or otherwise.

An Act to keep and repair the gravel part of Washington Street from Queen Street to Montgomery Street, was read a first time and referred to Mssrs. Lee and Janney.

An Act establishing the salaries of the Officers the Corporation for the year eighteen hundred and eighteen was reported by the Committee to whom the same was referred, which was read a first and second time. The blanks filled and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

An act for raising a revenue for the year eighteen hundred and eighteen was reported by the committee to whom the same was referred, which was read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow 3 o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

14 March 1818

In Council. Present. James S. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Davis, McGuire, Adam, Hipkins, Smith, Janney, Veitch, Morgan, Moore, Lee.

An Act establishing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the year 1818 was read a third time and passed.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred reported an "Act entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to establish a watch and laying a tax for paying the same," which was read a first and second time and ordered to lie on the table.

A communication from the Mayor was received accompanied by an Act entitled "An Act regulating the Market" which was returned with objections which the Council agreed to consider, on motion to amend the bill, it was decided in the negative, on motion to adhere to the bill it was decided the negative, and the bill was lost.

Leave was granted to bring in a bill to amend "An Act entitled an Act reducing into one the several Acts for the regulation of the Market," which was read a first and second time, and on motion was read a third time and passed.

Ordered that the following resolution, passed on the 9 inst. be and the same is hereby revoked: "Resolve, that in future all orders and resolutions passed by Council be signed by the President of the Council and be presented to the Mayor for his concurrence".

Resolved that the Council proceed to elect the Officers of the Corporation.

George Coryell was duly elected Superintendent of Police. Robert Brockett was duly elected Street Commissioner.

Alexander Williams was unanimously elected Superintendent of the Watch. William Davis, James Avery, John Wiggs, Elijah Davis, William Dulany, Gerard Arnold, Alexander Williams, Benjamin Jefferson, and John Green were duly elected Watchmen.

Peter Rhodes was duly elected Keeper of the Powder House.

Thomas Parsons was duly elected Clerk of the Market.

Thomas Semmes was duly elected Physician of the Poor House.

Reuben Johnston, Thomas Jacobs, Amos Alexander and Andrew Flemming were duly elected Trustees of the Poor and Work House.

David Black and London Campbell were duly elected Corders of Wood and Measurers of Lumber.

Anthony Crease was unanimously elected Inspector of the House of Industry in the room of Jonathan Swift, resigned. Gustavus A. Brown was duly elected Physician of the Vaccine Installation.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner due cause Oronoco Street from Washington to St. Asaph Street to be regulated so as to reduce it to the proper level, provided the expense does not exceed \$40 to be charged to Third Ward.

Ordered that J. W. Beedle, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, be permitted to fix the side stones, and pave the gutter on his property on Princess Street, and that he be authorized to deduct the amount from his taxes whenever the street is paved.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

18 March 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Davis, Adam, McGuire, Newton, Morgan, Hipkins, Smith, Janney, Veitch.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police close one of the upper rooms in the old jail to be fitted up for a place to keep such persons as may be taken up by the watch, and that the present watch house be pulled down.

An Act entitled "An Act for raising a revenue for the year 1818" was read a second and third times and passed.

Ordered that Mssrs. Smith and McGuire be a committee to bring in a bill regulating the noneffectual collection of taxes on waggons, carts and drays plying within the Corporation.

Ordered that Mssrs. Janney and Smith be a Committee to prepare and bring in a bill making appropriations for the year 1818.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police be authorized to rent out the Public Wharf and Warehouse for nine months to commence the 10th day of June next, and that he cause the upper part of the County Wharf to be repaired; provided the expense does not exceed \$300, under the direction of Mssrs. Smith, Morgan, Rhodes and Veitch.

On balloting for police constable, Davis Bowie was duly elected.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Clerk

19 March 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Davis, Morgan, Adam, Newton, Hipkins, Smith, Janney, Veitch, Moore.

On balloting for Police Constable, William Dulany was unanimously elected.

An Act making appropriations for the service of the Corporation of Alexandria for the year 1818 was read a first and second time and amended, the blanks filled and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered that \$3 improperly charged to Davis Monroe for two tythables be and the same is remitted.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, Veitch, McGuire and Adam be a committee to examine into the claim of J. W. Beedle, for moving for money due him for paving; and that the Superintendent of Police, with whom the contract was made, be directed to give the Committee all of the information necessary on the subject.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the regulation of waggons, carts and drays" was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan and Vowell be a Committee to ascertain if any, and what alterations are necessary in the Act entitled "An Act for the inspection of fish," with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that Mssrs. Vowell and Moore be a Committee to examine the law establishing a Board of Health, and report what alterations, if any, are necessary, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise. Mr. Gird asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to prevent the multiplicity of dogs, in and about the Market House, which was read a "first" time and laid on the table.

Ordered that the bond of John H. Phillips, collector for the Southern District be cancelled on his giving a new bond for \$3,690.34 conditioned for the payment of \$1,845.17 so much due for paving and other taxes, and 1817 uncollected at last settlement, it appearing to Council that the said Collector has been attentive to the duties of his office.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, Vowell, Smith and Moore be a Committee to inquire into the situation of the Corporation property, and to report to Council by bill or otherwise.

The Council then adjourned until Saturday, 3 o'clock.

J. H. Moore, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of Court

21 March 1818

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Davis, Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Morgan, McGuire, Adam, Hipkins, Smith, Janney, Veitch, Moore. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President of the Council, being absent, Hugh Smith, Esquire, was elected President pro tem.

James H. Hooe, Esquire, President of Council, appeared and took the chair.

The commissioners appointed to hold an election in Ward Three for a member of Council from that Ward, returned a certificate of same, whereby it appears that Nathaniel S. Wise is duly elected in the place of G. Deneale resigned.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the regulation of waggons, carts and drays" was read a second and third time, amended and passed.

John H. Phillips filed a new bond pursuant to an order passed on the 19th inst, where upon it is ordered that his old bond be cancelled.

On balloting for a Collector for the Southern District, John H. Phillips was unanimously elected.

On balloting for a Collector for the Northern District, John C. Mandell was unanimously elected.

On balloting for an additional Measurer of Lumber, William Campbell was unanimously elected.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police cause the public whipping post to be taken down from the Market Square, and deposit the material in a proper place for safe keeping, subject to the order of the Mayor.

The Council then adjourned until Thursday at 4 o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

26 March 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Rhodes, Davis, Gird, Vowell, Morgan, McGuire, Adam, Lee, Wise, Smith, Moore and Janney.

Nathaniel S. Wise, the member-elect from the Third Ward in the place of George Deneale resigned, appeared and after qualified, took his seat.

The Council went into a Committee of the Whole. W. Morgan in the Chair, when the Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to establish a Watch, and laying a tax for paying the same," was read and amended, the bill as amended was read a third time and passed.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police be in and is hereby directed to cause that part of the county wharf which was injured by the late gale of wind to be immediately repaired and charged the expense to the General Fund.

Ordered that Mssrs. Lee and Morgan be a Committee to inquire whether any and what amendments are necessary for the law relating to the exhibition of plays, shows, and other public exhibitions, and that the said Committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the inspection of fish, beef and pork, which was read a "first" time and laid on the table.

Ordered that Mssrs. Smith and Gird be a Committee to examine into the state of the Powder House, and report the same to Council.

Mr. Morgan asked for and obtained leave to bring in a bill for issuing due bills which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee appointed to bring in a bill to amend the Charter of the Town, reported the same, which was read and laid on the table.

On balloting for a Board of Health, the following persons were duly elected: North of King Street: Jonah Thompson, John Richards, William Douglas. Between King and Prince Streets: John Roberts, John Lloyd, Mordecai Miller. South of Prince Street: John Muncaster, Thomas Lawrason, William Harper.

An Act to keep in repair the gravel part of Washington Street, was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police have all the stalls and benches in the Market Square (without the pavement) removed as soon as the stalls in the new Market House are rented and have the Square so regulated as to pass the water into the streets and that he caused the benches under the portico and between the pillars to be put up and repaired: the expense to be charged to the General Fund.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Market under the direction of Mssrs. Morgan and McGuire be and he is hereby authorized to proceed, after due notice be given in the newspapers to rent for a term of one year all the stalls in New and Old Market Houses.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to cause the pavement of Fairfax Street between Cameron and Queen Street, to be reduced to the graduation and pavement of the intersection of Queen Street and charge the expense to the Second Ward. The Council then adjourned until Saturday, 3 o'clock.

J. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

28 March 1818

In Council. Mssrs. Rhodes, Davis, Gird, Vowell, McGuire, Newton, Morgan, Adam, Hipkins, Wise, Smith, Lee, Janney, Moore. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President of Council, being absent, Phineas Janney was duly elected President: pro tem.

A bill for issuing due bills in the name of the Corporation, was read a second time and the blanks filled and on motion was read a third time and passed.

A bill for the inspection of beef, pork and fish was read a second time and recommitted.

A bill for the keeping in repair the gravel part of the carriage way of Washington Street was taken up and the first section struck out, whereupon the title of the bill was changed to "An Act for keeping in repair the footways of the unpaved streets," and read and second and third time and passed. Ordered that a sum not exceeding \$100 be appropriated for repairing the gravel road on Washington Street under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and charged the amount to the Third Ward.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill concerning theatrical performances, and other public exhibitions, which was read a first time and laid on the table. Resolved that the sum of \$200 out of the General Fund be appropriated towards defraying the expense of a survey about to be made by the Engineer of the Board of Public Works of Virginia, of the ground from Goose Creek to Hunting Creek, and that the same be expended under the direction of the Mayor.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to regulate, take up, and reset the side stones and gutter on Queen Street, so far eastward as may be necessary, to carry off the water from the intersection of Fairfax and Queen Streets, and charge the same to the Second Ward. The Council then adjourned until Wednesday, 3 o'clock.

Phineas Janney, President, pro tem., Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

1 April 1818

In Council. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Morgan, Newton, Adam, Wise, Smith, Hipkins, Janney, Moore. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President of the Council, being absent. Phineas Janney was duly elected President: pro tem.

The Committee to whom was referred the bill for the inspection of fish, reported the same, which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to cause Water Street to be extended northward to the wharf lately built by Thomas White, and that he cause the earth to fill up the same to be taken from Water Street, between Oronoco and Princess Streets, so as to reduce the street to its graduation, and that a permanent funnel with a tide gate be placed so as to exclude the tide water, providing the same can be done by contract for a sum not exceeding \$350, to be charged to the Second Ward.

Ordered that whenever any order passes the Common Council directing the Superintendent of Police or Street Commissioner to perform any duty or duties they shall proceed to execute the order first passed by the Common Council and in a regular rotation, unless imperious circumstances (to be judged by the Council) shall prevent them.

A bill for the inspection of fish was read a second and third time and passed.

A act authorizing the Mayor to grant licenses to retail beer, ale, porter, and cider was read three times and passed.

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to deduct the sum of \$2 from the license which he may grant to persons who have been fined, and have paid the same for retailing ale, beer, porter and cider.

Ordered that the committee heretofore appointed for considering the mode in which contracts are made for cleaning the streets be authorized, together with the Superintendent of Police, to prescribe the manner in which the present contract shall be made.

The Council then adjourned until Saturday next at 3 o'clock.

Phineas Janney, President pro tem., Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

4 April 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Adam, McGuire, Vowell, Davis, Rhodes, Gird, Wise, Hipkins, Veitch, Smith, Janney, and Morgan.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police close the nuisances and the filth on the unpaved streets to be removed whenever their state shall render a requisite.

A communication was received from the Mayor which was read and referred to Mssrs. Janney and Smith. Ordered that the Street Commissioner cause lamps to be erected opposite the Presbyterian Church gate and the Friends Meeting House.

Ordered that the Committee on the New Market be authorized to rent to the Alexandria Library Company, the north room over the new market for one year at \$100 payable half yearly by the Treasurer of the company to the Treasurer of the Corporation.

Ordered that the memorial of Francis Peyton and others be referred to Mssrs. Wise and Hipkins.

Ordered that the Attorney for the Corporation do call on William A. Harper, late collector of balances, for such papers and books as have been placed in the hands to be returned to Council.

Ordered that the memorial of Christopher Neale be referred to Mssrs. Smith and Hipkins.

The committee to whom the subject was referred reported a bill authorizing the Police Constables to make use of firearms and in particular cases, which was read a first and second time and on motion was read a third time and passed. Ordered that the Superintendent of Police delay removing the wall in the Market Square adjoining the property of William Reynolds until the further order of Council.

Ordered that the Clerk and Auditor be directed to give public notice in both of the newspapers of the town that the Council will proceed to elect an Inspector of Fish on Saturday, the 11th day of April. Ordered that the Street Commissioner fill up to the usual regulation that part of Wilkes Street between Royal and Pitt Streets, and charge the expense to the First Ward.

The Council then adjourned until Saturday at 3 o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.

J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

11 April 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Davis, Gird, McGuire, Adam, Newton, Hipkins, Smith, Wise, Janney, Veitch, Moore.

On balloting for an Inspector of Fish, Levi Talbott was duly elected.

On application of the proprietors of two-thirds of the ground on both sides of Prince Street between Fairfax and Patrick Streets, it is ordered that the Street Commissioner do cause lamps to be erected on that part of Prince Street above mentioned agreeably to law.

On application of the proprietors of two-third of the ground on both sides of Duke Street between Pitt and Columbus Streets, it is ordered that the Street Commissioner do cause lamps to be erected on that part of Duke Street above mentioned agreeably to law.

On application of the proprietors two-thirds of the ground on St. Asaph, Washington and Columbus Streets between King and Duke, it is ordered that the Street Commissioner do cause lamps to be erected on St. Asaph, Washington and Columbus Streets as above described, agreeably to law.

On application of the proprietors two-thirds of the ground on Pitt Street between Prince and Duke, it is ordered that the Street Commissioner do cause lamps to be erected on Pitt Street, as above described, agreeably to law.

A communication was received from the Attorney for the Corporation pursuant to a resolution of Council accompanied by Sundry Papers delivered up to him by William A. Harper, collector of old balances.

Ordered that the memorial of Daniel McLeod and others be referred to Mssrs. McGuire, Adam and the Superintendent of Police.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner reduce to the proper regulation that part of Fayette Street which lies between King and Prince Streets and charge expense thereof to the Third and Fourth Wards.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the regulation of waggons, carts and drays," was read a first time and laid on the table.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent obstructions to the free passage of water through the gutters," was read twice and laid on the table, ordered that the petition of the Street Commissioner be referred to Mssrs. McGuire, Janney, Hipkins and Gird.

Ordered that Street Commissioner do cause the ditch on Oronoco Street to be cleaned and open a communication with such stagnant water as is in that vicinity, provided the expense does not exceed \$30 and charge the same to the Third Ward.

The Council then adjourned, sine die.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

17 April 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, Lee, Hipkins, Wise, Gird, Davis, Rhodes, Vowell, Adam, Newton, McGuire, Morgan, and Veitch.

An Act entitled "An Act concerning theatrical performances etc." was read a second time, the blanks filled, amended, and on motion was read a third time and passed.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent obstruction to the gutters," was read a second time and referred to the committee who brought it in.

A memorial from Francis L. Lee was read and referred to Mssrs. Wise and Vowell.

A memorial from Isaac Gibson was received, read and referred to Mssrs. Wise, Veitch, Adam and Rhodes.

Leave was granted to bring in a bill to regulate the Mayor's fees, which was read a first and second time and ordered to lie on the table.

George Frazier was unanimously elected a Watchman, in the place of William Dulany, resigned.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner fill up that part of Royal Street between Wilkes and Franklin Streets so as to make it passable for carts and to charge the same to the First Ward.

William Harper was duly elected Surveyor of the town.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Daniel McLeod was reported, that in their opinion the evil complained of may be removed by the Superintendent of Police.

Resolve that Mssrs. Lee and Wise be a committee to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law passed on the first day of April 1818 authorizing the Mayor to grant permits for retailing ale, beer, porter and cider.

Ordered that the street do cause Washington Street to be regulated from Wolfe to Gibbon Street provided the expense does not exceed \$250, and charge the same to the Fourth Ward.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

1 May 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, Veitch, Wise, Rhodes, Davis, Vowell, Newton, McGuire, Morgan.

Ordered that the fine of \$5 imposed on Thomas Sherwood for an unintentional violation of the law and selling liquors at the fish wharf, be remitted.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis L. Lee reported unfavorably to the granting of the prayer of the petitioner, which was concurred in by Council.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do notify the proprietors of the Wharf on the East side of Union Street between Conways and Jamieson's Wharves do cause the same to be repaired, and under fault of which within one month to report the same to Council.

Resolve that the Common Council will sit as a Court of Appeals from the hour of 10 to 2 o'clock on the 14th, 15th, and 16th days of the present month and the Clerk is directed to give notice accordingly in both Newspapers printed in the Town of Alexandria, that he cause the fourth section of the Act entitled "An Act regulating the Court of Appeals" to be published at the same time.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

9 May 1818

In Council. Present. J. H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Wise, Veitch, Janney, Smith, Morgan, Rhodes, Gird, Morgan, Vowell, McGuire.

Ordered that the sum of \$10 imposed on William Young and James Dyer for purchasing two barrels of fish previously to the inspection of the same be remitted. The Council being of opinion that there was no intentional violation of the law on their part.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do have the nuisance on Prince and Henry Streets removed forthwith.

Ordered that the permission to William Reynolds for the wall to stand to the South of the New Fish Market, be rescinded, and that it be removed on or before the first day of July next.

Leave was given to bring in a bill entitled "An Act to amend An Act entitled An Act for the inspection of fish in the Town of Alexandria," which was read a "first and second time," and the operation of the sale and the operation of the rule of Council in such cases being suspended, it was then read a "third" time and passed.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Clerk

18 May 1818

Court of Appeals. No quorum appearing on this day. No business was transacted.

14 May 1818

Court of Appeals. No quorum appearing on this day. No business was transacted.

15 May 1818

The Court convened this day. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Wise, Moore, Hipkins, Veitch, Smith, Rhodes, Vowell, Adam, McGuire, Morgan.

Adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

16 May 1818

The Court convened this day. Present: Mssrs. Veitch, Wise, Davis, Smith, Newton, Rhodes, Gird, Vowell, Morgan, McGuire.

The President being absent, Mr. Smith was elected president pro tem.

On the application of Mordecai Miller, \$500 was ordered to be taken from the valuation of his lot on Wolfe and Royal. Also, \$150 from his lot on Henry and Cameron Streets.

The tax on one male dog improperly charged to Richard Windsor was remitted.

The Court then adjourned sine die.

Hugh Smith, President, pro tem., Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

16 May 1818

In Council. Present: Mssrs. Veitch, Wise, Davis, Newton, Smith, Rhodes, Gird, Vowell, Morgan, McGuire.

The President being absent, W. Smith was elected President: pro tem.

Ordered that the heirs of David Griffith Decd. due fill up a sunken lot on which there is a nuisance between Queen and Princess Street and Pitt and St. Asaph Streets on or before the 4th day of June next, and in default thereof, that the Superintendent of Police due cause the same to be filled up and charged the expense to the proprietors.

A petition from George Grayson, a colored man, was received and read, and thereupon, it was ordered that the said petition be referred to Messrs. Gird, McGuire and Wise, with directions to inquire into the same and make a report to Council.

Ordered that the list of delinquents in fire buckets returned by the Assessors, be placed in the hands of the Auditor, and provided the law is not complied with on or before the first day of July next, that the list be returned to the Mayor, in order that the fines be then collected.

Mr. Wise from the committee appointed on the petition of Isaac Gibson, made a report on the subject, which was upon motion laid on the table.

Ordered the Superintendent of Police have the drain cleaned between Princess Street and the bridge on Fairfax Street, and charge the expense to the Second Ward provided it does not exceed \$20.

"The Act to prevent dogs going at-large in the Market House," was read a second and third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned.

Hugh Smith, President pro tem., Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

27 May 1818

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, Moore, Wise, Gird, Rhodes, Davis, Vowell, Smith, Morgan, Newton, McGuire.

Ordered that the Clerk of Council be and is hereby directed to demand from William Yeaton, late surveyor, the books and other papers containing the records of the surveys of the town, and in case of his refusal to deliver them, to make a report of the same to the President of the Council.

On the petition of William N. Mills and others, it is ordered that the Street Commissioners take up the pavement at the northern intersection of Patrick and King Streets, and repair the same according to the late regulations of Patrick Street, and that he cause the usual stepping stones to be placed in the same, and charge the expense thereof to the Third Ward.

Ordered that the plat of the town laid by the measurement of the surveyor be referred to Mssrs. Smith, Vowell, McGuire and Moore with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that cornerstones and permanent marks be fixed at such extremities of the town and other places, as have been fixed by measurement of the surveyor.

Ordered that the petition of John Hunter and others referred to Mssrs. Gird, Rhodes, Davis and Vowell in order to make a report on the merits thereof generally.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police give notice to the commanding officer of the Second Brigade of Militia, that the house on the public square used for the guns, will be removed during the month of June.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner due cause the brick tunnel at the intersection of Washington and Wilkes Streets, to be expended to the full width of Washington provided cost does not exceed \$160, and that the expense thereof be charged to the Fourth Ward.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Clerk

8 June 1818

In Council. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Newton, Adam, Vowell, Rhodes, Davis, Gird, Lee, Smith, Wise, Janney.

A letter from William Yeaton was received and read.

Ordered that the sum of \$500 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of filling up and extending Water Street across the marsh to the district line so as to connect the point with the rest of the town. That the said sum be expended in such proportion and that such times as the members of Council from the First Ward, with the Commissioner of the Streets shall deem expedient, in order that the proprietors of property adjacent may furnish their quotas of expense for completing said walk as proposed. The amount of this appropriation to be charged to the First Ward.

Resolved that the petition of Andrew Scolfield and others is seasonable and that the Street Commissioner do proceed to pave Queen Street from Washington to Pitt Street according to law.

On balloting for regulators, George Deneale and Thomas Preston were duly elected. The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

16 July 1818

In Council. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Veitch, Lee, Moore, Smith, Wise, Davis, Gird, Rhodes, Vowell, Morgan, Adam, Newton.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner due regulate Wilkes and Wolfe Streets between Water and Union Streets, and also repair the causeway from Wilkes to Gibbon Streets charging the expense to the First Ward provided it does not exceed \$100.

The following order was read and laid on the table. Ordered that Pitt from Cameron to Queen Street be paved according to law.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner due cause the west side of Water Street between King Street and Fayette Alley to be filled up and charge the expense to the "Second Ward" provided it does not exceed \$20.

Ordered that the tax of \$5 charged to John Johnson for a male dog be remitted.

Ordered that Mssrs. Davis and Rhodes be a committee to ascertain the probable expense of repairing the public's spring at the lower end of Union Street and report accordingly.

Ordered that the Keeper of the Powder House, under the direction of the Mayor due cause the Powder House to be slated, and put into a state of repair sufficient to prevent injury to the powder stored therein.

Resolve that Mssrs. Moore and Smith be a committee to inquire into, and confer with the levy court on the expediency of providing another room for the use of the Clerk of the Council Court of the District of Columbia for the County of Alexandria.

Ordered that the committee appointed to examine the state of the public property be authorized to procure copies of all the deeds of said property and charge the expense thereof to the General Fund.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

6 August 1818

In Council. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, Lee, Veitch, Wise, Davis, Rhodes, Adam, Gird, Newton, Hipkins.

The taxes due from Elizabeth Pearce for the present year were remitted.

A memorial from M. Scolfield was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Lee, Smith, Wise and Hipkins.

"The act making an annual appropriation for the payment of the assessors appointed by Council" was read a first and second time, and from motion made and seconded, the rule of Council was suspended, and the bill was then read a third time and passed.

Ordered that the memorial of Francis I. Lee heretofore referred to a committee of this Council, be recommitted to the same committee with instructions to give the memorialist notice of the time and place of their meeting to consider the same.

Ordered that the Attorney of the Common Council be authorized to suspend the execution of the Common Council of Alexandria against the securities of Abel Janney, late collector until the first day of November next.

Ordered the Superintendent of Police due cause to be sunk a reservoir in the proper place on Union Street, 9 or 10 feet east of the public spring at the lower end of said street, and place a pump therein and charge the expense to the "First Ward."

Ordered that Water Street between King and Cameron Streets be raised to the regulation, and the expense thereof charged to the "Second Ward."

Ordered that the gutters on the north and south side of King Street between Fairfax and Union Streets be repaired and the expense thereof charged to the "Second Ward."

Ordered that a sum not exceeding \$100 be appropriated, and that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of Alexander Williams for the same, to provide and store wood in the most eligible place he may think proper, for the use of the night watch.

Ordered that Queen Street between Pitt and Royal Streets be regulated and paved according to law.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police be authorized to employ a person to sweep and keep clean the market house and market square, the expense thereof to be charged to the General Fund.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner do open the mouth of the alley leading from Washington to St. Asaph Street and adjoining the property of C. Neale, by removing the side stones and paving the alley the extent of the footway on Washington Street, the expense of the pavement to be charged to the "Third Ward."

Ordered that the Street Commissioner cause a paved gutter to be placed on Wolfe Street between the intersection of Union to Water Street, provide the expense thereof does not exceed \$80, the same to be charged to the "First Ward."

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

19 August 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Lee, Wise, Davis, Gird, Rhodes, Vowell, Veitch, Newton, Hipkins.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Pumps do sink a well and erect a pump thereon at the southwest corner of Cameron and Pitt Streets, and charge the expense thereof to the Third Ward.

Resolve that Mssrs. Lee, Hipkins and Janney be a committee to inquire into the expediency of providing a remedy by law for the protection of property between candlelight and 10 o'clock at night.

Resolve the Attorney for the Corporation be authorized to suspend the service of the execution of the Common Council against Sarah Porter until the 15th day of December next.

The Auditor laid before the Council a statement of the expenditures in the several wards for the present year ending the 15th day of August which was read, whereupon resolved that Mssrs. Gird, Wise and Janney be a committee to examine the accounts of the Auditor and Treasurer and make report thereon to the Council.

A petition from Alexander Kerr and others was received and read, whereupon, ordered that the consideration of the said petition be postponed until a second Monday of September next.

On motion of Mr. Wise, leave was granted to bring in a bill to amend the act entitled, "an Act concerning free Negroes and Mulattos and for other purposes," passed 8th day of August 1809.

Resolve that Mssrs. Lee and Vowell be a committee to inquire whether any, and what amendments are necessary in the act concerning the chalybeate or medical spring.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

14 September 1818

In Council. Present. James S. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Veitch, Moore, Hipkins, Gird, Rhodes, Vowell, Lee, McGuire.

Ordered that the taxes from John Fulton and Mary Rixter for the present year be remitted.

Mr. Vowell from the committee for superintending the finishing of the new Market House made a report, that the committee had agreed to rent to the levy court for the County of Alexandria, the large room adjoining the library room over the new Market House as an office for the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia for the County of Alexandria upon the terms set forth in an agreement bearing date the 12th day of September 1818, which was prepared to be executed by the Common Council. The Common Council after considering the said agreement do hereby satisfy that the said committee have done, and under that the President of the Common Council, and the Mayor do sign and execute in due form of law the said agreement -- and also that they had rented the small room to the south of the one rented to the levy court to Edmond I. Lee at the rent of \$75 for one year from the time he takes possession of the same, with the privilege of holding the said room at the same rent for four years longer. Which latter agreement is also confirmed by the Common Council.

The petition of Thomas Brocchus and others on the subject of Pitt Street was read and referred to Mssrs. Adam and McGuire.

The petition of Joseph Borseau was read and referred to Mrs. Hipkins.

Ordered that the fine imposed upon Samuel Howard for permitting his dog to follow to the market place, be remitted, it appearing to the Common Council that he is unable to pay the same.

Ordered unanimously that the certificates of William Wedderburn and Bryan Hampson respecting the deportment and language of George Coryell, Superintendent of Police, while in the discharge of his official duties toward Mordecai Miller, be referred to Mssrs. Hooe and Lee, with the power to inquire into the conduct of the said George Coryell as to his manner in discharging the duties of his office, and to take testimony and report to the Common Council as soon as practicable.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Boiseau made a report recommending the suspension of the collection of taxes due from him until further ordered the Council, which was adopted.

Ordered that the Street Commissioners due furnish the widow of the late John Mandeville with 70 loads of dirt to aid in filling up a part of her property, in consequence of the heavy expense incurred by her in underpenning her building.

The Act to provide for the protection of property between candlelight and 10 o'clock was read a first and laid on the table.

The Act to provide for fitting up the room at present occupied by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, where a Mayor's office, also.

The Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to concerning the chalybeate spring at the intersection of Pitt and Montgomery Streets, were severely read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that Superintendent of Police due cause a lab to be erected on one of the posts in the portico over the new Market House near and convenient to the room lately rented to the levy court for the use of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia for the County of Alexandria.

Ordered unanimously that the Street Commissioners do cause Pitt from Cameron to Queen Street to be paved according to law.

Ordered that the Street Commissioners do reset the curbstones on the southside of Cameron Street, from Washington to St. Asaph Street, and also those on the east side of Washington from Cameron to King Street, and to pave the gutters concave. The expense to be charged to the "Third Ward."

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

15 September 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Hipkins, Gird, Veitch, Vowell, Adam, McGuire, Lee.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner do forthwith cause to be laid at the intersection of Pendleton and Water Street a sufficient trunk, 5 feet wide at bottom, and 2 feet high with a tight gate that will exclude the tidewater; the bottom of said trunk to be laid sufficiently low to carry off the water from the lots above and in the marsh.

Ordered that the committee for superintending the furnishing of the new Market House do cause the enclosure around the Market Square, including the passages in the Market House, to be repaired so as to exclude cattle from the Market House, and Square.

The Act to provide for the protection of property between candlelight and 10 o'clock was read a second and third times and passed.

The Acts to provide for filling up the room at present occupied by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, for a Mayor's office, also, the act to amend an act entitled an act concerning the chalybeate spring at the intersection of Pitt and Montgomery Streets were severally read a second time and passed.

Ordered that Mssrs. Veitch and McGuire be a committee who shall with the Superintendent of Police examine the pavement done by J. W. Beadle during the last year, and that the said committee shall have power to adjust the account of the said Beadle against the Corporation.

Ordered that Mssrs. Lee, Smith and Janney be a Committee to inquire into the laws relating to poor orphan children, and if practicable, to devise an effectual system for the institution of such, in some useful art.

Ordered that the Mayor do cause to be laid before the Council a report of the Inspectors of the House of Industry, stating the progress they have made, how many of the poor have been relieved, and the expense of the house.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

30 September 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, Gird, McGuire, Veitch, Smith, Wise, Vowell, Davis, Newton, Adam, Rhodes.

The petition of Robert Young was referred to the Auditor to report on the subject to the next Council.

Mr. Vowell from the Committee on Public Property, made a report on the subject of the property owned by the Corporation in the southern district. Whereupon resolved that the Mssrs. Vowell, Newton and Smith in conjunction with the Mayor be a committee to advertise and rent at public auction the public property in the southern district on Thursday, the 8th of October next, for the term of five years.

Ordered that Thomas Irwin have permission to keep his fence on the east side of St. Asaph between Cameron and Queen Streets in the situation it now stands, for 12 months.

Ordered that Mssrs. Gird and Veitch be a committee to contract for a regular supply of oil for the public lands, where such person may offer to supply the same on the most reasonable terms.

Ordered that the orders heretofore passed and not executed for resetting the side stones and repaving gutters, be suspended until further of the Council.

Ordered that the petition of the lamplighters for an increase of salary be referred to Mssrs. Janney and McGuire and the committee report thereon to the next Council.

Ordered that Mssrs. McGuire, Vowell, Smith, and Janney be a committee to examine and see what work is necessary and ought to be done in the present season, and report to the next Council.

Ordered that Mssrs. Janney and Veitch be a committee to examine the law for lighting the town, and report if any, and what alterations are necessary in said laws.

Ordered that the petition of Thomas Shreve and others be referred to the Auditor for examination into the facts contained therein.

On balloting for an attorney for the Corporation, in the place of John D. Simms removed from town, Robert I. Taylor was duly elected.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause three lamps to be placed, one in the center of the new; one in the center of the old Market House; and one at the south end of the portico to the new Market House, and that the Captain of the Watch cause them to be lighted in the same manner as the other lamps in the Market House.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause a lamp to be erected on Pitt Street opposite St. Paul's Church, the expense to be charged to the General Fund.

Ordered that the amount of the execution in favor of the Common Council, paid by the Marshal of the District of Columbia by Francis I. Lee, be refunded.

Ordered that the taxes charged to William H. Fitzhugh on one tithable, three horses, one cow, be remitted as not chargeable in the Corporation.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

12 October 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Veitch, Lee, Smith, McGuire, Vowell, Gird, Davis, Rhodes, Newton, Hipkins.

Ordered that the permission for Thomas Irwin to keep his fence on St. Asaph Street be extended to that part of the lot on Queen Street.

Ordered that the subject of purchasing an additional lot for the use of the Poor House, be referred to the Trustees of that house to ascertain the terms upon which the said lot can be had.

Resolve that the First Regiment of the Second Brigade of the Militia of the District of Columbia be permitted to occupy the lot on which the gun house of the regiment is now erected, for the purpose it is now used, for the term of five years from the 16th of October 1818 (eighteen hundred and eighteen).

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Streets suspend the further regulation of the unpaved streets, except for the employment of the carts and hands now at work for six days, to finish the work in hand in the best manner he can.

Mr. Vowell from the committee for leasing the property of the town in the southern district, reported, that the property was leased agreeably to the order of Council and exhibited the following account of the then due master.

Account sales made at auction by order of the Mayor and a committee of Council.

Alexandria October 8th

A lease for 5 years from the 16th October on the following property.

viz.

- 1 The red warehouse with the privilege of fifteen feet opening on the south and ten feet on the east, not be enclosed or built upon.
The building and the property of Thomas Preston.
Purchased by Thomas Preston at \$125 per annum. \$ 125.00
- 2 The wharf about one hundred and fifteen feet, more or less on the River to the east site of the Strand with openings.
Purchased by I. & J. Janney at \$490 per annum. \$ 490.00
- 3 The stone warehouse purchased by John Muncaster at \$390 per annum. \$ 390.00
- 4 A lot of ground on Duke Street twenty feet front by fifty feet deep to the north more or less.
Purchased by Mrs. Mills at \$35 per annum. \$ 35.00
- 5 A lot of ground on the Strand forty-six feet front by thirty-four feet on Duke Street more or less.
Purchased by Levi Pickering at \$75 per annum. \$ 75.00
- 6 A lot of ground on the Strand seventy-five feet and three-twelfths feet front, fifty feet deep, more or less.
Purchased by Thomas Preston at \$45 per annum. \$ 45.00
- 7 A lot of ground twenty-one feet front on Duke Street and extending back to the alley more or less.
Purchased by William Jackson at \$60 per annum. \$ 65.00
- 8 A lot of ground on Duke Street twenty-two feet front, and extending back to the alley binding on a four feet alley adjoining Mrs. Mills' house.
Purchased by William Jackson at \$60 per annum. \$ 60.00

- 9 A vacant lot of ground twenty-five feet front on the alley slant more or less slant to the gun house five feet not to be enclosed, with the reserve to open the gun house doors.
Purchased by Levi Pickering at \$16
per annum. \$ 16.00
- 10 A lot of ground on Potomac Strand twenty-seven feet, three inches front slant or more less slant and extending back to the line of the Corporation property.
Purchased by William B. Stewart at \$28
per annum. \$ 28.00
- TOTAL \$ 1,324.00

All the foregoing rents payable half yearly.

Signed:

P. Marstellar, Auctioneer, per B. Gilpin.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.

J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

31 October 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, Smith, Lee, Veitch, Davis, Vowell, Morgan, Adam, Newton.

Mr. Newton Keene, member elected from the Third Ward in the place of Mr. Nathaniel I. Wise resigned, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

A message from the Mayor was received and read, and referred to Mssrs. Lee and Smith with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The report from the Inspectors of the House of Industry transmitted by the Mayor, was read and ordered to be published for the information of the citizens of the town.

Ordered that the collection of the paving taxes due from Martha Keating be suspended for four months.

The taxes due from Suzanna Johnston for the present year were remitted.

Ordered that the Auditor and Treasurer do prepare and lay before the Council a statement of the debts from the Corporation, designated that part which is due to the Bank of Alexandria, and the amount of due bills in circulation.

Ordered to plan for the graduation of the streets prepared by the

Surveyor be referred to Mssrs. Smith, Vowell, Morgan, and Janney, and that they report to Council thereon.

Ordered that the Auditor be and he is hereby directed to prepare and lay before Council at their next meeting all claims and accounts against the Corporation which are unpaid.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner do reset the side stones on Washington and Cameron Streets as far as the lot of Christopher Neale on those streets extends.

Theodore Gibbs was appointed a Watchman in the place of John Green declared incompetent.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police under the direction of the Mayor do cause such alterations to be made in the stairs leading to the watch house, as well as make them convenient for the purpose intended, and that he cause a stove or stoves to be placed in the rooms appropriated for the use of the watch.

The following order was submitted.

"Ordered that the Captain of the Watch be authorized to make the additional compensation of \$1 for each lamp, to the lamplighters for lighting the same, making the whole compensation \$5 per annum for lighting and keeping clean each lamp."

The ayes and noes being called forward as follows: ayes. Mssrs. Janney, Lee, Smith, Davis, Hooe 5 noes. Mssrs. Keene, Veitch, Vowell, Morgan, Adam, Newton 6.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner do cause lamps to be erected on Princess Street between Washington and St. Asaph according to law.

The following report was read and adopted by the Council. "The Auditor to whom was referred the petition of the Robert Young begs leave to report that he has examined the case of the Common Council against Thomas Preston, upon which the present petition is predicated, and is of the opinion that the objection of the Supreme Court was directed more against the mode of recovery pursued by the Common Council, then the justice of their claim. He is satisfied that all lots within the limits of the Corporation are liable for taxes in arear into whatever hands they may fall as far as their value extends, after they have left the possession of the proprietor under whom the taxes accrued, and that in order to make the present occupant liable, it is only necessary to have a return of no effects upon the premises, upon each execution issued against the former proprietor. Since therefore the Common Council have an equitable claim against the

present occupant, Robert Young, and would be enabled to obtain the amount of taxes from him by pursuing the course he appointed out, it would seem unnecessary to subject them to the trouble of a new process inasmuch as Mr. Young can have recourse to the former proprietor for the sum paid by him."

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

18 November 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. McGuire, Adam, Morgan, Vowell, Davis, Rhodes, Gird, Keene, Hipkins, Moore, Veitch.

Ordered that the tax of \$2 charged to Mary Johnston be remitted.

Ordered that the tax of \$2 charged to Hannah Brice be remitted.

Ordered that the communication of the Street Commissioner be referred to Mssrs. McGuire, Gird, Keene and Veitch and that the said committee do examine and inspect all the work done by the said Commissioner, and report to them next Council.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner do proceed to fill up the footway on Pitt Street between Cameron and Queen Streets so far as to secure the side stones, and charge the expense to the Second Ward.

Ordered that the tax of \$5 improperly charged to Lewis Lee on male dog be remitted.

Ordered that the tax of \$11 improperly charged to Jacob Hoffman be deducted from his tax bill.

The committee for superintending either finishing the new Market House laid before Council an application from T. Mountford, Manager of the Alexandria Museum, for a part of the upper story over the north end of said Market House for keeping the museum in, whereupon it was ordered that the before mentioned committee be authorized to contract with the said T. Mountford for the room required upon such terms as they, with the consent of the Mayor may deem proper.

Leave was granted to bring in a bill to amend the act entitled "an act supplementary to an act passed the 30th March 1807 establishing a watch and laying taxes for paying the same," which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that Mssrs. McGuire, Gird, Keene, and Veitch be a committee to inquire into the expediency of aiding the incorporated and other societies of the town in carrying into execution members for the further security of the town against fire.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner do cause the footing on the east side of St. Asaph between Cameron and Queen Streets to be regulated as far as Thomas Irwin's fence, provided the expense does not exceed \$30 and charge the same to the Third Ward.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

28 November 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Smith, Veitch, Keene, Gird, Davis, Vowell, Adam, McGuire, Morgan, Lee.

Ordered that the collection of a tax for a tavern license from John Dixon be suspended, and that the Auditor make report of the same be due from any other person of the same name.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of ordering the different fire companies of the town in devising some means for the further security of the town against fire, made a report on the subject accompanied by Sundry Papers which were ordered to lay on the table.

Ordered that leave be given to Henry Nicholson to sink a well six feet in the clear, and place a pump therein on the west side of Water Street in the center of the square between Cameron and Queen Streets and that the expense thereof be deducted from the taxes as they become due, and that the same be charged against the Second Ward.

A communication was received from Jonathan Janney which was referred to Mssrs. Vowell, Smith, Morgan, Newton and Mayor to report thereon.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, Vowell, Veitch and Smith be a committee to inquire into the cause of the erection of the portico in front of the Fish Market, and to report to Council, by whose order, and at whose expense it is now erecting.

The following order was moved and seconded.

"Ordered that the superintendent of police do cause the lower end of Princess Street to be repaired and secured so as to prevent the earth from washing from the same, and charge expense to the Second Ward provided it does not exceed \$75."

On motion to amend the resolution by inserting the words "under the direction of a committee consisting of the members of the Council for the Second Ward" the "ayes" and the "noes" being called for were as follows: ayes Mssrs. Smith, Veitch, Gird, Davis, Vowell, Adam, McGuire, Hooe and Morgan 9.

Noes Mssrs. Lee and Keene 2. "Carried."

The question was then taken on the order as amended by the "ayes" and the "noes" as follows and carried.

Ayes Mssrs. Smith, Veitch, Gird, Davis, Vowell, Adam, McGuire, Hooe and Morgan 9. Noes Mssrs. Lee and Keene 2.

Ordered that the Messenger of the Council be authorized to have the entrance to the Council Chambers regulated and charge the expense to the General Fund provided it does not exceed \$5.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

7 December 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Adam, Morgan, Smith, Vowell, Davis, Keene, Hipkins, Veitch, Janney.

Mr. Vowell from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Janney reported unfavorably to the prayer of the petitioner, which report was adopted by the Council.

A communication was received from the Mayor stating that the warehouse on the Corporation wharf had received such material injury from the late storm, as to require immediate attention to prevent the house falling, whereupon it was ordered that the Superintendent of Police, under the direction of Mssrs. Adam, Davis, Veitch and Hipkins, do cause the said house to be so repaired or propped up, as to prevent any further injury, provided the expense does not exceed \$100.

That part of the Mayor's communication relating to the erection of the portico at the Fish Market was referred to Mssrs. Morgan, Vowell, Veitch and Smith.

Ordered that Mssrs. Morgan, Rhodes, Lee, and Moore be a committee to examine the manner in which the side pavements and curbstones have been placed by order of the Street Commissioner; to examine and settle the accounts for doing the said work, and that the Auditor be and is hereby directed to suspend auditing the accounts for the said work until the said committee make their report.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

29 December 1818

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Smith, Janney, Hipkins, Gird, Rhodes, Vowell, Morgan and Adam.

A communication was received from the Mayor enclosing a letter from the Chairman of the Committee of Congress for the District of Columbia which was read; whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were moved and adopted by Council:

"The Committee of Congress for the District of Columbia having expressed a wish through their Chairman to the Mayor of Alexandria, that the municipal authorities of the town would appoint a deputation duly authorized and prepared, to confer with the committee upon the subject of that portion of the President's message of the 17th ultimo which has been referred to them; the Common Council of Alexandria have accordingly taken the subject into consideration and come to the following resolutions;

1. That the Mayor and the President of the Common Council together with Mssrs. Thomas Swann, Robert I. Taylor and Edmund I. Lee be requested to proceed to Washington at the time appointed by the committee, and at such times thereafter as may be deemed necessary, for the purpose of holding a conference with the said Committee of Congress upon the subject suggested by the President in the said message.
2. That the said Deputies be instructed, and they are hereby instructed to represent to the Committee of Congress, as the sense of the the Common Council of Alexandria, that the establishment of a local government for the District of Columbia, under any modification whatever, would, in their opinion, neither comport with the interests or inclinations of the people of Alexandria.
3. That the Deputies do further represent, as the sense of this Council, that they're aware of no means by which the direct control of Congress could safely be dispensed in relation to this portion of the District, unless by such a modification of our Charter, as would give the municipal authorities of the town the power of enacting their own laws to an extent commensurate with the reasonable wants of the community."

On balloting for Inspectors of the House of Industry, the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz., Charles Page, John Harper, Bernard Bryan, Guy Atkinson, Anthony Crease, Isaac Robbins, Mordecai Miller, and Jonathan Janney.

Mr. Morgan from the committee appointed to inquire into the cause of the erection of the portico in front of the Fish Market, reported, that they investigated the circumstances of the case and were satisfied with the conduct of the officers appointed to superintend the same; which report was concurred and by the Council.

Ordered that Mssrs. Gird and Vowell be a committee to receive and distribute the donation of the late Ont McGrath.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

1819

6 January 1819

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Adam, Morgan, Rhodes, Gird, Keene, Hipkins, Smith, Veitch, Davis, Lee, Janney.

Ordered that the taxes of David Jenkins, deceased for the years 1817 and 1818 be remitted.

Mr. Lee from the committee to whom was referred the message of the Mayor of the 31st October 1818 reported the following bills, viz.

An Act to amend and explain the fifth section of an Act entitled "An Act concerning theatrical performances and public exhibitions."

An Act to amend the 16th section of the Act entitled "An Act to remove nuisances, preserve the health of the inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, and for other purposes," or severally ready first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that the papers heretofore before Council relative to a proposed amendment of the Charter be referred to the President of the Council together with Mssrs. Lee and Smith.

The Common Council having considered the report of the committee to whom was referred the subject of the official conduct of George Coryell, Superintendent of Police, do unanimously declare it to be their opinion that the language of all officers of the Corporation to those who may be subject of their official notice, ought to be decorous, and the style of address of George Coryell to Mordecai Miller was not decorous and such as an officer ought to use to others, and discharge others public duties, yet the conduct of the Superintendent of Police in this instant, has not been such as to authorize the Council to adopt any measure towards him other than this expression of their disappropriation of his conduct.

Ordered that the Mayor and President of Council, be authorized to borrow from any of the banks, a sum not exceeding \$3,000 to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and specially applied to the payment of the Watch; the expenditures of the Poor House; and the House of Industry, under appropriations already made.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

4 February 1819

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Moore, Gird, Adam, Rhodes, Vowell, Morgan, Davis, Hipkins, Smith.

The taxes charged to Jane Robinson and Mary Geasling for the present years were remitted.

A committee from Thomas Irwin was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Morgan, Gird, and Vowell.

The account of Lewis Piles was referred to the Auditor for examination and settlement.

The tax of \$5 improperly charged to Jane Hurle Hope was remitted.

Ordered that Mssrs. Vowell, Hipkins, Adam, and Janney be a committee to settle the annual accounts and prepare the same for publication.

Ordered that the tax of \$5 charged to Andrew Jamieson, James McDonald, Mrs. Perry and Richard Stanton on dogs belonging to them, but shocked by the Constable be remitted or refunded if paid.

The following persons were appointed Commissioners for holding elections in the different wards on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March next for members to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing 12 months. viz.

Alexander McKenzie at Rhodes Tavern on Union Street
John T. Brooks

Reuben Johnston for the First Ward

Colin Auld at the Council Chamber
Guy Atkinson

William Barthemew for the Second Ward
John Roberts at Jos. Shepherd's Tavern
Adam Lynn
John Grub

Thomas Lawrason at Joseph C. Gird's
Corner of Duke and St. Asaph Streets
William D. Simm
Robert I. Taylor

For the Fourth Ward

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

13 February 1819

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Smith, Keene, Gird, Davis, Rhodes, Vowell, Morgan, Adam, McGuire, Veitch.

Mr. Davis from the committee appointed on that subject reported "an act to regulate the inspection of shingles and plastering laths within the town of Alexandria," which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Leave was granted to Mr. Morgan to bring in a bill entitled, an act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend for licensing auctioneers and other purposes, passed the 31st day of of May 1817" which was read a first and second time and upon motion, read a third time and passed.

Ordered that a license be granted to Thomas Arrel Marstellar as auctioneer for one year, and that his bond according to law with a security of John Muncaster and George Coleman, be prepared by the Attorney for the Corporation, and that on his producing the same, that the Mayor be authorized to grant a license.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

27 February 1819

In Council. Present. James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Veitch, Keene, Hipkins, Davis, Gird, Rhodes, Vowell, Adam, Smith, Janney.

Ordered that the tax of \$3 on second tyth improperly charged to and paid by Thomas Towers, and also the tax of \$2.50 on one shop paid by Joseph Dodds, be refunded.

Ordered that the taxes due from John Lanham, laborer, for the present year be remitted.

"The Act to regulate the inspection of shingles and plastering laths within the town of Alexandria," was read a second and third time and passed.

The committee appointed to examine the public accounts and prepare the same for publication, made a report which was adopted.

The taxes from Lucy Coats for the present year were remitted.

On the petition of Enoch Pelton, it is ordered that the sum of \$20 be deducted from his tavern license, the same having been improperly charged to him.

In consequence of a recommendation from the Mayor that an additional compensation be allowed for the Police Constables for duties after sunset, it is ordered that \$15 be allowed to each of the them.

Ordered that the Auditor deliver John C. Mandell and John H. Phillips the bonds taken for collection of taxes for 1818, they giving new bonds for the balance now in hand to be collected by them.

Ordered that the Auditor issue his warrant in favor of James Campbell for \$200 as Messenger of Council, and for furnishing fuel for the last year.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of Robert Brockett for the balance due him per account furnished the Auditor for paving in the year 1817.

Leave was granted Mr. Smith to bring in a bill entitled "an Act regulating the mode of contracting for paving the streets, and setting the side stones," which was read a first and second time, and upon motion, read a third time and passed.

On the petition of the Secretary of the Exchange Coffee House and Reading Room, it is resolved that a reduction of \$100 be made from the rent for the current year of the rooms occupied by said establishment, and that the large room shall be considered to be for the benefit of the citizens of the town, and to be denominated the town hall, under the direction of the Mayor or the President of the Common Council, and the committee of the aforesaid Coffee House and Reading Room, provided the aforesaid committee furnish fuel and lights for said room and the introduction or use of spiritous and for minted liquors be prohibited upon all occasions.

Ordered that the account of Dellinox be referred to the Auditor, and that he be authorized to issue a warrant in favor of Alexander McKenzie, guardian to the heirs of the late Dennis M. Johnston, provided it appears that an order has heretofore been made which provided that the amount due from the heirs D. Johnston was to be collected from the rents on their property as they became due.

The Council then adjourned.

J. H. Hooe, President, Test.
J. P. Thompson, Clerk of the Court

Minutes
For the Year Eighteen Hundred and Nineteen
Beginning on the 6th Day of March
1819

Members of Council
Returned for the year Eighteen Hundred and Nineteen

Thomas Vowell	
Anthony Rhodes	For the First Ward
John Gird	
Thomas Sandford	

John Longden	
Bernard Bryan	For the Second Ward
John Ramsay	
Joseph Mandeville	

Newton Keene	
Hugh Smith	For the Third Ward
Johnathan Swift	
Christopher Neale	

John C. Vowell	
James H. Hooe	For the Fourth Ward
James Keith, Jr.	
Ezra Keurey	

At a Meeting:

Of the Persons elected to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing year at the Council Chamber on Saturday the 6th day of March 1819. Present: Mssrs. Rhodes, Sandford, T. Vowell, Gird, Ramsay, Bryan, Mandeville, Smith, Swift, Neale, Keene, Hooe, J. C. Vowell, Keith, Keurey.

On balloting for a President of the Council, James H. Hooe, Esquire, was elected, who after taking the Oath of Office prescribed by Law before Thomas Vowell, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, administered the same to the Members present.

On balloting for a Clerk and Auditor, J. P. Thompson was unanimously re-elected.

On balloting for a Messenger to Council, James Campbell was unanimously re-elected.

On balloting for Mayor, Jacob Hoffman, Esquire, was re-elected to whom the Oath of Office was administered by Newton Keene a Justice of the Peace, in presence of the Council.

On balloting for a Keeper of the Poor House, James Harris was unanimously re-elected.

Ordered that the Rules and Regulations of the last Council be adopted, and that the Clerk do make out a fair copy, altering phraseology in such cases as may be required, without altering the substances, and that when returned they be submitted to Council for their approbation.

On balloting for Assessors for the present year, John T. Brooks and William Ramsay were unanimously elected.

Ordered that the Mayor, with the Attorney for the Corporation issue any executions held up by order of the last Council.

Resolved that all Orders heretofore pass for the expenditure of money in regulating or paving streets, be suspended until the further order of the Council.

Ordered that Messrs. Keene, Keith, Ramsay and T. Vowell be a Committee to bring in bills for fixing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation, and for raising a revenue for the present year.

Ordered that Messrs. Gird, Mandeville, Swift and J. C. Vowell be a Committee together with the Superintendent of Police to rent out at public auction the Fish Wharf and Warehouse for the present season, and that the Clerk give public notice that attendance will be giving by said Committee on the premises, on Monday the 15th inst. at 10:00.

Resolved that the Council will on Thursday next precede to the election of a Superintendent of Police, Inspector of Fish, Keeper of the Powder House, Superintendent of Watch, Clerk of the Market, Watchman, Measurers of Lumber and Cordors of Wood, and Police Constables, and that the Clerk of Council do give notice thereof in the newspapers of the Town.

The Council then adjourned
until Monday next at half past 3:00
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

8 March 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Sandford, Rhodes, T. Vowell, Gird, Ramsay, Mandeville, Smith, Swift, Keene, J. C. Vowell, Keith.

Ordered that the Members of the respective Wards do examine and report to Council what improvements or repairs to the street will be required during the present year.

Ordered Messrs. Keene, Keith, Ramsay and T. Vowell, be a Committee to bring in a Bill making appropriations for the present year.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

11 March 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Keurey, J. C. Vowell, Keith, Keene, Neale, Swift, Mandeville, Bryan, Ramsay, T. Vowell, Gird, Sandford, Rhodes.

Mr. Longden, the Member from the Second Ward appeared and was qualified and took a seat.

Leave was granted to bring in a Bill to repeal that part of the Act passed on the ___ [sic] of ___ [sic] 1818 which appoints a Street Commissioner and transfers to him the duties formerly discharged by the Superintendent of Police, which was read a first and second time, and the ninth rule being suspended, it was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Keene from the Committee to whom the Subject was referred, reported a Bill "For Fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the present year," which was read a first and second time, and the ninth rule being suspended, it was read a third time and passed.

A Communication was received from the Treasurer, which was referred to the Revenue Committee.

The following Officers were balloted for and elected to serve during the present year.

George Drinker	Superintendent of Police
Jacob Wisemiller	Clerk of the Market
Peter Rhodes	Keeper of the Powder House
Alexander Williams	Superintendent of Watch
William Loudon Campbell	Measurers of Lumber
Davis Bowie	
William Delaney	Constables
David Black	Corder of Wood

William Davis, John Wiggs, George Frazier, James Aubrey, John Gibbs, Gerrard Arnold, Elijah Davis, B. Jefferson - Watchman. Ordered that the Superintendent of Police take written engagements payable on the 15th of May witness security for the payment of such rents as may be agreed on by the Committee and

Superintendent of Police for renting the lots on the County Wharf during the fishing season, and that they be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for collection.

Ordered that Messrs. Keene, T. Vowell, Mandeville, J. C. Vowell, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for the creation of a stock to the amount of \$50,000, paying an interest 6% per annum in half yearly payment; the rent roll of the corporation to be pledged for the punctual payment of the interest, and the real estate of the Corporation for the principle redeemable in ten years, or at the pleasure of the Common Council for the time being. The proceeds of the stock to be applied to the payment of the debts due to Treasurer, the banks of Alexandria and the Potomac, and retiring the due bills that may come in during the present year, and for no other purposes.

The Council then adjourned
until Saturday next at 3:00
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

13 March 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe Esquire, President. Messrs. Rhodes, Gird, Sandford, T. Vowell, Longden, Ramsay, Bryan, Mandeville, Swift, Keene, J. C. Vowell, Keith, Keurey.

The Act fixing the salaries of the Officers in the Corporation for the present year was returned by the Mayor with his objections in writing.

The Council preceded to reconsider the same.

A motion was made to strike out the words, "Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars" from the First Section and insert in lieu "Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars".

The Ayes and Noes being called for were as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Keith, Swift, Sandford, Hooe.

Noes: Messrs. Kinsey, J. C. Vowell, Keene, Mandeville, Bryan, Ramsay, Longden, T. Vowell, Gird, Rhodes.

It was then moved to retain the words "Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars" and the question being taken on the motion, it was carried.

A Motion was made to strike out the "third section, which was carried". The Bill was then order to be sent to the Mayor for his signature.

On balloting for an Inspector of Fish, Levi Talbott was duly elected.

Resolved that the Laws and Orders of the Common Council be published in one of the newspapers of the Town, and that the seal of proposal for publishing the same, be sent to the President of the Council, to be opened and decided upon at the next meeting of the Council.

Leave was granted to bring to repeal an Act entitle "An Act to establish a Vaccine Institution in the Town of Alexandria."

On balloting for Trustees of the Poor House, the following gentlemen were duly elected:

Reuben Johnston, Guy Atkinson, Anthony Crease, Amos Alexander.

On balloting for Physician to the Poor House, Thomas Semmes was re-elected.

Mr. Keene from the Committee to whom the Subject was referred, reported a "Bill making provision for the debt of the Corporation" which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that Messrs. J. C. Vowell and Swift be a Committee to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act entitle "An Act to authorize the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of Pumps" passed the 6th of January 1816.

On balloting for Collectors for the present year, John C. Mandell was elected for the Northern, and John H. Phillips for the Southern District.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

15 March 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Rhodes, Sandford, T. Vowell, Gird, Longden, Ramsay, Bryan, Mandeville, Swift, Neale, Keene, J. C. Vowell, Keith, Kinsey.

Mr. J. C. Vowell reported the following Bills, viz:

"An Act to repeal an Act to authorize the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of Pumps."

"An Act to repeal an Act to establish a Vaccine Institution in the Town of Alexandria" which was severally read a first and second time, and the ninth rule being suspended they were read a third time and passed.

A communication was received from the proprietors of the Alexandria Theatre, requesting a repeal of part of the law regulating theatrical performances, passed at the last session of the Council.

Where upon leave was granted to bring in a Bill to amend an Act entitle "An Act concerning theatrical performances and other public exhibitions" passed on the 17th day of April 1818, which was read a first and second time and the ninth rule being suspended, it was read a third time and passed by Ayes and Noes as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Keith, Keen, Neale, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Rhodes, Hooe.

Noes: Messrs. J. C. Vowell, Bryan, Gird, T. Vowell

Ordered that Messrs. Gird and T. Vowell be a Committee to make a report on the communications of the printers.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

18 March 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Neale, Keene, Swift, Keith, Kinsey, Bryan, Mandeville, Gird, Ramsay, Longden, T. Vowell, Rhodes.

The following bills, viz.

"An Act to repeal an Act to authorize the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of Pumps."

"An Act to repeal an Act to establish a Vaccine Institution in the Town of Alexandria," this day returned by the Mayor with his objections in writing, which communication was ordered to lie on the table.

On balloting for a Treasurer of the Corporation, James L. McKenna was unanimously re-elected.

Ordered that the Laws and Orders which may be passed by the Common Council, and all Orders and publications issued by the Mayor, and any other officer of the Corporation, be published in

the two newspapers of the Town, and that the sum of \$75.00 be allowed to the editors of each paper as a compensation for the publishing the same.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

20 March 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Longden, Bryan, Ramsay, Mandeville, Swift, Neale, Keene, Rhodes, Gird, T. Vowell, Kinsey, J. C. Vowell, Keith.

The Council preceded to reconsider the Laws returned by the Mayor.

A motion was made to adhere to the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act to establish a Vaccine Institution in the Town of Alexandria," and the question being taken on the same it was decided in the affirmative.

"The Act to repeal an Act to authorize the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of Pumps" was laid on the table for further consideration.

The Council resumed the consideration of "The Act making provision for the debt of the Corporation of Alexandria," which was read a first and second time and laid on the table.

Resolved that Messrs. J. C. Vowell, Neale, Bryan, and Rhodes be a Committee to enquire into the present state of the Pumps of the Town; into the existing contract with the Pump makers; and the expediency of making further provision by Law for keeping the pumps in order.

Ordered that Messrs. Keith, Neale, Ramsay, and Rhodes be a Committee to inquire into the circumstances relating to the renting of the Fish Wharf alluded.

Were unanimously elected a Trustee of the Poor House in the place of Anthony Crease resigned.

Ordered that Matthew Robinson, Alexander McKenzie, and Reuben Johnston be Commissioners to hold an election at A. Rhodes Tavern on the 2nd day of April next for a Member to serve in the Common Council of Alexandria for the First Ward in the place of Thomas Sandford resigned.

James Lawrason was elected an Assessor in the place of John T. Brooks resign.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 March 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe Esquire, President. Messrs. Neale, Keene, Smith, Mandeville, Bryan, Ramsay, T. Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, J. C. Vowell, Keith, Kinsey.

Ordered that the Auditor received the notes of the securities of the late Abel Janney at 2, 4, 6, and 8 months from this day without interest thereon, which when paid will be in full of the debt, and that the execution be suspended until further order of the Council.

The Council resumed the consideration of "The Act making provision for the debt of the Corporation of Alexandria," which was amended in Committee of the whole, reported to the Council and then read a third time and passed.

Ordered that John Rumney have the Charge of the Dock at the end of Duke Street during the pleasure of the Council, he keeping the Wharf and Dock in good repair and free from nuisances, at his own expense, and that he may be permitted to charge wharfage for goods landed from boats other than market boats.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police cause the pond of water on Patrick between Cameron and Queen to be filled up, and charge the expense to the Third Ward.

The Council then adjourned
until Saturday at 3:00
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

27 March 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. J. C. Vowell, Keene, Neale, Swift, Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, T. Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Smith.

The President being absent, Mr. Hugh Smith was elected President pro tem.

Mr. J. C. Vowell from the Committee appointed on the Public Pumps, made a report which was read, and laid on the table.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill "To repeal an Act to authorize the payment of the salary of the Superintendent of Pumps," which was returned by the Mayor with his objections in writing. Upon motion, the Council determine to adhere to the Said bill, which was order to be sent to the Mayor for his signature.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances related to the renting of the Fish Wharf, made a Report, which was adopted by the Council.

Ordered that Messrs. Longden, Mandeville, and Rhodes be a Committee to inquire if any, what alterations are necessary in the Law relating to the inspection of fish, and that they report by Bill or otherwise.

Mr. Keene from the Committee appointed on the Subject reported a bill "For raising the revenue for the Year 1819" which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
until Monday next at half past 3:00
Hugh Smith, President, pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

29 March 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Keene, Swift, Neale, Smith, Mandeville, Bryan, Ramsay, Longden, T. Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Kinsey, Keith, J. C. Vowell.

The President being absent Mr. Hugh Smith was elected President pro tem.

The Council resume the consideration of the Bill "For raising a revenue for the Year 1819," which was read a second time, and the blanks being filled it was read a third time and passed by Ayes and Noes as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Kinsey, J. C. Vowell, Keith, Neale, Keene, Swift, Gird, Mandeville, T. Vowell, Rhodes, Smith.

Noes: Messrs. Bryan, Ramsay, Longden.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh President, pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

3 April 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. J. C. Vowell, Neale, Keene, Swift, Smith, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Bryan, T. Vowell, Gird, Rhodes.

The resignation of George Drinker, as Superintendent of Police, was received and accepted by the Council.

On balloting for a Superintendent of Police in the place of George Drinker resigned, George Coryell was duly elected.

Ordered that the Treasurer charge the Wards with interest on the several balances due by them respectively to the General Fund from the 27th of February 1819.

Resolved that Messrs. J. C. Vowell, Keene, Mandeville, and T. Vowell be Committee to rent out the Office set apart for the Mayor, also the un-occupied rooms the new Market House, and the stalls in the Market House.

Mr. Keene from the Committee to whom the Subject was referred, reported a "Bill making appropriations for the services of the year 1819," which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that the heirs of the late Charles Alexander, the proprietors of the ground at the Southwest corner of Queen and Patrick Streets, proceed to remove the nuisance thereon within the space of twenty days, and in default thereof that the Superintendent of Police remove the same; and charge the expense thereof to the lots of grounds, and the proprietors thereof, and that \$25.00 be appropriated for that purpose.

A petition from George Grayson, a colored man, was received and read, and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
until Thursday at half past 3:00
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

8 April 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Gird, Longden, Ramsay, Bryan, Mandeville, Swift, Keene, Neale, J. C. Vowell, Smith, T. Vowell.

Mr. Matthew Robinson, the Member elected to represent the First Ward in the place of Thomas Sandford resigned, appeared, was qualified and took a seat.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill "Making appropriations for the services of the year 1819" which was read a second time, and the blanks being filled, it was read a third time and passed.

Leave was granted to bring in a Bill entitled "An Act regulating the manner of appropriating money not otherwise authorized by Law", which was read a first time and laid on the table.

On the petition of Reuben Kirk accompanied by a recommendation from the Mayor, it is ordered that the fine \$6.82 imposed upon him be remitted.

The Memorial of Sundry Inhabitants of the Fourth Ward was received and read and laid on the table.

Leave was granted to bring in a bill entitled "an Act restraining the Superintendent of Police and Street Commissioners from the expenditure of money not authorized by Law," which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

15 April 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Kinsey, J. C. Vowell, Neale, Keene, Smith, Mandeville, Bryan, Ramsay, T. Vowell, Gird, Rhodes.

On the petition of Amos Alexander, it was ordered that the Superintendent of Police be directed to defer the removal of the trees opposite the house of the petitioner, and that the said petition be referred to Messrs. Keene and J. C. Vowell to make a report on the Subject to the Council.

The Council resumed the consideration of a Bill entitle " An Act limited the Superintendent of Police in the expenditure of money," which was read a second and third time and passed.

Ordered that S. D. Harper and John Muncaster, the Proprietors of the ground on the West side of Pitt Street and to the South of Queen Street, do within the space of ten days remove the nuisance from the same, and in default thereof that the Superintendent of Police do cause the nuisance to be removed and charge the expense to the lots, and the proprietors thereof.

Ordered that Joseph Mandeville, the proprietor of ground east of Pitt Street and South of Queen do move a nuisance from the same in fifteen days, and then default thereof that the Superintendent of Police removed the same and charge the expense to the proprietor of the said ground.

John Clarke was appointed a Watchman in the place of John Wiggs resigned.

Leave was granted to bring a Bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act for the inspection of fish" which was read a first and second time, and the ninth ruled being suspended, it was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

3 May 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Robinson, T. Vowell, Longden, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Gird, Keene, J. C. Vowell, Swift.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Amos Alexander, made a Report, where upon ordered that Amos Alexander do remove the Poplar Trees opposite to his land on Prince Street by the 1st day of January next, and in case of failure the Superintendent of Police is hereby directed to remove the same.

Ordered that Messrs. J. C. Vowell, Keene, Longden, and Gird were appointed a Committee to view the nuisance existing on the property of Joseph Mandeville with directions to report to Council during the present City;

Mr. J. C. Vowell from the above Committee reported that the said nuisance ought to be removed, which report was agreed to by the Council.

The following resolution was moved and seconded.

"Resolved that the Superintendent of Police be instructed to open the arch for waterway on Queen Street between Royal and Pitt Streets."

The Ayes and Noes being call for were as follows:

Ayes: W. Mandeville.

Noes: J. C. Vowell, Keene, Swift, Bryan, Ramsay, Longden, T. Vowell, Robinson, Hooe.

Ordered that the Clerk get public notice that the Council will sit as a Court of Appeals at the Council Chamber on the 20th, 21st 22nd inst. from the hours of 10:00 - 2:00 each day. Ordered that the judgment of the Mayor, in the case Levi Pickering, be suspended, and that the President of the Council be requested to confer with the Mayor on the subject, and also on the appeal of Sundry petitioners fined for selling spiritous liquors on the Sabbath at the Fish Wharf, and report to next meeting of Council.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

20 May 1819

Court of Appeals. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Smith, Neale, Keene, Swift, Ramsay, Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, T. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Robinson.

Remissions

Three tyth charged to Joseph Spear Third Ward

21 May 1819

Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Robinson, Rhodes, Longden, Keene, Bryan, Ramsay, T. Vowell, Mandeville, Neale, Smith, Keith.

Remissions

One tyth charged to Edward Martin Fourth Ward

One Shop charged Elijah Jackson Third Ward

Ordered that the tax on one F. dog charged to J. Scott be remitted and the same be charge to Charles T. Chapman.

One tyth charged to Hugh Smith Third Ward

The tax on the HLL [House and Lots] charged to Mechanic Relief Society Third Ward

22 May 1819

Present: Messrs. Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, T. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Robinson, Swift, Keene, Keith, Neale.
The President being absent, Mr. H. Smith was elected President of pro tem.

On the testimony of Charles T. Chapman, it was ordered that the tax on one F. Dog directed yesterday by the court to be charged to C. T. Chapman and deducted from the account of J. Scott be recharged to the said J. Scott.

The Court then adjourned
J. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

21 May 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Smith, Mandeville, T. Vowell, Ramsay, Bryan, Keene, Longden, Rhodes, Gird, Robinson.

Ordered that the fine, the President of Council appointed at the last meeting to confer with the Mayor, on the Subject of the judgment against Levi Pickering made a report whereupon:

Ordered that the fine of \$40.00 imposed on Levi Pickering for the alleged breach An Act Regulating the Fish Market, be remitted.

Adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 May 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, T. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Robinson, Swift, Keene, Keith.

The President being absent, Mr. Smith was elected President pro tem.

Ordered that the tax of \$3.30 improperly charge to and paid by Thomas Preston on a lot on Union Street standing in the name of J. C. Hunter be refunded, and the same be charged to proper owner.

Ordered that the accounts of William Veitch and Company against the new Market House be referred to the Auditor for examination and settlement.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

27 May 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Kinsey, Keene, Swift, Neale, Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, Gird, T. Vowell, Robinson, Rhodes.

A petition from George Johnston and other was received and read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered that the Mayor together with Messrs. Swift, J. C. Vowell, Mandeville, and Gird be a Committee to examine the old Brewery and to report to Council at terms on which a lease can be made for terms of years, a tenant to place and keep the building in a state of repair and to have the use of the Wharf during whole or part of the lease at such times as shall not interfere with the Fish Market.

Ordered that Messrs. Smith, T. Vowell, Longden and Keith be a Committee to examine the Auditor accounts for the first quarter ending the 4th day of June, and that he give notice to the Committee when the accounts are ready for examination.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

16 June 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Rhodes, Gird, Robinson, T. Vowell, Longden, Bryan, Mandeville, Swift, Keene, Neale, Smith, Keith, J. C. Vowell.

A Communication from William H. Fitzhugh was received and referred to Messrs. Smith, Swift, Keene and Neale.

Leave was granted to bring a Bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act for perpetuating and regulating the Streets and to prevent injuries to Pumps," which read a first and second time and the ninth rule being suspended it was read a third time and passed.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of Alexander Williams for \$14.12, for balance of his account for wood for the use of the Watch.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police under the direction of a Committee consisting of Messrs. Smith and Neale do cause the side stones opposite the lot on which the Mechanic Hall is erected to be taken up and replaced by three stone, and that so much of the free stone lying near the Market Square as is suitable be used for that purpose. It is further ordered that the old side

stones be used for stepping stones across such street as the Committee may order. The expense to be charged to the Third Ward.

Ordered that the tax of Hanna Brice for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police may be authorized to employ William Yeates to keep in good repair the pumps of the Town, and present his bill for the amount thereof to the Council every three months.

On the petition Edmund I. Lee and others was referred to Messrs. Keene, Neale and Mandeville with directions to report thereon, and to suggest such other improvements as maybe necessary in the Market Square.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

16 August 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Kinsey, Smith, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Longden, Ramsay, Gird, Robinson, Rhodes, Bryan, Keith.

The President being absent, Mr. Hugh Smith was elected President pro tem.

A communication from the Mayor was received and read.

On motion of W. Swift, the following Preamble and Order were adopted.

"Whereas the Council has reason to believe that a malignant fever exists in the City of Baltimore; it therefore ordered, that a Board of Health be appointed according to Law, to take such steps as may hereafter be necessary to guard the health of the Town."

On balloting for a Board of Health the following persons were duly elected.

North of King Street - John Adam, Robert Anderson, Thomas Irwin.

Between King and Prince - John A. Stewart, Brian Hampson, Jeremiah Carson.

South of Prince - John Muncaster, Phineas Janney, Isaac Entwisle.

Order that the sum of \$3.00, the difference between the wholesale and retail tax improperly charge to George Dunker be remitted.

Ordered that so much of the Mayor's communication as refers to the Vagrant Law be referred to Messrs. Keene, Gird and Bryan, who are requested to consult with the Attorney of the Corporation on the subject.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police due cause the gutters on Duke Street from Fayette to the stone bridge be open, and the expense charge to the Fourth Ward provided it does not exceed \$20.00.

The petition of George Drinker and other was referred to Messrs. Kinsey, Swift and Robinson.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police due make such alterations in paving the gutters on the West side of Fairfax and to the South of King Street, to the West of Royal and North and South of King Street, as shall permit the stagnant water collected there to run off, and that \$20.00 be appropriated for that purpose.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

19 August 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Smith, Keene, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Robinson, Rhodes, Swift, Bryan.

The President being absent Mr. Smith was elected President pro tem.

A communication from the Mayor enclosing a communication from the Board of Health was received and read.

On recommendation of the Board of Health, Dr. Thomas Semmes was appointed Superintendent, and James McKenzie Master of Quarantines, their respected salaries to take place from such time and as maybe directed by the Board of Health.

Ordered that the communication of John Rumney be referred to Messrs. Bryan and Robinson.

Ordered that the petition of Joseph Janney and other be referred to Members of the Second Ward.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

21 August 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Keene, Swift, Ramsay, Mandeville, Gird, Keith, Robinson, Kinsey, Smith.

The President being absent Mr. Smith was elected President pro tem.

A Communication from the Mayor enclosing a Communication from the Board of Health was received and read. Leave was granted to bring in a Bill entitled "An Act respecting the landing and storing of hides which was read a first and second time, and the ninth rule being suspended it was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned
Hugh Smith, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

31 August 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Kinsey, Keith, Ramsay, Keene, Smith, Swift, Mandeville, Bryan, Robinson, Gird, Longden, Rhodes.

The President being absent, Mr. Swift was elected President pro tem.

A Communication from the Mayor enclosing a Resolution of the Board of Health, was received and read.

Whereupon the following preamble and resolution was adopted; "Whereas it appears by a Communication from the Board of Health, that a malignant disease exist in various parts of the United States against which it is seen prudent to adopt such precautionary measures as may prevent its introduction into this Town; and to vessel frequently pass the Officers appointed to the examine them under quarantine laws from the plea that they are bound to Georgetown or Washington, and as the cooperation of those Cities is essential to the establishment of an efficient quarantine."

Resolved that the Mayor of Alexandria be authorized to enter into an agreement the Mayors of Washington and Georgetown for establishing a quarantine for Alexandria County, City of Washington, and Georgetown.

The Council then adjourned
Swift, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

At a meeting of the Common Council of Alexandria held on the 31 August 1819.

On motion of Mr. Longden the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

In consequence of the death of Colonel Charles Simms one of the officers of the Revolutionary Army, it is Resolved that the members of the Common Council of Alexandria will wear crape [sic] around the left arm, for the space of thirty days as a testimony of the respect they bear for his memory.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

6 September 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Keene, Smith, Keith, Mandeville, Bryan, Ramsay, Gird, T. Vowell, Robinson, Rhodes, Swift.

The President being absent, Mr. Swift was elected President pro tem.

A Communication from the Mayor enclosing a Communication from the Board of Health was received and read; Whereupon the following the resolution was adopted.

"Whereas it appears by a Communication from the Board of Health to Mayor, and from other sources, that a malignant disease exists in the Ports of Boston, Charleston, Baltimore and Havannah, it is therefore resolved."

"That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enforce the quarantine regulations against vessels arriving from the said ports, and all others where a malignant disease may exist, agreeable to the Law passed the 29th of May 1804 and of a Law supplementry thereto passed the 7 of September 1805."

Ordered that the Auditor report to the Common Council the State of the account of Robert Brockett, Jr., for the pavement of foot ways, and if any, and what obstacle prevent the collection of the accounts from the individuals to whom the work has been charged.

Ordered that the tax on one story, improperly charged to and paid by Kaylor Groves, be refunded.

Ordered that the sum, accessed to William Devaughn for a dog shot by the Constables, be remitted.

On balloting for a Surveyor of the Town, William Harper was duly elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Drinker and others were upon motion discharged from the further consideration of the same, and the said petition was referred to the Surveyor of the Town.

The Council then adjourned
Swift, President, pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

13 September 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Keith, Smith, Keene, Swift, Bryan, Mandeville, Gird, Ramsay, Longden, T. Vowell, Rhodes, Robinson.

The President being absent, Mr. Swift was elected President pro tem.

A Communication from the Mayor, enclosing the Resolutions of the Corporation of Georgetown and Washington, relative to the establishment of a quarantine transmitted to him by their respective Mayors, was received and read.

Ordered that the Mayor be added to the Committee appointed on his communication relative to the Vagrant Law.

Ordered that Messrs. T. Vowell, Mandeville, Neale, and Keith be a Committee to examine the side pavements done by Robert Brockett and to ascertain if the contract was legally made by the late Street Commissioner.

Ordered that the taxes charged to Suzanna Johnston for the present years be remitted.

Ordered that the tax of \$1.53 improperly charged to James McDowell be remitted.

Ordered that the Auditor issue his Warrant in favor of Alexander Williams for \$63.75, being the amount paid by him for wood, and charged the same to the General Fund.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the side stones to be placed and the gutter to be paved on North side of Oronoco Street from the intersection of Washington Street to Eastern boundary of William A. Fitzhugh's lot, and charged to the expense to the proprietors, the amount of which shall be deducted from any future paving tax or the property. It further ordered, that the street be regulated and the side stones placed so as to secure the gutter agreeably to the instructions of the Surveyor, and that William A. Fitzhugh be informed of intended regulation of the street previous to the execution of any part of this work.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the porch to the Watch House be painted.

The Council then adjourned
until Saturday next at half past 3:00
J. Swift, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

18 September 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Robinson, Gird, Rhodes, Longden, Ramsay, Bryan, Swift, Mandeville, T. Vowell, Keene, J. C. Vowell, Keith, Smith, Neale.

The President being absent, Mr. Swift was elected President pro tem.

The taxes due from Richard Haden, deceased for present year, was remitted.

The taxes on one horse improperly charged to Isaac Robbins was remitted.

The tax on one shop improperly charged to Jonathan Wallace was remitted.

Ordered that the sum accessed on William Sandford for a dog shot by the Constables be remitted.

Ordered that the charged of \$2.00 for a horse and twenty-five cents for a cow, improperly charge to and paid by P. G. Marsteller be refunded.

A Communication from the Mayor enclosing a letter from the Treasurer, was received and read and referred to Messrs. Keith, Smith, Ramsay and Robinson.

The Surveyor made a report on the Subject of the petition of George Drinker and other referred to him, which was read, where upon;

"Ordered that Messrs. Neale, J. C. Vowell, Ramsay and Rhodes be committee to examine the pavement running from Alfred to Columbus Street, and report to the next meeting of the Council whether it is expedient to alter the pavement of the same from a convex to a concave form agreeable to the views expressed by the Surveyor in his Report; or any other practicable alteration for the benefit of the parties interested."

Mr. Gird from the Committee appointed on the Subject of the Vagrant Law, reported a Bill entitled "An Act amend the several Acts concerning the Poor House and Work House," which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Keith from the Committee to whom the Mayor's Communication was referred, reported a Bill, entitled, "An Act for the issuing of due Bills in the name of the Corporation of Alexandria" which was read a first and second time and recommitted.

The Council then adjourned
until Wednesday next at 3:30
Swift, President pro tem.

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 September 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. Kinsey, Keith, Smith, J. C. Vowell, Neale, Keene, Bryan, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, T. Vowell, Robinson, Rhodes, Swift.

The President being absent, Mr. Swift was elected President pro tem.

The Council resumed the consideration of a Bill entitled, "An Act to amend the several Acts concerning the Poor House and Work House" which was read a second time and upon motion read a third time and passed by the "Ayes and Noes" as follow:

Ayes: Messrs. Kinsey, Keith, Smith, J. C. Vowell, Keene, Bryan, Ramsay, T. Vowell, Robinson, Rhodes, Swift.

Noes: Messrs. Neale, Mandeville, Longden.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled, "An Act for the issuing of due bills in the name of the Corporation of Alexandria in exchange for an equal number to be canceled" which was read second time and the blanks being filled in, it was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned
until Saturday next at 3:30
Swift, President pro tem.

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

25 September 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Robinson, T. Vowell, Longden, Bryan, Ramsay, Mandeville, Swift, Keene, Neale, Smith, J. C. Vowell, Keith.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police under the Direction of Messrs. Keith, Smith, Ramsay and Robinson do cause benches to erected in the center of the new Market House for the accommodation of those who attend the Market from the Country, and that no other stalls be rented in that part of the Market House to their exclusion until further orders. And it is further ordered that the benches be placed in all corners of the Market House, and that it be duty of the Clerk of the Market to direct those from the Market Square into the Market House when fitted up, and to provide and fix up a set of small scales and weights for the accommodation of people from the Country.

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to cancel a license of John Jackson and Company as auctioneers in the payment of an half year's tax thereon.

The petition of George Grayson, a colored man, was received and read and ordered to be on the table.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of Anthony Crease for \$30.00, being the amount expended by him under an Agreement with the late George Deneale, acting in the half of the Council, on the Chalybeate Spring.

On balloting for a gauger, James McClish was unanimously elected.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

30 September 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Rhodes, T. Vowell, Longden, Ramsay, Bryan, Mandeville, Swift, Keene, Neale, Keith, J. C. Vowell, Kinsey.

A petition James M. Stewart was received and read and referred to Messrs. Ramsay and Mandeville.

An application from Edward Daily for a remission of a tax was received and read, and laid on the table.

Ordered that the collection of the taxes due from Robert Scott be suspended until a further order of Council.

In consequence of a Communication from the Mayor conveying a recommendation to that effect from the Clergy of the Town, resolved, that Thursday 7th October be recommended to the Citizens of this Town as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, for the various blessings we enjoy, and that the Mayor be requested to issue his Proclamation to this effect.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

14 October 1819

In Council. Present: Messrs. J. C. Vowell, Keith, Smith, Neale, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Bryan, Ramsay, Longden, T. Vowell, Robinson, Rhodes.

The President being absent, Mr. Swift, was elected President pro tem.

A Communication from the Mayor enclosing a recommendation from the Board of Health was received and read, whereupon the following order was passed.

"Agreeable to the Recommendation of the Board of Health, it is ordered that the Mayor be requested to issue his Proclamation discontinuing the Quarantine regulations."

Ordered that the sum of \$3.00, the difference between an wholesale and a retail tax improperly charged to James D. Patterson, be remitted.

On petition of John T. Brooks, it is ordered, that he be permitted to place stepping stones on Royal between Wilkes and Wolfe Streets, and that he may take the materials away at a future time, when the streets shall be further regulated or paved.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police under the Direction of Mr. John Ramsay, be instructed to have the railing around the Market Square repaired, and that the sum \$10.00 be appropriated for that purpose.

Leave was granted to Mr. Neale to bring in a Bill entitled "An Act for establishing, perpetuating, and regulating the streets, and to prevent injuries to pumps" which was read a first and second time and the ninth rule being suspended, it was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

20 November 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Neale, Swift, Smith, Robinson, Keene, Rhodes, Bryan, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Kinsey.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a Warrant in favor of Joseph Rinker for \$19.80 for work done at the Market House.

Ordered that the Auditor issue Warrants in favor of Matthias Snyder for \$6.28 and Thomas Bird for \$9.49 for work at the Market Square.

A Petition from T. Mountford, Jr. was received and referred to Messrs. Swift, Neale, Smith and Longden.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police cause the Engine House of the Sunfire Company to be placed as near the line of the Friendship Fire Company Engine House, as may be convenient for the passage of foot passengers through the alley.

Ordered that the tax of \$30.00 charged improperly for a Tavern license to Valentine Bonty, be remitted.

A petition from Sundry Persons living on Alfred Street was received and referred to Messrs. Keene, Kinsey, Robinson and Bryan.

Ordered that the Attorney for the Corporation bring suite against P. G. Marstellar for the arrears due the Corporation, in such manner as he may deem this advisable.

Ordered that Messrs. Swift, Neale and Keene be a Committee to examine and report the situation of the public property leased to the late Joseph Thomas, and other Public Property contiguous thereto.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

18 December 1819

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Rhodes, Gird, Robinson, T. Vowell, Longden, Ramsay, Bryan, Mandeville, Swift, Keene, Neale, Smith.

Ordered that the tax on one tyth improperly charged to William Wood be remitted.

Ordered that \$1.00 of the taxes charged to Elizabeth Hawk be remitted.

Ordered that the collection of taxes charged to Fredrick Shuck be suspended until the 1st day of February next.

Ordered that the collection of taxes due from Miss Nash amounting to \$5.80 be suspended until the 1st day of March next.

Ordered that the tax \$5.00 improperly charged to Samuel Warner on one male dog be remitted.

A Commission from the Mayor was received and read whereupon:

Ordered that the Mayor, the President of Council, and W. H. Smith be a committee to confer with the Committee for the District of Columbia relative to a Resolution intended to be offered by the Honorable Charles F. Mercer to Congress prohibiting the circulation of any bank or other notes of less denomination than \$5.00, and that the said Committee urged the propriety of excepting from the operation of such a restriction the issues of \$1.00 notes to be made by the Corporation of Alexandria within reasonable limits, provided the amounts shall in no case exceed the debt now owing by the Corporation and that any new issues be appropriated for the purpose of discharging such debts.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police be authorized to have a lamp placed in Duke Street as near to the Roman Catholic Church as the trustees thereof may point out, and charge the expense to the General Fund.

The Committee appointed to examine into the situation of the public property of the late Joseph Thomas, made a report and recommended the following order, which was agreed to by the Council -

Ordered that the property in possession of the heirs of Joseph Thomas adjoining the County Wharf, be received by the corporation on condition that the said heirs pay up the rent on or before the 1st day January 1820, and that Messrs. Swift and Keene be a Committee to settle the business with them, and rent the property in such matter as they deemed most for the interest of the corporation.

Mr. Smith from the Committee appointed on the petition of Timothy Mountford made a favorable report on the subject which was concurred in by the Council.

On the Representation of William Ramsay one of the assessors that an error had been returned on the property of Jeremiah Boothe, it is ordered that the tax on \$1,000.00 of the evaluation be remitted.

Ordered that the Marshal be directed to proceed against the securities of the late Able Janney, they have failed to comply with the conditions of Order of Council passed on the 22nd day of March last.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

1820

5 January 1820

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Smith, Keith, Neale, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Bryan, T. Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Robinson.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the work on water near Pendleton Street, erected to prevent the dirt from washing into the river, to be repaired as soon possible.

Ordered that the collection of the balance of the taxes due from Margaret B. Manley be suspended until 20th of February next.

Ordered that the collection of the taxes due from John Crivel and Joseph Boiseau be suspended until the 1st of March.

Ordered that the taxes from the widow of Edward Ramsay, for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that the tax on one M. [male] Dog paid by the George Johnston be refunded, the said dog having been killed by the constables.

A communication was received from the Mayor apprising the Council of the death of William Dulany late Police Constable, and recommending that the vacancy be supplied.

On balloting for a Police Constable Herekiah James Reeves was duly elected.

Ordered that Messrs. Swift, Smith and Mandeville be a committed to see if any, what alterations are necessary in the act for fixing the size of bread, and that the report by bill or otherwise.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

20 January 1820

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Robinson, Gird, T. Vowell, Longden, Ramsay, Bryan, Mandeville, Keene, Neale, Smith, Keith.

A letter from William Yeaton was received and read, where upon.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the obstructions in the tunnel on the North end of Royal Street, except the flood gate, to be removed without delay.

Ordered that Clerk of Council do cause on the Justices of the Peace for that portion of the County of Alexandria within the Corporation, for a statement of fines by them received for violation of the Laws of the Corporation, mentioned the names of the persons fined the amount of fines, and when imposed.

Ordered that Messrs. Vowell and Gird be a committee to issue and distribute the legacy of the late Owen F. McGrath.

Ordered that the tax of \$0.50 improperly charged to Richard McGee be remitted, and that \$0.50 improperly paid by him be refunded.

Ordered that the tax \$8.00 imposed on David Wilson, as a well, be refunded, he having ceased to do business.

Ordered that the collection of the rent due the Corporation from John Muncaster be suspended until the 1st of March next.

Leave was granted to bring in a Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Fifth Section of an Act for the regulation of the Market and fixing the size of bread and etc." passed the 5th February 1800.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

20 January 1820

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Smith, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, T. Vowell, Gird, Robinson, Rhodes, Keith.

A Communication from the Mayor was received, transmitting to the Council a letter from the Mayor of Savannah requesting the aid of the citizens of Alexandria, for the suffers of the late destructed fire, whereby a large portion of that City was reduced to ashes - the Common Council feeling for them the distress situation, and desires to show the sympathy of the citizens of Alexandria, do resolve -

Messrs. Bryan, Thompson, and Ruben Johnston; Robert Anderson and Henry Nicholson of the Second Ward; Charles Bennett and Bathurst Daingerfield of the Third Ward; John Janney and James Harper of the Fourth Ward be a committee, to solicit, in their respected Wards, contributions in money or provenders, to be left with the Mayor, to be by him transmitted to the Mayor of Savannah, for the benefit of the sufferers by the late fire.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

16 February 1820

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Messrs. Smith, Keith, Neale, Keene, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, T. Vowell, Gird, Robinson, Rhodes.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted by the Council.

Whereas the Committee of Congress for the District of Columbia have reported a Bill prohibiting the issue or reissue of Corporation notes after the 1st day of January 1821, thereby, forcing the Corporation of Alexandria to redeem their notes at period both early and peculiarly inauspicious, - resolved, that Messrs. Neale, Smith, and Keene be a Committee to draft the memorial in behalf of the Corporation, praying Congress extend the time for the liquidation of the Corporation notes, that the said Committee present the same to the Chairman of the Committee of the District of Columbia to be by him laid before Congress.

Ordered that the accounts of Wherry and Ricketts against the Corporation be referred to the Trustees of the Poor House for examination and adjustment, and that the amount of the judgment of the said Wherry and Ricketts against the Corporation be paid.

Ordered that the collection of taxes due from Eleanore McCormick and Samuel Colvirt be suspended for three months.

Ordered that the tax \$10.00 improperly charged to Enoch Pelton on one female dog be remitted.

Ordered that the account of the Attorney for the Corporation be paid.

Ordered that Messrs. Vowell, Mandeville, Neale and Keith be a committee to examined and settle the accounts of the corporation for the year ending March 1820, and prepare a report for publication.

The following persons were appointed Commissioners for holding elections in the different Wards on Tuesday the 7th day of March next, for members to serve on the Common Council for the ensuing 12 months.

John Muncaster

At A. Rhodes Tavern on Union Street
for the First Ward

J. P. Thompson
Thomas Sandford

Collin Auld

At the Council Chamber for the
Second Ward

William Ramsay
G. Atkinson

Bathurst Daingerfield At Soloman Drew's, King Street for
the Third Ward

James Douglass
Joseph Smith

William D. Simms At W. Mill's, corner of Prince and
Alfred Streets for the Fourth Ward
Phineas Janney

Richard Veitch

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

3 March 1820

In Council. Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Keith, Smith, Neale, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay,
Longden, T. Vowell, Robinson, Rhodes, Gird.

A letter from the Mayor, covering a copy of a letter addressed to
the Mayor of Savannah, and continual report of the money
collected amounting to \$1,116.12, and the manner in which it has
been transmitted to the sufferers at Savannah by the late fire,
was received and read.

The Committee of Public Accounts made the following report.

Accompanied by a statement of the expenditures for the year
ending March 1, 1820 which was read and order to be printed.

The Committee to whom was referred to settlement of the Public
Accounts for the year ending 1 March 1820, agreed respectively to
report to Council that they have carefully attended to their
services and that the following statement of the affairs of the
Corporation.

March 1st	To balance of due bills in circulation	\$33,517.96
	This sum 6% stock sold	\$10,000.00
	To this sum in 6% due the treasurer	\$21,338.67
	To note due the Bank of Alexandria	\$7,000.00
	To note due the Bank of Potomac	\$1,500.00
	To outstanding Warrants	<u>\$511.20</u>
		\$73,867.83

Of the amount due for judgments February 1818

In no parts has been received	\$4,533.86
The attorney has in his hand	\$1,260.50
Owed collectors	\$921.34
John C. Mandell collector of taxes 1819	\$1,688.45
John C. Phillips collector for taxes 1819	\$2,535.81
The attorney has his hand received of the collectors for 1819 to bring just	\$1,397.80
D. Minor, Marshal placed by J. C. Mandell	<u>\$128.80</u>
	\$61,401.27

Owing to the death of the Clerk of the Market, no account has been giving a receipt for store rents and they recommend a Committee to settle with Executors - Benjamin C. Wood, one of the Collectors that owe balance did not attend your committee, Council will take such order as they see best - We presume they may place money in the hands of the Marshal for execution in favor of the Corporation and recommend that in future it be made the duty of the Treasurer to attend such payments.

The Council due bills amount to \$8,164.27, for the present has been received as handed by the teller of the Bank of Alexandria to the Treasurer without examination by your Committee, it requiring more time than they can spare. This was the former sum canceled in the small notes from \$.01 to \$1.00, must be left to the Council of the ensuing year. All which is respectfully submitted,

Thomas Vowell
Christopher Neale
Joseph Mandeville
James Keith, Jr.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of James Campbell for \$200.00 for his services as messenger, and for furnishing fuel for the Council for one year.

Ordered that the Bond of John C. Mandell as Collector of the Northern District be canceled on his giving with security to the Mayor for the balance now in his hand uncollected.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

Minutes
For the Year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty
Beginning on the 11th of March
1820

Members of Council
Returned for the year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty

Thomas Vowell
Anthony Rhodes
Matthew Robinson
John Gird

For the First Ward

John Longden
Bernard Bryan
John Ramsay
Joseph Mandeville

For the Second Ward

Hugh Smith
Newton Keene
Christopher Neal
Jonathan Swift

For the Third Ward

James H. Hooe
Phineas Janney
William D. Simms
William Veitch

For the Fourth Ward

At a meeting of the persons elected to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing year, at the Council Chamber, on Saturday the 11th day of March 1820.

Present Mssrs. Vowell, Rhodes, Gird, Robinson, Longden, Bryan, Ramsay, Mandeville, Keene, Swift, Neal, Janney, Hooe, Simms, Veitch.

On balloting for a President of the Council, James H. Hooe, Esquire, was re-elected, who, after taking the Oath of Office prescribed by law, Newton Keene, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, administered the same to the members present.

On balloting for a Clerk and Auditor, J. P. Thompson was unanimously re-elected.

On balloting for a messenger to council, James Campbell was unanimously re-elected.

Ordered that the rules and regulations of the last Council be adopted as the rules and regulations of the present. The following order was moved and seconded.

Ordered that the Council do now proceed to fix the salary of the Mayor.

The quote "ayes" and "noes" being called for as follows:

Ayes. Mssrs. Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Robinson and Hooe - 10.

Noes. Mssrs. Janney, Simms, Veitch, Smith, Neal and Bryan - 6 - Carried.

On the question for allowing the Mayor \$650, "ayes" and "noes" being called for as follows -

Ayes. Mssrs. Smith

Noes. Mssrs. Janney, Simms, Veitch, Neal, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Robinson and Hooe. 15 - Lost.

On the question of allowing the Mayor \$200, the "ayes" and "noes" being called for were as follows.

Ayes. Mssrs. Swift, Neal, Smith, Veitch, Simms, Janney and Hooe. - 7.

Noes. Mssrs. Robinson, Rhodes, Gird, Vowell, Longden, Bryan, Ramsay, Mandeville, Keene - 9. Lost.

On the question for allowing the Mayor \$450 the "ayes" and "noes" being called for were as follows.

Ayes. Mssrs. Janney, Simms, Veitch, Smith, Keene, Neal, Swift, Hooe, and Ramsay - 9.

Noes. Mssrs. Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Gird, Rhodes and Robinson - 7 Carried.

On balloting for a Mayor Jacob Hoffman, Esquire, was re-elected.

Resolved that Mssrs. Vowell, Longden, Neal, and Janney be a committee to inquire into the expediency of carrying into effect the Order of Council of the last year, directing the Treasurer to charge an interest on the balances due from the Second Ward to the General Fund.

Ordered that Mssrs. Ramsay, Gird, and Swift be a Committee to attend to renting out the Fish Wharf.

Jacob Hoffman, Esquire, the Mayor elect, [impugned] Council and resigned his Office.

Ordered that the bond of John H. Phillips, Collector of the Southern District for the year 1819 be canceled and a new bond taken for the balances uncollected.

Ordered that Mssrs. Keene, Vowell, Mandeville and Simms be a committee to report bills for "Raising a Revenue for the year 1820," and "For fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the Corporation."

Ordered Mssrs. Neal, Rhodes, and Veitch be a Committee to revise the insolvent list, and return such as they considered it not solvent to the collectors.

Ordered that Mssrs. Vowell, Longden and Neal be a Committee to call in the executors of Jacob Wisemuller, late Clerk of the Market, for an account of the monies received by him from the Butchers and for outside stalls rented during the year 1819, and settle the same.

The Council then adjourned until Monday at 3:00
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, C.C.

13 March 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Robinson, Rhodes, Gird, Vowell, Bryan, Ramsay, Longden, Mandeville, Keene, Neal, Swift, Smith, Janney, Simms, and Veitch.

The following letter from the Mayor to the Mayor of Savannah with the answer received were ordered to be inserted into the minutes.

To Thomas W. P. Charlton, Mayor of Savannah.

Sir,

The citizens of Alexandria impressed with a sense of the heavy and intensive calamity which has befallen the City of Savannah, have instructed me to transmit by the ship Fairtrader, George Fletcher, Master, 200 barrels of superfine flour for the relief of the suffers, and to express their sincere sorrow for an event productive of so much immediate distress, and probable to arrest in so great a degree the prosperity of an industrious and enterprising community.

While they lament the general misfortune they sympathize specifically with the indigent classes of the population, who at an inclement season and embarrassing times have been deprived of shelter and subsistence - under this feeling they have ordered the amount of the subscription in a shape which may administer to them the most and necessary relief.

I take pleasure in adding that the owners of the ship Fairtrader, of whom Captain Fletcher is one/having contributed in common with their fellow Townsmen, have lent further aid by undertaking to convey one-fourth of the flour freight free.

Very respectfully yours,

Jacob Hoffman, Mayor

Alexandria, February 17th, 1820

"City of Savannah" Police Office March 1st, 1820

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 17th Ultmo. enclosing a bill of lading for 200 barrels of superfine flour to be distributed amongst the sufferers by the late melancholy conflagration.

The feeling which has prompted our fellow citizens and brethren of Alexandria to send our distressed people this species of contribution impresses upon it a character of affection and generosity which is not and never can be lost, Sir, upon the hearts of grateful inhabitants.

The hand of affliction has pressed heavily upon us, but we are beginning to rebuild upon the ruins of our once fine City, and trust in God that the Revolution of a few years will restore to its beautiful appearance, and we be enabled by a return of prosperity, to reciprocate the kindnesses of our Benevolent Countrymen.

Offer to the citizens of Alexandria the affectionate respects of our sufferers, accept them for yourself Sir, and receive from me the assurances of esteem and high consideration.

Thomas W. P. Charlton, Mayor

Honorable Jacob Hoffman
Mayor of Alexandria.

Ordered that so much of the communication of the Mayor as relates to the Bill now before Congress to divide the District into three counties, be referred to the Mayor, the President of Council, and Mssrs. Hugh Smith, Phineas Janney, Christopher Neal, Joseph Mandeville, Robert I. Taylor, Frances Peyton, Jonah Thompson, and Nathaniel Wattles, with the instructions to draft a Memorial to Congress to be laid before a Town meeting to be convened by the Mayor for that purpose.

The following order was moved and seconded:

Ordered that the proceedings relative to the salary of the Mayor be and the same are hereby rescinded.

The ayes and noes being called for were as follows.

"Ayes" Mssrs. Janney, Simms, Veitch, Smith, Neal, Swift and Bryan- 7.

"Noes" Mssrs. Keene, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Robinson and Hooe - 9. Lost.

On balloting for a Mayor, Jacob Hoffman, Esquire, was duly elected.

A communication from Rubin Johnston, President of the Poor House relative to the dispensary was received and read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered that the Subject of the Dispensary establishment be referred to Mssrs. Vowell, Janney and Simms, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Jacob Hoffman, Esquire, the Mayor, elect appeared and had the oath of office administered to him by Newton Keene, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, in the presence of the Council.

Ordered that Mssrs. Mandeville, Janney and Swift be a committee to call upon Benjamin C. Wood, Collector, for the year 1815 for a statement of his account, and that the said Committee do put the bond of said Wood in force against him, and his security unless he make such settlement on or before the 31st day of the present month.

On balloting for trustees of the Poor House, Rubin Johnston, Guy Atkinson, Edmund I. Lee, and Amos Alexander were duly elected.

Ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to report to Council the progress which has been made in an order heretofore passed for the reversion of the laws of the Corporation.

The Council then adjourned
until Wednesday afternoon at half past
three o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson C.C.

15 March 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Janney, Simms, Smith, Veitch, Neal, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Robinson.

Mr. Keene from the Committee to whom the subject was referred reported a bill "for fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the present year" which was read a first time.

On the question to fill the blanks in the Bill fixing the compensation of the Watchman with a sum of \$225, "ayes" and "noes" being called for were as follows.

"Ayes" Mssrs. Smith, Swift, and Hooe - 3.

"Noes" Mssrs. Janney, Simms, Veitch, Neal, Keene, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Gird, Rhodes and Robinson - 13. Lost.

The Bill was read a second time and the blanks being filled, on motion of the ninth rule was suspended and the bill was again read a third time and passed.

Mr. Keene from the Committee to whom the subject was referred reported a bill "For Raising a Revenue for the year 1820", which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that Mr. Veitch be added to the Committee for renting the Fish Wharf.

Ordered that Mssrs. Keene, Simms, Mandeville, and Robinson be a Committee to examine into the state of the Lancastrian School and report to Council.

Ordered that Mssrs. Smith, Swift, Bryan and Rhodes be a Committee to enquire into the expediency of repealing an Act entitled "An Act for Appointing Two Collectors", and report by bill or otherwise.

On balloting for a Superintendent of Police, James Carson, Jr. was duly elected, to enter on the duties of his Office on the 3rd of April.

On balloting for Assessors for the present year, John P. Brooks and William Ramsay were duly elected.

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow
afternoon at half past three o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson C.C.

16 March 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present.
Mssrs. Swift, Keene, Neal, Smith, Veitch, Simms, Janney, Gird,
Rhodes, Robinson, Vowell, Longden, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan.

Ordered that the Mayor be requested to take bonds from all
Officers of the Corporation before they are sworn into Office.

The Council elected by ballot the following officers for the
ensuing year.

R. Russell Stephens	Clerk of the Market
William Washington	Physician to the Poor House
James Harris	Keeper of the Poor House
Levi Talbott	Inspector of Fish
Alexander Williams	Superintendent of Watch
Peter Rhodes	Keeper of the Powder House
David Black	Corder of Wood
Loudoun Campbell	
William Campbell	Measurers of Lumber

Davis Bowie	
H. James Reeves	Police Constables

On balloting for a "Board of Health" the following persons were
duly elected.

North of King Street - John Adam, Robert Anderson, Thomas Irwin.

Between King and Prince - John H. Stewart, Bryan Hampson,
Nehemiah Carroa.

South of Prince Street - John Muncaster, James Keith, Jr., Issac
Entwisle.

On balloting for a Trustee of the Poor House in the place of Guy
Atkinson resigned, John Adam was unanimously elected.

On motion to fix the number of Watchmen for the present year to
eight, the "ayes" and "noes" being called for were as follows:

"Ayes" Mssrs. Vowell, Ramsay, Mandeville, Swift, Keene, Smith,
Simms, Janney and Hooe - 9.

"Noes" Mssrs. Robinson, Rhodes, Gird, Longden, Bryan, Neal,
Veitch - 7.

Resolved from the 15th of April to the 15th of September the lamps, with the exception of those in the Market House, be not lighted.

The Council then adjourned until
Thursday, at half past three o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson C.C.

23 March 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Longden, Bryan, Ramsay, Mandeville, Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Neal, Robinson, Keene, Swift, Janney, Simms, Smith.

Ordered that the application of Colonel Peyton relative to an overcharge on a lot on Prince and Commerce Street be referred to Mssrs. Smith, Janney, Longden, Vowell.

Mr. Vowell from a Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of Jacob Wisemuller, late Clerk of the Market, made a report which was read and concurred in Council.

The following persons were appointed Watchmen for the ensuing year. viz., William Davis, James Aubrey, John Gibbs, Benjamin Jefferson, Jerrard Arnold, John Clarke, John Chauncey, and Alex Williams.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Market do rent the stalls and benches on the terms of last year and lodge a list of the same with the auditor.

Leave was granted to bring in a bill entitled "An Act Requiring the Mayor to take bonds from Officers of the Corporation" which was read a first time and laid on the table.

On balloting for a Treasurer, James L. McKenna was unanimously re-elected.

On balloting for a Surveyor of the Town William Harper was unanimously re-elected.

The Council then adjourned until Saturday
at half past three o'clock.

J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

25 March 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Swift, Neal, Keene, Smith, Janney, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, Gird, Rhodes, Vowell.

"The Act Requiring the Mayor to take bonds from Officers of the Corporation" was read a second and third times and passed.

Mr. Smith from the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of repealing an Act entitled "An Act for Appointing Two Collectors", made a report thereon which was read.

Ordered that Mrs. Dundas be authorized to remove the dirt which has fallen on Princess Street between Water and Union opposite to her property and obstructs the passage thereto.

Mr. Smith from the Committee appointed on the application of Colonel Peyton made a report and recommended the following order which was adopted -

"Ordered that Benjamin C. Wood, Collector of Taxes for Fourth Ward during the year 1815, be and he is authorized to deduct from the account, Frances Peyton \$33.00 being the overcharge on paving 25 feet of ground on Princess between Payne and West Streets."

Ordered that the collection of the taxes due from Frances Parsons be suspended until the first of July.

Resolved that 4% commission be allowed to the Collectors of the Taxes of the present year assessment.

The Council adjourned until Saturday
next at half past three o'clock

J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

1 April 1820

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Swift, Smith, Neal, Veitch, Keene, Simms, Janney, Robinson, Rhodes, Gird, Vowell, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden.

The President being absent, Mr. Hugh Smith was elected President pro tem.

Ordered that the taxes due from the Estate of the Late David Jenkins for the year 1819 be remitted.

The communication from Abraham Fair on the subject of the Hay Scales, was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Swift, Vowell, and Janney.

The Committee appointed to examine into the situation of the Lancastrian School made a report which read and adopted by the Council.

The communication from the Mayor, accompanied by the Bill entitled "An Act Requiring the Mayor to Take Bonds from Officers of the Corporation" with his objections in writing, was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Simms, Ramsay, and Longden.

The Council proceeded to the second reading of a bill entitled "An Act For Raising a Revenue for the Year 1820".

On the question to fill the first blank in the bill with 20 cents the "ayes" and "noes" being called for were as follows.

"Ayes" Mssrs. Janney, Keene, Mandeville, Ramsay, Vowell, Gird, and Smith - 7.

"Noes" Mssrs. Simms, Veitch, Neal, Swift, Bryan, Longden, Rhodes, and Robinson - 8. Lost.

On the question to fill in the blank with 18 cents, the "ayes" and "noes" being called for were as follows.

"Ayes" Mssrs. Rhodes, Gird, Vowell, Bryan, Ramsay, Mandeville, Swift, Keene, Neal, Simms, Janney, Smith - 12

"Noes" Mssrs. Robinson, Longden, Veitch - 3. Carried.

The other blanks in the bill being filled, it was ordered to be on the table.

Ordered that Mssrs. Neal and Keene be a Committee to inquire into and settle the claim against Ursula Chinn, a colored woman.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police to cause a sunken boat along side the Fish Wharf to be removed forthwith.

The Council then adjourned until Saturday
at half past three o'clock.

Hugh Smith, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

8 April 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Robinson, Rhodes, Gird, Vowell, Longden, Bryan, Ramsay, Swift, Neal, Keene, Smith, Veitch, Simms.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do give notice to the proprietor or proprietors of a lot on the east side of Patrick between Queen and Cameron Streets to remove a nuisance now existing on the same, and in default that he proceed to remove it, and charge the expense to the proprietor.

The Committee appointed to rent the Fish Wharf made a report on the subject which was read.

Mr. Simms from the Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor returning the bill "Requiring him to take bonds from all Officers of the Corporation", with his objections in writing made a Report on the subject and recommended that the Bill be amended by striking out the words "in such penalties as he may deem proper", and insert of in lieu thereof the following, viz.; "in double the amount of the stated salary of each Officer in such cases as are not already provided for by law". The Council adopted the amendment proposed which was ordered to be inserted in the bill. The bill as amended was then read and passed.

It was moved and seconded that the Mayor be authorized to appoint two additional Constables during the fishing season, and that a sum not exceeding \$40 be appropriated to defray the expense thereof.

The "ayes" and "noes" being called for were as follows.

"Ayes" Mssrs. Simms, Veitch, Smith, Neal, Swift, Bryan, Rhodes, Hooe. - 8.

"Noes" Mssrs. Keene, Ramsay, Longden, Vowell, Gird, Robinson - 6. Lost.

A communication from the Mayor was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Smith, Swift and Ramsay.

Mr. Smith of the above committee reported the following bills viz.

"An Act to Amend an Act entitled An Act Regulating the Fish Market in the Town of Alexandria, and for other purposes," and "An Act to Amend an Act Entitled An Act to Amend An Act entitled an Act for the Regulation of the Wagons, Drays and Carts, passed the 27th day of March 1818," which were read a first and second time, and laid on the table.

From the custom in the City of Washington and all northern cities with the Town of Fredericksburg in the south, and in addition it being a violation of the Divine Command, Thomas Vowell, a member of the Common Council of Alexandria, beg leave to present a bill to the Common Council for the total prohibition of markets on the Lord's Day commonly called Sunday.

The "ayes" and "noes" being called for on granting leave as asked above are as follows.

"Ayes" Mssrs. Gird, Vowell, Bryan, Swift, Veitch - 5.

"Noes" Mssrs. Robinson, Rhodes, Longden, Ramsay, Keene, Neal, Smith, Simms, Hooe - 9. Refused.

The Council then adjourned.
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

13 April 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Veitch, Neal, Smith, Ramsay, Mandeville, Janney, Bryan, Longden, Gird, Robinson, Rhodes, Vowell.

The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Benjamin C. Wood, late Collector, made a report on the subject which was read and concurred in by the Council whereupon ordered that the Auditor be directed forthwith to take Notes from said Benjamin C. Wood as recommended by the Committee.

The bill entitled "An Act For Raising a Revenue for the Year 1820," was read a third time and passed.

On balloting for Collectors for the present year, John C. Mandell was elected for the Northern and John H. Phillips for the Southern district.

Ordered that Mssrs. Janney, Smith, and Neal be a Committee to inquire into the expediency of laying a tax on all vessels/boat and river craft excepted/laying at any of the wharves or docks within the town of Alexandria for the purpose of retailing goods, the said tax to be paid by the Owner, Master or Super Cargo of said vessel, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to appoint two additional Constables during the fishing season and that a sum not exceeding \$30 be appropriated to defray the expense thereof.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

22 April 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Janney, Smith, Keene, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Gird, Rhodes, Robinson.

The resignation of James Harris as Keeper of the Poor House was received and accepted by the Council whereupon resolved that on the 29th Inst., the Council will go into the appointment of a Keeper of the Poor House to take date from the first day of May thereafter.

The following order introduced by Mr. Smith was read and laid on the table "ordered that the sum of \$2.50 be refunded to John Dodds for a tax paid on one retail store."

Resolved that this Council will act as a Court of Appeals on the 10th; 11th; and 12th days of May next from the hour of 11:00 until 1:00 during each day, after which period no appeals will be heard except from persons absent from Town during session of the Court.

Ordered that Mssrs. Ramsay and Smith be a Committee to attend to such suits as are pending in the Circuit Court, and be authorized to employ such agent to assist the Attorney for Corporation as he may approve.

Resolve that the Committee heretofore appointed to inquire into the expediency of taxing vessels, selling goods at the wharves, be requested to inquire into the subject of taxing manufacturers and others from the stores and the shops.

Mr. John Gird, a Member from the First Ward, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Council, whereupon;

Resolve that Craven P. Thompson, Thomas Sanford and John Muncaster be appointed Commissioners to hold an election at Rhodes Hotel on the 5th of May next for a member for the First Ward in the place of John Gird, resigned.

The Council then adjourned.
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

29 April 1820

In Council. President: James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Janney, Veitch, Neal, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Robinson, Rhodes.

In consequence of there being few applications for the situation of Keeper of the Poor House before the Council, it is resolved that the appointment be postponed until the 6th of May, and that the Clerk of Council do give notice thereof in the newspapers of the Town.

Ordered that the communication of the Royal Arch Chapter be referred to Mssrs. Swift, Veitch, and Mandeville with directions to report to Council on the subject.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

6 May 1820

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Rhodes, Robinson, Bryan, Mandeville, Keene, Neal, Veitch, Simms, Swift, Vowell.

The President being absent Mr. Phineas Janney was appointed president pro tem.

The Council having balloted several times for Keeper of the Poor House no majority appearing for any of the candidates, it was therefore resolved that the election be postponed for the present.

A communication from John Jackson and Company was read and referred to Mssrs. Neal, Keene, and Robinson.

The Council then adjourned
Phineas Janney, President, pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

Court of Appeals

May 10, 1820

Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Keene, Neal, Janney, Smith, Veitch, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Rhodes, Robinson.

The application of Alexander McKenzie for a remission of \$3 the difference between the tax on a wholesale and a retail merchant was rejected.

The applications of Benjamin Moody and Leven Walker for a remission of taxes on dogs were rejected.

The tax of \$10 charged to Nicholes Blasdell on one male dog was remitted. The said dog having been carried into the country by G. Griffith.

The following transfers were ordered to be made upon the application of James H. Hooe viz.;

First Ward - house and lot corner of Duke and Water valued at \$1,500 to H. Peake.

First Ward - house and lot corner of Prince and Pitt valued at \$3,076 to H. Peake.

Third Ward - house and lot corner Pitt Street valued at \$600 to H. Peake.

Fourth Ward - house and lot corner Duke to Wolfe valued at \$500 to H. Peake.

Fourth Ward - house and lot corner of Gibbon and Alfred valued at \$300 to S. Bartle.

The Court then adjourned until Monday the 22nd Inst.
at 1/2 past 3 o'clock
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

May 22, 1820

Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Janney, Veitch, Neal, Keene, Smith, Ramsay, Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, Robinson, Swift, Rhodes.

The tax on 2 Sto. charged to Daniel McLean was remitted.

The applications of Neimya Carson, Edward Sheehy, Samuel Cirk, and John Churchman for the remission of tax on dogs were rejected.

May 23, 1820

Present: James H. Hooe, Esquire, President. Mssrs. Veitch, Neal, Longden, Swift, Fields, Rhodes, Robinson, Mandeville, Smith, Janney.

No applications being made this date, the Court adjourned, sine die.

J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

10 May 1820

In Council. President: James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Keene, Neal, Janney, Smith, Veitch, Mandeville, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Rhodes, Robinson.

Ordered that Mssrs. Neal, Janney and Ramsay be a Committee to wait on the honorable William Cranch at ascertain when it will be convenient to him to review and report the Laws of the Corporation.

The Council then adjourned

J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 May 1820

In Council. President: James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Janney, Veitch, Neal, Keene, Smith, Ramsay, Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, Robinson, Swift, Rhodes.

Mr. Horace Fields the Member elected from the First Ward in the place of John Gird resigned, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

On balloting for a Keeper of the Poor House in the place of James Harris resigned, James Thomas was duly elected.

The resignation of William D. Simms, a Member from the Fourth Ward was received, whereupon ordered that Richard Veitch, James Keith and Jonathan Janney be Commissioners to hold an election at Mrs. Mills, corner of Prince and Alfred Streets on Saturday, the 3rd day of June next for a member for the Fourth Ward in the place of William D. Simms, resigned.

Ordered that Mssrs. Neal, Veitch and Keene be a Committee to enter into a written contract with Benjamin Baden or any other person that may sink, fit and take security for the dirt on Payne between Duke and Prince Streets, the property of the Corporation.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

23 May 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Veitch, Neal, Longden, Swift, Fields, Rhodes, Robinson, Mandeville, Smith, Janney.

The tax on one Tyth and one horse charged to Barbara Wilkes for the year 1819 was remitted.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 June 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Janney, Keene, Veitch, Neal, Smith, Swift, Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Fields, Rhodes, Robinson.

Mr. James Keith the member elected from the Fourth Ward in the place of William D. Simms resigned appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

Resolved that for the present year Mr. Curry, who is indebted to the Corporation for paving tax on Queen Street do pay at the rate of \$4 per quarter.

Ordered that the sum of \$3 the difference between a Wholesale and a Retail Merchant be remitted John Corse, Aquella Lockwood, Zachariah Gardner and Alexander McKenzie.

Ordered that the Auditor do issue warrants in favor of Robert Brockett for an amount of his accounts against the Corporation for foot pavements made in the year 1818, estimating each square yard at 62 and 1/2 cents.

On the petition on Thomas Irwin, it is ordered that the Auditor do issue a Warrant in his favor for \$76.14 being the amount of his account for altering and relaying side pavements on Union and King Streets under an order of the Council in 1817.

Ordered that the collection of \$1.50 of the tax charged to Mrs. McCormick be suspended for six months.

Ordered that the taxes do from Judy Eddick, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Rushman for the present year be remitted.

Resolved that Mssrs. Janney, Smith and Neal be a Committee to inquire if any, and what alterations can be advantageously made in the law or laws regulating auctions within the Corporation and that they report by bill.

Leave was granted to bring in a bill entitled "An Act fixing the salary of the Attorney for the Corporation" which was read a first time and laid on the table.

A petition from Thomas Shields was received and read, laid on the table.

Ordered that Mssrs. Swift and Veitch be a Committee to have the East end of the roof of the Market House shingled.

Ordered that C. Griffith, the proprietor of a lot at the south east St. Asaph corner of Princess, do cause the nuisance thereon to be removed, within 10 days, and in default that the Superintendent of Police do remove the same and charge the expense to the lot and the proprietor thereof.

Ordered that the sum of \$3.08 be refunded to the heirs of the late Thomas White for the errors in the assessment of his real property, and that the tax on a lot on Pendleton and Fairfax Street valued at \$600 be charged by the Assessors to the proper owner.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

1 August 1820

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Rhodes, Robinson, Fields, Longden, Bryan, Mandeville, Swift, Neal, Keith, Janney.

The President being absent Mr. Janney was elected president pro tem.

Upon the representation of William Ramsay, one of the Assessors, it is ordered that William Fearson be charged with a Tax as a shopkeeper, instead of a Tax:license.

Ordered that the tax of \$2.50 for a Shop Tax charged to Mary Taylor be remitted.

Ordered that the Tax on one Tyth charged to Henry Williams be remitted.

Ordered that the tax of \$1.50 improperly charged to R. G. Blacklock be remitted.

Ordered Guy Atkinson and I. Dove be charged as Retail instead of Wholesale Merchants.

Ordered that John Shaker be charged as a Shopkeeper instead of a Wholesale Merchant.

Ordered that the account of J. Swift for a pavement done on King Street be referred to Mssrs. Longden, Neal, Bryan, and Keene.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do cause the gutter on the north side of Prince between Pitt and St. Asaph Streets to be repaired.

Ordered that the petition of Guy Atkinson be referred to Mssrs. Neal, Mandeville, and Robinson.

The Council then adjourned
Phineas Janney President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

30 September 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Rhodes, Robinson, Fields, Vowell, Longden, Bryan, Ramsay, Mandeville, Swift, Smith, Keene, Keith, Veitch, Janney.

Ordered that the sum of \$2.50 be deducted from the taxes charged to Pompey Pious for the present year.

Ordered that \$3, the difference between a Wholesale and Retail Merchant Tax be remitted to Lunt Kerey and George S. Hough.

Ordered that the taxes charged to William Vowell and Thomas Kirk on male dogs, and Edward Sheehy on a female dog be remitted.
Ordered that \$3, the difference between a Whole sale and Retail Merchant, improperly paid by John Lanham be refunded.

On the application of George Johnston, it is ordered that the President of the Council do confer with the Mayor on the subject of a fine imposed on him for retailing liquors without a license.

Ordered that the taxes due from Suzanne Johnston for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that \$10 for each Ward be allowed to the Person taking the Census, on condition of his making a return to the Council of the Census in each Ward, and that the books be filed with the Clerk of the Council.

A petition from James McGuire was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Bryan, Longden, and Robinson.

A communication from the Mayor transmitting the Code of Laws as received by order of Council, also a communication from the Mayor of Washington on the subject of a Penitentiary Establishment for the District was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Hooe, Smith, Longden, and Vowell.

Ordered that the Account for Clerks and Marshals fees be referred to the Auditor with directions to make a report on the same to the next Council.

Ordered that the sum of \$1 be deducted from the taxes charged to Frances Parsons for the present year, and that the sum of \$2.50 be remitted to Joseph Dodds, he being improperly charged with a Shop Tax.

The Council the adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

28 October 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Keith, Janney, Smith, Veitch, Neal, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Bryan, Longden, Vowell, Rhodes.

Ordered that the taxes charged to Payne Bayless and Andrew Leary for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that the collection of taxes due from Benjamin Thompson, a black man, be suspended until the 1st of March 1821.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Swift made a favorable report on the same which was concurred in by Council.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of James McGuire relative to the footways adjoining his property, made a report on the subject, and recommended that the same be regulated from the pavement north to the alley, he furnishing the dirt to fill the Council.

The Council proceeded to consider the Code of Laws as reported by the Committee, and having made progress in the same, upon motion, adjourned until Monday afternoon at half past 2 o'clock.

[**Note:** The word President is here but there is no signature.]

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

30 October 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Janney, Smith, Keith, Veitch, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Fields, Vowell, Rhodes.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Code of Laws as revised, and having made progress on the same, upon motion adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

[**Note:** The word President is here but there is no signature.]

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

31 October 1820

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Rhodes, Fields, Vowell, Longden, Ramsay, Mandeville, Keene, Smith, Keith, Veitch, Janney, Swift.

The President being absent Mr. Janney was elected President pro tem.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Code of Laws as reported, and having made further progress in the same upon motion adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Phineas Janney, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

1 November 1820

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Smith, Veitch, Ramsay, Swift, Mandeville, Longden, Vowell, Fields, Rhodes, Janney.

The President being absent Mr. Janney was elected President pro tem.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Code of Laws as reported and having made further progress in the same, upon motion adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Phineas Janney, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

2 November 1820

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Rhodes, Fields, Vowell, Longden, Ramsay, Mandeville, Swift, Keith, Veitch, Janney.

The President being absent Mr. Janney was elected President pro tem.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Code of Laws reported to them and having completed their second reading, upon motion adjourned.

Phineas Janney, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

21 November 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Veitch, Keith, Neal, Keene, Swift, Mandeville, Ramsay, Longden, Vowell, Fields, Smith.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor on the subject of a system of Penitentiary jurisprudence to be established within the District of Columbia made a report, and recommended the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Council.

"Resolved that it is not expedient to unite with the Citizens of Washington and Georgetown in the establishment of a penitentiary on the terms proposed by the joining committees of those places."

A memorial of the members of the Baptist Church was received and read whereupon ordered that the tax of \$11.30 charged for resetting side stones before the Baptist Meeting House be remitted.

A petition from the Inspectors of the House of Industry was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Swift, Neal and Keith. A petition from the Constables of the town was received and read.

Ordered that the collection of the taxes due from Samuel Colbert, a colored man, be suspended until the next meeting of the Council.

Ordered that the collection of taxes due from Hannah Green be suspended for three months.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 December 1820

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Robinson, Rhodes, Fields, Vowell, Ramsay, Mandeville, Swift, Neal, Veitch, Janney, Smith.

The application of David Smedley for a remission of a Wholesale Merchant Tax was referred to the Auditor for examination and settlement.

Ordered that the taxes on two male dogs improperly charged to A. Brent; on one male dog charged to William Vowell; on one Tyth charged to Robert Abercrombie; and on one male dog charged to David Mankins be remitted, /the said dog having been killed by the police Constable.

Ordered that the tax due from Suzanne Baggett and Ann Nelson for the present year be remitted, and that the collection of the taxes for the year 1819 due from William Stoops be suspended until the first day of May 1821.

A letter from the Honorable Joseph Kent, Chairman of the Committee for the District of Columbia to the Mayor having been laid before the Common Council relative to the proposed Penitentiary establishment.

It was Resolved, that the Mayor be requested to write to the Honorable Chairman of the Committee for the District, and express to him the thanks of the Common Council for his communication relative to the proposed Penitentiary establishment, and forward to him the resolution unanimously passed in Council the 21st of November, which said Resolution the Common Council now unanimously confirm, and expressed their belief that it is in the general sentiment of the People of the Town of Alexandria.

The Council then adjourned
J. H. Hooe, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

1821

20 January 1821

In Council. President. James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Keith, Neal, Swift, Keene, Ramsay, Vowell, Fields, Robinson, Veitch.

The Code Laws as revised and reported to the Council was read a third time and passed.

The application of Henry Davis for a remission of a tax, was referred to the Assessors, and the Auditor for examination and settlement.

The petition of Charles Mankin and others, on the subject of renting the Fish Wharf, was read and referred to Mssrs. Vowell, Mandeville, Neal and Keith.

The application of William Bowles for the remission of a tax on a dog was referred to the Assessors and the Auditor.

Ordered that the sum of \$.75, the difference between a tax on a horse and a cow, be remitted to Daniel Wright.

Ordered that Mssrs. Neal, Keith, Mandeville and Robinson be a Committee to confer with the Mayor respecting a fine imposed by him under an Act of the Common Council against Bernard Bryan, for suffering his slave to go at large and trade as a free man, and report thereon to the next meeting of the Council.

The Council then adjourned

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

10 February 1821

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Rhodes, Robinson, Fields, Vowell, Longden, Ramsay, Swift, Mandeville, Keene, Smith, Veitch, Keith, Janney.

The President being absent Mr. Swift was appointed President pro tem.

Ordered that Mssrs. Vowell and Janney be a Committee to receive and distribute the legacy of the late Owen F. McGrath.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police have the lower end of Duke Street paved with stones to be furnished by John Rumney, and provided the quantity furnished is insufficient, the Superintendent will provide the balance.

Ordered that the Assessor and Auditor be a Committee to examine the list of property assessed to Mrs. Alexander, and have what is improperly charged to her taken from the account, and charged to the proper owners.

Ordered that the Auditor return to the Attorney the executions obtained in favor of the Corporation, and that he collect the amount, charging his usual commission.

Ordered that the collection of the paving tax due on the ground fronting the Mechanic Hall be suspended until the further order of Council.

The following order was moved and seconded,

"Ordered that the fine of \$20 imposed by the Mayor on William Rhodes under a law of the corporation for permitting his slave to go at large and trade as a free man be remitted."

The ayes and noes being called were as followed.

"Ayes". Mssrs. Rhodes, Fields, Vowell, and Keene. 4.

"Noes". Mssrs. Robinson, Longden, Ramsay, Smith, Veitch, Keith, Janney, and Swift. 8.

Ordered that the due bills now in the Bank of Alexandria received by the Auditor from the Treasurer as counted by the Teller, be examined by a Committee consisting of Mssrs. Vowell, Janney, Keith, and Robinson, and that a list be taken of them, after which they may be burnt, and that a compensation of .50 per hour be allowed the said Committee.

Ordered that for the rent of \$390 due on the 16th October last from John Muncaster for the Stone Warehouse, the Collector is authorized to receive his notes and then @ 2, 4, and 6 months from the 10th February 1821, with an endorser to be approved by the Mayor.

Ordered that the tax on one female dog charged to James S. Scott, and on one 4W. carriage charged to William Patterson be remitted.

Ordered that the taxes due for the present year from Abraham Afty, a colored man, be remitted.

Ordered that Mssrs. Vowell, Mandeville, Neal, and Keith be a Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the corporation for the year ending March 1821, and prepare a report for publication.

Ordered that John H. Phillips, Collector, do place in the hands of the Attorney the following accounts for suit viz.:

Taxes of:

W. A. Daingerfield	1815.16.17.18.19.20	\$26.91
Dr. A. Daingerfield	1818	7.40
And for Harriet Rosser		31.80
Charles Simms estate	1819.20	85.85
John C. Hunter	1814.15.19.20	91.14
Charles Lee's est.	1815.16.17.18.19.20	63.37
George Chapman	1814.15.19.20	<u>103.41</u>
		452.38

Ordered that John C. Mandell, Collector do place in the hands of the attorney the following accounts for suit viz.:

William Herberts est.		\$337.66
" " "	1819.20	107.12
Joseph Mandeville		84.13
Noblet Herbert		281.16
James S. Scott		35.07
George K. Wise est.		54.45
George Chapman		40.65
James Dundas		22.82
Ferdinand Marsteller est.		40.65
Hervey Summers est.		<u>34.30</u>
		\$1,038.01

The following persons were appointed Commissioners for holding elections in the different wards on Tuesday the 6th day of March next, for members to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing 12 months viz.:

Rubin Johnston	
John Muncaster	At Rhodes Tavern, for the
Bryan Hampson	First Ward

Colin Auld	
William Ramsay	At the Council Chambers
Guy Atkinson	for the Second Ward
Bathust Daingerfield	
James Douglass	At Saulman Drew's for the
Joseph Smith	Third Ward

Robert Veitch	At Mrs. Mills' corner
Jonathan Janney	of Prince and Alfred Sts.
William Fowle	for the Fourth Ward

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

19 February 1821

In Council. Present. Mssrs. Swift, Neal, Keene, Mandeville, Ramsay, Fields, Robinson, Rhodes, Vowell.
The President being absent Mr. Swift was appointed president pro tem.

Mr. Neal from the Committee appointed to confer with the Mayor respecting a fine imposed by him under an Act of the Common Council, against Bernard Bryan for suffering his slave to go at large and trade as a free man, made a report which was read, - in which report the Council refused to concur.

Whereas several Citizens of this town have been fined by the Mayor for permitting their slaves to go at large and trade as free man, and whereas much difference in opinion has arisen both upon the power of the Council to modify the Laws of Virginia, and the construction thereof, be it therefore resolved, in order to obtain a clear and distinct legal decision to the satisfaction of the parties concerned, that all cases coming under this description be referred to Mssrs. Swann and Taylor, and in the event of their differing an opinion, that these associate with them, Thompson F. Mason, Esquire, whose decision shall be conclusive.

Ordered that the tax on one Tyth improperly charged to James Talmage be refunded.

Ordered that the tax on one M. dog charged to Issac Entwisle be refunded, the said having been killed by the Police Constable.

Mr. Vowell from the Committee appointed to distribute the legacy of Owen F. McGrath reported that he had received the same and paid it over to Guy Atkinson, President pro tem. of the House of Industry.

The application of Sarah Yates for a remission of a tax was referred to the Assessor and Auditor.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President pro tem.

Test:

J. P. Thompson, C.C.

1 March 1821

In Council. President: James H. Hooe, Esquire, Present. Mssrs. Ramsay, Swift, Robinson, Janney, Rhodes, Longden, Keene, Mandeville, Veitch, Vowell, Smith, Fields, Neal.

Ordered that the taxes due from John Tatton for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of James Campbell for \$200, being his salary for services as Messenger of Council, and for furnishing fuel, candles, etc., for the present year, as fixed by law.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of William Washington for \$87.37 being the amount of his account for Medicine and attendance on the poor.

Mr. Vowell from the Committee of Public Accounts, reported that they had carefully examined the accounts of the Auditor and Treasurer, and prepared the annual statement for publication.

They also reported that the Clerk of the Market has paid no money into the Treasury for stall rents for the present year.

The Council consented to reconsider the report of the Committee in the case of Bernard Bryan, and concur in the same.

Ordered that the tax on one male dog charged to Daniel Dogherty be remitted, the said dog having been killed by him.

Ordered that the account of William Lewes for work done at the Market House amounting to \$5 be paid.

Ordered that the application of Alexander Perry for a remission of a tax be referred to the Assessor and Treasurer.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of James Butt for \$9.17 being part of a fine levied on a soldier found drunk in the street, and remitted on the recommendation of the Mayor, and on the general good character of the soldier as certified by his Officer.

Ordered that the bonds of John C. Mandell, and John H. Phillips given for the collection of taxes for 1820, be given up, on their giving bonds with security for the balances now in their hands for collection.

The Council then adjourned sine die.
President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

Minutes
For the Year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-One
Beginning on the 9th Day of March
1821

Members of Council
Returned for the year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-one

Anthony Rhodes	
Matthew Robinson	For the First Ward
Horace Field	
John Wood	

John Longden	
John Ramsay	For the Second Ward
Bernard Bryan	
John Adam	

Charles I. Catlett	
Jonathan Swift	For the Third Ward
William N. Mills	
James Douglass	

James H. Hooe	
John C. Vowell	For the Fourth Ward
Josiah H. Davis	
Thomas Swann	

At a Meeting:

Of the persons elected to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing year, at the Council Chamber, on Friday the 9th day of March 1821, present

Mssrs. Rhodes, Wood, Robinson, Field, Longden, Bryan, Ramsay, Adam, Catlett, Mills, Swift, Douglass, Davis, Hooe, Vowell.

On balloting for a President of Council Johnathan Swift, Esquire was elected, who after taking the oath of office prescribed by law before Nathaniel S. Wise, Esquire. a Justice of the Peace, administered the same to the members present.

On balloting for a Clerk and Auditor, J. P. Thompson was unanimously re-elected.

On balloting for a Messenger to Council, James Campbell was unanimously re-elected.

Resolved that Mssrs. Hooe, Adam, Rhodes, and Catlett be a committee to bring in a bill fixing the salaries of the officers of the corporation for the ensuing year.

The Council then adjourned
until 4 o'clock in the afternoon
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

The Council convened this afternoon pursuant to adjournment.
Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.

Mssrs. Davis, Hooe, Mills, Douglass, Ramsay, Adam, Bryan, Longden, Robinson, Wood, Field, Rhodes, Catlett.

Resolved, that the rules, and regulations of the last Council be adopted as the rules and regulations of the present.

Mr. Hooe, from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported that a bill "Fixing the Salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the Present Year," which was read a first and second time, and the blanks being filled, it was, after suspending the 9th rule, upon motion, read a third time and passed.

On balloting for a Mayor, Christopher Neale, Esquire, was duly elected.

Mssrs. Ramsay, Robinson, Vowell, and Mills be a committee to rent out the Fish Wharf for the ensuing season to end on the 1st of June.

The Mayor elect appeared and had the oath of office administered to him by Nathanal S. Wise, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, in the presence of the Council.

Mr. Swann, member elected from the 4th ward appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

13 March 1821

In Council. Present: Johnathan Swift, Esq., President, Mssrs. Vowell, Davis, Swann, Catlett, Mills, Douglass, Adam, Bryan, Longden, Rhodes, Robinson, Field, Wood.

Mr. Longden, was appointed on the committee for renting the Fish Wharf in the place of Mr. Ramsay necessarily absent from town.

Ordered that Hannah Datcher, a colored woman, be allowed \$15 for taking care of an orphan for five months, and that she be allowed at the rate of \$3 per month for 12 months from this time, subject however to the orders of the Trustees of the Poor House.

A message from the Mayor on the subject of the law relating to slaves going at large and trading as free man, and also on the subject of an Office for the Transaction of Public Business, was received and read.

Ordered that the Mayor be permitted to rent a room for an office, provided it does not cost more than \$50 per annum.

Ordered that Mssrs. Douglass, Rhodes, Longden, and Vowell be a committee to take into consideration that part of the Mayor's message relating to slaves going at large working as free man, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that the execution of the law relating to slaves going at large, and of its penalties be suspended until the subject which is referred to Legal Council be reported on by them.

Ordered that the Clerk of Council apply to Thomas Swann and Robert I. Taylor, Esqs. for their construction of the law respecting slaves being permitted to hire themselves, and report their answer to the next meeting of the Council.

The implication of Charles McKnight for a remission of a fine under the law concerning slaves going at large, was read and laid on the table.

Resolved that from the 15th of April to the 15th of September, the lasps, with the exception of those in the Market House, be not lighted.

The Council elected by ballot the following officers to serve for the ensuing year, viz.;

William Washington	Physician to the Poor House
Levi Talbott	Inspector of Fish
Alexander Williams	Superintendent of Watch
Peter Rhodes	Keeper of the Powder House
David Black	Corder of Wood
Loudoun Campbell	
William Campbell	Measurers of Lumber
Davis Bowie	
Hezekiah J. Reeves	Police Constables
William Ramsay, Jr.	
John Gird	Assessors

Mr. Robinson from the committee made the following report.

"In obedience to an order of the Common Council, the subscribers did count and burn at the Bank of Alexandria One hundred, eleven thousand, two hundred thirty-three and 1/2 of notes and tickets issued under various orders of the Common Council from the years 1814 to 1820, amounting to \$47,705.63, leaving now in circulation the sum of \$23,333.37, agreeing with the balance on the auditors books. The particulars are filed with the auditor on four separate sheets, to which they respectfully beg reference".

Alexandria 13 March 1821

Thomas Vowell
Phineas Janney
James Keith, Jr.
Matthew Robinson

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

17 March 1821

In Council. Present: Johnathan Swift, Esq., President, Mssrs. Rhodes, Wood, Field, Longden, Bryan, Adam, Mills, Douglass, Vowell, Davis.

A message from the Mayor on the subject of the Police Constables, was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Vowell and Longden.

A petition from H. Clagett and others on the subject of the tax on terrion licenses was read and laid on the table.

On the petition of James Allison it is ordered that a license to hold a Horse Market be granted him, on his complying with the terms of the law on that subject.

On balloting for Watchmen for the present year the following persons were chosen - viz.; William Davis, Gerrard Arnold, John Clark, James Phillips, James Aurbey, John Chauncey, John Gibbs, and Benjamin Jefferson.

A letter from Richard M. Scott on the subject of a negro slave was read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

24 March 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esq., President, Mssrs. Davis, Hooe, Swann, Vowell, Douglass, Mills, Ramsay, Bryan, Longden, Rhodes, Robinson, Wood, Field.

Mr. Longden from the Committee appointed to rent the Corporation Wharf made a report which was read and concurred in by the Council.

Leave was granted to bring in a bill for fixing the salary of the Messenger to the Council, which was read a "first and second" times and the 9th rule being suspended, it was read a "third" time and passed.

On balloting for a Messenger of Council in the place of James Campbell, deceased, John C. Mandel was duly elected.

On balloting for a Superintendent of Police, George Coryell was duly elected, to commence the duties of his office on the 3rd of April next.

On balloting for Trustees of the Poor House the following Gentlemen were duly elected, viz.; Bryan Hampson, Thomas Sandford, Edmund I. Lee and Mordecai Miller.

The accounts of William Gullatt and John Creighton for work done at the Council Chamber and materials furnished were ordered to be paid.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

2 April 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esq., President, Mssrs. Longden, Bryan, Adam, Ramsay, Mills, Douglass, Catlett, Rhodes, Field, Robinson, Davis, Hooe.

The following order was moved and seconded.

"Ordered that in the proceedings of the last meeting the entry announcing the election of George Coryell be so amended as to insert, instead of the name of "George Coryell", the words "no election was made."

The Ayes and the Nays being called were as followed.

Ayes: Mssrs. Field, Robinson, Longden, Adam, Catlett, Mills, Douglass, Swift. 8

Nays: Mssrs. Rhodes, Ramsay, Hooe, Davis. 4 - lost.

Resolved that at all future elections to be made by this Council, the tickets be taken from the ballot box under the direction of four members of the Council, one from each ward, and that they examine each ticket as the same as reported to the Clerk.

A message from the Mayor relative to the appointment of Assistant Police Constables during the fishing season, was received and read.

On balloting for Trustees of the Poor in the places of Bryan Hampson and Mordecai Miller resigned, James Keith, Jr., and Thomas Preston were duly elected.

On balloting for a Keeper of the Poor House, James Thomas was unanimously re-elected.

Mr. Longden, from the Committee on the Mayor's message relative to Police Constables, made a report which was read. Leave was granted to bring in a bill entitled "An Act amending an Act reducing into one and amending the several acts respecting Constables" which was read a "first" time and laid on the table.

The resignation of Mr. John Wood, a member from the First Ward, was received, and accepted by the Council. Whereupon, ordered that Rubin Johnston, John Munchaster and Bryan Hampston be appointed Commissioners for holding an election at A. Rhodes Tavern on Saturday the 14th inst. for a Member to serve in the Common Council in the place of John Wood, resigned.

Ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to employ any number not exceeding two extra Officers to attend during the fishing season to the duties of Constables, and that he allow him or them a sum not exceeding \$25 each.

On balloting for a Surveyor, William Harper, was re-elected.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

3 April 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esq., President, Mssrs. Davis, Hooe, Vowell, Swann, Douglass, Mills, Catlett, Ramsay, Adam, Bryan, Longden, Robinson, Field, Rhodes.

It having been suggested to the Council that a mistake has probably been committed in counting the votes in the late election of the Superintendent of Police. It is ordered that Mssrs. Swann, Longden and Adam be a committee to inquire into the facts attending the said election, and report the same to the Council.

Mr. Swann, from the Committee appointed under the foregoing resolution made the following "report" -

"The undersigned Committee having inquired into the facts in relation to the late election of Superintendent of Police, do report that at the time of the election of the said Superintendent there were present the following members of Council viz.: Jonathan Swift, Josiah Davis, James Hooe, Thomas Swann, John Vowell, James Douglass, William N. Mills, John Ramsay, Bernard Bryan, John Longden, Anthony Rhodes, Matthew Robinson, John Wood and Horace Field, and that it appears by the affidavits here was exhibited that on the last ballot Thomas Swann, James Douglass, William A. Mills, Bernard Bryan, John Longden, Matthew Robinson, Horace Field and Jonathan Swift voted for James Carson, leaving only in favor of George Coryell who was announced to have been duly elected, six votes, your Committee have no doubt that a mistake was committed in counting the said votes, and as it was necessary that the person elected should have a majority of the whole number of the Councilman, that is to say "nine votes, your Committee are constrained to declare that the said George Coryell was not duly elected" signed Thomas Swann, John Longden, John Adam.

It appearing to the Common Council that a mistake had been committed in the late election of the Superintendent of Police, and that George Coryell was not, in fact, duly elected, and it further appearing that the said George Coryell had not entered upon the duties of the said office, it is now resolved that the order lately made by appointing the said George Coryell as Superintendent of Police be rescinded, and that the Council will now enter upon the appointment of the said Superintendent of Police.

On balloting for a Superintendent of Police, James Carson was duly elected.

On balloting for a Clerk of the Market, Samuel Wheeler was duly elected.

On balloting for Collectors, John C. Mandel was elected for the Northern District, and John Muncaster for the Southern District.

On balloting for a "Board of Health" the following gentlemen were duly elected.

North of King Street, Jacob Morgan, Robert Anderson, Thomas Irwin.

Between King and Prince, John A. Stewart, Bryan Hampson, Nehemiah Carson.

South of Prince Street, Phineas Janney, Issac Entwistle, Thomas Vowell.

Ordered that Mssrs. Rhodes, Longden, Douglass and Vowell be a Committee to bring in a bill for "Raising a Revenue" and "Making Appropriations" for the present year.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

21 April 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esq., President, Mssrs. Davis, Douglass, Longden, Rhodes, Robinson, Ramsay, Mills.

Mr. Rubin Johnston, the Member elected from the First Ward in the place of Mr. John Wood, resigned, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

A message from the Mayor on the subject of allowing the Attorney of the Corporation Compensation for advice and instruction given to the different Officers, was read, and laid on the table.

A message from the Mayor relative to a nuisance on St. Asaph Street was received and read, whereupon ordered that Superintendent of Police do give notice to Mrs. McRea to remove the nuisance from her property on St. Asaph north of King Street in 15 days, and in default thereof that he due remove the same and charge the expense to the proprietor.

A petition from the Draymen and Carters of the Town was received and read and laid on the the table.

On balloting for a Treasurer of the Corporation, James L. McKenna was duly elected.

On balloting for a Trustee of the Poor in the place of James Keith, Jr., resigned, Jonathan Janney was duly elected.

A petition from Elijah Chenault was received and read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

3 May 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esq., President, Mssrs. Robinson, Johnston, Field, Longden, Bryan, Adam, Ramsay, Mills, Douglass.

A petition from Hugh Carolin praying that the sideways on Queen Street opposite his property be filled up, and a gutter paved across Water Street, was received and read, whereupon ordered, that Mssrs. Mills and Johnston be a Committee to examine the nature of the grievance complained of by Mr. Carolin, and report to Council their opinion, and an estimate of the expense if any, to remedy the same.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Market rent out the stalls and benches for the ensuing year, on the same terms they were rented last year.

The bill "For Raising a Revenue for the Present Year," was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned until
Saturday next at 1/2 past 3 o'clock
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

5 May 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esq., President, Mssrs. Hooe, Vowell, Douglass, Ramsay, Adam, Davis, Bryan, Longden, Field, Robinson, Johnston, Mills.

The Bill for raising a revenue for the present year was a read a second and third time and passed.

The Bill making appropriations for the services of the present year was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Hugh Carolin made a report on the subject which was read, whereupon ordered that the Superintendent of Police have a suitable gutter paved on the south side of Queen between Fairfax and Water Streets so as to conduct the water down said street until it passes the intersection of Water Street, provided the expense does not exceed \$40, and charge the same to the Second Ward.

Ordered that Mssrs. Vowell, Mills, Adam, and Johnston be a Committee to inquire into the present state of the Lancastrian School, and that they make a report on the Subject to the Council.

On the application of Thomas Vowell, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police do examine the gutter and side stones on the east side of Water Street between Prince and Duke Streets, and do the necessary repairs.

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of five dollars for the conviction of any offender against the law of the Corporation relating to the Mineral Spring at the intersection of Pitt and Montgomery Streets.

The Council then adjourned

14 May 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Davis, Catlett, Adam, Longden, Bryan, Robinson, Field, Johnston, Hooe, Swann, Davis, Vowell.

Ordered that the Council will sit as a Court of Appeals on the fourth, fifth, and sixth days of June next from the hour of 11 o'clock until 1 during each day.

On balloting for an Inspector of Fish in the place of Levi Talbott deceased, Anthony Rhodes was duly elected.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Anthony Rhodes, a member from the First Ward, was received and accepted by the Council, whereupon, ordered that John Gird, Alexander McKenzie, and Thomas Preston be appointed Commissioners for holding an election at A. Rhodes Tavern on Saturday the 26th inst. for a member to serve on the Common Council in the place of Anthony Rhodes resigned.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the present state of the Lancastrian School made a report on the subject which was read, whereupon ordered that Mssrs. Davis, Catlett, Adam, and Johnston be a Committee to bring in a bill to repeal an act entitled "An Act appropriating a further sum of money towards the support of the Lancastrian School in the Town of Alexandria" passed the 21st day of March 1816.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

29 May 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Mills, Catlett, Adam, Longden, Bryan, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

Mr. Laurence Hill the member elected from the First Ward in the place of Mr. Anthony Rhodes resigned, appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police give notice to the owners or agents of the property west of Royal Street between Wolfe and Wilkes to remove the nuisance therefrom within the space of 6 days otherwise it will be removed by the Corporation at the expense of the proprietors.

Ordered that the President of Council be authorized to settle the account due by Mrs. McRea for filling up sunken ground on St. Asaph north of King Street on such terms as he may think proper.

A communication from Jacob Hoffman, esquire, late Mayor, on the subject of fines imposed by him on persons suffering their slaves to hire themselves, was received and read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

Court of Appeals

The Court met this day, agreeable to public notice.

4 June 1821

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Hooe, Catlett, Adam, Longden, Bryan, Hill, Field, Johnston.

No applicants appearing the Court adjourned.

5 June 1821

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Johnston, Robinson, Hill, Longden, Bryan, Adam, Ramsay, Mills, Hooe.

Ordered that a lot on Water Street valued at \$500 also a house and lot on Fairfax Street valued at \$8,000 be deducted from the account of John Lloyd and charged to George Janney.

6 June 1821

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Hooe, Davis, Catlett, Ramsay, Bryan, Field, Robinson, Johnston, Hill.

Ordered that the tax on Union Street be deducted from the account of Daniel Munroe and charged to Mordecai Miller.

Ordered that the charge of one male dog be expunged from the account of Horace Field.

The Court then adjourned
sine die
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

4 June 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Hooe, Catlett, Adam, Longden, Bryan, Hill, Field, Johnston.

Ordered that the auditor issue a warrant in favor of Robert Smith for \$7.65 for lumber furnished for repairs to the Corporation Warehouse.

Resolved that the Common Council will consent to submit to arbitration the claim of the Corporation against William A. Harper and his securities, one arbitrator to be chosen by each party, and a third to be named by those two, and that the President be and he is hereby authorized to name the arbitrator in behalf of the Common Council, provided the mode of settlement be exceed to by said Harper and his security in which case the reference to arbitrators is to be ordered by the Court, and the award to be entered up after it is made as the decree of the Court.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

5 June 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Johnston, Robinson, Hill, Longden, Bryan, Adam, Mills, Ramsay, Hooe.

The President of Council to whom was referred the selection of an Arbitrator in the case of the Common Council against William A. Harper, reported that he had selected Mr. Thomas Irwin to act as an Arbitrator, which was concurred in by the Council.

On the application of Mrs. C. McRea the tax on 2 tyth, and 1 m. dog improperly charged to her in the year 1820 was remitted.

On the application of John A. Stewart the tax on 2 Sto and 2 LSTO in error in the assessment of 1820 was remitted.

The tax on one tax license improperly charged to William Jackson for the year 1820 was remitted.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

30 July 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Swann, Hooe, Hill, Douglass, Catlett, Mills, Adam, Bryan, Robinson, Johnston, Field, Longden, Davis.

A letter from the Mayor communicating to the Council the death of Mr. Issac Entwisle, a member of the Board of Health, was received and read.

On balloting for a member of the Board of Health in the place of Issac Entwisle deceased, William A. Williams was duly elected.

The following applications were received by the Council viz.:

From Ephriam Evans and others requesting the attention of the Council to the gutters between Fairfax and Royal Streets.

From Thomas Janney and others requesting an order of Council to repair the gutters and side stones on the south side of Prince between Fairfax and Royal.

From John Hooff requesting an order to repair the gutter on the west side of Water between Prince and Duke Streets.

From William Yeaton requesting an Order of Council to repair the wings of the tunnel crossing Fairfax Street near the intersection of Pendleton Street: to have the gate repaired at the trunk on Water at the intersection of Pendleton Street, and to raise Oronoco Street between Fairfax and Royal Streets.

Also an application to graduate the ground at the intersection of Gibbon and Alfred Street. Referred to Mssrs. Douglass, Johnston, Adam and Davis.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police under the direction of the President of Council be authorized to rent out on the Corporation Wharf at public auction to the highest bidder until the first day of March next.

The President reported to the Council that he had arranged the settlement of the account due from Mrs. C. McReay to the Corporation, and that he had also obtained from the Secretary of the House of Industry at statement of the property and funds of that Institution.

Ordered that the President of the Council do settle up the affairs of the House of Industry and turn into money its property in such manner as he may find most to the advantage of the Corporation.

The Council the adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

4 August 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Davis, Vowell, Hooe, Mills, Adam, Longden, Brayn, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

Mr. Johnston from the Committee to whom was referred Sundry applications presented to Council on the 30th ultmo. submitted the following orders which were concurred in by the Council-

1. Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do have the gutter on the south side of Prince between Royal and Fairfax Streets repaired and the side stones reset.
2. Ordered that the Superintendent of Police have the gutter on the north side of Duke between Royal and Fairfax Streets repaired.
3. Ordered that the Superintendent of Police have filled up 1/2 of the intersection of Gibbon and Alfred Streets so as to make a carriage way on the same, the expense thereof not to exceed \$15.
4. Ordered that the Superintendent of Police have raised Oronoco Street between Fairfax and Royal Streets, the expense thereof not to exceed \$10.
5. Ordered that the Superintendent of Police have repaired the West wing of the tunnel which crosses Fairfax near Pendleton Street the expense thereof not to exceed \$15: and that he have repaired the gate of the tunnel which crosses Water near Pendleton Street the expense thereof not to exceed \$2.

The petition of Sundry inhabitants of the Town requesting that the watermelon boats which had been ordered by the Superintendent of Police to remove to the Corporation Wharf, may be permitted to return to Prince dock was received and read.

Ordered that the gutter on the west side of Water Street and south from the corner of Prince be repaired, provided the expense does not exceed \$5.

Ordered that Mssrs. Robinson, Mills and Vowell be a committee to examine the gutter on the south side of Prince between Fairfax and Water Street and report to Council.

On balloting for a member of the Board of Health in the place of William A. Williams, not being a free holder, and therefore not eligible, Robert Hunter was duly elected.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

20 August 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Swann, Hooe, Douglass, Catlett, Robinson, Field, Johnston, Hill.

A Communication from the Mayor transmitting to the Council the nomination by the Board of Health of Dr. Thomas Semmes as Health Officer, and James McKenzie as Assistant Health Officer; was received and read, and the above nominations were confirmed by the Council.

On the application of the proprietors of the ground on the west side of St. Asaph Street, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police do proceed to regulate and have the sideway from the corner of Cameron to the north line of John C. Mandell's property.

The application of Hugh Smith on the Subject of the gate on the road leading through his ground to the Powder House was referred to the President of the Council and Mr. Douglass.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

23 August 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Douglass, Mills, Robinson, Adam, Hill, Johnston, Field, Bryan, Hooe.

A Communication from the Treasurer of the Corporation calling the attention of the Council to the laws of the States of Virginia and Maryland, on the Subject of the circulation of \$1 notes, and suggesting the expediency of providing for the redemption of the Corporation due bills now in circulation, was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Hooe, Douglass, Longden and Robinson.

Ordered that Mssrs. Field, Bryan, Mills and Vowell be a committee to inquire into the expediency of renting out the vacant lots of ground on Duke between Union and the Potomac Strand for the term of two years from the 10th of October next.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

28 August 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Johnston, Field, Hill, Longden, Bryan, Catlett, Mills, Douglass, Hooe, Davis, Adam.

A petition from Sundry inhabitants of the 2nd and 3rd wards praying the removal of a nuisance situated between Queen and Princess Streets on the west of Royal and east of Pitt Street was referred to Mssrs. Johnston, Longden, Mills and Davis.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Lancastrian School made a reported which was read and laid on the table.

Mssrs. Davis and Field were appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of making a trap door and other authorization on the new market house.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

1 September 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Field, Hill, Johnston, Robinson, Longden, Bryan, Adam, Mills, Douglass, Hooe, Davis.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Treasurer on the subject of the due bills, made a report in which the Council refused to concur.

William Johnston from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the 2nd and 3rd Wards requesting the removal of a nuisance between Queen and Princess Streets made a report recommending the cutting of some small drains capable of conducting the water to the tunnel on Princess Street, and from thence under the trunk or bridge on Oronoco Street; cleaning out the drains to the tunnel that crosses Fairfax Street and digging a ditch from the tunnel on Fairfax Street northeast to a tunnel that crosses Water Street, which was concurred in by the Council provided the expense thereof does not exceed \$15, and to be charged to the 2nd Ward.

On balloting for a Captain of the Watch in the place of Alexander Williams deceased, William Davis was duly elected.

Ordered that the collectors of the corporation do present to the next Council a return of the amount of monies collected by them, designating the collections of the present year.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

12 September 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Catalett, Douglass, Davis, Vowell, Adam, Bryan, Hill, Robinson, Johnston.

The taxes due from Henry Williams, a colored man, were remitted for the present year.

Ordered that the proprietors of the ground fronting on Queen and Pitt Streets do forthwith proceed to remove the nuisance on the same, and that the Superintendent of Police do give him a written copy of this order.

The Collector of the Northern District made a report of the monies in his hands from the present years collections.

A message from the Mayor relative to a nuisance near the property of E. I. Lee was referred to Mssrs. Douglass, Vowell and Robinson.

Ordered that Mssrs. Davis, Johnston and Bryan be a Committee to inquire into the expediency of fixing a pump in the neighborhood of Alfred and Wilkes Streets, and fixing the situation for the same if in their opinion it be expedient.

Mr. Hill was appointed on the Committee on the Mayor's message on the subject of slaves trading as free men, in the place of Anthony Rhodes resigned.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

17 September 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Vowell, Davis, Adam, Catlett, Bryan, Longden, Robinson, Hill, Johnston.

Mr. Douglass from the Committee to whom was referred the message of the Mayor relative to a nuisance said to exist near the property of E.I. Lee, reported that they had made the necessary examinations, and that in their opinion no nuisance exists that requires the interference of the Council.

Ordered that Guy Atkinson, Robert Anderson, and Silas Reed be appointed Commissioners for holding and election at the Council Chamber on Saturday, 29th inst. for a member to serve in the Common Council in the place of John Ramsay deceased.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

8 October 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Longden, Adam, Catlett, Douglass, Vowell, Davis.

Mr. Robert Anderson the Member elected from the 2nd ward in the place of John Ramsay deceased, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat.

A petition from Rebecca Mills was read and referred to Mssrs. Davis and Field.

Mr. Davis from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sundry alterations in the new Market House made a report on the flues of the chimneys in the same, which was read and laid on the table.

A memorial from P. Mountford was read and laid on the table.

Ordered that Mssrs. Hooe, Douglass, Longden and Robinson be a Committee to inquire if any, and what Amendments are necessary to be made to the Charter to report on the same within 30 days.

Ordered that Mssrs. Anderson, Robinson, Catlett and Davis be a committee to examine the pavement on Pitt between Cameron and Queen Streets and report to Council.

Ordered that from this time no deposit of the dirt from the streets be made within the inhabited part of the Town.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do notice the proprietors of lots on Pitt between Cameron and Queen Streets to remove the nuisance thereon forthwith.

The Council the adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

13 October 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Hooe, Vowell, Douglass, Mills, Adam, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

Ordered that Mssrs. Hooe and Robinson be a Committee to inquire into the claim of the corporation for the rent of the Clerks Office, and ascertain who is bound for the same, and to the prospect of payment.

A message from the Mayor was received and read.

A report from the Board of Health was received and read.

On the petition of T. Mountford resolved that permission is intended to the Manager of the Alexandria Museum to occupy for that object the south end of the third story of the new Market House for the same term that the North end has been heretofore granted to him, it being understood that he has or will furnish the same in the manner agreed upon for the North end.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

7 November 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Johnston, Robinson, Longden, Bryan, Anderson, Adam, Mills, Douglass, Vowell, Hooe, Davis.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the claim of the Corporation for rent of the Clerks Office, made a report on the subject, whereupon ordered that they obtain an order from the President of the Levy Court on the Marshal for arrears of rent due the corporation for the use of the Clerks Office.

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the flues in the new Market House was taken up and concurred in.

A message from the Mayor on the subject the poor of the Town was received and read.

Ordered that the Auditor issue a warrant in favor of William Davis for \$52.41 for extra night watch employed by the Mayor.

A Communication from the President of the Bank of Alexandria was received and referred to Mssrs. Vowell, Douglass, Longden and Johnston.

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of the law relating to slaves going at large and trading as free men made a report and submitted the following resolutions for the consideration of the Council, viz.:

"Resolved that all penalties that have accrued to the Corporation under the law of said Corporation entitled "An Act concerning slaves, free negroes and mulattos and for other purposes," be forthwith enforced, and the order of Council suspending the execution of the same, is hereby revoked.

"Resolved that so much of the law of the Corporation entitled "An Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting slaves, free Negroes, mulattos, vagrants, idle and other disorderly persons runaways, disturbers of religious worship and to the preservation of order on the Sabbath," as enjoins the Mayor to cause those parts of the laws of Virginia prohibiting slaves to go at large and trade as free men, or hire themselves out, to be duly executed, be repealed".

Ordered that Mssrs. Douglass and Longden be a Committee to examine the situation of the shed warehouse on the County Wharf and report their opinion of the propriety of repairing the same, with an estimate of the amount it will cost.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

22 November 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Johnston, Hill, Field, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Douglass, Vowell, Bryan, Mills, Hooe.

The Committee appointed to consider the Communication from the President of the Bank of Alexandria made a report, and on the question for concurring in the report of the Committee, the Ayes and the Noes being called were as follows -

Ayes, Mssrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Douglass and Vowell-

Nays, Mssrs. Bryan, Mills, Hooe and Swift - lost.

Ordered that the taxes due from Mrs. Ann Hill for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that Mssrs. Mills, Adam, Vowell and Robinson be a Committee to take into consideration the Mayors Communication of the third inst. which relates to the poor of the Town, and that the said committee report to the next Council what provision ought to be made for their relief during the ensuing winter.

The Committee appointed to examine the situation of the shed warehouse on the County Wharf, made a report which was concurred in by the Council.

In consequence of the death of Thomas Barton, late keeper of the Town Clock, the Council proceeded to elect a successor to that Office for the balance of the year, and Benjamin Barton was duly elected.

The following resolution was moved and seconded;

"Resolved, that a committee be appointed to bring in a Bill authorizing the sale of stock on the same terms as were provided in the last law on that subject, and for a sum not exceeding \$ __[sic] for the purpose of discharging the debt now due by the Corporation to The Bank of Alexandria". And the ayes and noes being called thereupon were as follows.

Ayes, Mssrs. Field, Bryan, Anderson, Mills, Vowell, Swift and Hooe.

Nays, Mssrs. Johnston, Robinson, Longden and
Douglass. - lost -

On a representation from the Committee of the Reading Room, it was ordered that Mssrs. Mills and Anderson be a Committee to confer with them on the Subject of the rent of the Reading Room for the next year, and to make a report to Council.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

6 December 1821

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Davis, Hooe, Vowell, Douglass, Mills, Catlett, Anderson, Bryan, Longden, Robinson, Field, Johnston, Hill.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the situation of the Poor of the Town made a report on the Subject which was concurred in by the Council.

The Committee appointed on the communication of the Committee of the Reading Room made a report on the subject which was concurred in by Council.

Ordered that the auditor do offer \$3,000 of the new emission of paper to be deposited with the Treasurer of the Corporation.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Resolutions submitted on the 7th November last, and the question was taken on the first resolution by "Ayes" and "Noes" as follows and carried, Ayes, Mssrs. Johnston, Robinson, Hill, Longden, Anderson, Douglass, Vowell, Davis, Swift and Mills.

Nays, Mssrs. Field, Catlett and Hooe.

The Second Resolution was amended by inserting after the word "repealed" the words "and that leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly," and the question being taken on the Resolution as amended, it was carried by Ayes and Noes as follows,

Ayes, Mssrs. Davis, Hooe, Vowell, Douglass, Mills, Anderson, Longden, Johnston, Hill, Robinson and Swift.

Nays, Mssrs. Catlett and Field.

In conformity with the foregoing resolution, the Committee offered the following Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting slaves, free Negroes, mulattos, vagrant, idle and

disorderly persons, runaways, disturbers of religious worship and the preservation of order on the Sabbath" which was read a First time and laid on the table.

The following resolution was order for a consideration

"Resolved that it is expedient to authorize the Mayor, President of the Common Council and Auditor to dispose of stock to be issued by authority of the Corporation for a sum sufficient to discharge the debt now due to The Bank of Alexandria, provided the said stock can be sold on the same or better terms then those provided in the law passed on the 24th of March 1819 entitled 'An Act making provision for the debt of the Corporation of Alexandria'" and the question being taken under resolution it was carried by Ayes and Noes as followed: -

Ayes; Mssrs. Davis, Hooe, Vowell, Mills, Catlett, Anderson, Bryan, Johnston, Hill, Field and Swift.

Nays; Mssrs. Douglass, Longden and Robinson.

Mssrs. Hooe, Mills, Anderson and Field were appointed a Committee to bring in a bill in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

1822

2 January 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Davis, Vowell, Douglass, Adam, Bryan, Longden, Robinson, Hill, Field, Johnston, Mills.

A Communication from the Mayor transmitting to Council a recommendation of the Grand Jury of the County of Alexandria "that a Committee be appointed by the Common Council to draft a memorial to Congress, praying that they may establish by law a lazaretto, marine hospital, and quarantine ground for the District of Columbia" was received and read and referred to Mssrs. Douglass, Vowell, Longden and Johnston.

The committee to whom was referred the message of the Mayor of the 23rd November 1821 reported, "An Act entitled an Act concerning slaves residing out of the limits of the corporation of Alexandria found within the same, one hour after sunset"; which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Petitions from Bernard Bryan, and Frances Hagan requesting a remission of a fine imposed on them by the Mayor for suffering their slaves to go at large and hire themselves as free men, were received and read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Report of the President of Council on the Subject of the late House of Industry was received and read.

A petition was received from the Committee appointed at a meeting of the citizens of the town held on the 28th of December 1821 to devise some plan for ameliorating the condition of the poor of the Town, recommending the re-establishment of the House of Industry by the Common Council, which was read and referred to Mssrs. Mills, Hooe, Longden and Robinson with directions to inquire into the expediency of establishing a House of Industry, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

5 January 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Hill, Longden, Bryan, Anderson, Adam, Mills, Douglass, Catlett, Vowell, Hooe.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting slaves, free Negroes, mulattos, vagrant, idle and disorderly persons, runaways,

disturbers of religious worship, and the preservation of order on the Sabbath" which was read a second time and recommitted.

The Committee to whom the Subject was referred, reported a Bill entitled "An Act making provision for the repayment of monies advanced by The Bank of Alexandria for the use of the Corporation," which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the message of the Mayor on the subject of a lazaretto, marine hospital, and quarantine ground, made a report and recommended the following resolution, which was concurred in by the Council.

"Resolved that the Mayor be requested to open an immediate correspondence with the Corporations of Georgetown and Washington through their respected Mayors in reference to petitioning Congress to establish a lazaretto, marine hospital, and system of quarantine for the District."

The Council resumed the consideration of the petition of Bernard Bryan.

Whereupon, resolved that in consideration of the peculiar hardship of the case, the fine imposed by the Mayor sometime in the last year in Bernard Bryan for permitting a slave called "Ben" to go at large and hire himself within the Town be remitted, it being understood that any legal expenses which may have been incurred in the prosecution of the business in question, be paid by the said Bryan.

The following resolution was moved and seconded;

"Resolved that all fines heretofore incurred by owners of slaves for allowing them to run at large contrary to the laws of the Corporation be and the same are hereby remitted on their paying any fees or expenses incurred in such prosecution."

The Ayes and Nays being called for are as follows:

Ayes: Mssrs. Field, Johnston, Bryan, Adam, Mills, Catlett, Vowell, Davis, Swift - 9

Nays: Mssrs. Robinson, Hill, Longden, Douglass and Hooe - 5 - carried.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

9 January 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Davis, Hooe, Adam, Bryan, Longden, Hill, Field, Johnston, Douglass, Catlett.

Ordered that the tax of \$1.30 improperly charged to and paid by James B. Nickolls be refunded.

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of establishing a House of Industry made a report, and offered the following resolution which was concurred in by the Council - "Resolved that in consequence of the far advanced winter season of the year, and the necessary time it would require, that it is inexpedient at this time to establish a House of Industry".

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Rebecca Mills, made a report which was concurred in by the Council.

Ordered that the tax on one male dog improperly charged to Samuel Kirk be remitted.

Ordered that Mssrs. Davis and Field be a Committee with authority to rent out, or otherwise dispose of the lot lately receded to the Corporation by Mrs. Mills on Duke Street, for the balance of the term for which she held it, and that the said Committee be authorized to make such disposition as they shall think best of the building materials on the said lot.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled "An Act making provision for the repayment of monies advanced by The Bank of Alexandria for the use of the Corporation", which was read a second time, and amended, after having the blanks filled, it was upon motion read a Third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J.P. Thompson, c.c.

16 February 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Mills, Vowell, Adam, Davis, Field, Hooe, Hill, Anderson, Douglass, Longden, Robinson, Johnston.

Ordered that the tax on 1. tyth improperly charged to and paid by Laughlin Masterson be refunded.

Ordered that the taxes due from Suzanne Johnston for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that the tax on one m. dog improperly charged to Samuel A. Marsteller be remitted.

Resolved, that the application of Jonah Thompson on the Subject of his claim against the Corporation for paving materials furnished John W. Beedle and Wharfage thereof, be referred to Mssrs. Hooe, Longden and Johnston, who after examination into the same, will make report to the Common Council.

Ordered that the tax on 1. tyth charged to Eppes Grenough [Edwin Greenough?] for the present year be remitted.

A communication from the Mayor transmitting Sundry documents from the Board of Health, was received and read and laid on the table.

Ordered that Ruben Johnston be a Committee to supply each of the poor as stand in immediate need of and that he apply to the executor of Owen F. Magrath for the dividend due on his stock in The Bank of Alexandria, left to the use of the poor of this town.

Ordered that Mssrs. Vowell, Douglass, Adam and Robinson be a Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Corporation for the year ending March 1822 and prepare a report for publication.

The following persons were appointed Commissioners for holding elections in the different wards on Tuesday the 5th day of March next for members to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing 12 months viz.;

Craven P. Thompson
Bryan Hampson
Benoni Wheat

At A. Rhodes Tavern for the First Ward

Jacob Morgan
William Ramsay, Jr.
Silas Reed

At the Council Chamber for the Second Ward

Bathurst Daingerfield
Joseph Smith
A. C. Cazenove

At the Indian Queen Tavern for the Third Ward

Phineas Janney
Richard Veitch
James Keith

At Mrs. Mills', corner of Prince and Alfred Streets for the Fourth Ward

Ordered that Mssrs. Douglass and Hill be a Committee to inquire how long the Corporation have a right to hold the Wharf belonging to the estate of Jessie Taylor deceased, adjoining the Corporation property on the north side of the Town.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, c.c.

2 March 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President, Mssrs. Davis, Hooe, Mills, Anderson, Longden, Field, Hill, Johnston, Douglass, Vowell, Robinson.

The Committee to whom was referred the claim of Jonah Thompson against the Corporation for Sundries furnished J. W. Beedle for pavement on Union Street between King and Queen, made a report on the Subject which was read and laid on the table.

Ordered that the tax on a cart, dray and horse, improperly charged to and paid by Josiah H. Davis be refunded.

Ordered that \$2.50 the difference between a retail merchant and a shop tax be remitted John Shakes.

Ordered that the account of Robert Bocket against the Corporation for work done at the New Market House amounting to \$32.09 be paid to John Muncaster collector, on account of his taxes.

The following report was presented and ordered to be recorded.

"The Committee to whom was referred the inquiry of how long the Corporation have a right to hold the Wharf belonging to the estate of Jessie Taylor deceased adjoining the Corporation property on the North side of the Town, vaguely to report that on 25th June 1817 the Committee was created to make a contract with the heirs of Jessie Taylor in relation to the repairs of said Wharf. That Jacob Morgan was Chairman of that Committee, and that he made a contract with Robert I. Taylor as a representative of the heir of Jessie Taylor, which gave the Corporation a right of property in the Wharf for seven years from that time/the summer of 1817/in consideration of the repairs which the Corporation made on the said Wharf, and that the claim of the Corporation on said Wharf expires in the summer of 1824. Signed James Douglass, L. Hill."

Ordered that the tax on 1 tyth improperly charged to John Neil be remitted.

Ordered that the account of John C. Mandell for Sundries furnished the Common Council amounting to \$1.20 be paid.

Ordered that Mssrs. Johnston and Robinson be a Committee to inquire into the propriety of giving up to Robert Bocket, Sr., a bond given by him to the Corporation in relation to the pavement

made by him on Royal Street between Duke and Prince Streets, and report thereupon to Council.

The Committee reported the annual statements of the public accounts which was received and ordered to be printed.

The Council then adjourned

sine die

J. Swift, President

Test:

J.P. Thompson, C.C.

Minutes

For the Year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-Two
Beginning on the 7th Day of March
1822

Members of Council

Returned for the year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-Two

Lawrence Hill

Matthew Robinson

Horace Field

Reuben Johnston

For the First Ward

John Longden

Robert Anderson

John Adam

James McGuire

For the Second Ward

Jonathan Swift

William N. Mills

Jonathan Butcher

James Douglass

For the Third Ward

John C. Vowell

Thomas Swann

Mordecai Miller

William Veitch

For the Fourth Ward

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed to Superintend an election for four Members of the Common Council of Alexandria for the First Ward for the ensuing year due hereby certify that the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz.: Matthew Robinson, Lawrence Hill, Reuben Johnston, Horace Field.

Given under our hands and seals this 6th day of March 1822

B. Hampson

Benoni Wheat

C. P. Thompson

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed to Superintend an election for four Members of the Common Council of Alexandria for the Second Ward for the ensuing year, due hereby certify that the following person were duly elected, viz.: John Longden, Robert Anderson, James McGuire, and John Adam.

Given under our hands and seals this 6th day of March 1822.

Jacob Morgan
William Ramsay, Jr.
Silas Reed

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed to Superintend the election for the Members of the Common Council of the Town of Alexandria to represent the Third Ward due hereby declare the following Gentlemen to be duly elected.

To wit: James Douglass, Jonathan Swift, Jonathan Butcher, William N. Mills.

Bathurst Daingerfield
Joseph Smith
A. Cazenove

Alexandria March 6, 1822.

Agreeably to our appointment, we assembled at the house M. Mills, corner of Prince and Alfred Streets on Tuesday the 5th day of March 1822 and held an election for four Members to represent the Fourth Ward in the Common Council of Alexandria for the present year agreeably to Charter - on making out a list of all the votes received they stood as follows, viz.:

John C. Vowell, 74 votes -
Mordecai Miller, 50 " -
Thomas Swann, 45 " -
William Veitch, 43 " -
James H. Hooe, 38 " -
James Keith, Jr., 35 " -
John McCobb, 26 " -
Phineas Janney, 3 " -
Richard Stanton, 1 " -
Josiah H. Davis, 1 " -

Consequently, we hereby declare that John C. Vowell, Mordecai Miller, Thomas Swann and William Veitch are duly elected, given under our hands.

Given under our hands and seals in Alexandria this 6th day of March 1822.

Phineas Janney
James Keith
R. Veitch

At a meeting of the Persons elected to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing year, met at the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 7th day of March 1822.

Present: Messrs. Johnston, Field, Hill, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Adam, McGuire, Mills, Swift, Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Vowell, Miller, Swan.

On balloting for a President of Council, Jonathan Swift, Esquire was re-elected, who after taking the Oath of Office Prescribed by Law, before Charles C. Cattlett, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, administered the same to the Members present.

On balloting for a Clerk and Auditor, J. P. Thompson was re-elected.

On balloting for a Messenger to Council John C. Mandell was duly elected.

On balloting for a Mayor, Christopher Neale, Esquire, was re-elected.

Resolved that Messrs. Longden, Johnston, Douglass and Swann be Committee to inquire into the expediency of allowing a compensation to the President and members of the Common Council for the ensuing year, and that they report by Bill or otherwise.

The Ayes and Noes being called for were as follows, viz.:

Ayes: Messrs. Swann, Miller, Vowell, Veitch, McGuire, Adam, Anderson, Longden, Hill, Robinson, Field and Johnston.

Noes: Messrs. Douglas, Butcher, Mills, Swift.

The Mayor elect appeared and had the Oath of Office administered to him by Charles Cattlett, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, in the presence of the Council.

The Rules and Regulation of the last Council were amended and adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the present.

Ordered that Messrs. Vowell, Douglas, Longden and Johnston, be a Committee to prepare a Bill of fixing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the present year, and that they report as soon as possible.

Resolved that Messrs. Anderson, Johnston, Mills and Vowell be a Committee to inquire into the expediency of renting to John Cohagen, certain lots on the County Wharf and report at the next meeting of Council.

The Council then adjourned
until Monday next at 10:00
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

11 March 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Robinson, Field, Miller, McGuire, Anderson, Adam, Mills,
Hill, Longden, Swann, Veitch, Butcher, Johnston.

The Committee to whom was referred an inquiry into the expediency of allowing a compensation to the President then Members of the Council for their attendance upon the Council, reported that they consider it inexpedient to adopt any measure upon the Subject at this time; which report concurred in by the Council.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred reported a bill entitled an Act fixing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the year 1822 which was read twice and recommitted to the Committee who reported it.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of renting certain lots to John Cohagen, made a report which was concurred in by Council.

Resolved that Messrs. Mills, Anderson, Miller and Robinson, with the President of Council, be a Committee to inquire into the expediency of establishing a house to be called The House of Industry, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered that the Mayor do inform Council, what to the best of his knowledge is the amount of perquisites or other monies received in the prosecution of their duties by the Police Constables, other than the salaries voted to them by Council, and that he report on Tuesday morning.

Ordered that Messrs. McGuire, Anderson, Miller, Veitch, Butcher, Mills, Johnston and Hill be a Committee to examine what work, if any, is necessary to be done in each Ward, and that they report to Council as soon as possible.

The Council then adjourned
until tomorrow morning at 10:00
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

12 March 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Longden, Anderson, Adam, McGuire, Mills, Hill, Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Miller, Vowell, Field, Johnston, Robinson.

A message from the Mayor was received and read in relation to the perquisites of the Police Constables.

Ordered that Messrs. Miller and Hill be a Committee to call on the Mayor to ascertain precisely the various sums of money received by the Police Constables, and whether they are at liberty to do other business in the Town than that immediately belonging to the Police.

Ordered that Messrs. Douglass, Miller, Adam, and Johnston be a Committee to bring in a Bill for raising a revenue for the present year, and that they also bring in a Bill making appropriation for the same period.

A petition from Samuel Thompson and Maurice Herbert was received and read, and laid on the table.

Ordered that the reports and the accounts relative to the late House of Industry, Poor House, and Soup House be referred to Messrs. Mills, Veitch, Anderson and Hill.

The Council then adjourned
until tomorrow morning at 10:00
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

13 March 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Hill, Field, Robinson, Johnston, Longden, Anderson, Adam, McGuire, Douglass, Mills, Butcher, Miller, Vowell, Swan, Veitch.

The Committee appointed to call on the Mayor for information relative to the fees received by the Police Constables, made a report which was read.

A petition was received from N. S. Wise on the Subject of West Street which was referred to the Committee appointed to inspect the several Wards of the Town.

The Committee to whom the salary bill was recomitted reported the same with amendments, which was read a first and second time, and upon motion, the ninth rule was suspended, the Bill was then a third time and passed.

The Council elected by ballot the following officers to serve for the ensuing year, viz.:

James Carson	Superintendent of Police
William Davis	Superintendent of Watch
Peter Rhodes	Keeper of the Powder House
Samuel Wheeler	Clerk of the Market
William Washington	Physician to the Poor House
Davis Bowie	Police Constable
Hezekiah J. Reeves	Police Constable
James Thomas	Keeper of the Poor House
Robert I. Taylor	Counsel for the Corporation
William Snowden	Printer for the Corporation
Rounsavelt Pittman	Printer for the Corporation
William Ramsay, Jr.	Assessor
John Gird	Assessor

On balloting for a Watchmen for the present year, the following persons were chosen, viz.; James Avery, George Davis, James Phillips, John Chauncey, Henry Tatspaugh, Gerrard Arnold, Benjamin Jefferson, John M. Clarke.

Ordered that Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, McGuire and Johnston in conjunction with the Superintendent of Police be a Committee for renting the Fish Wharf for the present season, and that they advertise the time in the newspapers.

Ordered that the sum of \$50.00 be allowed to the Keeper of the Town Clock for the ensuing year.

On balloting for a Keeper of the Town Clock, Benjamin Barton was re-elected.

On balloting for a Corder of Wood, David Black was re-elected.

On balloting for an Inspector of Fish, Anthony Rhodes was re-elected.

On balloting for Measurers of Lumber, Loudoun Campbell and William Campbell were re-elected.

James McClish was re-elected Gauger of Casks and Inspector of Whiskey.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

16 March 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Field, Johnston, Hill, Longden, Anderson, Adam, McGuire, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Vowell, Miller, Swann.

The Committee appointed to examined the accounts of the Poor House, Soup House and House of Industry made a report which was concurred in by the Council.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred reported a Bill entitled "An Act for raising a revenue for the year 1822," which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that Messrs. McGuire, Butcher, Miller, and Hill be a Committee to settle the accounts of John H. Phillips, returning him all bills that may be presented as insolvent, if the Committee think their insolvency has arisen from his neglect.

Ordered that the taxes due from the late Alexander Williams for the year 1821 be remitted.

The petition of Horatio Clagett and others on the subject of the low grounds North of Oronoco and Queen Streets was referred to the Committee appointed to examined the several Wards.

Resolved that a commission of 1/2 percent on disbursements be allow to the Treasurer of the Corporation for his services for the present year.

On balloting for a Treasurer of the Corporation in the placed of James S. McKenna resigned, Benjamin Ashton was duly elected.

The resignation Hezekiah J. Reeves as Police Constable was received and accepted by the Council.

Ordered that the Clerk of Council do give notice in the newspapers of the Town that the Council will at their next meeting proceed to the election of a Police Constable in the place Hezekiah J. Reeves resigned.

On the petition of Urie and Ray Pump Makers, resolved that the Communication of Urie and Ray be referred to the Superintendent of Police to make such use of it as he may think proper.

Ordered that Messrs. Douglass, Vowell, Anderson and Hill be a Committee to count the Corporation notes reported as canceled by the Committee for settling the Public Accounts of last year, and if found correct to burn them.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

23 March 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, Veitch, Butcher, Mills, McGuire, Adam, Longden, Robinson, Hill, Field, Johnston.

The Bill entitled "An Act for raising a revenue for the year 1822," was read a second time and the blanks being filled, it was then read a third time and passed.

The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of John H. Phillips, late Collector, made a report which was read and recommitted to the same Committee.

The committee appointed to rent the Fish Wharf made a report which was read, and the question on a concurrence with the said report was taken by ayes and noes as follow:

Ayes: Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, Butcher, Mills, McGuire, Adam, Johnston.

Noes: Messrs. Veitch, Longden, Robinson, Hill, Field, Swift.

The Council therefore refused to concur in the report of the Committee.

On motion of the Council consented to reconsider their last vote on concurring with the report of the Committee appointed to rent the Fish Wharf, and the question being then taken on a concurrence there with it was carried by ayes and noes as follows:

Ayes: Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, Butcher, Mills, McGuire, Adam, Hill, Swift, Johnston.

Noes: Messrs. Veitch, Longden, Robinson, Field.

The Committee to whom the Subject was referred reported a bill entitled "An Act making appropriations for the services of the Corporation of Alexandria for the year 1822" which was read a first time and laid on the table.

Ordered that Messrs. McGuire and Veitch be a Committee to examined all the public property of the Corporation of Alexandria, and have such repairs done as they may think necessary provided the expense does not exceed \$20.00; and if such expense shall exceed that sum that they report the same to Council.

Ordered that Messrs. Mills and Butcher be appointed a Committee to inquire into the situation of the list of Old Balances due Corporation as comprised in the book made out by the late W. A. Harper, and report to Council as soon as practicable.

A communication from the Treasurer was received and referred to Messrs. Adam and McGuire.

The petition of Edmund Lee and others on the subject of a spring near Oronoco Street was received and read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

28 March 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Hill, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Adam, McGuire, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Vowell.

A communication from the Mayor calling the attention of the Council to the law now before Congress authorizing a convention in order to ascertain the propriety of establishing a local government for the District of Columbia, was received and read where upon resolved that the Mayor be requested to call a Town meeting on Monday next at 10:00 to ascertain the sense of the people on the Subject of memorializing Congress against a Bill calling for a convention of the people to vote on the propriety of forming a local legislature, and that notice of the same be given in the public paper.

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to rent an office for the convenience of performing his official duties and that \$50.00 be appropriated for that subject.

Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to employ two additional Constables during the fishing season, and that he allow them the same compensation as the last year.

On balloting for a Police Constable in the place of Hezekiah J. Reeves resigned, Leonard Adams was duly elected.

On balloting for Trustees of the Poor the following persons were duly elected viz.: Amos Alexander, Jacob Morgan, Thomas Preston, and Thomas Jacobs.

On balloting for a "Board of Health" the following person were duly elected viz.: North of King Street. Jacob Hoffman, Guy Atkinson, Hugh Smith.

Between King and Prince, George Coleman, John McCobb, Bryan Hampson.

South of Prince Street, John Roberts, William A. Williams, D. Wright.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Treasurer made a report, recommending that he be allowed 1 percent of the disbursement instead of 1/2 percent, allowed by an order of the 13th inst. - which was read and concurred in by the Council.

A Communication from the Inspector of Fish was received and read and referred to Messrs. McGuire, Butcher, Veitch and Field.

A petition from Robert L. White and others was received and read and laid on the table.

A petition from Sundry Watchmen was received and read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

5 April 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Field, Hill, Robinson, Anderson, Adam, McGuire, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Miller, Vowell.

The Committee appointed to settle with John H. Phillips, late Collector, made a report which was read and concurred in.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Inspector of Fish, reported a Bill, entitled "An Act to repeal the Twentieth Section of an Act for the Inspection of Fish, Beef, Pork etc." which was read a first time and laid on the table.

A letter from the Mayor transmitting a Communication from the Board of Health, was received and read, and the Communication was referred to Messrs. Douglass and Vowell, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Mr. Douglass from the above Committee reported an bill entitled "An Act vesting in the Board of Health certain powers necessary in the discharge of their duties" which was read a first time and laid on table.

On balloting for members of the Board of Health in the places of Bryan Hampson, Hugh Smith and Jacob Hoffman, resigned, Silas Reed, Anthony Cazenove, and Robert Brockett, Jr. was duly elected.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

8 April 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Adam, McGuire, Mills,
Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Miller, Anderson, Vowell.

Ordered that the tax of \$1.00 due by Sarah Talbott be remitted.

Ordered that the Board of Trustees of the Poor and Alms House have authority to extend relief to outdoor pensioners in extreme cases according to their discretion.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled "An Act vesting in the Board of Health certain powers deemed and the discharge of their duties, which was read a second time and amended and on motion was read third time and passed.

Ordered that that part of the Communication from the Board of Health which relates to the sunken ground be referred to the committee appointed to examine the several Wards.

The Bill entitled "An Act to repeal a part of the twentieth section of the Act entitled an Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting Gaugers, Measurers of Wood etc., was read a second and third time and passed.

The Bill making of appropriations for the services of the year 1822 was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

16 April 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Robinson, Field, Johnston, Hill, Longden, Adam, Anderson, Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Vowell, McGuire, Miller.

On the application of John Janney, it is ordered that John Janney have the liberty to make use of the Market Square for the purpose of framing the timber for a building, provided the timber can be

placed there without entering with drays or carts and also that it shall not obstruct the ingress and egress to and from the Market.

The Committee appointed to examined the situation of the several Wards made the following reports.

The Committee appointed to examined the several Wards of the Town to ascertain what work is necessary to be done, state that they have attended to the duties of their appointment and begged leave to report, that a very great nuisance exist on the low grounds, or marsh at the North end of the Town which can only be remedied by cutting a ditch at least 5 feet wide from the tunnel on Princess Street to the river, and intersection drains from the springs in the neighborhood, and by throwing some of the earth from the banks on Royal Street so as to level the sunken places on that street. This work, they respectfully recommend to be done by the Superintendent of Police under the direction of a Committee to be appointed by Council, provided the expense does not exceed \$100.00 - they further report that Pitt between Princess and Queen has become a great nuisance, and that the best and cheapest method of removing it, will be to regulate it and pave it from Queen to the intersection of Princess Street concavely, and recommend that this work be done by contract according to law.

They further recommended that a few stepping stones be set across West Street so as to enable foot passengers to cross in time of heavy rains. They further report that a great nuisance exists at a South end of the Town and recommend that the Superintendent of Police proceed to clearing the ditch from the West line of Ezra Kinzey's tan yard to William Yeates in his usual manner of removing nuisance.

The Council concurred in the foregoing report and Messrs. Johnston, McGuire, Douglas and Miller were appointed a Committee with the Superintendent of Police for removing the nuisance at the North end of the Town.

The Council elected by ballot Dr. Thomas Semmes, Health Officer and James McKenzie, Assistant Health Officer.

A communication from R. M. Scott was received and read referred to Messrs. Veitch and Butcher.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

2 May 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Miller, Vowell, Veitch, Mills, Hill, McGuire, Adam, Anderson, Douglass, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

The answer to the Bill of complaint exhibited by Thomas Shreve, Thomas Janney and Mark Butts against the Common Council on the Chancery side of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, at Alexandria, was submitted to the said Council, and after having been duly examined and considered, it is thereupon ordered that the same be adopted and received as their answer to the said Bill, and that it be subscribed by the President of the Common Council, and certified by the Mayor under his hand and seal of Office.

The answer to the Bill of complaint exhibited by Alexander Veitch against the Common Council, and Benjamin C. Wood their Collector on the Chancery side of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, at Alexandria, was this date submitted to the said Council, and after having been duly examined and considered - it is there upon ordered, that the same be adopted and received as their answer to the said Bill and that it be subscribed by the President of the Common Council and certified by the Mayor under his hand and seal of Office.

Ordered that Messrs. Douglass and Vowell be a Committee to bring in a Bill amending the Law already in existing on the subject of paving the streets and alleys of the Town.

Resolved that the Council will sit as a Court of Appeals on the 16th, 17th and 18th instant from the hours of 11:00 until 1:00 during each day.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the situation of the list of balances made a report, which was read and laid on the table.

The petition of Mark Butts and others on the subject of the side stones and gutters on the North side of King between Patrick and Henry, was received and read and referred to Messrs. Mills and Miller.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

Court of Appeals

The Court convened this day May 16, 1822 pursuant to public notice.

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Anderson, Mills, Adam, Butcher, Veitch, Miller, Vowell.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

Court of Appeals

17 May 1822

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Miller, Veitch, Douglass, Butcher, Longden, Robinson, Hill, Field, Johnston, Vowell.

Ordered that \$200.00 be deducted from \$750.00 the valuation of a house and lot on Saint Asaph Street charged to Alexander Veitch.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

18 May 1822

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Longden, Butcher, Vowell, Veitch, Anderson, Adam, Miller.

Ordered that \$600.00 be deducted from Alex. Veitch property on Union Street, and charged to his wife Margaret Veitch.

Then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 May 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Veitch, Miller, Butcher, Mills, McGuire, Adam, Robinson, Johnston, Douglass, Hill.

A Communication from the Board of Health was received and read, whereupon ordered, that the Superintendent of Police do have a drain cut or opened running with center of the marsh of sufficient capacity to drain the stagnant water off the marsh to

the North of the Town from the Chalybeate Spring to the ditch intersectioning the tunnel at Pendleton Street giving the water a sufficient fall.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do give legal notice to Scholfield and Waters to have the nuisance removed from the property occupied by them as a lumber yard by the 15th June.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mark Butts and others, made a report, which was read and concurred in, and thereupon, it was ordered that the Superintendent of Police have the gutter on the North side of King between Patrick and Henry Street repaved with a concave gutter commencing at the intersection of the East side of Patrick Street, and charged the expense to the Third Ward.

Ordered that Messrs. Douglass, Veitch, McGuire and Johnston, be a Committee to examine the Corporation dock at the lower end of a Princess Street and report to Council their opinion on its healthiness or what ought to be done with it.

Resolved, that until the 15th September next, the lamps be not lighted, with the exception of those in the Market Square.

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Police under the direction of the President of Council be authorized to rent out the Corporation Wharf to the highest bidder until 1st day of March next.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

27 May 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Hill, Robinson, Longden, Adam, Mills, Veitch, Miller, Vowell, Field, Douglass, McGuire.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill amending the law on the subject of paving streets and reported a Bill entitled "An Act amending an Act entitled an Act reducing into one and amending several Acts respecting streets, alley, pavements, pumps, and the Superintendent of Police" which was read a first and second time and laid on the table.

Ordered that the Order passed on the 16 day of April 1822 ordering the square on Pitt Street between Princess and Queen Streets to be paved, be and the same as hereby repealed.

The Committee appointed to examined the Corporation dock at the lower end of Princess Street reported that it was inexpedient at present to do anything to the said dock which was concurred in by the Council.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the situation of the list of balances contained in the book of the late William A. Harper made a report and offered the following resolutions, resolved, that a fit and suitable person be appointed a Collector to be denominated the Collector of old balances, and that the Book which contains that list, also the amount of taxes uncollected by John M. Phillips be placed in the hands of the said Collector for collection, and that he proceed to collect the same according to law, and that he give bond with one or more securities to the satisfaction of the Mayor for the faithful performance of the said duties.

Resolved that the said Collector of old balances be allowed to as full compensation for his services 10 percent on all monies collected by him and paid into the Treasury of the Corporation - and more over he shall on or before the 1st day of March in each year, render a statement to the Auditors of the whole amount of monies by him collected - which report and resolutions were adopted by the Council.

Ordered that a suitable person be appointed to make out a list of balances in the book posted by William A. Harper and owing to the Corporation and that \$20.00 be appropriated for the same.

Ordered that Messrs. Douglass and Johnston be Committee to inquire into the propriety of ordering away the watermelon boats from Prince Street dock, and into the Law respecting landing and cleaning of fish, and that they report by Bill or otherwise.

Mr. Douglass from the above Committee reported a Bill entitled, "an Act in addition to and amending an Act: 'An Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting the removal of nuisances and the preservation of the health of the Town'" - which was read a first and second time and ninth rule being suspended, it was then read a third time and passed.

A Communication from the Board of Health on the Subject of a nuisance said to exist at the lower end of King Street was received and read and referred to Messrs. Douglass, Miller, Longden, and Robinson.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do give notice to the proprietors of the marsh leading from the Chalybeate Spring to the tunnel on Fairfax Street to remove the nuisance thereon, on or before the 10th June, otherwise to proceed to remove the same, the expense to be paid by the General Fund, and collected from the proprietors.

On the application of 2/3 of the proprietors of ground on Cameron between Alfred and Patrick Streets, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police have the Square paved on Cameron Street lying between Patrick and Alfred Streets and charge the expense thereof to the proprietors of ground thereupon agreeable to law.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do immediately fill-up the hole and repair Water Street between Oronoco and Princess Streets injured by taking away the sand provided, the expense does not exceed \$5.00, and that he desist from taking away more sand at the said street.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

10 June 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Veitch, Douglass, Butcher, Mills, Adam, Anderson, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

The Bill entitled "An Act amending an Act entitled an Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting streets, alleys, pavements, pumps and the Superintendent of Police", was read a third time and passed.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Board of Health on the subject of the nuisance said to exist at the lower end of King Street, made a report, and recommended the following resolution -

"Resolved that as long as the proprietors of the Wharfs immediately adjoining the dock at the foot of King Street are permitted by the Common Council to use said dock, it shall not be lawful for them to obstruct or cause to be obstructed the passage of water into it from the 1st of June to the 1st of October of every year hereafter, under the penalty and acted against those who create nuisances" - the Council refused to passed the above resolution as recommended by the Committee.

The resignation of Mr. James McGuire a Member of the Council from the Second Ward was received and accepted.

A Communication from the Mayor on the subject of dirt taken from the Corporation property by Benjamin Baden was received and read and referred to Messrs. Mills and Veitch.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Robt. Scott, made a report which was concurred in whereupon, ordered that \$4.25 improperly charged to R. M. Scott be remitted and that the same be charged to George Coleman.

A petition from Hugh Smith and Company and A. C. Cazenove and Company was received and read and referred to Messrs. Butcher, Miller, Adam, and Johnston.

Memorials from Sundry citizens of the County of Loudoun and Fredrick were received and referred to the Attorney for the Corporation.

Ordered that the Clerk do give notice in the public papers that the Council will on Monday next the 17 inst. proceed to the election of Collectors for the Northern and Southern Districts, also a Collector of Old Balances.

The Council adjourned
until Monday next at 10:00
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

17 June 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Hill, Field, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Vowell, Miller, Veitch, Swann.

The Committee to whom was referred the Mayor's communication on the subject to dirt taken by Baden from the Corporation property, made a report which was read and concurred in, whereupon, ordered that the Superintendent of Police do ascertain as near as maybe practicable the quantity of clay which has been used by B. Baden on Payne Street and that he settle and received from him \$0.15 per thousand for every thousand bricks made out of said clay, and it is further ordered that the said Benjamin Baden shall desist from removing or using, or causing to be removed or use any clay or sand from Payne Street, until the Common Council shall otherwise direct, and that the Superintendent of Police notify him accordingly.

A Communication from B. Baden was received and read and laid on the table.

Ordered that any money hereafter deposited by the Collectors of the Corporation with the Treasurer, be deposited to the credit of the Corporation and not to the credit of the individual Collectors.

Ordered that Guy Atkinson, William Ramsay, Jr. and William Bartleman, be appointed Commissioners for holding an election at the Council Chamber on Monday 1st day of July next for a member to serve in the Common Council in the place of James McGuire, resign.

On the petition of H. Clagett and others, it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police due cause the gutter on Royal Street between King and Cameron Streets to be raised and repaired so as to give a free course for the water to Cameron Street from the center of the square.

A Communication from the Mayor on the subject of a nuisance said to exist between Cameron and Princess; was received and read and referred to Messrs. Mill, Miller, Anderson, and Robinson.

Ordered that Messrs. Veitch, Butcher and Johnston, be a Committee to settle Thomas H. Howlands' account for ballast sold George Corryell as Superintendent of Police.

On balloting for a Collector of the Northern District, John C. Mandell was re-elected.

Ordered that Messrs. Miller, Douglass, Longden and Johnston be appointed a Committee to confer with the Board of Health on the subject of establishing a quarantine and that the said Committee be authorized to unite with them in devising the most economical and best plan for carrying the same into effect and make a report on the subject to Council.

Ordered that \$200.00 be appropriated to buy wood to be distributed amongst the poor of the Town the ensuing Winter; the wood to be deposited into some safe place under the direction of Reuben Johnston.

The Council then adjourned
until Wednesday at 1 1/2 past 9:00
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

19 June 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Veitch, Vowell, Miller, Mills, Douglass, Butcher, Longden, Anderson, Hill, Johnston, Robinson, Field.

The Committee to whom was referred to the Communication of the Mayor on the subject of the nuisance on Pitt Street made a report, which was read, whereupon ordered that the Superintendent of Police have the gutter on the East side of Pitt Street, between Cameron and Queen Streets, repaved.

Petitions from Sundry Inhabitants of Fredrick and Loudoun Counties having been referred to the Legal Counsel of the Corporation to take the same into consideration and he having reported, as his opinion, that the Common Council have not power to interfere on the subject of these petitions, resolved

therefore, that the Common Council do adopt the same as their opinion, and that the Mayor do communicate this resolution to the petitioners.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do repair the gutter on the West side of St. Asaph Street from the corner of Duke Street as far as the same is deficient.

Superintendent of Police reported to Council that he had made a settlement with B. Baden and received from him \$75.00 for the Clay already taken by him; whereupon, ordered that Benjamin Baden be permitted to use for the remainder of the present year, 1822, the clay on Payne Street between Prince and Duke Streets, for the purpose of making brick; and that he shall not sell nor suffer to be removed any sand therefrom except for the use of his brick yard; and that the Superintendent of Police do ascertain the proper regulation of said street for the government of B. Baden; and that he do not go contrary thereto, under any pretense whatever; and that the said Benjamin Baden pay \$0.15 per thousand for every thousand brick made with said clay, on or before the 1st day of January 1823.

On balloting for a Collector of the Southern District, John Muncaster was re-elected.

On balloting for a Collector of Old Balances, Eli Carrington was duly elected.

The Council then adjourned
until Friday
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

21 June 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Robinson, Field, Johnston, Hill, Longden, Anderson, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Miller, Vowell, Veitch.

Ordered that the charge for removing a nuisance in 1816 in the Third Ward erroneously made against William Veitch and Peter Saunders, be made against Camillas Griffith, or the owner of the property.

Whereas, Hugh Smith and Company, A. Cazenove and Company and others have established a team boat to ply between Alexandria and the Maryland shore for the purpose of rendering more immediate and convenient facility to those who wish to attend our Market with all kinds proud produce - and whereas, also that establishment may become a public utility by introducing into our market considerable produce that would otherwise be diverted to some other market - therefore, resolved by the Common Council,

that the proprietors of the team boat recently established for the purpose of plying between Alexandria and the Maryland shore, have free permission and consent of the Corporation to use Cameron Street Dock as a landing place for the said team boat for the term of 5 years from the 1st day of July next, conditioned that they used it as such, and also obtain the consent of the present occupiers, provided, the Corporation does not at any time during the said term, refund to George Coleman and William Herbert or their assigns the amount expended by them in repairing said dock, but in case such account should be refunded, then, and in that case the proprietors of the team boat shall pay to the Corporation at the rate of \$150.00 yearly and every year for and during the balance of the term of 5 years.

Ordered that Messrs. Robinson, Mills, and Veitch be a Committee to examine the gutter on North side of Prince Street between Fairfax and Royal Streets; also the pavement at the Southeast corner of Prince and St. Asaph Streets and report to Council.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

26 June 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Robinson, Field, Hill, Johnston, Longden, Anderson, Mills, Butcher, Vowell, Miller, Veitch.

A Communication from the Chairman of the Committee appointed by Council to confer with the Committee of the Board of Health on the subject of establishing a quarantine, was received and read, where upon ordered that it be recommended to the Mayor and President of Council in conjunction with the Board of Health to apply to the Municipal Authorities of Washington and Georgetown for a co-operation in establishing a quarantine for the District and that they take such other steps as they may think expedient.

Ordered that the tax due from Mrs. Falsome for the present year be remitted.

The Committee appointed to examine the gutter on the North side of Prince Street between Fairfax and Royal Streets, and also the pavement and side stone on the Southeast corner of Prince and St. Asaph Streets, made a report which was read whereupon ordered that the Superintendent of Police be directed to have the gutter on the North side of Prince between Fairfax and Royal Streets repaved.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

13 July 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Adam, Longden, Anderson,
Butcher, Douglass, Mills, Vowell, Veitch, Miller.

Mr. Johnston, who was appointed by order of Council of 17 June to purchase wood for the Poor of the Town to be distributed the ensuing Winter reported a joint obligation of R. H. Clements and William Gilham, to deliver 50 cords of merchantable oak wood between December and March for the sum of \$200.00, which was accepted by the Council.

Mr. Robert Jamieson, the Member elected from the Second Ward in the place of James McGuire resigned, appeared and was duly qualified.

Ordered that Messrs. Mills, Vowell, Longden and Johnston be a Committee to inquire into the eligibility of Robert Jamieson, a Member returned by the Commissioners of election in the Second Ward and that they may report to Council.

On the petition of James Millan and others, it is ordered that the Western intersection of the square on Cameron Street, lately order to be paved, be also paved.

A Communication from the Mayor on the subject of an alley between Queen and Princess and Washington and St. Asaph Streets was referred to Messrs. Veitch, Longden and Butcher.

The Committee appointed to confer with the municipal authorities of Washington and Georgetown on the subject of a quarantine made a report in part which was read.

The following order was moved and seconded.

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Police be permitted to take sand out of Water Street to pave the square ordered to be paved on Cameron Street provided the street be not reduced below the paving regulation and be left in good order for the use of the Public.

The Ayes and Noes being call for were as follow.

Ayes: Messrs. Veitch, Vowell, Douglass, Butcher, Mills.

Noes: Messrs. Miller, Jamieson, Adam, Anderson, Longden, Robinson, Johnston, Field, Swift.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do give notice to William Fowle and Company to remove so much of a lot of plaister on the low grounds on the South side of King Street, between Water and Union Streets, by the 1st of August, as is necessary to remove the nuisance, and in default thereof, the Superintendent of Police do remove the same and charge the same to William Fowle and Company and that he proceed to fill up the lot and charge the expenses to the proprietors.

A petition from Mark Butts and Thomas Janney, the securities of the late Abel Janney, was received and read, and referred to Messrs. Vowell, Mills, Adam and Johnston.

Ordered that the tax on one W. A., improperly charged to Thomas V. Huck be remitted.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

16 July 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Veitch, Douglass, Butcher, Jamieson, Anderson, Adam, Longden, Mills, Robinson, Field, Hill, Johnston. The Committee to whom was referred the inquiry on the eligibility of Robert Jamieson, made a report and recommended the following resolution.

"Resolved that Robert Jamieson a Member returned by the Commissioners of Election from the Second Ward is eligible to a seat in the Common Council of Alexandria" which was concurred in by Council.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mark Butts and Thomas Janney made a report which was read and laid on the table.

Ordered that the taxes due from Elizabeth Hall, and Sarah Talbott, for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that Messrs. Douglass and Miller be a Committee to examine the gravelled part of Washington Street North connecting with the Washington Turnpike Road, and report what repairs, if any, are necessary to be made in the same.

Ordered that the President of Council call upon the Attorney for the Corporation and request him to prosecute their claims against the proprietors of the lots on the South side of King between Water and Union Streets and also the lot on the corner of Queen and St Asaph Streets, and to take the necessary steps to bring the same before the next Circuit Court for the County of Alexandria.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

18 July 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Douglass, Longden, Anderson,
Jamieson, Vowell, Butcher, Miller, Veitch, Mills.

The President having laid before Council Sundry Papers relative to the establishment of a quarantine for the District of Columbia, it was thereupon ordered that Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, Adam and Robinson, in conjunction with the President of Council, be a Committee to unite with the Officers of the United States and afford them any and or Council in the selection of a site for the establishment of a quarantine for the District of Columbia.

The Committee appointed to examined the alley between Washington and St. Asaph, Queen and Princess, made a report which was read, whereupon ordered that the Superintendent of Police after giving notice to the proprietors proceed to remove nuisance now existing in the alley between Washington and St. Asaph and to the North of Queen Street by paving the same so far as is necessary, and that the work be done by contract at the lowest price, and charged to the proprietors.

The Committee appointed to examine the gravelled part of Washington Street made a report which was read, whereupon ordered, that the Superintendent of Police do have the gravelled part of Washington Street repaired from its intersection with the pavement North to Pendleton Street and including the intersection of said street, the amount of repairs not to exceed \$30.00 and be charged to Third Ward.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

30 July 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Johnston, Robinson, Mills, Anderson, Jamieson, Douglass,
Vowell, Miller, Longden, Veitch.

Ordered, that the tax on the four wheeled carriages, improperly charged to S. Clagett by the Assessor, be remitted.

Ordered that the taxes charged to Jane Martin, Sophia Luckett, Judy Edick, Sarah Rushman, and Abraham Afty for the present year be remitted.

A Communication from the Mayor enclosing a Resolution of the Council of the City of Washington, was received and read, whereupon, order, that Thomas Swann, Jonathan Swift and Humphrey Peake be appointed on the part of the Corporation as Members of a Board of Commissioners to meet the Commissioners from the Corporations of Washington and Georgetown at Washington in the 2nd Monday in September next to confer with the them on the permanent improvements of the navigation of the River Potomac from the District of Columbia to the head of navigation.

Ordered, that the money due from Thomas Janney and Mark Butts, securities for Abel Janney, when collected, be applied exclusively to the reduction of the public debt.

A petition C. Page and others was received and read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

24 August 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Veitch, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, Mills, Adam, Jamieson, Robinson, Field, Hill, Johnson, Longden.

Ordered, that the well on the corner of Cameron and Washington Streets be deepened so as to give a more sufficient supply of water, provided that it can be done without removing the walk, but in case the walk must be removed, then the well to be widened as well as deepened.

On the petition of Bernard Hooe, Jr. it is ordered, that the Superintendent of Police do have the side-ways regulated on Cameron between Alfred and Patrick Streets so as the new center pavement will permits carts to run on it, and charged the expense to the Third Ward.

A petition from Isaac Gibson and Others for a well and pump at the Northeast intersection of Alfred and Duke Streets was received and read and referred to Messrs. Veitch, Miller and Field.

A petition M. R. Page and Others on the Subject of a nuisance said to exist in the Market Square was received and read and laid on the table.

A petition from John Roberts and Others on the Subject of storing and cutting straw, within the limits of the Town was referred to Messrs. Miller, Butcher, Jamieson and Hill.

Ordered that the taxes due from Massey Hutchins, Lavinia Marvel for the present year be remitted.

Petitions from Lucy Colston and Thomas Irwin was received and read and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

14 October 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Veitch, Vowell, Miller, Douglass, Adam, Jamieson, Anderson, Longden, Johnston, Field, Robinson, and Hill.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Roberts and others on the subject of storing and cutting straw within the limits of the Town made a report, accompanied by a Bill entitled "An Act supplementary to an Act reducing into one and Amending the several Acts respecting the prevention of accidents by fire and for the extinguishment of the same" which were read and laid on the table.

Ordered that the taxes charged to Mary Johnson, Huldah MaHaney, and Suzanna Johnson for the present be remitted.

Ordered, that the \$3.00, the difference between a wholesale and retail tax to be remitted Darrell Grovemant.

The application of Richard Gardner for the remission of a tax as a wholesale merchant was laid on the table.

The collection of the taxes due from James Heatherington was suspended for 6 months.

Ordered, that the shop tax improperly charged to Stephan Woods be remitted.

The application of John W. Beedle for balance said to be due him by the Corporation for paving, was referred Messrs. Longden, Douglass, Robinson and Vowell.

The application of Jacob Hoffman on the Subject of the side stones on the West side of Washington, between Cameron and Queen Streets, was referred to Messrs. Hill and Anderson.

The application of Charles Bennett and Others on the Subject of the pavement on Cameron between Alfred and Patrick Streets, was read and laid on the table.

The application of William Davis, on the Subject on his salary, as Superintendent of Lamps, was laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
"till Wednesday next at 10:00
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

16 October 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Robinson, Johnson, Field, Longden, Henderson, Jamieson, Adam, Mills, Veitch, Miller, Vowell.

Ordered, that the tax on male dogs charged to Thomas Bird, Joseph Braden, William Benter, Edward Clarke, and Caserin Latham be remitted.

Ordered, that the tax on 1 tyth improperly charged to John Sayre be remitted.

The petition of Edward Lloyd was received and read.

A Communication from the Board of Health recommending an augmentation of the salary of the Superintendent of Police was read.

The petition of Loudoun and William Campbell, on the Subject of the property of the Corporation, leased to the late James Campbell was referred to Messrs. Miller, Mills, Jamieson and Field.

Ordered that the tax on 1 Sto [story]: and 1 tyth and the difference between the carriole and bread cart, improperly charged to John Churchman, be remitted.

Ordered that the tax on 1 tyth and 2 Sto [stories]: improperly charged to John Wood be refunded.

Ordered, that the difference between the tax on 1 carriole and bread cart, be refunded to Samuel Baggett.

Ordered, that the Auditor deposit in the hands of the Treasurer of the Corporation \$5,000.00 from the old Corporation notes of the denomination of \$1.00 to be paid out by him and for the benefit of the Corporation.

The petition of Jacob Hoffman and Others on the Subject of a pump to placed on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Washington and Queen Streets, referred to Messrs. Veitch and Adam.

Ordered that the accounts of Henry C. Slade for a stove furnished for the use of the Corporation, be paid.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do regulate Water Street between Gibbon and Jefferson Streets, so as to make a passage for the water on the East side of Water Street, provided the expense does not exceed \$10.00.

The Council then adjourned
'til tomorrow 10:00
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

17 October 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Mills, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, Veitch, Adam, Jamieson, Anderson, Longden, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

Ordered, that the tax of male dogs charged to William Cook, B. Bell, Robert Fisher be remitted.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Hoffman, and others, made a report, where upon ordered that the Superintendent of Police precede to sink a well and put a pump therein on the Northwest corner of Washington and Queen Streets according to Law, and charged the expense to the Third Ward, and that the work be done in the best manner and given out to the lowest bidder.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Hoffman relative to the side stones on the West side of Washington Street between Cameron and Queen Streets made a report, which was concurred in by the Council.

Ordered that Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, Anderson and Robinson, with the President of the Council, and the Attorney of the Corporation be a Committee to ascertain what Amendments in their opinion are necessary to Charter of the Town and that they report thereon to Council.

Ordered that the Committee appointed by Council on the 16 of March last, for counting the Council due bills be continued and further instructed to destroy by fire or otherwise all such due bills except those of the denomination of \$1.00 each, which are now in good preservation and worth retaining and that they seal them and deposit them for safe keeping in the Bank of Alexandria.

Leave was given to bring in a Bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act respecting the Lancasterian School", which was read first time and laid on the table.

On the petition of Martha Payne, it was ordered that \$24.00 be paid to Martha Payne for taking care of an orphan child 8 months.

The Council then adjourned
'til Monday afternoon 3:00
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

21 October 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Adam, Jamieson, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Miller.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of London and William Campbell made a report which was concurred in by Council.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled "An Act supplementary to an Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting the prevention of accidents by fire and for the extinguishment of the same" which was read a second and third times and passed.

The Council resumed the consideration of the bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act respecting the Lancasterian School" which was read a second time and laid on the table.

The petition of William B. Stewart, was referred Messrs. Johnston, Longden, Mills, Miller.

The Council resumed the consideration of the recommendation of the Board of Health on the subject of compensation to be allowed the Superintendent of Police for extra services and concurred in the same.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

2 November 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Longden, Adam, Jamieson, Butcher, Miller, Veitch.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of William B. Stewart made a report which was concurred by the Council.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do lease to Loudoun and William Campbell the lots of ground now occupied by them on the South side of Duke Street for term of 5 years for the sum \$110.00 per annum.

Ordered, that Messrs. Veitch, Longden and Robinson in conjunction with the President of Council be a Committee to inquire how the Superintendent of the Watch and the Watch have discharged their duty the present year, and how the Law regulating their conduct has been executed, and to enable the Committee to discharge their duty they have power to send for persons and examined them on oath or affirmation, and that the committee report to Council.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Watch be directed to cause the hour to be cried regularly during the night from 10:00 evening until daylight.

Ordered, that Messrs. Longden, and Johnston be a Committee to inquire if any alteration is necessary in the regulation of the Market generally and report to Council.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

9 November 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Longden, Adam, Jamieson, Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Miller, Vowell.

A petition from Charles Cattlett and Others on the Subject of the well at the intersection of Washington and Queen Streets was received and read. The Council refused to grant the prayers of the petitioners.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

3 December 1822

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Field, Robinson, Johnson, Longden, Mills, Butcher, Miller, Veitch.

A Communication from the Mayor was received and read, whereupon ordered that Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, Adam and Robinson be appointed to confer with Humphrey Peake, Esquire, on the subject of establishing a suitable situation for a Lazaretto and for the District of Columbia.

Ordered, that the sum of \$25.00 be allowed Walter Jones, Esquire, as fee in the case of William Fowle, against the Common Council of Alexandria.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Gibson, and others, made a report. The Council refused to concur in the same.

On the application of John Creighton, it is ordered that the Stall rent due by the late James Flood be remitted, and that the Clerk of the Market make the best disposition of the fixtures by renting them out.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

1823

4 January 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, Mills, Jamieson, Anderson, Longden, Robinson, Hill, Johnson. The Committee on the House of Industry were, on motion discharged from further consideration of the Subject.

The Committee appointed to confer with Humphrey Peake, Esquire, on the subject of a suitable situation for a Lazarette and made a report, which the Council, refused to concur in. The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act respecting the Lancasterian School" which being amended in its title, was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned
'til Wednesday afternoon 3:00
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

8 January 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Field, Johnson, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Adam, Jamieson, Douglass, Mills, Miller, Veitch, Vowell.

The Committee to ascertain what Amendments are necessary to the Charter of the Town made a report which was concurred in by the Council, and there upon ordered that the said report be referred to the Committee who introduced it, with instructions to draft a Memorial and build on the subject, to be laid before Congress and report the same to Council.

The following recommendation was ordered by Council to be referred to the Committee on the Subject of the charter, viz.

"We recommend that the Common Council be gifted with power to appoint annually such number of persons as they may think necessary who shall be constituted a Board of Health, and it shall be lawful such powers as the said Common Council shall give them, and which said Council may think necessary for the preservation of the health of the Town."

Ordered, that the taxes due from Jacob Andrews for the present year be remitted.

A petition from John Hepburn, was received and read, and on the motion of the petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition from Mark Butts and others was received and read and referred to Messrs. Veitch, Butcher, Jamieson and Field.

The Council, on motion consented to reconsidered their vote given at the last meeting, on the Subject of a situation for a Lazaretto and concurred in the report of the Committee made on that Subject.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 January 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Robinson, Field, Longden, Anderson, Adam, Jamieson, Mills, Douglass, Veitch, Miller, Vowell, Swann.

Ordered, that the taxes of the present year due from Mrs. Hill be remitted.

Ordered that the tax of \$8.00, for a wholesale license be remitted to John Furlong.

A Communication from the Board of Health was received and read. Whereupon Ordered, that the recommendation of the Board of Health of the 10th Inst., for the appropriation of \$30.00 to the Health Officer and \$25.00 to the Messenger of the Board of Health be complied with, and that the same be paid out of the General Fund.

The Common Council take this occasion to tender to the Board of Health their acknowledgements for the faithful and vigilant discharge of their duty during the last year.

Resolved that that part of the Communication of the Board of Health of 10th Inst. as relates to hulks, spays to be referred to Messrs. Douglas, Veitch, Anderson and Johnston.

A Communication from Alexander Veitch was received and read and laid on the table.

A Communication was received from Francis Peyton and William N. Mills was received and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

10 February 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Veitch, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, Jamieson, Adam, Anderson, Longden, Robinson, Hill, Johnston, Field.

On the application of James McKenzie, it is order that \$12.00 be allow him for services as Assistant Health Officer.

Ordered, that the tax on 1 Tavern License charged to Jeremiah Price for the present year be remitted.

The Collector of the Northern District presented a list of paving taxes due and unpaid, whereupon order that the tax bills against George Chapman, now in the hands of the Collector of Northern District, be handed over by him to the Attorney of the Corporation for collection.

Ordered that the Collector of the Northern District be authorized to settle the claim of the corporation against Robert Brockett, Sr. for paving by taking his note with an endorser at a short date for the same.

Ordered that the tax bills for paving against William Braddock, Abel Holbrook and Edward Lloyd now in the hands of the Collector of the Northern District be handed over the him to the Attorney of the Corporation for collection.

Ordered that Messrs. Swift and Johnston be a Committee to recover and distribute the donation of the late Owen F. McGrath and give their receipt for the same.

Ordered, that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated for the purchase of wood for the use of the poor to be distributed by the Committee consisting of Messrs. Swift and Johnston.

Ordered that the President of Council inquire of the Treasurer of the Corporation how much money have been received on account of Abel Janney's securities and that he see that the Order passed on the 30 July 1822, be carried into effect and report to Council at the next meeting.

The following persons were appointed Commissioners for holding elections in the different Wards on Tuesday 4 day of March next for Members to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing 12 months - viz.:

Craven P. Thompson
Samuel Lindsay
William A. Williams

At A. Rhodes Tavern for the First Ward

Silas Reed
William Bartleman
Neheimiah Carson

At the Council Chamber for the
Second Ward

Bathurst Daingerfield
Joseph Smith
Anthony C. Cazenove

At the Indian Queen Tavern for the
Third Ward

John Roberts
George S. Hough
Richard Veitch

At Mrs. Mills', corner of Prince and
Alfred Streets, for the Fourth Ward

The Council then adjourned
'til Monday next at 3:00
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

17 February 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Johnston, Field, Hill, Longden, Anderson, Adam,
Jamieson, Butcher, Douglass, Veitch, Miller.

Mr. Douglass from the Committee appointed to count the
Corporation notes received from the Treasurer, made the following
report,

"The Committee to whom was assigned the counting of the
Corporation notes received from the Treasurer on the last
settlement of the accounts of the Corporation has performed that
duty, they found the amount received as cancelled to agree with
his statement say \$13,130.35 of which amount the Committee burnt
\$11,087.35 and retained as good which they have deposited with
the Treasurer for safe keeping \$2,043.00."

Ordered, that Messrs. Douglass and Field be a Committee to
inquire into the facts belonging to the case wherein C. J.
Cattlett and Robert Brockett, Sr. are interested for paving tax.

Ordered, that the collection of the taxes due from William Slay
be suspended for 6 months.

Ordered, that Messrs. Vowell, Butcher, Jamieson and Robinson, be
a Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Corporation
for the year ending March 1823 and prepare a report for
publication.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

1 March 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Veitch, Douglass, Butcher, Mills,
Jamieson, Anderson, Longden, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

Mr. Vowell from the Committee appointed to settled the public accounts and prepare the same for publication reported the annual statement, which was order to be printed.

Ordered that the sum of \$0.50 an hour be paid to the Committee appointed to count and destroy the due bills of the Corporation returned by the Treasurer for the year 1821 to the amount of \$13,130.34. (Say \$13130 35/100).

The Council then adjourned
sine die
J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

Minutes
For the Year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-Three
Beginning on the 4th Day of March
1823

Members of Council
Returned for the year Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-Three

Reuben Johnston
Matthew Robinson
Horace Field
Lawrence Hill

For the First Ward

John Longden
Robert Jamieson
Robert Anderson
Robert L. White

For the Second Ward

Jonathan Butcher
James Douglass
Jonathan Swift
William N. Mills

For the Third Ward

John C. Vowell
Mordecai Miller
Josiah H. Davis
Thomas Swann

For the Fourth Ward

At a Meeting:

The undersigned Commissioners appointed to Superintend an Election, on Tuesday, the 4th instant for four Members to represent the First Ward in the Common Council of Alexandria for the ensuing year, do hereby certify, that the following gentlemen were duly elected -- viz.

Reuben Johnston, Matthew Robinson, Horace Field, and Lawrence Hill.

Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of March 1823.

Signed Samuel Lindsay
William A. Williams
C. P. Thompson

We, the Commissioners appointed to Superintend an election on Tuesday the 4th day of March for four members of the Common Council to represent the Second Ward for the ensuing year, do hereby certify that the following persons having the greatest number of votes are duly elected -- viz.

John Longden, Robert Jamieson, Robert Anderson, and Robert S. White.

Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of March 1823.

William Bartleman
Nehemiah Carson
Silas Reed

We the subscribers, Commissioners appointed by the Common Council of the Town of Alexandria to superintend the election of members of the Common Council to represent the Third Ward held at the Indian Queen Tavern on the 4th March 1823, do hereby declare the following gentlemen to be duly elected -- viz.

Jonathan Butcher, James Douglass, Jonathan Swift, and William N. Mills.

B. Daingerfield
Joseph Smith
Anthony C. Cazenove

We the subscribers appointed by the Common Council of the Town of Alexandria to hold an election in the Fourth Ward of said town, for four Councilmen to represent the said Ward in the Council for the ensuing year, do hereby certify, that having been duly qualified the proceeded to hold said election agreeable to law, and that the following persons were duly elected -- viz.

John C. Vowell, Mordecai Miller, Josiah H. Davis, and Thomas Swann.

Given under our hands and seals this 5th of March 1823.

John Roberts
Richard Veitch
George S. Hough

At a meeting of the persons elected to serve in the Common Council for the ensuing year, at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 6th day of March 1823.

Present: Johnston, Field, Hill, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Jamieson, White, Swift, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Vowell, Davis, Miller, and Swann.

On balloting for a President of the Council, Jonathan Swift, Esquire, was re-elected, who after taking the Oath of Office prescribe by law before Nathaniel S. Wise, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace administer the same to the members present.

On balloting for a Clerk and Auditor, J. P. Thompson was unanimously re-elected.

On balloting for a Messenger to Council, John Johnson was duly elected.

On balloting for a Mayor, Christopher Neale, Esquire, was unanimously re-elected.

The Rules and Regulations of the last Council were amended and adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the present.

The Mayor elect appeared and had the Oath of Office administered to him by Nathaniel Wise, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace in the presence of the Council.

Ordered that Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, Longden, and Johnston be a Committee to bring a bill fixing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the present year.

Ordered, that Messrs. Douglass, Vowell, Longden, and Johnston be a Committee to bring in a Bill for raising a revenue for the present year, also a Bill making appropriations for the present year.

The Council then adjourned
'till Monday next at 10 o'clock
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

10 March 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Davis, Swann, Douglass, Butcher, Mills, Jamieson, White, Anderson, Longden, Robinson, Hill, Johnston, Field.

Mr. Vowell from the Committee reported a Bill for fixing the salaries of the Officers of the Corporation for the present year which was read a first time and a second time, and upon motion the ninth rule was suspended, and then the bill was read a third time and passed.

The Council elected by ballot the following officers to serve for the ensuing year, viz.,

James Carson, Superintendent of Police
William Davis, Superintendent of Watch
Peter Rhodes, Keeper of the Powder House
Samuel Wheeler, Clerk of the Market
William Washington, Physician of the Poor House
James Thomas, Keeper of the Poor House
Robert I. Taylor, Attorney for the Corporation
John Gird, and George Drinker, Assessors
Jacob Morgan, Amos Alexander,
Thomas Jacobs, and Thomas Preston, Trustees of the Poor.

Ordered, that Messrs. Vowell and Longden be a Committee to inquire into the complaint of W. Robert White against George Davis, one of the Watchman and make report to Council.

Ordered that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for the rent of the Mayor's Office for the ensuing year.

The Council then adjourned
'till tomorrow at 10 o'clock a.m.
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

11 March 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Swann, Davis, Vowell, Douglass, Butcher, White, Jamieson, Anderson, Longden, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

A lease from the Common Council to L. and William Campbell for 5 years, was submitted to the Common Council, and the same after having been examined and duly considered is approved of. And it is therefore ordered that the Mayor do execute the said lease on behalf of the Common Council by affixing thereto the Seal of the Corporation.

The lease, before mentioned, commences on the 24th day of October last, and at the annual rent of \$110.00.

Ordered that the sum of \$50.00 be paid to the Superintendent of the Watch, in addition to his salary, for purchasing and delivering oil for lamps and for taking care of the lamps in the Summer season.

Mr. Douglass from the Committee reported a bill for raising a revenue for the present year which was read a first and second time, and upon motion the ninth rule being suspended, it was read a third time and passed.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the complaint of W. R. White in regards to the conduct of George Davis, one of the corporation watchman, made a report which was concurred in by Council.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Market make a reasonable charge to such butchers and others who may make use of the Scale House for the purpose of hanging their meat from one market day to another, and that they use it for no other purpose from the 1st day of May until the 1st day of November.

Mr. Douglass from the Committee reported a Bill, "Making appropriations for the services of the year 1823." Which was read twice, and upon motion, the ninth rule being suspended, it was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned
'till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

12 March 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Robinson, Hill, Field, Johnston, Jamieson, White, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Vowell, Davis, Miller.

The following Persons were elected Watchman for the ensuing year, viz., Henry Tatspaugh, James Avery, Gerrard Arnold, John Chauncey, Benjamin Jefferson, Alexander Williams, John M. Clarke, Theodore Meade.

Ordered that the Police Constables do immediately pay into the Treasury all monies by them collected on account of dog tax, after deducting their commissions, and take a receipt for the same, and that they do furnish a statement of their accounts to the Council without delay.

On balloting for a Treasurer of the Corporation, Benjamin C. Ashton was duly elected.

The Council elected by ballot the following officers to serve for the ensuing year, viz.

Loudoun Campbell, and William Campbell, Measurers of Lumber.
David Black, Corder of Wood.
Anthony Rhodes, Inspector of Fish.
Benjamin Barton, Keeper of the Town Clock.
James McClish, Gauger of Casks, Inspector of Whiskey.
John C. Mandell, Collector of the Northern District.
John Muncaster, Collector of the Southern District.

Ordered, that Messrs. Vowell, Mills, Anderson and Johnston, be a Committee in conjunction with the Superintendent of Police to rent out the Fish Wharf for the present season.

A Communication from the Mayor on the subject of the Police Constables was received and read.

Davis Bowie was re-elected as Police Constable for the ensuing year.

Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to employ 2 additional Constables to report to Constables during the fishing season, whose compensation shall not exceed \$25.00 each, to be paid out of the contingent fund.

A Communication from the Mayor on the subject of the Laws, regulating the Inspection of Fish, and for the suppression of gaming, was received and read and referred to Messrs. Miller, Mills, Jamieson and Field.

The resignation of Thomas Jacobs, as one of the Trustees of the Poor, was received and accepted by the Council, and Andrew Scholfield elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation.

Ordered that Messrs. Vowell, Douglass, Anderson and Robinson, in conjunction with the President of the Council and Attorney for the Corporation be a Committee to inquire if any, and what amendments are necessary to be made to the Charter, and that they report thereon to Council.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

25 March 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Hill, Robinson, Jamieson, White, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Vowell, Davis.

The Police Constables rendered their accounts of the monies received for the dog tags, with the receipts of the Treasury for the amounts paid in.

Ordered, that Messrs. Vowell and Davis be a committee to settle the accounts of the Police Constables, arising out of the dog tags.

On the petition of Samuel Bartle, it is ordered that the Attorney of the Corporation be authorized to extend the time for the payment of the money due from Samuel Bartle as security for William Devaughn, not longer than the 1st day of October ensuing, providing it can be done without jeopardizing the claim in any manner whatever.

The petition of Davis Bowie was received and read and referred to Messrs. Douglass and Davis.

On balloting for a Police Constable in the place of Leonard Adams resigned, Joseph Brodus was duly elected.

Ordered, that Messrs. Davis and Douglass be a Committee to inquire if any, and what Amendments may be necessary to the law regulating the Inspection and Measurement of Wood brought to the Town of Alexandria for sale, by water.

Mr. Vowell from the committee appointed to rent the Fish Wharf made a report, which was read and concurred in by the Council.

Ordered that Messrs. Longden, Douglass, Vowell and Robinson be appointed to examine that part of the law relative to the collecting the monies from the rent of the Fish Wharf, and report accordingly, to Council.

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Police have the intersection of Union and Queen Streets paved with suitable gutters to carry the water to the river.

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Police do have the Warehouse on the Fish Wharf repaired, and that the expense thereof shall not exceed \$10.00, to be out of the contingent fund.

Ordered that Messrs. Douglass and Davis be a Committee to examine whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary in the law buying a tax on dogs.

The former Order of Council, having omitted that part of the contract with Loudoun and William Campbell by which they were to be at liberty at the the end of the term or within 60 days thereafter to remove any wooden buildings they have heretofore erected, or may hereafter erect in the leased premises during the term - it now ordered that the said Loudoun and William Campbell shall have permission to make such removal, and that this Order is to be taken as part of their lease, but it is not to be construed to authorize the removal of any buildings during the term, so as to impair the remedy of the Council for the recovery of the rent reserved.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

7 April 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Davis, Mills, Jamieson, Anderson, Robinson, Field, Hill, Johnston, Douglass.

A Communication from the Superintendent of Police was received and read.

Ordered that Messrs. Davis, Butcher, Anderson and Johnston be a Committee, with the Superintendent of Police, to examined into the situation of Pitt Street between Queen and Princess Streets, and report to Council.

A petition from Moses O. B. Cawood and Jonathan C. May, was received and read and laid on the table.

W. Davis from the Committee appointed to inquire what Amendments are necessary in the law regulating the Measurement of Wood, made a report which was read and laid on the table.

A petition from Anthony Rhodes and others on the Subject of Wales Alley was received and read and referred to the Superintendent of Police with directions to report on the Subject to Council.

Ordered that the lighting of lamps be suspended from the 15th April to the 1st October next.

The Council then adjourned
until Friday afternoon at 3 1/2 o'clock
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

11 April 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Robinson, Anderson, Jamieson, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Miller, Davis.

On balloting for a Board of Health, the following persons were duly elected, viz.: North of King Street; A. C. Cazenove, Robert Brockett and William Bartleman between King and Prince Street - Silas Reed, George Coleman, Thomas Smith. South of Prince Street - Daniel Wright, John Roberts, George F. Hough.

The Committee to whom the Subject was referred, reported a Bill entitled, "An Act supplementary to an Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting Gaugers, Measurers of Lumber, Wood and Bark and Inspectors of Beef, Pork, Fish, Lumber, Whiskey, Peach and Apple Brandy" which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee to whom the Subject was referred, reported a Bill entitled "An Act to repeal, in part the 5th Section of an Act entitled, 'An Act to suppress Public Gaming in the Town of Alexandria'" which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Committee who was appointed to settle the accounts of the Police Constables arising out of the dog tax made a report which was concurred in by the Council.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Davis Bowie made a report, which the Council refused to concur in.

The Committee to whom was referred the situation of the Bridge on Washington and Wilkes Streets made a report which was concurred in by Council.

The Committee appointed to examine into the situation of Pitt between Queen and Princess Streets made a report which was read and laid on the table.

Ordered that Benjamin Baden may continue to use the clay on Payne Street, for the purpose of making brick, at the same price, and under the same regulations as contained in order of Council of 19th June 1822 on the Subject, but this permission shall not extend for a longer term than the present year.

The petition of John Tatspaugh and others was received and read, and laid on the table.

Ordered that Messrs. Butcher and Johnston be a Committee to examine Columbus Street between Wolfe and Wilkes Streets and report the necessary repairs.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

10 May 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Jounathon, Robinson, Anderson, White, Butcher, Douglass, Vowell, Miller, Davis.

Joseph Mandeville and Ezra Lunt were appointed by Council Members of the Board of Health to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William Bartleman, and Thomas Smith.

Ordered that the tax on 1 male dog charged to Peter London be remitted.

The Committee appointed to examine Columbus Street between Wolfe and Wilkes Streets made a report, whereupon order that the Superintendent of Police executes the work agreeable to the above report and charged the expense to the Fourth Ward provided it does not exceed \$20.00.

On petition of Sundry Inhabitants on Henry between King and Duke Streets, it is order that Messrs. Davis, Douglass, Longden, and Robinson be appointed to examine into the situation of Henry Street between King and Duke Streets and report to Council.

Resolved that the Council will sit as a Court of Appeals on the 22nd, 23rd: and 24th instant from half past 10:00 until 1 o'clock during each day.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

19 May 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnson, Field, Robinson, White, Mills, Miller, Douglass, Hill, Davis.

A Communication from the Board of Health was received and read, and referred to Messrs. Douglass, Miller, Anderson and Field.

On the application of Richard Gardner, it is ordered that the suit of the Corporation against Richard Gardner be dismissed, he having agreed to pay the cost, and having sign his claim against the Columbian Insurance Company to Jonathan Shellaber for the benefit of his creditors, in which this claim is included.

Benjamin Waters was appointed a Member of the Board of Health in the place of Joseph Mandeville, resigned.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

Court of Appeals

The Court met this day May 22, 1823 pursuant to public notice.

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Robinson, Hill, Longden, Jamieson, White, Douglass, Butcher, Vowell, Davis.

The Council having heard and decided on the Sundry appeals adjourned until tomorrow at 1/2 past 10 o'clock.

Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

23rd

The Court met this day;

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, White, Jamieson, Longden, Hill, Robinson, Johnston.

The Court having heard and decided on Sundry appeals adjourned until tomorrow at 1/2 past 10 o'clock.

Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

24th

The Court met this day.

Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Robinson, Longden, Jamieson, Butcher, Miller, Vowell.

The Court having heard and decided on Sundry appeals, adjourned sine die

Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

22 May 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnson, Robinson, Hill, Longden, Jamieson, White, Butcher, Douglass, Vowell, Davis.

Ordered that the tax on 1 horse/1 cart and dray improperly charged to William S. Kennedy in 1822 be refunded.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

23 May 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, White, Jamieson, Longden, Hill, Robinson, Johnston.

Ordered that the tax on dogs charged to Mary Vernon, Gustavus Gibson, Jemma Datcher, Joseph Beckley, Araminta Webster be remitted.

The petition of Richard W. Little and others were received and read, and upon consideration of the same, the Council refuse to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

24 May 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnson, Robinson, Longden, Jamieson, White, Butcher, Mills, Vowell, Douglass.

Ordered that the tax on dogs charged to Mrs. Campbell, Joseph Williams, Sara Willy, James English, Anthony Minor, Mordecai Bennett, Ignatius Gant, George Lake, Charles Hinds, Robert Garner, Gustavus A. Brown, Thomas Brocchus, William Symington be remitted.

On balloting for a Member of the Board of Health, in the place of Silas Reed, resigned, Presley Jacobs was duly elected.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

7 June 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Davis, Jamieson, White, Butcher, Douglass, Miller, Vowell.

Robert Anderson a Member from the Second Ward, having stated to Council that he had removed out of the said Ward, it thereupon ordered that the President of Council be requested to take the opinion of the Attorney of the Corporation whether the Said removal disqualifies the member from retaining his seat in the present Council, and make report on the Subject.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Board of Health made a report, in part - whereupon ordered, that the Superintendent of Police do have the sunken ground immediately South of Wilkes Street between Union and Water Streets so drained as to prevent water remaining thereon.

The Committee on the petition of Sundry Inhabitants on Henry between King and Duke Streets, made a report which was read and laid on the table.

A Petition from Robert Brockett, Sr. was received and read, and laid on the table.

The Committee then adjourned
until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

10 June 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Douglass, Butcher, White, Anderson, Robinson, Field, Vowell, Jamieson, Davis.

The President to whom was referred the inquiry relative to the case of Robert Anderson as stated in the proceedings of the last meeting, reported that it was the opinion of the Attorney for the Corporation that the removal of the said Member from the Second Ward, which he was elected to represent into the Fourth Ward, does not disqualify him from holding his seat in the present Council he still residing within the Corporation.

The Committee on the communication of the Board of Health, reported a Bill, "An Act in addition to an Act entitled 'An Act reducing into one and Amending the several Acts respecting the removal of nuisances, and the preservation of the health of the Town'" which was read a first time and laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
until tomorrow at 10 o'clock
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

11 June 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, White, Anderson, Robinson, Field, Johnston.

Ordered that the proprietors of the sunken grounds between Fairfax and Water Streets and the North side of Pendleton Street to White Wharf to fill up the sand so no water shall be thereon, on or before the 30th day of June, and that the Superintendent of Police do give them notice thereof.

The Council resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled, "An Act in addition to an Act entitled 'An Act reducing into one, and amending the several Acts respecting the removal of nuisances, and the preservation of the health of the Town'" which was read a second time and laid on the table.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do fill up Water Street about where it intersects Pendleton Street so that it shall not be over flowed by a common tide, and that he fill up the sunken ground that may be on the Streets adjoining the property ordered to be filled up by an order of Council passed this day, so that no water shall be on the same, and that he commence such work

when the proprietors commence doing that sanction above as ordered to be done, and that no more than \$60.00 be expended in doing the same.

The Council then adjourned
until Saturday next at 10 o'clock
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

14 June 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Vowell, Miller, Butcher, White, Jamieson, Anderson,
Robinson, Field, Johnston.

Ordered that the tax on 1 dog charged to Mrs. Henry Lee for the year 1822 be remitted.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

17 June 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Johnson, Field, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Jamieson,
White, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Miller, Hill, Davis.

The Council resumed the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Act in addition to an Act entitled 'An Act reducing into one and amending the several Acts respecting the removal of nuisances in the preservation of the Health of the Town'" and having amended the bill and filled the blanks it was upon motion, read a third time and passed by ayes and noes as follow, viz.

Ayes - Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Hill, Longden, Anderson, Jamieson, White, Mills, Douglass, Davis, Swift.

Noes - Messrs. Butcher, and Miller.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police do have so much of Pitt Street regulated and paved between Queen and Princess Streets embracing the intersection of Princess Street, and shall remove the nuisance thereon; the said pavement to be in a concave shape, the expense thereof to be charged to the proprietors of ground fronting on said square, and that the Superintendent of Police do have steps of brush wood put at proper distances on the same street, between Princess and Oronoco.

The Council resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the subject of Henry between King and Duke Streets - which upon motion was laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

5 July 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Hill, Longden, Anderson, Jamieson, White, Mills, Douglass, Miller, Davis, Vowell.

A Communication from the Board of Health recommending, "That the low ground West of Union between Wilkes and Gibbon Streets be filled up", was received and read, and referred to Messrs. Vowell, Mills, Longden and Robinson.

A communication from Frederick Town to the Mayor was read and laid on the table.

Ordered, that the tax on 1 tythable charged to Hugh Leddy be remitted.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

23 July 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Jamieson, White, Mills, Douglass, Butcher, Miller, Swann, Vowell.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Board of Health recommending that "The sunken ground West of Union between Wilkes and Gibbon Streets be filled up," made a report, whereupon it is ordered, that the Superintendent of Police have the low ground, now a nuisance on the West side of Union Street between Wilkes and Gibbon Streets, drained, by cutting a suitable ditch near the head of the Springs from one side of fast land to the other, so as to confine the water in one center ditch, and cut such other small ditches as may effectually drain the same, provided, nevertheless, that previous to such draining, the Superintendent of Police give 5 days notice to their proprietors to remove at their own cost such nuisance and in default thereof the Superintendent of Police proceed as is before directed by this order, and charge the same to the proprietors.

Ordered that the difference of tax on 1 W.M. [wholesale merchant] and 1 R. [retail] Merchant improperly charged to Anthony P. Gover be refunded.

Ordered that the tax on 1 Tav:li: [tavern license] improperly charged to Robert Hall be remitted.

The resignation of Theodore Meade, as one of the Watchman, was received and accepted by the Council and Robert Slatford elected to supply his place.

Ordered that the Gentlemen who were appointed last year by the Council to attend as Commissioners in conjunction with those of Washington and Georgetown, to promote the navigation of the Potomac above tide water be continued in their duties.

The Commissioners appointed to confer with the Commissioners of Washington and Georgetown on the Subject of the contemplated Potomac Canal made a report which was concurred in by the Council.

Ordered, that Phineas Janney be appointed to proceed with the present Commissioners to Frederick Town, to attend the meeting to be held there on the 12th August on the Subject of the Potomac Canal.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:
J. P. Thompson, c.c.

28 July 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Anderson, Jamieson, White, Mills, Butcher, Douglass, Miller, Hill, Davis, Swann.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Police have a well 8 feet in diameter in the clear, sunk on Saint Asaph Street, near where the present well, corner of King and Saint Asaph Streets, now is, and that he have the old well filled up.

A Communication from the Mayor on the Subject of the Law of the Corporation imposing fines and penalties, and the matter of enforcing the collection of the same, was received and read, and referred to Messrs. Swann, Douglass, Anderson, and Robinson.

Ordered, that William H. Robert, and John S. Miller have permission to use a part of the Hulk of the Ship Young Hero in the construction of a Wharf on their water lot between Wilkes and Gibbon Streets, provided, that the same be used in such a manner as to prevent its becoming a nuisance at any time hereafter.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

8 August 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Johnston, Robinson, Jamieson, White, Butcher, Douglass,
Miller, Davis.

A Communication from the Board of Health on the Subject of the
docks and water lots, was received and read, and referred to
Messrs. Douglass, Miller, Jamieson, and Robinson.

A communication from the Levy Court was received and read and
laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

13 October 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President.
Messrs. Johnston, Field, Robinson, Anderson, White, Miller,
Vowell, Davis, Swann.

Ordered that Messrs. Miller and Anderson, be a Committee to
collect the rents due from the Levy Court for the Clerk's Office,
and that they be authorize to take such measurers as will insure
the collection of the same.

Ordered that the taxes on dogs improperly charged to Maurice
Herbert and Thomas Lowe be remitted.

Ordered, that the taxes charged to William Sleigh for the present
year be remitted.

Ordered, that the tax on 1 tyth paid by Horatio Day be refunded.

Ordered, that the tax on 2 dogs charged Louisa Rupel be remitted.

A report from the Delegates appointed to attend a meeting at
Frederick Town on the Subject of the Potomac Canal was received,
and read, whereupon resolved unanimously that - Thomas Swann,
Jonathan Swift, Humphrey Peake, Phineas Janney, Robert I. Taylor,
and Charles Catlett, Esquires, be appointed Delegates to attend a
general meeting of the Friends of the Potomac Canal in the City
Hall of Washington on Thursday the 6th November next.

A letter was received from the Mayor transmitting a Communication from Citizens of Loudoun in relation of the contemplated Canal.

Ordered that the Superintendent of Watch be authorized to purchase 8 cords of wood for use of the watch to be received a cord at a time as call for.

On the petition of Ezra Kinzey and others, it is ordered, that Messrs. Davis, Butcher, White and Robinson, be a Committee to examined into the necessity of sinking a well and placing a pump therein at the corner of Gibbon and Alfred Streets and that they make report thereon to Council.

Ordered, that Messrs. Field, Jamieson, Miller and the President of the Council be a Committee to lease out the property belonging to the Corporation at the lower end of Duke Street, also the property binding on the Potomac Strand, for a term not exceeding 5 years, and that the said Committee do viser the improvements made by John Muncaster upon that portion of the property lease to him, and that they report what in their opinion would be a reasonable compensation for such improvements.

The Council then adjourned
until Wednesday at 10 o'clock
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

15 October 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Swann, Vowell, Davis, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, White, Jamieson, Anderson, Hill, Field, Robinson.

Ordered that the taxes on dogs charged to Henry Nelson, Richard Carne, Robert Conway, Robert Hunter, Thomas M. Davis and John Grigsby, for the present year be remitted.

Ordered that the tax as a Wholesale Merchant charged to William A. Williams be remitted.

A communication from the Board of Health recommending an allowance of \$350.00 to the Superintendent of Police for extra services of \$5.00 to Samuel Snowden for extra printing, and of \$12.00 to John Johnston for extra services as Messenger, was received and concurred in, and that the sums above mentioned in order to be paid.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ezra Kinzey and others, made a report on the Subject, whereupon ordered that the Superintendent of Police proceed to sink a well 8 feet in diameter in the clear of sufficient depth, and place a pump therein at the Southwest corner of Gibbon and Alfred Streets.

A petition from Ezra Lunt and others was received and read and referred to Messrs. Douglass and Anderson.

On the petition of Richard Wood, and others it is ordered that the Superintendent of Police have the gutter on the West side of Fairfax Street from the North line of the Fish Market to King Street, taken up and paved in the concaved present manner of paving gutters.

Ordered that the payment of the tax on 1 dog charged to Jonathan Ward be suspended for 12 months.

Ordered that the tax on 1 tyth and on 1 story, improperly charged to, and paid by Townsend Waugh be refunded, also \$.54 being the tax on a lot on Queen Street valued at \$200.00.

On application from Francis Peyton, Jr. was received and read, and referred to the President of Council.

The Council then adjourned
until Friday morning at 10 o'clock
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

17 October 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Field, Robinson, Longden, Anderson, Jamieson, White, Butcher, Douglass, Miller, Vowell, Hill.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ezra Lunt and others, made a report which was received and read, whereupon ordered that the Superintendent of Police do have a well sunk on or near the Southwest corner of King and Patrick Streets of 8 feet diameter in the clear, and of a depth to give sufficient supply of water, and that he have a new pump put into the same, to which shall be done on the best terms possible.

The Committee appointed to view the improvements made by John Muncaster in the Warehouse formerly lease to him by the Common Council made a report which was concurred in.

Ordered that the tax on dogs charged to Richard Windsor be remitted.

A petition from John Brunet, praying a remission of the tax on his dogs, was received and read, and upon motion of the petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered that in future when the Town Hall is used as a place of exhibition in any manner for the personal emolument of any person, that the the exhibitor or any person receiving the

emolument shall pay for each day or night such Hall is used the sum of \$5.00, which sum shall be demanded and collected by the Mayor for the use of the Corporation.

Ordered that the tax on 1 dog and 1 tyth charged to Mrs. Ashton be remitted.

Ordered that the taxes charged to Mrs. Grigsby for the present year be remitted.

The Council then adjourned
Signed J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.

16 December 1823

In Council. Present: Jonathan Swift, Esquire, President. Messrs. Davis, Vowell, Miller, Douglass, Butcher, Mills, Jamieson, Longden, Hill, Robinson, Field, Johnston, White.

Ordered that the tax on 1 R.M. [retail merchant] charged to and paid by H. Slade be refunded.

A Communication from the Trustees of the Poor was received, and read, and referred to Messrs. Douglass, Davis, Jamieson and Robinson.

The Committee appointed to rent out the Corporation property on the Southern District made a report which was read and accepted, the return of the Auctioneer ordered to be recorded.

Accounts of sales made at auction for Mr. H. Fields, Chairman of Committee appointed by Council to lease the Public Property lower end of Duke Street in Alexandria, 21st October 1823.

1. The ground covered by the old red warehouse lower end of Duke Street (House now owned by Thomas Preston and lot leased to him for the last 5 years) for 5 years @ \$75.00

Thomas Preston	\$375.00	-
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2. The Wharf for 2 years at \$251.00

Jonathan Janney	\$502.
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3. The stone warehouse for 2 years at \$131.00

John Miller	\$262.00
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4&5 A lot of ground corner of Duke Street and Potomac Strand by 2 years \$60.00

L. Pickering \$120.00

6. A lot on Potomac Strand 24 feet front by 50 feet deep, for 2 years at \$45.00

Thomas Preston \$ 90.00

7&8 Lot on Duke Street extending from the 1 link by L. Pickering and the West lot, for 2 years at \$21.00

David Mankin \$ 42.00

9. Lot 25 feet front on Duke Street running back to the alley and adjoining the property of Captain Payne for 2 years at \$20.00

H. Baysie \$ 40.00

10. Lot on the Strand, between the warehouse of stone and John Muncaster property, 27 feet on the Strand running back to the corporation boundary for 5 years at \$16.00

J. H. Davis \$ 80.00

Total \$1,511.00

\$19.28

\$1,471.71

Signed S. A. Marsteller, Auctioneer.

The report of the Delegates appointed to attend a meeting of the Convention on the subject of the Potomac Canal was received and read and laid on the table.

Ordered that Messrs. Douglass and Robinson be a Committee to take into consideration whether a law should be passed regulating the sale of wood and that they have liberty to report by bill or otherwise.

A petition from James McGuire and others was received and read and laid on the table.

Ordered that Messrs. Field and Butcher be a committee to inquire whether William N. Mills is entitled to retain his seat as a member of the Council.

The Council then adjourned
J. Swift, President

Test:

J. P. Thompson, c.c.