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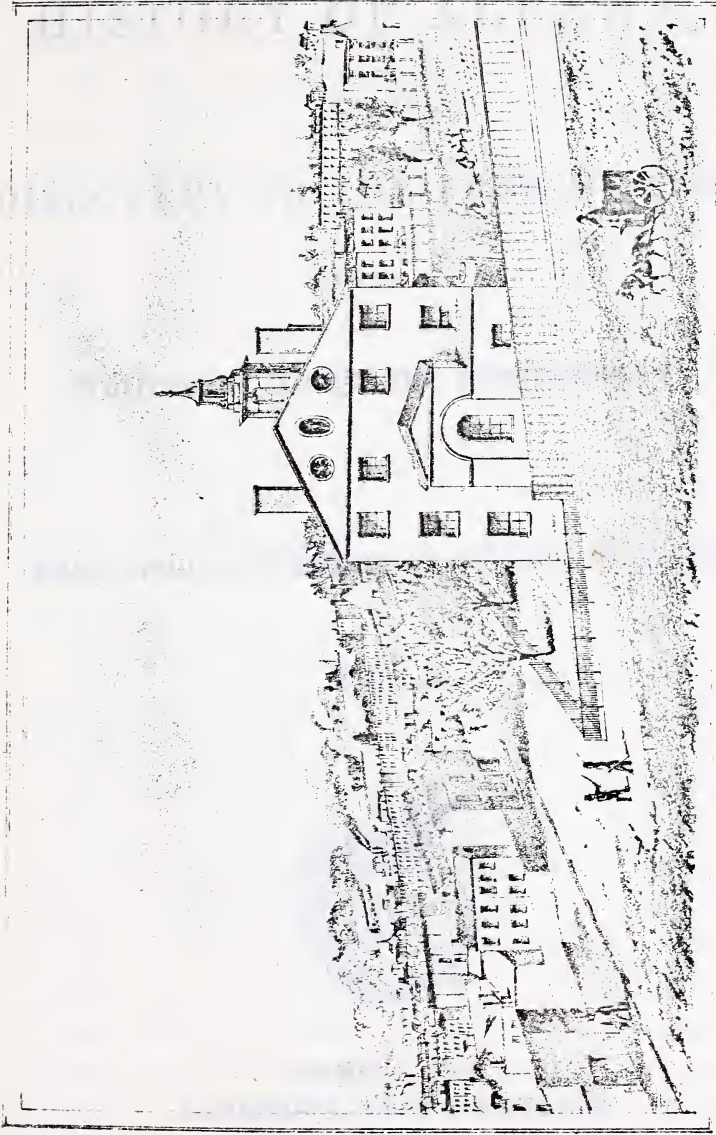




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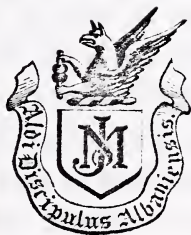
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## PREFACE.

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The design of this work is to gather and preserve materials for the history of Albany and its vicinity; it is therefore mainly documentary. One feature of the present volume is the Ancient City Records. No effort seems ever to have been made in the common council for the publication of these records, and there being no indexes to them, the acts of their predecessors have remained as a sealed book to the board for an indefinite time. I have printed them in this volume from the year 1753 to 1784, embracing the interesting period of the French and Indian war, as it is usually termed, and of the Revolution. They were begun in the *Annals of Albany*, with the year 1686, when the city charter went into operation, under Charles II, and were printed entire to 1753. There are masses of records still earlier in date, which remain in Dutch, awaiting the attention of a translator.

Two books of Dutch church records have been found in private hands since the last volume of the *Annals* was published, embracing an earlier period than any before known. A synopsis of them is given in the first eighty pages of this volume. In order to show the state of the language at that period in this city, a portion of the original has been given, and an attempt made to render it into English. If it shall be found not to have been so well done as could be wished, it is offered as the best the translator could do under the circumstances, and will subserve the purpose of the student of local history until something better is produced. These records serve to verify many dates of events before uncertain and





erroneously stated, by reason of the dim light shed upon them; also to fix the prices of various commodities, and to show the manners and customs of those early times, when the poor of the city were a charge upon the church. It will be seen that the collections taken up ostensibly for the support of the poor were so abundant as to provide funds for building churches, parsonages, and poor houses as well.

The Notes from the Newspapers embrace the principal events of the years 1859 and 1860, in continuation from the last dates of the *Annals of Albany*. They were principally gathered from the *Albany Evening Journal*, and as will be seen are often inserted verbatim. I am indebted to Mr. William J. Gibson for assistance in gleaning the files of that paper, the only one convenient of access.

The history of the State Street Presbyterian Church was furnished by Prof. David Murray, who took an active part in its organization. To the Rev. S. F. Morrow I am indebted for the history of the United Presbyterian Church, which is now flourishing under his ministry.

Several interesting papers are in progress for another volume, in which it is designed to bring down the events gathered from the newspapers to the time of publication. Much valuable material is awaiting opportunity to be worked up, and while the horn yields ink, and the lamp holds out to burn, it is proposed, *Deo volente*, to go on with the pleasant story of the olden time and the new.

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# ALBANY PAPERS.

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## REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH OF ALBANY.

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It is but recently that any important investigations have been made to bring to light the origin and early history of this church. It was the good fortune of Dr. O'Callaghan, a few years ago, to find among the archives of the Patroon, the most ancient documents that can reasonably be supposed to exist, respecting its origin. They are published at length in his *History of New Netherland*, establishing the time of the building of the first church, and giving minute particulars of the call of the first pastor. In the first volume of the *Annals of Albany* an attempt was made to gather, in a brief narrative, the particulars of its history and the succession of its ministry, derived principally from the church records. Earlier records than those in the archives of the First Church have since come to hand, by which we are enabled to correct some erroneous data in that narrative, from reliable entries, and to present a synopsis of the transactions of the deacons, in collecting and disbursing the alms of the church, during a period, almost uninterrupted, of half a century, from 1665 to 1715. The entries in these records are valuable in many respects. They show not only the amounts collected on various occasions, but also the customs and observances of the church; the dates of the deaths of important personages; the times of the arrivals of the pastors; the names of merchants doing business here; the prices of articles of merchandise, and of the currency in use; as well as other facts more or less important, and worthy of preservation, which are no where else to be found. Indeed it is all the record we have of the period it embraces, in the history of the church, except a few brief entries in the minutes of the common council, and a record of baptisms.

In the pages which follow it is purposed to avoid the repetition of any matters that have been published, except to correct errors. On page 91 of the first volume of the *Annals of Albany* was given a table of the succession of the pastors of the church, from 1642 to 1805. Without having



settled all the dates beyond doubt, a corrected list is here given of such of them as, by later discoveries, are found to have been erroneously stated.

1671 to 1680, Rev. Wilhelmus Van Nieuwenhuysen.

1695 to 1700, Rev. Johannes Petrus Nucella.

1700 to 1710, Rev. John Lydius.\*

1746 to 1759, Rev. Theodorus Frielinghuyzen.†

## THE DEACONS' ACCOUNT BOOK.

The earliest record that has been found of this church, is a book of about six quires, in vellum binding, provided with buckskin thongs, in place of clasps, which was begun in 1665 by Stoffel Jansen Abeel. That earlier records have existed is made certain by a stray leaf of a book, evidently the last one of a quire, dated 1656, of part of which I have procured a facsimile to be printed.

This record exhibits the income of the poor fund, and the disbursements to those who were entitled to its benefits. When we consider the very humble charge which was placed under Dom. Megapolensis in 1642, and the very slow growth of the colony during the whole of that century, we observe with no small surprise, the magnitude of the collections that were taken up in the church, ostensibly for the poor. It is found that in 1647 the deacons loaned 300 guilders to the patroon at 10 per cent (O'Callaghan's *New Netherland*, I, 471). And the first item on the stray leaf of 1656, records a loan to a woman, on security. The book under consideration opens with an inventory of the investments of the surplus moneys in the hands of the consistory belonging to the poor, as follows:

| Year. | To whom loaned.                                  | Gilders. |
|-------|--|----------|
| 1647  | 19 July, Jan Pieterse . . . . .                  | 100      |
| 1649  | 6 Aug. Teunis Cornelise . . . . .                | 150      |
| 1651  | 16 Aug. Jacob Janse Van Norstrant . . . . .      | 72       |
| "     | 16 Oct. Teunise Cornelise . . . . .              | 154      |
| 1652  | 25 July, Jan Machgulse Van Edam . . . . .        | 300      |
| "     | 18 Aug. Merte Hendrikse . . . . .                | 280      |
|       | to which was added 15 Nov. 1660 . . . . .        | 100      |
| 1654  | 4 Nov. Jacob Jansen Van Norstrant . . . . .      | 300      |
| 1655  | 8 July, Teunis Cornelise . . . . .               | 150      |
| "     | 20 July, Mary wife of Johannis Dyckman . . . . . | 320      |
| 1657  | 9 April, Jacob Tysen . . . . .                   | 300      |

\* An entry in the Deacons' book shows that Dom. Lydius and Dom. Freerman of Schenectady arrived together on the 20 Oct. and that the former preached his introductory sermon on the 28th of that month, 1700.

† A letter has been found, written at New York on the 10th October, 1759, which establishes the fact that he sailed on that day, and that gossip and predictions of a fatal voyage were rife, which led to the tradition of his loss at sea, and which is no where authenticated but by the garrulous Mrs. Grant. The tradition seems to have grown out of the ominous breaking down of the bench in the pulpit of a new church in which he preached on the Sunday before his departure. The Rev. Dr. De Witt says he went to Holland on business growing out of the impending controversy concerning the *caetus*. The time, place and manner of his death is not known. He published a catechism which was printed by Weyman in New York, the introduction to the second edition of which is dated at Albany, 1748.



# De verlijde drij-Eniged 1653.

## Wijgiff der Quacoms.

Januarij.  
 22 delto wader Zeyf wovins van Thomas Kuningh  
 in sijnen gelijce ontfangen zedde ~~25~~ 25 7  
 daer van sijn obligatied moet passeren.

Februarij.  
 2 delto wely sub vande vanden Schiedelucht, vanden  
 dato sijn contract als 1652 of tot des 2: Februarij 1653  
 sijn g'worden af 3 der wess te wyl sijn furore  
 vore bestaet van sijn wovins ~~27~~ 27 11  
 voverweldigal wovins, estate -

17 delto van Rutger Jansz. of of kosting vande  
 de min. estate in g'wige, sijn wovins  
 delto of of kosting vore ~~50~~ 50 11  
 vander vande sijn wovins van sijn furore  
 vander i boeke van Resten - 9 11





| Year. | To whom loaned.  | Gilders. | Stivers. |
|-------|--|----------|----------|
| 1661  | 3 January, Jan Verbeek . . . . .   | 164      | 5        |
| 1663  | 22 Feb'y, Wullem de Nef . . . . .  | 160      |          |
| 1663  | 24 April, the Lords Commissaries . . . . .   | 65       | 8        |
| 1664  | Maettys Servas . . . . .   | 50       |          |
| 1664  | Jan Timmer . . . . .   | 76       |          |
|       | Jan Franse van Hoesom debit . . . . .  | 87       | 8        |
| 1665  | 5 Feb. Swart Merten . . . . .  | 150      | 00       |
|       | 29 Ap. Jakop Jans. van Norstran debit . . . . .  | 40       |          |
|       | 30 May, Dom. Schaets borrowed 280, which he is<br>to return on the receipt of his salary . . . . . | 280      |          |
|       | 28 July, Cornelius van de Bogert was buried.<br>Martin Post must pay . . . . .                     | 33       |          |
|       | which he has consented to do.  |          |          |

The twenty-one following leaves contain the entries of Deacon Abeel and his successors, illustrating the terms of these loans, and containing the credit entries, as well as other transactions. Entries are made to the names of Wynant Gerritsen, 1665, Claes Ripsen [van Dam?], 1667, Barent Meyndersen, Doctor (Meester) Cornelis Van Dyck, Keesie Kroenen, Sander Leendersen Glen, Geurt Hendericksen, timmerman, and Claes Vijlspiegel, in the hand writing of Jan Provoost, which is a very beautiful style of penmanship; quite a contrast to that of Deacon Abeel, which is obscure, and that of his successor Jacob Schermerhooren, which though plainer is coarse. Then follow transactions in 1668, in the hand of Jan Vinhaeghen, with Teunes Cornelisen Slingerlant, Jan Martense, Willem Jansen, Klass Vijlenspiegel, Hans den Kluyt of Schanechtade, and Guert Hendricksen, timmerman. The debit entries in the account of the latter, are 32 gilders each month, "cassa in sewant betaelt," that is paid in wampum currency. The credit is made in December thus: "Angenomen een kint van Karsten die Noorman om het selve te onderhouden den tyt van een Jaer van kost en dranck voor die somma van 32 gull. in seewant jeder maent, 384;" which is, a credit for the board of Karsten de Norman's child one year. The next three entries are made by Mester Jacobus Dehinsle, in 1670, against Zacharias Sickels, Jan Tomas, and Tys Barentsen. Cornelis Van Dyck makes two entries in 1672 against Swarte Meerte and Cornelis Stevenson. The last entries preceding the regular monthly transactions of the deaconry, are in the hand of Dierck Wessels, in 1675.

We now come to the accounts proper, written in the uncomely character of Stoffel Jansen Abeel, and the most obscure in the book, except that of Marten Gerretsen van Bergen in 1671, and the certificates of Dom. Schaets. To exhibit the subject clearly, the Dutch and English are given in opposite columns. The currency is wampum, or *sewant* as it is written, the Indian money of the country, in gilders and stivers. The translations must be taken with a grain of allowance, on account of the rudeness and obscurity of the original. The orthography of proper names sets all rules at defiance.



1665 *Onfangens der Deyaconie in Albanie, Janwaerriis.*

|    |  |       |    |
|----|--|-------|----|
| 1  | Onfangen bey de kas aen los sewaent . . . . .        | ƒ 330 | 4  |
|    | dito geregent sewant . . . . .                       | 228   | 6  |
|    | dito 16 obel gasse belop samen . . . . .             | 2829  | 13 |
|    | dito sulver gelt, 4 gul. 12 st.* . . . . .           |       |    |
|    | dito 51 el flams linden . . . . .                    |       |    |
|    | dito 9 paer verrose kossen . . . . .                 |       |    |
| 1  | inde Kerek versammel . . . . .                       | 20    | 12 |
| 2  | van Jan Tymnese van het klyn doet kleet . . . . .    | 5     |    |
| 4  | Sondach in de kerek versammel . . . . .              | 46    |    |
| 7  | Wonsdach in de kerek versammel . . . . .             | 5     | 3  |
| 9  | Ontfangen van Jan Machgils 2 schepel terwe . . . . . |       |    |
| 11 | Sondach in de kerek versammel . . . . .              | 33    | 10 |
| 14 | Wonsdach in de kerek versammel . . . . .             | 7     | 10 |
| 18 | Sondach in de kerek versammel . . . . .              | 38    | 10 |
| 21 | Wonsdach bedach versammel . . . . .                  | 50    |    |
| 25 | Sondach in de kerek versammel . . . . .              | 45    | 6  |
| 28 | Wonsdach in de kerek versammel . . . . .             | 5     | 11 |
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|    |  | 3645  | 15 |

1665 *Uyet Gifte an de Behoefde Janwarriis.*

|   |  |    |   |
|---|--|----|---|
| 2 | An Mester Pieter gelanck vor de 2 Engelse van begraven . . . . .         | 12 |   |
| 6 | Een erde poete van Mester Jan Becker vor Marie van Jan de Bock . . . . . | 1  | 5 |

\* It will be observed in all these accounts that no sums are carried out into the figure column, although the articles may be intended for the poor, but such as are received in wampum, or sewant, as it is called. The silver and gold seems to have remained in the treasury and finally to have been appropriated to other purposes.

1665 *Receipts of the Deaconry in Albany, in January.*

|    |   |       |    |
|----|---|-------|----|
| 1  | Received with the chest in loose seawant* . . . . .         | ƒ 330 | 4  |
|    | do in string seawant . . . . .                              | 228   | 6  |
|    | do 16 obligations, total amount . . . . .                   | 2829  | 13 |
|    | do silver money, 4 gilders 12 stivers . . . . .             |       |    |
|    | do 51 ells Flemish linen . . . . .                          |       |    |
|    | do 9 pairs Friesland stockings . . . . .                    |       |    |
| 1  | Collected in the church . . . . .                           | 20    | 12 |
| 2  | Paid by Jan Tymnese for the use of the small pall . . . . . | 5     |    |
| 4  | Sunday collections in the church . . . . .                  | 46    |    |
| 7  | Wednesday do . . . . .                                      | 5     | 3  |
| 9  | Received from Jan Machielsen 2 schepelst of wheat . . . . . |       |    |
| 11 | Sunday collections in the church . . . . .                  | 33    | 10 |
| 14 | Wednesday do . . . . .                                      | 7     | 10 |
| 18 | Sunday do . . . . .   | 38    | 10 |
| 21 | Wednesday (day of prayer) do . . . . .                      | 50    |    |
| 25 | Sunday collections in the church . . . . .                  | 45    | 6  |
| 28 | Wednesday do . . . . .                                      | 5     | 11 |
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|    |   | 3645  | 15 |

*Disbursements for the Poor, January, 1665.*

|   |   |    |   |
|---|---|----|---|
| 2 | To Mr. Peter for burying 2 Englishmen . . . . .                   | 12 |   |
| 6 | “ Jan Becker for an earthen pot for Jan de Bock's Marie . . . . . | 1  | 5 |

\* *Sewant*, wampum. The orthography is quite uniformly *sewant* in all the records. See *Annals of Albany*, vol. 2, p. 1 et seq.  
† The Dutch schepel or bushel is equivalent to 3 pecks of our measure.



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|----|---|-------|---|-------|
| 13 | dito een decker van myn vor   | 30    | do a quilt of mine for  | 30    |
|    | dito an gelt genoeten   | 1     | do in money   | 1     |
|    | dito an klyn bier tot Pieter om   | 1     | To small beer for the use of Uncle Peter  | 1     |
|    | An Eysbrant Elbers gelanek 1 bos sewant daet hel slech wast daet myn niet toegreoken is en an gelt gedaen | 5     | “ Isbrant Elbersen, a bunch of sewant, which was so poor that no charge of it was made to me. Also in money | 5     |
|    | dito een schepel tarwe  |       | “ do a schepel of wheat   |       |
|    | An Aeren de Vries 6½ el Flams linden  |       | “ Aaron de Vries 6½ ells Flemish linen  |       |
|    | An Frans Kennick een schepel tarwe  | 18    | do 12 lbs hard from Emmetje Baxter  | 18    |
|    | An Basse Pieterse vor ker waet kost gelt  | 32    | “ Basse Petersen for Korwaet's board  | 32    |
|    | An Eysbrant Elberse aen gelt gedaen   | 6     | “ Isbrant Elbersen in money   | 6     |
|    | dito een paer vrouw kosse van pelupen   | 4     | “ do a pair of women's stockings from Pelupen   | 4     |
|    | 24 Wullem Brouer 2 schepel maïjs  | 10    | “ William Brouwer, 2 schepels corn  | 10    |
|    | 27 An Ysbrant Elberse an gelt gedaen  | 6     | “ Isbrant Elbersen in money   | 6     |
|    | An Basse Pieterse vor kostgelt van Korwan   | 32    | “ Basse Petersen for boarding Korwan  | 32    |
|    | 28 Wullem Brouer an gelt gedaen, en 6½ el linden en 2 schepel tarwe                                       | 4     | “ William Brouwer in money, and 6½ ells linen, and 2 schepels wheat   | 4     |
|    |   | 10    |   | 10    |
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|    |   | 163   |   | 163   |
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1665 *Onfangen der Degaconie Feberwaers.*

|    |   |    |  |    |
|----|---|----|--|----|
| 1  | Sondach versammel                             | 36 | Collected on Sunday                            | 36 |
| 4  | Wonsdach in de kerek versammel                | 9  | do on Wednesday in the church                  | 9  |
| 6  | Van Jan Tysse op papsekie het klyn doet klet* | 5  | From Jan Tyssen of Papskini for the small pall | 5  |
| 8  | Sondach in de kerek versammel                 | 41 | Collected on Sunday in the church              | 41 |
| 9  | Van Jan Hermense Backer ontfangen tot alnis   | 10 | From Jan Hermensen Backer for the poor         | 10 |
| 11 | Wonsdach in de kerek versammel                | 8  | Collected on Wednesday in the church           | 8  |
| 11 | Evert Wendel heft het klyn doet klet          | 5  | Evert Wendell for the small pall               | 5  |

*Receipts of the Deaconry in February, 1665.*

|    |  |    |    |
|----|--|----|----|
| 1  | Collected on Sunday                            | 36 | 8  |
| 4  | do on Wednesday in the church                  | 9  | 8  |
| 6  | From Jan Tyssen of Papskini for the small pall | 5  | 8  |
| 8  | Collected on Sunday in the church              | 41 | 8  |
| 9  | From Jan Hermensen Backer for the poor         | 10 | 8  |
| 11 | Collected on Wednesday in the church           | 8  | 11 |
| 11 | Evert Wendell for the small pall               | 5  | 8  |

was diverted from the use of the poor to other funds of the church, and they were inventoried yearly with the other effects of the church.

\*The klein doot-kleet, or pall, was subject to a rent of 6 guilders (about \$2) for children, and the groot doot-kleet, for adults, 10 guilders. At a later day the revenue of these palls



1665 *Onfangen* [Continued.]

|    |   |        |
|----|---|--------|
| 15 | Sondach in de kerek versammel . . . . .             | 38     |
| 18 | Wonsdach in de kerek versammel . . . . .            | 6 14   |
| 22 | Sondach in de kerek versammel . . . . .             | 37     |
| 23 | Wullum Hofmeyer het klyn doet kiet geheeb . . . . . | 5      |
| 25 | Wonsdach in de kerek versammel . . . . .            | 4 15   |
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*Receipts, &c., Continued.*

|    |  |        |
|----|--|--------|
| 15 | Collected on Sunday in the church . . . . .    | 38     |
| 18 | do on Wednesday do . . . . .                   | 6 14   |
| 22 | do on Sunday do . . . . .                      | 37     |
| 23 | William Hofmeyer for the small pall . . . . .  | 5      |
| 25 | Collected on Wednesday in the church . . . . . | 4 15   |
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1665 *Uyct Gifte aan de Behoevenden Feberwaers.*

|    |   |      |
|----|---|------|
| 1  | Jan Machgelse an garen genoeten . . . . .                       | 6 10 |
| 2  | Isbrant Aelbers an gelt genoeten . . . . .                      | 6    |
| 6  | Wullum Bruer 4lb boeter van barrs rynes . . . . .               | 6 8  |
| 9  | Isbran Aelbers an gelt genoeten . . . . .                       | 6    |
| 12 | Basse Pieterse vor Kerwaet van kost gelt . . . . .              | 32   |
| 13 | Jan Machgels an gelt genoeten . . . . .                         | 6    |
| 13 | Jaugen de Brouster vor het mine van Arren Isacks kint . . . . . | 35   |
| 16 | Isbrant Elberse an gelt genoeten . . . . .                      | 6    |
| 17 | Wullum Brouer an gelt genoeten . . . . .                        | 16   |
| 21 | Jan Mackgils an gelt genoeten . . . . .                         | 1 16 |
| 23 | Isbrant Elbers an gelt genoeten . . . . .                       | 6    |
| 23 | Kerwaet een anecker klyn bier . . . . .                         | 2 10 |
|    | dito 4 lb strop van Wouter Alberse . . . . .                    | 2 8  |
|    | dito an gelt genoeten . . . . .                                 | 1    |
| 23 | Basse Pieters 4 lb strop van Wouter Alberse . . . . .           | 2 8  |
| 25 | Anten Normans an gelt genoeten . . . . .                        | 1 10 |
| 25 | Wulle Brouer 8 lb resel van Evert de Backer . . . . .           | 12   |
| 25 | do an gelt genoeten . . . . .                                   | 2 16 |
| 25 | Huber Jause 2 lb resel van Evert de Backer . . . . .            | 3    |
|    | dito an gelt genoeten . . . . .                                 | 1    |

*Disbursements for the Poor, February, 1665.*

|    |  |      |
|----|--|------|
| 1  | Jan Maghielsen, in thread . . . . .                              | 6 10 |
| 2  | Isbrant Elbersen, in money . . . . .                             | 6    |
| 6  | William Brouwer, 4 lbs. butter from Bars Ryns . . . . .          | 6 8  |
| 9  | Isbrant Elbersen, in money . . . . .                             | 6    |
| 12 | Basse Petersen, for Kerwaet's board . . . . .                    | 32   |
| 13 | Jan Machielsen, in money . . . . .                               | 6    |
| 13 | Jaugen de Brouster, for wetnursing Aaron Isack's child . . . . . | 35   |
| 16 | Isbrant Elbersen, in money . . . . .                             | 6    |
| 17 | William Brouwer, in money . . . . .                              | 16   |
| 21 | Jan Machielsen, in money . . . . .                               | 1 16 |
| 23 | Isbrant Elbersen, in money . . . . .                             | 6    |
| 23 | Kerwaet, for an anker of small beer . . . . .                    | 2 10 |
|    | do 4 lbs molasses of Wouter Elbersen . . . . .                   | 2 8  |
|    | do in money . . . . .  | 1    |
|    | Basse Petersen, 4 lbs. molasses of Wouter Elbersen . . . . .     | 2 8  |
| 25 | Antjen' Normans, in money . . . . .                              | 1 10 |
| 25 | William Brouwer, 8 lbs. lard of Evert de Backer . . . . .        | 12   |
| 25 | do in money . . . . .  | 2 16 |
| 25 | Hubert Jansen, 2 lbs lard of Evert de Backer . . . . .           | 3    |
|    | do in money . . . . .  | 1    |





26 Eysbrant Elbers an golt genoeten, 8½ cl fliams linden

|   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
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| <i>1665 Ontfang der Deyaconie Mertius.</i>  |     |    |
| 1 Sondach ind kerek versammel*  | 31  | 14 |
| 4 Wonsdach ind kerek versammel  | 3   | 3  |
| 8 Sondach inde kerek versammel  | 31  |    |
| 11 Wonsdach inde kerek versammel  | 6   |    |
| 14 Jan Hendricks Bryn het klyn doet klet  | *   | 5  |
| 15 Sondach inde kerek versammel   | 36  |    |
| 18 Wonsdach inde kerek versammel  | 4   |    |
| 22 Sondach inde kerek versammel   | 38  |    |
| 23 Van Andries de vos ontfangen van groete en klyn doet klet van Vose vrou en kint begravenis | 15  |    |
| 25 Wonsdach inde kerek versammel  | 6   | 5  |
| 29 Sondach in de kerek versammel  | 34  |    |
|   | 211 | 2  |

1665 Uyet Gifte aen de Behoefde Mertius.

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 2 Eysbrant Elbers an gelt ge noet   | 6  |
| 2 An Antonnyo Jans betal 6 mudje brande wyn ten de oude kappe tyn uyet getrocken is | 4  |
| ditto 1 kan brandy wyn toen Jan Machgijlse sojin vrou begravenis                    | 7  |
| 3 An Pieter Bronck gelanck beloft van diet jaer werre lange                         | 50 |

\* This term, as well as all its modifications in these books, should have been written *verzameld*. Deacon Abeel's orthography for the words *Zondag* and *Woensdag* was peculiar

26 Isbrant Elberson in money, 8½ ells Flemish lincn

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|   | 155 | 16 |
| <i>Receipts of the Deaconry, March, 1665.</i>   |     |    |
| 1 Collected on Sunday in the church   | 31  | 14 |
| 4 do Wednesday  | 3   | 3  |
| 8 do Sunday   | 31  |    |
| 11 do Wednesday   | 6   |    |
| 14 Jan Hendricksen Bryyn for the small pall   | 5   |    |
| 15 Collected on Sunday in the church  | 36  |    |
| 18 do Wednesday   | 4   |    |
| 22 do Sunday  | 38  |    |
| 23 From Andries de Vos for the large and small pall in the burial of his wife and child | 15  |    |
| 25 Collected on Wednesday in the church   | 6   | 5  |
| 29 do Sunday  | 34  |    |
|   | 211 | 2  |

Disbursements for the Poor in March, 1665.

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 2 Isbrant Elberson, in money  | 6  |
| Antony Jansen for 6 small measures of brandy which was used when the old captain was laid out | 4  |
| do 1 kan of brandy used at the burial of John Machielsens's wife                              | 7  |
| 3 Peter Bronck, on his promise to return it during the year                                   | 50 |

to the province, whence he came, no doubt. The peculiarities in the orthography of all the writers, may have been provincialisms.



1665 *Uyet Gifte.* [*Continued.*]

|    |   |              |
|----|---|--------------|
| 4  | An Mester Cornelis gelanck an gelt<br>met 3 laepen peltterris sammen 5 gul.<br>An bevers seyn mijn niet in recken gelanck vor<br>het Mester Ion van karwaet | 84           |
| 5  | Wullem Brower 1 schepel tarwe   | 6            |
| 9  | Eysbrant Elbers an gelt gedaen  | 6            |
| 9  | Lamber van Valcke burch 12 el linde<br>dito $3\frac{1}{8}$ lb resel, van Evert de Backer  | 5 16<br>3 10 |
|    | dito en gelt genoeten   | 5 5          |
|    | Huyber Jans I broet, en $2\frac{1}{8}$ lb resel [ <i>reuzel</i> ] sammen  | 6 10         |
| 11 | Jan van Bremme, 1 schepel tarwe   | 1            |
|    | dito $13\frac{1}{2}$ el Flams linde   | 2 18         |
| 16 | Basse Pieter, an gelt gedaen  | 6            |
|    | Wullem Brouer, an gelt genoeten   | 6 10         |
| 16 | Eysbrant Elberse an gelt genoeten   | 5            |
| 17 | Wullem Brouer 1 schepel tarwe   | 1 5          |
|    | dito 1 schepel maets  | 2 10         |
| 18 | Huyber Jansse 1 broet   | 11 10        |
| 20 | Sacharyjas an gelt genoeten   | 6            |
|    | dito 1 schepel tarwe, 1 schepel maets   |              |
| 23 | Eysbrant Elbers an gelt gedaen  | 8            |
| 24 | An Teunis de Messelaer van hout ryen vor Jan<br>Machgijlse  | 2 10<br>6 10 |
| 24 | An Herme Brouer 1 ancker klyn bier vor Kerwaet  | 6            |
| 25 | Jan van Bremme 1 schepel tarwe  | 6            |
| 30 | Eysbrant Elberse an gelt gedaen   | 6            |
|    | dito 1 schepel orten  | 5 10         |
|    | dito an gelt genoeten   | 8            |
| 30 | An Basse Pieters gelt genoeten  |              |

*Disbursements, &c. Continued.*

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|----|---|--------------|
| 4  | To Dr. Cornelis [van Dyck] in money<br>with 3 pieces of peltries, worth 5 guilders.<br>To beavers which I have taken no account of, for<br>the physician's bill for Kerwaet | 84           |
| 5  | William Brouwer, 1 schepel of wheat   | 6            |
| 9  | Isbrant Elbersen, in money  | 6            |
| 9  | Lambert van Valkenburg, 12 ells linen<br>do $3\frac{1}{8}$ lbs. lard from Evert de Backer   | 5 16<br>3 10 |
|    | do in money   | 5 5          |
| 11 | Hubert Jansen, 1 loaf of bread and $2\frac{1}{8}$ lbs lard together   | 6 10         |
|    | Jan van Bremen, 1 schepel of wheat<br>do 1 ell Flemish linen  | 1<br>2 18    |
| 16 | Basse Petersen, in money  | 6            |
|    | William Brouwer, in money   | 6 10         |
| 16 | Isbrant Elbersen, in money  | 5            |
| 17 | William Brouwer, 1 schepel wheat<br>do 1 schepel corn   | 1 5<br>2 10  |
| 18 | Hubert Jansen, 1 loaf bread   | 11 10        |
| 20 | Zacharias, in money   | 6            |
|    | do 1 schepel wheat, 1 schepel corn  |              |
| 23 | Isbrant Elbersen, in money  | 8            |
| 24 | To Teunis de Messelaer for carting wood for Jan<br>Machielsen   | 2 10<br>6 10 |
| 24 | To Harmen Brouwer, 1 anker small beer for Kerwaet   | 6            |
| 25 | Jan van Bremen, 1 schepel wheat   | 6            |
| 30 | Isbrant Elbersen, in money  | 6            |
|    | do 1 schepel peas   | 5 10         |
|    | do in money   | 8            |
| 30 | To Basse Petersen, in money   |              |



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|--|--------|---|--------|
| Wullem Brouer 1 schepel tarwe<br>en 25½ el Flams linde                             | 6 10   | William Brouwer, 1 schepel wheat<br>and 25½ ells Flemish linen                      | 6 10   |
| 1665 <i>Onfangen der Deyaconie April.</i>  | 276 2  | <i>Receipts by the Deaconry in April, 1665.</i>                                     | 276 2  |
| 3 Vrijdach inde kerek versammel . . . . .  | 7 16   | 3 Collections in the church on Friday   | 7 16   |
| 5 Pasgen* in de kerek versammel . . . . .  | 90 5   | do do on Easter   | 90 5   |
| 6 Pas Mandach in de kerek versammel<br>dito 1 stuck sulver gelt engels             | 19 12  | 6 Collected in the church on Easter Monday<br>do 1 piece of English silver coin     | 19 12  |
| 12 Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .  | 34 10  | do do in the church on Sunday   | 34 10  |
| 19 Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .  | 18     | do do do  | 18     |
| 22 Hermen Vedr heft klijn doet klet . . . . .                                      | 5      | 22 Hermen Vedder had the small pall   | 5      |
| 26 Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .  | 26 8   | 26 Collections in the church on Sunday<br>do 1 small piece of English coin          | 26 8   |
|  | 201 11 |   | 201 11 |
| 1665 <i>Lijet Gifte an de Behoude April.</i>                                       |        | <i>Disbursements for the Poor in April, 1665.</i>                                   |        |
| 3 Wullem Brouer an gelt genoeten . . . . .   | 12 9   | 3 To William Brouer in money  | 12 9   |
| 7 Eysbrant Elbers an gelt genoeten . . . . .                                       | 6      | 7 " Isbrant Elbersen in money   | 6      |
| 13 Aerre de Vris 1 schepel maey . . . . .  | 5      | 13 " Aaron de Vries, 1 schepel corn   | 5      |
| 14 Wullem Brouer 1 schepel maey<br>dito 20 lb reuzel van Mary Decker @ 26 stuyvers | 5 26   | 14 " William Brouer, 1 schepel corn<br>do 20 lbs lard from Mary Decker @ 26 stivers | 5 26   |
| 15 Eysbrant an gelt genoeten . . . . .   | 6      | 15 " Isbrant in money   | 6      |
| 20 Eysbrant Elbers an gelt genoeten . . . . .                                      | 6      | 20 " Isbrant Elbersen in money  | 6      |
| 21 Basse Pieters, 2 schepel maeyns en gelt   | 13 10  | 21 " Basse Peters 2 schepels corn, and money  | 13 10  |
| 22 Karste Norman 2 schepel tarwe . . . . .   | 13     | 22 " Karsten Norman, 2 schepels wheat   | 13     |
| dito an gelt en 3 lb. seep het lb 1 gul. sam                                       | 7 14   | do in money and 3 lbs soap @ 1 gil. a lb, together                                  | 7 14   |
| 23 An Rycker van Rensselaer 4 kan wyn tot het<br>Herre aven mal . . . . .          | 10     | 23 " Richard Van Rensselaer for 4 cans wine for the<br>communion                    | 10     |

\* Paschen, or paschap, the passover.



1665 *Uyet Gifte*, [Continued.]

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| 23 Jan Machgijse an gelt genoeten . . . . .                 | 3      |
| 27 Eysbrant an gelt genoeten . . . . .                      | 6      |
| 27 Vor Kaste Norman betael an gosse gerst . . . . .         | 10     |
| ditto betael tot de gructer . . . . .                       | 5      |
| 29 Wullem Brouer 2 broede van rinhou [Rinekhout?] . . . . . | 2 10   |
| 29 Jakop van Norstrant an gelt gedaen . . . . .             | 40     |
| Hir op gelanch 2 sulver lepels . . . . .                    | 10     |
| 29 Aerre de Vries, 2 schepel maays . . . . .                | 1 16   |
| 29 Wullem Brouer an gelt genoeten . . . . .                 | 1 16   |
| den 2 sulver lepels . . . . .                               |        |
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|   | 188 19 |

1665 *Ontfangens der Deyaconys en Meyus.*

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| 3 Sonedach inde kerek ver sammel . . . . .        | 30 15 |
| 9 Sondach inde kerek ver sammel . . . . .         | 24 8  |
| 3 Hennemel vaersdach inde kerek versam . . . . .  | 10 13 |
| 16 Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .         | 25 13 |
| 18 Hans Hends tot een almis geven . . . . .       | 3     |
| 23 Panster Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . . | 35 16 |
| ditto Mandach inde kerek versammel . . . . .      | 28    |
| 30 Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .         | 34    |
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|   | 192 5 |

1665 *Uyet Gifte an de Behoeved in Myus.*

|  |      |
|--|------|
| 2 Wullem Brouer een Broet . . . . .          | 1 5  |
| ditto 1 schepel tarwe . . . . .              | 6 10 |
| 4 Eysbrant Elbers an gelt genoeten . . . . . | 6    |

*Disbursements for April continued.*

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| 23 To Jan Machielsen in money . . . . .                     | 3      |
| 27 " Isbrant in money . . . . .                             | 6      |
| 27 Paid for barley for Karsten Normau . . . . .             | 10     |
| " to the miller . . . . .                                   | 5      |
| 29 William Brouer 2 loaves of bread for Rinekhout . . . . . | 2 10   |
| 29 Jacob van Norstrant in money . . . . .                   | 40     |
| for which he pawned 2 silver spoons . . . . .               |        |
| 29 Aaron de Vries, 2 schepels corn . . . . .                | 10     |
| 29 William Brouer in money . . . . .                        | 1 16   |
| the two silver spoons. . . . .                              |        |
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|   | 188 19 |

*Receipts by the Deaconry in May, 1665.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| 3 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .            | 30 15 |
| 9 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .            | 24 8  |
| 3 (?) Collected in the church on Ascension day . . . . . | 10 13 |
| 16 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .           | 25 13 |
| 18 Given by Hans Hendersen for the poor . . . . .        | 3     |
| 23 Collected in the church on Pentecost Sunday . . . . . | 35 16 |
| that is, on Whitsunday . . . . .                         |       |
| Collected in the church on Pentecost Monday . . . . .    | 28    |
| Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .              | 34    |
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*Disbursements for the Poor in May, 1665.*

|  |      |
|--|------|
| 2 William Brouwer, a loaf of bread . . . . . | 1 5  |
| do 1 schepel of wheat . . . . .              | 6 10 |
| 4 Isbrant Elbersen in money . . . . .        | 6    |





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|----|--|-----|--|-----|
| 4  | An Geysber Klermacher betael 100 elfte die Wullem Brouer en Jan van Bremer samen genoet heft . . . . . | 10  | 4 Paid Gysbert Kleeemaker for 100 shad which William Brouwer and Jan van Bremer had together . . . . . | 10  |
| 6  | Basse Pieters an gelt genoeten heft . . . . .  | 4   | 6 Basse Peteresen in money . . . . .   | 4   |
| 8  | Jan Karrels 2 tonne kalk tot het armen huys . . . . .  | 10  | 8 Jan Karrels 2 barrels of lime for the poor house . . . . .   | 10  |
| 8  | Wullem Brouer 2 wiete broede die pris gemach waerre van de baekers . . . . .                           |     | 8 William Brouwer 2 loaves white bread confiscated from the bakers [for short weight]                  |     |
| 8  | dito 2 gros broede van Dirck Wessels . . . . .   | 2   | do 2 large loaves of bread from Dirck Wessels  | 2   |
| 12 | Sacharyjas 1 wiete broede prys gemach . . . . .  | 10  | Zacharias, 1 loaf white bread confiscated  | 10  |
|    | dito 11 elle Flams linde . . . . .   | 6   | do 11 ells Flemish linen . . . . .   | 6   |
| 12 | Eysbrant Ellbers an gelt genoeten . . . . .  | 6   | 12 Isbrant Ellbersen in money . . . . .  | 6   |
| 12 | Wullem Brouer 1 schepel tarwe, 1 schepel maecs . . . . .   | 11  | William Brouwer 1 schepel wheat and 1 schepel corn   | 11  |
|    | dito an gelt genoeten . . . . .  | 6   | do in money . . . . .  | 6   |
| 12 | Jan de Baeker geopper an het armen huys . . . . .  | 10  | 12 Jan de Baeker, for masonry at the poor house  | 10  |
|    | 1 ½ dach 7 guld dach . . . . .   | 10  | 1 ½ days at 7 guilders a day . . . . .   | 10  |
| 13 | Kasten Norman 2 schepel maecs van Jan van Bac . . . . .  | 10  | 13 Karsten Norman 2 schepels corn from Jan van Bac . . . . .   | 10  |
| 13 | Basse Pieterse 2 schepel maecs . . . . .   | 10  | Basse Pieteresen 2 schepels corn . . . . .   | 10  |
|    | dito an gelt genoeten . . . . .  | 1   | do in money . . . . .  | 1   |
| 14 | Kaste Norman 2 schepel tarwe . . . . .   | 13  | 14 Karsten Norman 2 schepels wheat . . . . .   | 13  |
| 17 | Eysbrant an gelt genoeten . . . . .  | 6   | 17 Isbrant in money . . . . .  | 6   |
| 18 | Tennis de Messelaer 1 ½ dach gewrek an het armen huys . . . . .  | 18  | 18 Tennis de Messelaer [metzelaer, the mason] for 1 ½ days work on the poor house . . . . .            | 18  |
| 18 | An et armen huys gedaen 240 sten . . . . .   | 5   | 18 240 brieks furnished to the poor house . . . . .  | 5   |
| 20 | Wullem Brouer 2 broede van Dannel Rineck . . . . .   | 2   | 20 William Brouwer, 2 loaves bread from Daniel Rineckhout  | 2   |
|    | dito 2 broede . . . . .  | 2   | do 2 do . . . . .  | 2   |
| 25 | Eysbrant Ellbers an gelt genoeten . . . . .  | 6   | 25 Isbrant Ellbersen, in money . . . . .   | 6   |
| 25 | An onkoste van het schonmacken vande Kerck soe an schonmackers . . . . .                               | 55  | 25 Expenses of cleaning the church, including the pay of the cleaners . . . . .                        | 55  |
| 31 | An Gideyon Schas passor an gelt gedaen als sey seyn gaese on sal wer om lang . . . . .                 | 100 | 31 Loanéd Gideoon Schaets the pastor, in money to be returned by him on the receipt of his salary      | 100 |



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| 1665 | <i>Uyet Gefte, [Continued.]</i>  |     |        |
| 31   | Eysbrant Elberse an gelt genoeten . . . . .  | 6   |        |
| 31   | Basse Pieters an gelt genoeten . . . . .   | 3   |        |
|      | Hier 11 el linde   |     | 308 3  |
| 1665 | <i>Ont funge der Dezakonie in Juny.</i>  |     |        |
| 6    | Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .   | 43  | 14     |
| 13   | Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .   | 40  | 7      |
| 20   | Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .   | 48  | 6      |
| 28   | Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .   | 38. | 6      |
| 28   | Van Jan Brickel ontfangh van klyn doet klet . . . . .                                    | 5   |        |
|      |  |     | 175 13 |
| 1665 | <i>Uyet Gifte an de behoerde in Juny.</i>  |     |        |
| 3    | Aerre de Vris 2 schepel maays van bal . . . . .  | 10  |        |
| 5    | Wullem Brouer 2 broede van Rinekhout . . . . .   | 2   | 10     |
|      | ditto schepel maays . . . . .  | 5   |        |
| 8    | Eysbrant Elbers an gelt genoete . . . . .  | 6   |        |
| 8    | Van Klas de Brabander 10 stu postes tot het kerri-<br>hoft het stu 15 st. . . . .        | 7   | 10     |
| 19   | An Pieter Bogertdes betal 34 rouyte stoppen an<br>het armen huys . . . . .               | 11  | 18     |
| 19   | Wullem Brouer 2 broede tot Rinekhout . . . . .   | 2   | 10     |
| 12   | Aerre de Vris 2 schepel mayes tot van bael . . . . .                                     | 10  |        |
| 12   | Wullem Brouer 1 broet daet de koppe tyn prys<br>ditto an gelt genoete . . . . .          | 2   | 8      |
| 13   | Eysbrant Elberse an gelt genoete . . . . .   | 6   |        |
| 13   | Basse Pieterse 2 schepel maays . . . . .   | 10  |        |
|      | <i>Disbursements for May, continued.</i>   |     |        |
| 31   | Isbrant Elbersen in money . . . . .  | 6   |        |
| 31   | Basse Pietersen in money . . . . .   | 3   |        |
|      | On hand 11 ells linen.   |     | 308 3  |
|      | <i>Receipts by the Deacony in June, 1665.</i>  |     |        |
| 6    | Collected on Sunday in the church . . . . .  | 43  | 14     |
| 13   | do do do . . . . .   | 40  | 7      |
| 20   | do do do . . . . .   | 48  | 6      |
| 28   | do do do . . . . .   | 38  | 6      |
| 28   | From Jan Brickel for the small pall . . . . .  | 5   |        |
|      |  |     | 175 13 |
|      | <i>Disbursements for the Poor in June, 1665.</i>   |     |        |
| 3    | Aaron de Vries, 2 schepels corn from Bal . . . . .                                       | 10  |        |
| 5    | William Brouwer, 2 loaves of bread, from Rinekhout . . . . .                             | 2   | 10     |
|      | do 1 schepel of corn . . . . .   | 5   |        |
| 8    | Isbrant Elbersen in money . . . . .  | 6   |        |
| 8    | From Klas de Brabander 10 posts for the church<br>yard at 15 stivers each . . . . .      | 7   | 10     |
| 19   | Paid to Peter Bogardus for setting 34 broken<br>window panes at the poor house . . . . . | 11  | 18     |
| 10   | William Brouwer, 2 loaves bread of Rinekhout . . . . .                                   | 2   | 10     |
| 12   | Aaron de Vries, 2 schepel corn, from Van Bael . . . . .                                  | 10  |        |
| 12   | William Brouwer, 1 loaf bread confiscated by the captain<br>do in money . . . . .        | 2   | 8      |
| 13   | Isbrant Elbersen, in money . . . . .   | 6   |        |
| 13   | Basse Pietersen, 2 schepels corn . . . . .   | 10  |        |



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|----|---|-------|--------|
| 14 | Wullem Brouer 1 broot van Rinckhouet              | 1     | 5      |
| 17 | Van Asselve ½ lb was vor                          | 1     | 5      |
| 18 | Basse Pieterse an gelt genoete                    | 5     | 18     |
| 19 | Wullem Brouer an gelt genoete                     | 3     | 9      |
| 21 | Jan Ryssen 10 el rue linde, 3 gu el, van Margriet | 30    |        |
|    | Van 331 gul van rycklon van myn brou              | 16    | 11     |
| 21 | Eysebrant Elbers an gelt genoete                  | 6     |        |
| 21 | Wullem Brouer an gelt genoete                     | 5     |        |
| 25 | dito 2 broede van Rinckhouet                      | 2     | 10     |
| 29 | Eysebrant Elberse an gelt genoete                 | 6     |        |
| 30 | Aerre de Vris 2 schepel maey daer is 10 el linde  | 10    |        |
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1665 *Outfanghs der Deyaconi in July.*

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|----|--|-----|----|
| 2  | Vry dach in de kerek ver sammel  | 14  | 12 |
| 4  | Sondach iude herre avent mal versam. dito en dubel stuyver ver sammel  | 127 | 16 |
| 10 | Marte Post heft groet doet klet . . . dito sey moet vor Cornelis van de Boger betalle 15 gul vor seyn hem en 2 plancks tot seyn doet kist. | 10  |    |
| 11 | Sondach in de kerek versammel  | 48  |    |
| 18 | Sondach in de kerek versammel  | 45  | 18 |
| 26 | Sondach in de kerek versammel  | 47  |    |
| 27 | Van Maectys Stendaem tot almis genoet  | 10  |    |
| 28 | Cornellis van de Bogert de broer van Teunis Jakobs is noch debet soe van de broedel overschiet soe salmen genieten                         |     |    |
|    | Daer is noch 1 dübel stuyver.  | 304 | 6  |

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| 14 | William Brouwer, 1 loaf bread, from Rinckhout                      | 1     | 5      |
| 17 | Van Asselvoe ½ lb. wax   | 1     | 5      |
| 18 | Basse Pietersen in money   | 5     | 18     |
| 19 | William Brouwer in money   | 3     | 9      |
| 21 | Jan Ryssen, 10 ells coarse linen, 3 gilders per ell, from Margaret | 30    |        |
|    | Interest on 331 gilders from my brother                            | 16    | 11     |
| 31 | Isbrant Elbersen in money  | 6     |        |
| 21 | William Brouwer in money   | 5     |        |
| 25 | do 2 loaves bread from Rinckhout                                   | 2     | 10     |
| 29 | Isbrant Elbersen in money  | 6     |        |
| 30 | Aaron de Vries, 2 schepels corn There is 10 ells of linen.         | 10    |        |
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*Receipts by the Deaconry in July, 1676.*

|    |   |     |    |
|----|---|-----|----|
| 2  | Collected in the church on Friday   | 14  | 12 |
| 4  | Collected at the communion on Sunday do a double stiver also  | 127 | 16 |
| 10 | Marte [Martha?] Post had the great pall. She must also pay 15 gilders for the winding sheet of Cornelis van de Bogert, and 2 boards for his coffin.   | 10  |    |
| 11 | Collected in the church on Sunday   | 48  |    |
| 18 | do do do  | 45  | 18 |
| 26 | do do do  | 47  |    |
| 27 | From Matthias Stundam for the benefit of the poor   | 10  |    |
| 28 | Cornelis van de Bogert, Tunis Jacobsen's brother, is indebted to the deacons; if any thing remains of his personal effects after payment it will come to us. There is also a double stiver. | 304 | 6  |



1865 *Uyet Gifte an de Behoede in July.*

|    |   |       |
|----|---|-------|
| 2  | Frans Kounick 20 el rû linde van Margriet   | 60    |
| 2  | Eysbrant Elbers 1 paer kossen van Andries Tel   | 10    |
| 3  | Van Andries Teller 4 kan Spansse wyn tot het herre aven mal   | 16    |
| 3  | Wullem Brouer 3 broede van Rinckhouct   | 3 15  |
| 5  | Eysbrant an gelt genoete  | 6     |
| 5  | Basse Pieterse 10 lb strop tot Rinckhouct   | 6     |
|    | ditto 2 schepeel maeyts tot van Bal   | 10    |
| 7  | Wullem Brouer 1 Broet   | 1 5   |
| 7  | Kaste Norman 2 schepeel tarwe   | 13    |
| 7  | Van Alrichs kler macker 24 el linde   | 66    |
| 12 | Eysbrant Elberse an gelt genoeten   | 6     |
| 16 | Kaste Norman an gelt genoeten   | 6     |
| 19 | Eysbrant an gelt genoeten   | 6     |
| 20 | An. Mester Cornelis een hallif jaer gelt  | 100   |
|    | ditto 2 kan brandie Jan Machgels genoet   | 3     |
| 21 | An Daennel Rinckhouct an broet die Houber Janse 22 broede   | 27 10 |
|    | Jan Machgils 19 broed en 11 wiet broed  | 27 12 |
| 27 | Eysbrant Elbers an gelt genoeten  | 6     |
| 27 | Jochigon Wess, 2 broede tot het Herre ave   | 6     |
| 27 | Barre Pieterse betael 4 planeke tote 2 doet kist Jan Machgils 1 Cornelis van de Boger   | 6     |
| 27 | An Kaste Smitet van 1 duyyn   | 12    |
| 27 | Wullem Brouer an gelt genoeten  | 4     |
| 28 | An Juffrou Ebing 2 hemt vor een heft Cornelis van de Boger is daer me begraven Marte Post moet het hemt betalle en de 2 planeke tot de doet kist 24 |       |
| 29 | Kaste Norman an gelt genoeten   | 3     |

*Disbursements for the Poor in July, 1865.*

|    |   |       |
|----|---|-------|
| 2  | Frans Kouing 20 ells coarse linen from Margriet   | 60    |
| 2  | Isbraut Elbersen 1 pair stockings from Andries Teller   | 10    |
| 3  | Andries Teller 4 cans Spanish wine for the use of the communion   | 16    |
| 3  | William Brouwer 3 loaves bread to Rinckhout   | 3 15  |
| 5  | Isbraut, in money   | 6     |
| 5  | Basse Pieterse 10 lbs. molasses from Rinckhout  | 6     |
|    | 2 shepels corn from van Bal   | 10    |
| 7  | William Brouwer, 1 loaf bread   | 1 5   |
| 7  | Karsten Norman, 2 shepels of wheat  | 13    |
| 7  | To Van Alrichs, tailor, 24 ells linen   | 66    |
| 12 | Isbraut Elbersen in money   | 6     |
| 16 | Karsten Norman in money   | 6     |
| 19 | Isbraut in money  | 6     |
| 20 | To Dr. Cornelis [Van Dyck] a half year's salary   | 100   |
|    | do 2 cans brandy to Jan Machielsen  | 3     |
| 21 | To Daniel Rinckhout for bread for Hubert Jansen 22 loaves   | 27 10 |
|    | Jan Machielsen 19 loaves bread and 11 do white bread  | 27 12 |
| 27 | Isbraut Elbersen in money   | 6     |
| 27 | Jochem Wessels [?] 2 loaves for the communion   | 6     |
| 27 | Paid Barent Petersen for 4 boards for the coffins of Jan Machielsen and Cornelis van de Bogert  | 6     |
| 27 | To Karsten Smitet [for a board] of 1 ouch   | 12    |
| 27 | William Brouwer in money  | 4     |
| 28 | To Mrs. Ebing for 2 shrouds, one for the burial of Cornelis van de Bogert at our expense. Marte Post to pay for the shroud and the 2 boards for the coffin 24 |       |
| 29 | Karsten Norman in money   | 3     |





|   |        |        |   |        |
|---|--------|--------|---|--------|
| 29 Van 74 gul. en 7 st. ryck lon  | 3 14   | 421 8  | 29 For interest on 74 guilders 7 stivers  | 3 14   |
| 1665 <i>Ontfust der Deyaconie in Augustus.</i>  |        |        |   |        |
| 1 Van Elmer Actonen ontfangen tot almis   | 6      | 6      | 1 From Elmer Actones for the poor   | 6      |
| 2 Sondach inde kerek ver sammel   | 48 5   | 48 5   | 2 Collected in the church on Sunday   | 48 5   |
| 5 Wonsdach inde kerek ver sammel  | 9 7    | 9 7    | 5 Collected in the church on Wednesday  | 9 7    |
| 9 Sondach inde kerek ver sammel   | 32 4   | 32 4   | 9 Collected in the church on Sunday   | 32 4   |
| 9 Gerret Verbeeck het groot doet klet   | 10     | 10     | 9 Gerret Verbeeck for the great pall  | 10     |
| 12 Wonsdach inde kerek ver sammel   | 10 7   | 10 7   | 12 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 10 7   |
| 13 Kornelis Begerdus het klyn doet klet   | 5      | 5      | 13 Cornelis Begerdus for the small pall   | 5      |
| 16 Sondach inde kerk ver sammel   | 33 10  | 33 10  | 16 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 33 10  |
| 19 Wonsdach inde kerek ver sammel   | 7 17   | 7 17   | 19 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 7 17   |
| 19 Uyt de boot van Jan Rys 2 vrouwe hemden van het lind daet sey genoet                                 |        |        | 19 Out of the personal effects of Jan Rys 2 women's shirts of the lincus he had received of the deacons |        |
| 23 Sondach inde kerek versammel   | 40 4   | 40 4   | 23 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 40 4   |
| 26 Wonsdach inde kerek ver sammel   | 10 4   | 10 4   | 26 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 10 4   |
| 30 Sondach in de kerek ver sammel daer seyn 2 hemes.  | 31     | 31     | 30 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 31     |
|   | 243 18 | 243 18 | There are 2 shirts  | 243 18 |
| 1665 <i>Uyct gylte an de Behoevd in Augustus.</i>   |        |        |   |        |
| 1 An Luyke Myers gelanck vor 60 el hose 3 gul. de el  | 180    | 180    | 1 To Lucas Myers for 60 ells Osnaburg lincen at 3 gil. per ell  | 180    |
| 3 Eysbrant Elhers an gelt genoeten  | 6      | 6      | 3 Isbrant Elbersen in money   | 6      |
| 3 An Kasten Noerman 20 el Inde  |        |        | 3 To Karsten Norman 20 ells lincen  |        |
| 3 An Wouter Elbers 3 vrachte tot armen huys   | 1 16   | 1 16   | 3 To Wouter Elbersen for drawing 3 loads to the poor house  | 1 16   |
| dito an heer betal an stropoor vor Basse Pieters  | 9 16   | 9 16   | do paid him for molasses for Basse Petersen   | 9 16   |
| 11 Eysbrant Elbers an gelt genoeten   | 6      | 6      | 11 Isbrant Elbersen in money  | 6      |
| <i>Receipts by the Deaconry in August, 1665.</i>  |        |        |   |        |
| 1 From Elmer Actones for the poor   | 6      | 6      | 1 From Elmer Actones for the poor   | 6      |
| 2 Collected in the church on Sunday   | 48 5   | 48 5   | 2 Collected in the church on Sunday   | 48 5   |
| 5 Collected in the church on Wednesday  | 9 7    | 9 7    | 5 Collected in the church on Wednesday  | 9 7    |
| 9 Collected in the church on Sunday   | 32 4   | 32 4   | 9 Collected in the church on Sunday   | 32 4   |
| 9 Gerret Verbeeck for the great pall  | 10     | 10     | 9 Gerret Verbeeck for the great pall  | 10     |
| 12 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 10 7   | 10 7   | 12 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 10 7   |
| 13 Cornelis Begerdus for the small pall   | 5      | 5      | 13 Cornelis Begerdus for the small pall   | 5      |
| 16 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 33 10  | 33 10  | 16 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 33 10  |
| 19 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 7 17   | 7 17   | 19 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 7 17   |
| 19 Out of the personal effects of Jan Rys 2 women's shirts of the lincus he had received of the deacons |        |        | 19 Out of the personal effects of Jan Rys 2 women's shirts of the lincus he had received of the deacons |        |
| 23 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 40 4   | 40 4   | 23 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 40 4   |
| 26 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 10 4   | 10 4   | 26 Collected in the church on Wednesday   | 10 4   |
| 30 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 31     | 31     | 30 Collected in the church on Sunday  | 31     |
|   | 243 18 | 243 18 | There are 2 shirts  | 243 18 |
| <i>Disbursements for the Poor in August, 1665.</i>  |        |        |   |        |
| 1 To Lucas Myers for 60 ells Osnaburg lincen at 3 gil. per ell  | 180    | 180    | 1 To Lucas Myers for 60 ells Osnaburg lincen at 3 gil. per ell  | 180    |
| 3 Isbrant Elbersen in money   | 6      | 6      | 3 Isbrant Elbersen in money   | 6      |
| 3 To Karsten Norman 20 ells lincen  |        |        | 3 To Karsten Norman 20 ells lincen  |        |
| 3 To Wouter Elbersen for drawing 3 loads to the poor house  | 1 16   | 1 16   | 3 To Wouter Elbersen for drawing 3 loads to the poor house  | 1 16   |
| do paid him for molasses for Basse Petersen   | 9 16   | 9 16   | do paid him for molasses for Basse Petersen   | 9 16   |
| 11 Isbrant Elbersen in money  | 6      | 6      | 11 Isbrant Elbersen in money  | 6      |



1665 *Uyt Gifte, [Continued.]*

|    |                            |  |     |
|----|----------------------------|--|-----|
| 11 | ditto                      | 20 el hosebruck linde  | 11  |
| 17 | Basse Pieters              | 20 el hosebruck linde  | 6   |
| 17 | dito                       | 2 schepel mayns van bal  | 150 |
| 17 | Eysbrant Elbers            | an gelt gedaen   | 1   |
| 17 | Dominey Schas              | an gelt gedaen tot daet hey syn gase ontfaenge so sal hey verlaugs | 6   |
| 24 | Basse Pieters              | an gelt genoeten   | 6   |
| 24 | Eysbrant                   | an gelt genoeten   | 6   |
| 31 | Eysbrant Elbers            | an gelt genoeten   | 383 |
|    | Uyt gif'te van 60 el linde |  | 12  |

1665 *Onjaest der Dayaconie in September.*

|    |  |                                  |     |
|----|--|----------------------------------|-----|
| 6  | Sondach inde kerck                       | versammel                        | 45  |
| 9  | Wonsdach inde kerck                      | versammel                        | 6   |
|    | ditto                                    | stukc engul sulver gelt van 6 st | 4   |
| 10 | Gerret Slechtehors                       | heft klyn doet klet              | 5   |
| 13 | Sondach inde kerck                       | versammel                        | 53  |
| 18 | From Jan Kollifs                         | 1 bever vor daet roer (?)        | 8   |
| 19 | Sondach inde kerck                       | versammel                        | 37  |
| 20 | Cornelus Corneluse                       | het klyn doet klet               | 5   |
| 23 | Wonsdach inde kerck                      | versammel                        | 3   |
| 27 | Sondach inde kerck                       | versammel                        | 12  |
|    | 1 bever, 1 stucke sulver gelt van 6 st.. |                                  | 36  |
|    |  |                                  | 191 |
|    |  |                                  | 9   |

1665 *Uyt gif't an de Behoeved in September.*

|    |  |                  |    |
|----|--|------------------|----|
| 3  | Karste Norman                          | an gelt genoeten | 6  |
| 14 | An Dommeny Schaet                      | gelt gedaen      | 30 |
|    | als sey sey'n gase geniet sal verlange |                  |    |

*Disbursements for August, continued.*

|    |  |                        |
|----|--|------------------------|
| do | 20 ells Osnaburg linen                         |                        |
| 11 | Basse Petersen                                 | 20 ells Osnaburg linen |
| do | 2 schepels of corn from Bal                    | 11                     |
| 17 | Isbrant Elbersen                               | in money               |
| 17 | Dominey Schaets                                | in money               |
|    | which he is to pay when he receives his salary | 6                      |
| 24 | Basse Petersen                                 | in money               |
| 24 | Isbrant  | in money               |
| 31 | Isbrant Elbersen                               | in money               |
|    | Paid for 60 ells of linen                      | 6                      |
|    |  | 383                    |
|    |  | 12                     |

*Receipts by the Diacony in September, 1665.*

|    |   |                               |
|----|---|-------------------------------|
| 7  | Collected in the church on Sunday               | 45                            |
| 9  | Collected in the church on Wednesday            | 6                             |
|    | do 1 piece of English silver coin of 6 stivers  | 4                             |
| 10 | Gerrit Slechtenhorst                            | for the use of the small pall |
| 13 | Collected in the church on Sunday               | 5                             |
| 18 | From Jan Roelofs                                | 1 beaver skin for a gun       |
| 19 | Collected in the church on Sunday               | 53                            |
| 20 | Cornelus Cornelussen,                           | for the small pall            |
| 23 | Collected in the church on Wednesday            | 37                            |
| 27 | Collected in the church on Sunday               | 5                             |
|    | 1 beaver skin, 1 piece silver coin of 6 stivers | 3                             |
|    |   | 12                            |
|    |   | 36                            |
|    |   | 191                           |
|    |   | 9                             |

*Disbursements for the Poor in September, 1665.*

|    |  |          |    |
|----|--|----------|----|
| 3  | Karsten Norman                                 | in money | 6  |
| 14 | To Dominey Schaets                             | in money | 30 |
|    | which he is to pay when he receives his salary |          |    |



|   |        |  |        |
|---|--------|--|--------|
| 20 An Pieter Klarboet vor begraven vor de verdroncken Engelsman . . . . .   | 6      | 20 To Peter Klarboet for the burial of the drowned Englishman . . . . .  | 6      |
| 30 An Wullem Brouer gelanck an gelt . . . . .   | 8      | 30 To William Brouwer in money . . . . .   | 8      |
| 1 paer wiete kossen te pant gelanck om het gelt werderom te lange   | 50     | until he should return the money   | 50     |
| <i>1665 Ontfanste dor Deyaconie in October.</i>   |        |  |        |
| 2 Vrydach inde kerck versammel . . . . .  | 9 14   | 2 Collected in the church on Friday . . . . .  | 9 14   |
| 4 Sondach inde kerck versammel in here aven mal   | 108 7  | 4 Collected in the church on Sunday, at the sacrament  | 108 7  |
| 7 Wonsdach inde kerck versammel . . . . .   | 2 13   | 7 Collected in the church on Wednesday . . . . .   | 2 13   |
| 11 Sondach inde kerck versammel . . . . .   | 35 5   | 11 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .   | 35 5   |
| 18 Sondach inde kerck versammel . . . . .   | 34 16  | 18 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .   | 34 16  |
| 26 Sondach inde kerck versammel . . . . .   | 35     | 26 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .   | 35     |
| <hr/>   |        |  |        |
| 27 Kreech Lenne Roebers het kint van kasten Normans te min vor 35 gul. 's maus daet vor en jaer vast soe heb komt te sterve soe reckenne de mant daer in sterft | 225 15 | 27 Lenne Roberts was engaged to nurse the child of Karsten Norman for 35 gilders a month, on condition that if the child died she should have pay for the whole month in which it might die. | 225 15 |
| 31 Kreech Fiete Jans het ander kint soe als hier boven verhalt op die selve die koudise en selve prys.  |        | 31 Fiete Jansen took the other child upon the same terms.  |        |
| <i>1665 Uyet gifte an de Behoevde in October..</i>  |        |  |        |
| 4 An Andris Teller 4 kan roewyn tot der herre ave mal   | 12     | 4 To Andries Teller for 4 cans red wine for the sacrament  | 12     |
| 6 Van Geysber Klermacker vor 1 bever an linden 4 el vor de bever en is geve an Kasten Norman  | 3      | 6 From Geysber Klermacker a beaver in exchange for 4 ells of linen. It was given to Karsten Norman.  | 3      |
| 17 An Jochem Wessels het broet tot herre ave  |        | 17 To Jochem Wessels for bread used at the sacrament   | 3      |
| 20 Eysbrant Elbers 1 paer verrose kosse   |        | 20 Isbrant Elbersen 1 pair Friesland stockings   |        |
| 20 Van 440 gul. en 14 st. ryek lon en an garrs  | 25 12  | 20 Interest on 440 gilders 14 stivers and in barley  | 25 12  |



*Uyt gifte October continued.*

|    |   |       |
|----|---|-------|
| 20 | Van Mester Miuder gekoft 26½ el baey el 6 gul. belop                          | 160   |
|    | dito 10 el korsacy vor 4 bever belop an sewant                                |       |
|    | An Peylupes Schuyller 25 gul. tege 1 bever                                    | 100   |
| 22 | Basse Pieters genooten an gelt  | 1 16  |
| 22 | An Kaste Norman 4 lb boeter van Davet Schuyller                               | 7     |
|    | dito 3 lb sep van Ryeke Deret   | 4 10  |
|    | dito 1½ lb keran van Wouter Albers  | 3 15  |
|    | dito ¾ el baey tot 2 kinder Montes  | 11 10 |
|    | dito 1 doet kist met speyker  | 3     |
|    | dito 2 plaucke tot de kist van Barent   | 5     |
|    | dito 1 halvaet klyn bier van herren   | 16    |
|    | dito an Piete Jans van 8 dage van kint mine                                   | 18    |
|    | dito an Pieter Klarbout van begrave en anspreeke en kloek lyen                | 30    |
|    | dito an Lamber Van Valkeburich vrouw van kram bewarre                         | 10    |
|    | dito an Dannel Kinckhout vor 1 rock die daer ver set stoe vor 2 scheper maey  | 10    |
|    | dito tot Teunis de Messelcher 1 jack die daer ver set stoe vor 2 schepel myes | 10    |
|    | dito tot Dannel Kinckhout 4 gros broede en 6 wiet broede sammu                | 7 2   |
|    | Uyt gifte ¾ el baey 1 bever uytgeve   | 428 5 |

1665 *Out fanste dor Deynconie in November.*

1 Sondaech inde kerck versammel . . . . . 23 18

*Receipts for November continued.*

|    |  |       |
|----|--|-------|
| 20 | Purchased of Mr. Minder 26½ ells baize at 6 gild. amounts to                   | 160   |
|    | do 10 ells kersey for amount of 4 beavers in seawant                           |       |
|    | To Philip Schuyler 25 guilders at 1 beaver                                     | 100   |
| 22 | Basse Petersen in money  | 1 16  |
| 22 | To Karsten Norman 4 lbs butter from David Schuyler                             | 7     |
|    | do 3 lb. soap from Ryeke Deret   | 4 10  |
|    | do 1½ lb cheese from Wouter Elbers   | 3 15  |
|    | do 3 lb. baize for 2 <i>kinlder mant*</i>                                      | 11 10 |
|    | do 1 coffin, with nails  | 3     |
|    | do 2 boards for the coffin of Barent   | 5     |
|    | do 1 half vat small beer from Herren   | 16    |
|    | do to Piete Jansen for 8 days nursing the child                                | 18    |
|    | do to Peter Klarbout for burying, inviting to the funeral and ringing the bell | 30    |
|    | do to Lamber Van Valkenburg's wife for nursing in childbed                     | 10    |
|    | do to Daniel Kinckhout for 1 coat for which he pawned 2 shepels of corn        | 10    |
|    | do to Teunis de Messelcher, 1 jacket, for which he pawned 2 shepels of corn    | 7 2   |
|    | do to Daniel Kinckhout 4 large loaves of bread and 6 of white bread, together  | 428 5 |
|    | Gave out ¾ ell baize, and 1 beaver   | 23 18 |

*Receipts of the Deacony in November, 1655.*

1 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . . 23 18

† This was a contrivance connected with the wardrobe and paraplernulla of a nursing child, unknown here at the present day.

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 shown that the theory predicts the following results:

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2. The wave function of the particle is not localized in the
 barrier.
3. The probability of finding the particle in the barrier is
 zero.

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 theory to the case of a particle in a potential well with a
 barrier. It is shown that the theory predicts the following
 results:

1. The energy levels of the particle are discrete.
2. The wave function of the particle is localized in the well.
3. The probability of finding the particle in the well is
 non-zero.
4. The probability of finding the particle in the barrier is
 non-zero.

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 theory to the case of a particle in a potential well with a
 barrier and a well. It is shown that the theory predicts the
 following results:

1. The energy levels of the particle are discrete.
2. The wave function of the particle is localized in the well.
3. The probability of finding the particle in the well is
 non-zero.
4. The probability of finding the particle in the barrier is
 non-zero.
5. The probability of finding the particle in the well is
 non-zero.



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|---|-------|-------|
| 8 Sondach inde kerck versammel . . . . .      | 27    | 13    |
| 15 Sondach inde kerck versammel . . . . .     | 38    | 14    |
| 18 Wonsdach inde kerck versammel . . . . .    | 2     |       |
| 19 Van Cornelis Wynkop tot en almis . . . . . | 17    | 10    |
| 22 Sondach inde kerck versammel . . . . .     | 36    | 4     |
| 25 Wonsdach inde kerck versammel . . . . .    | 5     |       |
| 29 Sondach inde kerck versammel . . . . .     | 46    | 13    |
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|   | 197   | 12    |

1665 *Lijet gijte an de Behoevd in November.*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| 3 An Aerre de Vris sey vrou 4½ el baey   | 60    |
| 4 An Basse Pieters 9 el baey   |       |
| 6 20 schepels mayn an Nuyurrick gekoft het schepel vor 3 gul.  | 60    |
| An Vrach en ker gelt . . . . .   | 5     |
| An de Manhaetans van ker gelt . . . . .  | 12    |
| 6 An Eysbrant Elbers 1 hert gedaen vor van Hermc Vedder  | 10    |
| 17 10 herte velles het stuek vor 6 gul.  | 20    |
| 17 Van Vrach an Klas Loek . . . . .  |       |
| 17 An Lenne Robers vor 1 mant min gelt van Karste Normaus kint . . . . .   | 60    |
| 19 An Fiete Jans een halve mant mine gelt van het kint . . . . .   | 1     |
| 19 An Eysbrant Elbers gedaen 4½ el korsaeij dito 7½ el baey, dito 2 el ru linde, dito an knoeppen en garren saamen . . . . . | 35    |
| dito 4 paer verrose kosse . . . . .  | 17    |
| 19 Basse Pieters gnoecten 2½ el baey dito 4 el ru linde  | 10    |
|  | <hr/> |
|  | 2     |
|  | 14    |

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| 8 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .       | 27    | 13    |
| 15 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .      | 38    | 14    |
| 18 Collected in the church on Wednesday . . . . .   | 2     |       |
| 19 From Cornelis Wynkoop for an almshouse . . . . . | 17    | 10    |
| 22 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .      | 36    | 4     |
| 25 Collected in the church on Wednesday . . . . .   | 5     |       |
| 29 Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .      | 46    | 13    |
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|   | 197   | 12    |

*Disbursements for the Poor in November, 1665.*

|  |    |
|--|----|
| 3 To Aaron de Vries's wife 4½ ells baize   | 60 |
| 4 To Basse Petersen 9 ells baize   |    |
| 6 20 schepels corn bought at New York at 3 guilders per schepel . . . . .  | 60 |
| Freight and cartage . . . . .  | 5  |
| For cartage in New York . . . . .  | 12 |
| 6 To Isbrant Elbersen 1 deer, had of Hermen Vedder . . . . .   | 10 |
| 17 10 deer skins at 6 guilders each . . . . .  | 60 |
| 17 Freight paid Klaas Loek . . . . .   | 1  |
| 17 To Lenne Roberts for 1 months nursing of Karsten Norman's child . . . . .   | 35 |
| 19 To Fiete Jansen a half month's wages for nursing the child . . . . .  | 17 |
| 19 To Isbrant Elbersen 4½ ells kerseij do 7½ ells baize, also 2 ells coarse linen, and do 1 pair Friesland stockings . . . . . | 2  |
| 19 Basse Petersen 2½ ells baize do ¼ ell coarse linen . . . . .  | 14 |



1665 *Uyt Geste*, [Continued.]

|    |   |   |     |
|----|---|---|-----|
| 24 | dito 1½ doseyn knopen en garren . . . . .       | 2 | 4   |
|    | An Aerre de Vris 2½ el baey                     |   |     |
|    | dito an linde ½ el                              |   |     |
| 24 | dito 2 doseyn knopen en garren . . . . .        | 2 | 14  |
| 24 | An Jan Jans Blieker 25 caseyser . . . . .       | 1 |     |
| 24 | Ick hebe groot schoft gewerck an het armen huys |   | 3   |
|    | dito de 7 My ½ dach an het huys                 |   | 5   |
|    | dito an speycker                                |   | 2   |
|    | dito de 7 Juni 1½ dach an het ker hof           |   | 12  |
|    | an de heynt die omgwaet was                     |   | 10  |
|    | Uyt gifte van baey 26 el                        |   | 230 |
|    | dito 4½ el kersacy                              |   | 14  |
|    | dito ru linde 3 el                              |   |     |

1665 *Onfanste der Deyaconie in Desember.*

|    |   |    |
|----|---|----|
| 2  | Wonsdach inde kerek versammel . . . . .             | 7  |
| 3  | Jan Frans van Houson het groete doet klet . . . . . | 10 |
| 6  | Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .              | 34 |
| 9  | Wonsdaeh inde kerek versammel . . . . .             | 8  |
| 13 | Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .              | 34 |
| 16 | Wonsdaeh inde kerek versammel . . . . .             | 5  |
| 20 | Sondach inde kerek versammel . . . . .              | 41 |
| 22 | Tot Marseli Jans in de bos bevonde                  | 4  |
|    | dito Anttoni Jans                                   | 4  |
|    | dito Jan Basteyans                                  | 18 |
|    | dito Myuher Renselaer                               | 8  |
|    | dito Jurein Teunisiz                                | 7  |
|    | dito Gosse Gersz                                    | 10 |

*Disbursements for November, continued.*

|    |  |   |     |
|----|--|---|-----|
| do | 1½ dozen buttons and thread . . . . .                                  | 2 | 4   |
| 24 | To Aaron de Vries 2½ ells of baize                                     |   |     |
|    | do ½ ell linen   |   |     |
|    | do 2 dozen buttons and thread . . . . .                                | 2 | 14  |
| 24 | To Jan Jansen Bleecker 25 pieces sheet iron . . . . .                  | 1 |     |
| 24 | I have done about a third of a day's work on the alms house            |   | 3   |
|    | do on the 7th May ½ days work on the [alms] house                      |   | 5   |
|    | do for nails   |   | 2   |
|    | do 7th June 1½ days on the church yard, when the fence was blown down. |   | 12  |
|    | Given out 26 ells baize.   |   | 10  |
|    | do 4½ ells kersey  |   | 230 |
|    | do 3 ells coarse linen.  |   | 14  |

*Receipts by the Deacony in December, 1665.*

|    |  |    |
|----|--|----|
| 2  | Collected in the church on Wednesday . . . . .     | 7  |
| 3  | Jan Frans van Houson for the use of the great pall | 10 |
| 6  | Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .        | 34 |
| 8  | Collected in the church on Wednesday . . . . .     | 8  |
| 9  | Collected in the church on Wednesday . . . . .     | 9  |
| 13 | Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .        | 34 |
| 16 | Collected in the church on Wednesday . . . . .     | 5  |
| 20 | Collected in the church on Sunday . . . . .        | 41 |
| 22 | Marsels Janssen, found in the box                  | 4  |
|    | Anttoni Janssen                                    | 4  |
|    | Jan Basteyansen                                    | 18 |
|    | Mr. Van Rensselaer                                 | 8  |
|    | George Teunissen                                   | 7  |
|    | Gozen Gerritsen (?)                                | 10 |



|  |  |     |    |         |   |     |    |
|--|--|-----|----|---------|---|-----|----|
| 25   | Kosdach inde kerek versammel   | 42  | 1  | 25      | Collected in the church on Christmas day  | 42  | 1  |
| 2  | Kosdach inde kerek versammel   | 23  | 12 | do      | do do 2d do   | 23  | 12 |
| 27   | Sondach inde kerek en het herre avé mal gehouwe<br>wir is versammel            | 123 | 14 | 27      | Collected in the church on Sunday at the<br>communion                                       | 123 | 14 |
|  | dito en engel stuck sulver gelt van st.  |     |    | also an | English silver piece of the value of a stiver   |     |    |
| 29   | Van Kaste Normanu genoeten   | 3   |    | 29      | Received from Karsten Norman  | 3   |    |
| 31   | Van Jan Verbeeck genoete   | 55  | 6  | do      | do Jan Verbeeck   | 55  | 6  |
|  | Van Wynnant Gers 2 ruben   | 3   |    | do      | do Wynnant Gerritsen (?) 2 rafters  | 3   |    |
|  |  | 443 | 3  |         |   | 443 | 3  |
|  | 1665 <i>Uyct gifte an de Behonde in Desember.</i>                              |     |    |         | <i>Disbursements for the Poor in December, 1665.</i>  |     |    |
| 4  | Fiete Jans een halve mant minne  | 17  | 10 | 4       | Fiete Jansen for a half month's nursing   | 17  | 10 |
| 10   | An Kaste hout haeker 1½ dach van gaete graven<br>an kerek hoft an de heynuig   | 8   | 15 | 10      | To Karsten for wood cutting 1½ days, and digging<br>post holes for the church yard fence    | 8   | 15 |
| 15   | An Frans het kint van Welde 1 deeken tot Gerret<br>Baneker                     | 34  |    | 15      | To Frans the childe of Welde, 1 blanket at Gerret<br>Baneker's                              | 34  |    |
| dito   | 1½ el duffels tot Jacob Schermerhorren   | 17  | 10 | do      | 1½ ells duffels at Jacob Schermerhorn's   | 17  | 10 |
| dito   | 2 paer verrose kossen  |     |    | do      | 2 pairs Friesland stockings   |     |    |
| dito   | 2 linneuyer van Kaste Norman gekomme is  |     |    | do      | 2 linen diapers from Karsten Norman   |     |    |
| dito   | 12 el hosse bruck linde  |     |    | do      | 12 ells Osnaburg linen  |     |    |
| 15   | An het Jongete tot Jan Toms wont van Kaste<br>Norman 1½ el kersay tot Gaberhel | 12  |    | 15      | To the small boy of Jan Toms, living with Karsten<br>Norman, 1½ ells kersey, had of Gabriel | 12  |    |
| tot en hemrock an knopen en garren                           |  | 1   | 18 | For a   | waistcoat, buttons and thread   | 1   | 18 |
| dito ½ el ru linde   |  |     |    | do      | ½ el course linen   |     |    |
| dito 1 paer kossen tot Andris Teller                         |  | 6   |    | do      | 1 pair stockings at Andries Teller's  | 6   |    |
| dito 1 paer schonne tot Ruetes                               |  | 10  |    | do      | 1 pair shoes at Ruetes's  | 10  |    |
| dito 2 herte velle tot een broek                             |  |     |    | do      | 2 deer skins for a pair of breeches   |     |    |
| dito 1 hemt van Jan Rysen                                    |  |     |    | do      | 1 shirt from Jan Rysen  |     |    |
| dito de suster tot Dirrick Wessel wont<br>1 hemt van Jan Rys |  |     |    | do      | boy's sister living with Direk Wessels 1 shirt<br>from Jan Rysen                            |     |    |



| <i>Disbursements, continued.</i>   |        |
|--|--------|
| 16 Aerre de Vrist 1 paer schonne tot Ructes . . . . .  | 18     |
| 16 An Bassc Pieters an gelt gedaen . . . . .   | 1 16   |
| 24 Van Gaerberhel 8 kanne seek 3 gul. de kan tot<br>herren aven maal te gebruiteke . . . . .   | 24     |
| 24 An Lenne Roebersen een mant minne . . . . .   | 35     |
| 26 An Jan Machigilse an gelt gedaen . . . . .  | 6      |
| 28 Aen Huyber Jans 1 oue kinder deeken en 2 linde<br>luyer van Kaste Norman gekomme<br>dito $\frac{1}{2}$ el duffels daer de kerck me gevylt is<br>doen de schon maect . . . . . | 35     |
| 29 An Fiet Jans een mant minne gelt . . . . .  | 8      |
| 29 An Mester Pieter vor begraven vande Engelsman . . . . .   | 200    |
| 29 Mester Cornelis van Dyck vor halve jaer gelt<br>dito van Mester lon van ker waect . . . . .   | 35     |
| 29 An huyber Jans 1 deeken gelent van Gerret<br>Bancker gekoift vor . . . . .  | 2      |
| 29 An Tunceys Steboe gelanck vor afroepen<br>toen Karste Normans vroue rock verkoft . . . . .  | 2 10   |
| 31 An Jans Pervost van een kopy van Jan Mguls<br>Jochem Baeker vor het broet des herren . . . . .  | 3      |
| An Jackop Schersor vor 4 lb boter die Huyler<br>Jans genooten heft . . . . .   | 7      |
| Aen Scherlhay gelanck vor 3 scoepoyen en een<br>kontract van de kinder kaste Norman . . . . .  | 13 10  |
| An Jan Verbeek van aerbeyt lon . . . . .   | 55 6   |
| An Wynnan Hiert vor 2 ruben tot het armen huys . . . . .   | 3      |
|  | 556 15 |
| 16 Aaron de Vries 1 pair shoes at Ruites's . . . . .   | 18     |
| 16 To Bassc Petersen in money . . . . .  | 1 16   |
| 24 From Gabriel 8 cans of sack for the sacramental<br>use . . . . .  | 24     |
| 24 To Lenne Roebersen a month's nursing . . . . .  | 35     |
| 26 To Jan Machielsen in money . . . . .  | 6      |
| 28 To Hubert Jansen 1 old child's blanket and 2 linen<br>diapers from Karsten Norman<br>do $\frac{1}{2}$ ells duffels for files used in cleaning the<br>church . . . . .         | 35     |
| 29 To Fiete Jansen a month's nurse wages . . . . .   | 8      |
| 29 To Mr. Peter for burying an Englishman . . . . .  | 200    |
| 29 To Dr. Cornelis Van Dyck for a half year's salary<br>do half a year's attendance on Kerwaect . . . . .  | 35     |
| 29 To loaned to Hubert Jansen 1 blanket, purchased<br>of Gerrit Banker for . . . . .   | 2      |
| 29 paid Tennis Steboe as public cryer . . . . .  | 2 10   |
| Sold to Karsten Norman's wife a petticoat . . . . .  | 3      |
| 31 To Jan Provoost for a cup from Jan Machielsen . . . . .   | 7      |
| Jochem Baeker for bread for the communion service<br>To Jacob Schersor for 4 lb butter which Hubert<br>Jansen has received . . . . .   | 13 10  |
| To Scherleyn paid for three copies and an agreement<br>for the children of Karsten Norman . . . . .  | 55 6   |
| To Jan Verbeek for wages . . . . .   | 3      |
| To Wynant Hart for 2 rafters for the poor house . . . . .  | 3      |
|  | 556 15 |





*Ontfangen dor die Juckoni 1665.*

|          |                                   |       |    |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------|----|
| Januar   | Onfan 16 obelgase en sewant       | 3645  | 15 |
|          | dito an sulver gelt 4 gul. 12 st. |       |    |
|          | dito 51 el flanns linde           |       |    |
|          | dito 9 paer vrtrose kosse         |       |    |
| Feberaer | Ontfange                          | 206   | 16 |
| Mertus   | Ontfange                          | 210   | 2  |
| April    | Ontfange                          | 201   | 11 |
| Myus     | Ontfange                          | 192   | 5  |
| Junius   | Ontfange                          | 175   | 13 |
| Julius   | Ontfange                          | 304   | 6  |
| Augustus | Ontfange                          | 243   | 18 |
| Septem   | Ontfange                          | 191   | 9  |
| October  | Ontfange                          | 225   | 15 |
| Novemb.  | Ontfange                          | 197   | 12 |
| Desembe  | Ontfange                          | 443   | 3  |
| dito     | een klyn stuck engel gelt         |       |    |
| dito     | een dubel stuyver                 |       |    |
| dito     | een stuck engel gel               |       |    |
|          |                                   | <hr/> |    |
|          |                                   | 6338  | 5  |

*Uyt gefte an de Behofte 1665.*

|        |          |     |    |
|--------|----------|-----|----|
| Januar | Uytgefte | 163 | 08 |
| Feber  | Uytgefte | 155 | 16 |
| Mertus | Uytgefte | 276 | 2  |
| April  | Uytgefte | 188 | 19 |
| Myus   | Uytgefte | 308 | 3  |
| Junius | Uytgefte | 161 | 14 |
| Julius | Uytgefte | 421 | 8  |
| August | Uytgefte | 383 | 12 |

*Receipts by the Deacons in 1665.*

|       |                                   |       |    |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|----|
| Jan.  | Received 16 bonds in scawant      | 3645  | 15 |
|       | do in specie 4 gilders 12 stivers |       |    |
|       | do 51 ells Flemish lincn          |       |    |
|       | do 9 pairs Friesland stockings    |       |    |
| Feb.  | Received                          | 206   | 16 |
| March | Received                          | 210   | 2  |
| April | Received                          | 201   | 11 |
| May   | Received                          | 192   | 5  |
| June  | Received                          | 175   | 13 |
| July  | Received                          | 304   | 6  |
| Aug.  | Received                          | 243   | 18 |
| Sept. | Received                          | 191   | 9  |
| Oct.  | Received                          | 225   | 15 |
| Nov.  | Received                          | 197   | 12 |
| Dec.  | Received                          | 443   | 3  |
| do    | one small piece of English money  |       |    |
| do    | one double stiver                 |       |    |
| do    | one piece of English money.       |       |    |
|       |                                   | <hr/> |    |
|       |                                   | 6338  | 5  |

*Disbursements for the Poor, 1665.*

|          |           |     |    |
|----------|-----------|-----|----|
| January  | Disbursed | 163 | 08 |
| February | do        | 155 | 16 |
| March    | do        | 276 | 2  |
| April    | do        | 188 | 19 |
| May      | do        | 308 | 3  |
| June     | do        | 161 | 14 |
| July     | do        | 421 | 8  |
| August   | do        | 383 | 12 |



## 1665 Uyt Gifte, [Continued.]

|         |                        |         |
|---------|------------------------|---------|
| Septem  | Uygtifte . . . . .     | 50      |
| October | Uygtifte . . . . .     | 428 5   |
| Novem   | Uygtifte . . . . .     | 230 14  |
| Decem   | Uygtifte . . . . .     | 556 15  |
|         | 54 elle flam linde     | —       |
|         | 4 verros kose          | 3324 16 |
|         | dito 16 obelgases      | 2829    |
|         | dito an geergen sewant | 43      |
|         | dito an uyt schoet     | 73      |
|         | An sulver gelt 4 12    | —       |
|         | [sic]                  | 6154 16 |

## Daer staect behalve de obelgases die van diet

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Jacr bey gemach is . . . . .                 | 553    |
| die vor in bak stae                          |        |
| den rest van Wulle Brouer . . . . .          | 8      |
| dae is 1 paer wiety kosse te pant            |        |
| dito 20 schepel maeyes                       |        |
| dito 5½ el corsacy                           |        |
| dito 9½ el hoese brug linde                  |        |
| dito 8 herte velle                           |        |
| dito 5 paer verrose kos                      |        |
| dito 1 heunt                                 |        |
| dito Antonnie Jans debet van een rock        | 158 15 |
| en een juck van Kaste Normans sey vrou salge |        |
| dito de kas is burech vor Franze Bryn vor    |        |
| 100 planecke tot Andries Teller, soe         |        |
| sey niet en betal soe moet uyet de kas       |        |
| betal sey                                    |        |

## Disbursements, &amp;c. Continued.

|           |                                 |         |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| September | Disbursed . . . . .             | 50      |
| October   | do . . . . .                    | 428 5   |
| November  | do . . . . .                    | 230 14  |
| December  | do . . . . .                    | 556 15  |
|           | 54 ells Flemish linen           | —       |
|           | 4 pairs Friesland stockings     | 3324 16 |
|           | 16 bonds                        | 2829    |
|           | In strung sewant . . . . .      | 43      |
|           | In refuse . . . . .             | 73      |
|           | In specie 4 gilders 12 stivers. | —       |
|           |                                 | 6269 16 |

## Inventory.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| There are new obligations taken this year to    | 553    |
| the amount of . . . . .                         |        |
| The balance from William Brouwer . . . . .      | 8      |
| 1 pair of white stockings in pawn               |        |
| 20 schepels of corn                             |        |
| 5½ ells kersey                                  |        |
| 9½ ells Osnaburg linen                          |        |
| 8 deer skins                                    |        |
| 5 pairs Friesland stockings                     |        |
| 1 shirt   |        |
| Anthony Jansen debet for a coat and a petticoat | 158 15 |
| from Karsten Norman's wife, deceased.           |        |
| The treasury is security for Frans Bruyn for    |        |
| 100 plank to Andries Teller. If he              |        |
| fails to pay, it must be paid out of the        |        |
| treasury.                                       |        |



1666 On this 1st of January Stoffel Jansen [Abceel] has rendered his account for the past year, 1665, showing that there remains in obligations and in bad seawant . . . . . 2773 14  
 in good seawant . . . . . 73  
 in specie . . . . . 43  
 . . . . . 4 12

We the undersigned consistory of the church of in New Albany render thanks to Mr. Stoffel Jansen [Abceel] for his good service.

Gideon Schachts,  
 Pastor in N. Albany.  
 Abraham Stauts,  
 Philip Pietersen Schuyler,  
 Jacob Schermerhorn.

1666 Op den 1 sten January heeft syn rekeningen gedeen Stoffel Jansen van het verleden Jaer 1655 een blyft aen obligation . . . . . 2773 14  
 en aen quadt zeewant . . . . . 73  
 aen goet zeewant . . . . . 43  
 aen silver gelt . . . . . 4 12

Zey be dancken Heere Stoffel Jansen wy ondersch Kerhenraden van Nieuw Albanien van zyne goeden dienst

Noog aen silvegelt Gideon Schachts  
 15 st. 16 pen. Predikant van Nieuw Albanie.  
 Noog 719 gulder Abram Stauts  
 aen verschooten Philip Pietersen Schuyler  
 gelt t ontfangen Jacob Schermerhoeren

ERRATA.

Since the foregoing pages were printed, the following errors has been discovered:  
 Page 2, lines 12 and 22 from top, for 1656 read 1653.  
 Page 5, line 3, should read To small beer at Uncle Peter's.  
 Page 5, line 8, *Arond* I find in Wernicke's Dictionary translated *Arnold*. Occurs often.  
 Page 5, lines 11, and 16, Basse Pieters (not Petersen) may have been a superintendent in the almshouse, or something higher in social position than his fellow inmates, and therefore called *Bass*, our *boss*, or *master*. It occurs often.  
 Page 5, line 13, for *Eluyen* read *Philippus*.  
 Page 10, line 6, for *read from*.  
 Page 10, line 17, for *Haddersen* read *Hendricksen*.  
 Page 13, line 5, from bottom, for *Stauden* read *Sreendam*.  
 Page 14, line 2, for *cause* read *unclashed*. This occurs elsewhere.  
 Page 14, line 6, for *to read from* *Ruuckhout*.  
 Page 14, line 12, omit *to*.  
 Page 14, line 22, read To Karsten Smit for a hinge-pin.  
 Page 14, 24 line from bottom, for *the shroud*, read *one*.

Page 17, line 13, read Lenno Roberts took the child of Karsten Norman to nurse for one year at 35*s*, a month; if the child die she shall have, &c.  
 Page 18, line 1, for *Receipts* read *Debitors' accounts*.  
 Page 18, line 8, for *Others* read *Barksen*.  
 Page 18, line 9, for *Others* read *Alberken*.  
 Page 18, line 10, for *3*l**, read *3*l**, for *Kiander man*, read *baby baskets*.  
 Page 18, line 19, read I petty coat which stood in pawn for 2 schepls of corn.  
 Page 18, line 20, read I gown which stood in pawn, &c.  
 Page 21, line 5, *a sister* — the value is unknown.  
 Page 21, line 19, read boy of Karsten Norman living with Jan Toms.  
 Page 22, line 6, for *Robbersen* read *Robbets*.  
 Page 22, line 18, Paid Teunis Sticboe as auctioneer at the sale of Karsten Norman's wife's petticoat.  
 Page 22, line 20, for *cup* read *copy*.  
 Page 24, line 13, read these are exclusive of the bonds taken this year.  
 Page 24, line 23, read Anthony Jansen debet for a petticoat and gown of Karsten Norman's wife of blessed memory.  
 Page 24, line 21, for *Evans* read *Evances*.  
 Page 24, line 25, for *he* read *she*.



1666.

The Records were kept this year by Jacob Schermerhooren. His orthography is somewhat different from that of his predecessor. He writes *Sondaegh*, or *Woensdaegh in de kerck versamelt*.

*January.* The receipts were 340 gilders, 17 stivers. Collections were taken up on five Sundays. The names of Symen de Backer and Pieter Bronck are mentioned. The disbursements were 188*g.* 17*st.* A barrel of venison cost 60 gilders, and a pound of cotton 35 stivers.

*February.* Receipts 146:11. Jan Pruyn had the small pall. Expenses 164:15. Gerret Banker was paid 34*g.* for a blanket, which was loaned to Zacharias for a year. Hans Dreper was paid 9:6 for 1½ ells blue linen for children's aprons (*schorteldoekjes*). Lowys 1:4 for a bag (*sytasy*) for Sweer. 10*g.* for a bunch of hooks and eyes (*rist haaken en ooggen*) for children's jackets (*borsrockjes*) a sort of under vest not worn now. Hendrick Cuyler (*Kuiler*) 15*g.* for making children's clothes.

*March.* Receipts 203:10. Wynant Gerritsen had the small pall. Tunis Jacobsen paid 3*g.* rent for the attic of the church (*huer van de solder van de kerck*). 5:12 was received from the Captain's corporalship (*capteins corperackschap*). Expenses 101:19. 20*g.* was paid Cornelis Cornelisen for drawing 4 loads of firewood for Jan Hargas. Some wounded Frenchmen were twice served with venison.

*April.* Receipts 272:7. From Jan Timmer 14*g.*, and from Martin Hees, laborer (*schoefers*), 10*g.* for the large pall. Expenses 88:15. Peter Bogardus was paid 8:15 for 25 panes of glass for the almshouse. Baesy Pieters, Huisbert Jansen and Weelden's child Frans were recipients of wheat and corn.

*May.* Collections in the church on five Sundays 196:19, and a small silver coin. Expenses 108:10. Claes Van Rotterdam was paid 4*g.* for 27 tiles for the poor house, and Jochem the baker 3*g.* for bread used at the sacrament.

*June.* Receipts 268:4. On ascension day (*hemel vaerts dagh*) 15:6; from the sheriff for the fine of Cobus the runner (*looper*) 33:7; from Long Mary for the large pall 10*g.*, and from Jacob Flodder for the small pall 5*g.* Expenses 141:10. A French prisoner received a coat and blanket, 36*g.* Pieter the chorister received 12*g.* for inviting to the funeral and digging the grave of Hubert Jansen's child.

*July.* Receipts 380:1. Heman Bogardus and Andries de Noorman each paid for the large pall. Peter Jacobsen paid 31*g.* postage on letters received from Holland. Daniel Passer paid 100*g.* towards the expenses incurred for him during his sickness, and mortgaged his house at Schenectady for the remainder. Expenses 472:10. Dr. Cornelius Van Dyck was paid 100*g.* for a year's salary as physician to the almshouse, and 120*g.* for curing (*genesen*) Uldrick. An anker of Spanish wine for the communion cost 108*g.*

*August.* Receipts on five Sundays 172:6. Expenses 85:7. Margery Decker was paid 15*g.* for 3¾ ells blue linen for aprons and wrappers (*schorteldoekjes en luyers*) for Karsten de Norman's children. These were neither pinning blankets, nor diapers, nor *clouts*, but a sort of swaddling clothes not now in use in this country. They were usually made of flannel.







THE SCHUYLER WINDOW PANE,

From the Dutch Church of 1656.

Copied from the original in the possession of the Family.

*Vert* a falcon *sable* hooded, breasted, beaked and membered *or*, perched upon the dexter hand of the falconer, issuing from the sinister side of the shield.—The arm clothed *or*.—Surmounted by a helmet of steel standing in profile open-faced, and a gardevisure of five bars *or*, bordered and flowered of the same, and ornamented with its lambrequins *or* lined *vert*.—Crest a falcon of the shield on a mount *vert*.



*September.* Receipts 304, of which Antony Janssen paid in 158:15. Expenses 322:5. Laval was paid 150*g.* for 39½ ells linen, and 1¼ ells of *cosynties* were bought at 18*g.* per ell. This was a kind of stuff for children's night caps, which were made with capes to them, requiring about half an ell each. A blanket worth 36*g.* was given to Pieter Claessen, a sailor in the employ of Gerrit Wisbeecken Hendrick, who had been imprisoned in England.

*October.* Receipts 337:15, a part of which was three beavers bought of Tryn Claes at 26*g.* each in seawant. The unusual sum of 105:7 was received at the Sunday collections on the 3d. Expenses 177:4.

*November.* Receipts 142:14, on four Sundays. Among the expenses are 13 ells of white baize bought of Mr. Laval with the three beaver skins had of Tryn Claes, 78*g.* A German named Dirck Onval, who had been imprisoned by the English, had a blanket, 38*g.* Total expenses 235:12.

*December.* Receipts 273:11. Expenses 678:3. Adryan de Vries was given three ells red baize (*roode baey*) 24*g.* Hendrik Cuyler was paid 40*g.* for making up clothes for the children of Frans Conineck, among which was *een aperock* (monkey-jacket?) and *een borstroocken*. Uldrick Klein had 2 pairs of shoes 20*g.* Poulis Turcksen 7 ells red baize @ 7 guilders per ell.

The total receipts of the year were 3081:6; the expenses 2765:7. There was 256:3 cash in the treasury, and 3299*g.* was invested. The annual audit of the account was signed by Gideon Schaets, pastor loci; Philip Pietersen Schuyler, Jan Verbeek, elders; J. Provoost, Jan Vinhaegen, deacons.

## 1667.

The accounts for this year were kept by Jan Provoost, and are the best specimen of writing in the book. He writes, *Sondagh inde kereck versamelt*, which is an improved orthography. His predecessor turned over to him individual obligations to the amount of 3299 guilders, and 256*g.* 3*st.* in seawant; quite a respectable poor fund for that day, or this.

*January.* The receipts were 256*g.* 3*st.* Herman of Schenectady paid 5*g.* for the small pall. The expenses were 192*g.* 18*st.* 4*p.* The recipients of alms were Johannes Dyckman, Ulderick Kleyn, Zacharias Sickels, Isbrant, Baesie Pieters, Adrian de Vries and Weelden's child. Two pounds of butter sold for 3*g.* 6*st.*

*February.* Receipts 194*g.* 97*st.*; of which 10*g.* was for the use of the pall at the burial of Uncle John (Jan Oom). Expenses 164:1½. The recipients of charity were Jan Claessen, Weyntie wife of Poulyn, Isbrant, Carsten de Norman's children, and Claes Vandenberg.

*March.* Receipts 174*g.* 13*st.* Expenses 303*g.* 9*st.* The names of Baesjen Pieters, Frans Koningh, and Jan Machielsen, appear in this month as receivers of alms. Guert Hendricksen's wife and Claes Vylspiegel received each 64*g.* for two months' subsistence of Carsten de Norman's two children.

*April.* Receipts 312*g.* 7*st.* Easter occurred on the 10th, when 114*g.* 10*st.* was collected in the church. Cornelius Segersen paid 10*g.* for the use of the pall at the burial of his wife. Expenses 364*g.* Dr. Van Dyck is again paid for curing Uldrick Kleyn, 80*g.* Tys Servaes's wife had 28*g.* with which to purchase seed peas.

*May.* Receipts 233*g.* 9*st.* Expenses 446*g.* 16*st.* A loaf of bread cost



1*g.* 5*st.* and a skepel of wheat 7*g.* 10*st.* Baestie Pieters and John de Brouster were paid 27*g.* for cleaning the church, at 4*g.* 10*st.* per day. A broom cost 12 stivers. Dr. Van Dyck was paid 200*g.* for a year's salary and dressing the wounds of the poor.

*June.* Receipts 189*g.* On the 8th at the celebration of the king's coronation 8*g.* 10*st.* were collected. Expenses 166*g.* 14*st.* Peter Claerbout's wife was paid 10*g.* for scouring the chandelier in the church.

*July.* Receipts 225*g.* 18*st.* On sacrament day, 128*g.* was collected. Expenses 230*g.* Gerret Slechtenhorst sold the deacons 10 schepels of wheat for 70*g.*

*August.* Receipts 154*g.* 17*st.* Expenses 117*g.* 8*st.* Jan Michaelsen is represented as being disabled (*gebreckelyck*), and therefore a subject for alms.

*September.* Receipts 171*g.* 9*st.* Expenses 56*g.* Jan Lavatie was paid 12*g.* for eight days maintenance of Jan Michaelsen, he being sick.

*October.* Receipts 240*g.* 12*st.* Juffrou de Haes contributed 6*g.* Expenses 284*g.* Johannis Dyckman was paid 5*g.* 10*st.* for two pounds of butter and two loaves of bread. The bread being 1:5, would leave 1:10 per lb. for butter. The name of Claes Janssen Stavast is mentioned.

*November.* Receipts 202*g.* Of this 50*g.* was paid in by Sheriff Swart as an atonement (*boeten*). The widow of Harmen de Metselaer paid 10*g.* for the use of the great pall. Expenses 98*g.* 3*st.* Peter Bout was paid 26*g.* 10*st.* for 10 loads of wood for the use of Hans Carelsen.

*December.* Receipts 279*g.* 16*st.* On Christmas 127*g.* was collected. Expenses 438*g.* 9*st.* Certain Frenchmen had been supplied with bread by Dom. Schaets, amounting to 7*g.*, which was paid out of the treasury. Jan Jansen Bleecker was paid 17*g.* for 4 cans French wine for the sacrament. Harman Rutgers was paid 17*g.* 10*st.* for beer furnished to Hans de Noorman.

The total receipts were 2710*g.* 8*st.* Total expenses 2811*g.* 18½*st.*

The customary certificate is signed by Gideon Schaets, pastor; Jan Verbeek, Gosen Gerretsen, past elders; Jan Vinhagen, Jeremias Van Rensselaer, deacons.

The inventory of utensils for sacrament and other purposes were: 2 table cloths, 7 napkins, 1 silver cup, 3 earthen cans, 1 pewter can, 2 pewter basins, 2 palls (a large and a small one), 1 rug.

1668.

Jan Vinhaegen commences his entries with "*Laus Deo in Albany, Rekeninge der Dyakonije gheschieden aan myn J. Vinhaegen.*" They are made in a fair character, but quite different from the others. His orthography is much like that of Jan Provoost.

*January.* The receipts of the month by collections in the church were 267*g.* 6*st.* and 4 pieces of silver money, amount not stated. The expenses were 211*g.* 12*st.* The names of the poor who received charity were Frans Koning, Hans Caerels and Jerse's wife.

*February.* The receipts of the month by collections in the church were 275*g.* 10½*st.*, of which 70:7 were received on Wednesday the 8th, which was a day of thanksgiving for the peace. Barent Mynderse paid in 100*g.* for 50 boards; total 375*g.* 10½*st.* The whole amount of disburse-



ments was 252*g.* 4*st.* 2 pairs of children's shoes were 12*g.*, and a pair of men's shoes 17*g.*

*March.* Collected in the church 194*g.* 3*st.*; from Eldert Gerbers, which he had promised to the poor (*hy hadde een tyt geleeden beloft aen den armen*) 13*g.* 2½*st.*; from the widow of Jan van Eeken for the large pall 10*g.*; Hendrick Maesen for the small pall 5*g.*; Kornelus Kornelusen Verwy for the large pall at the burial of his wife 10*g.*; in all 232*g.* 5½*st.* The expenditures were 234*g.*

*April.* Collected in the church 332*g.*, of which 135*g.* 17*st.* was rec'd on *paesdag*, April 1; 111*g.* was as a fine (*boeten van Immeken*); and 1*g.* 9*st.* was taken from the poor box in the council chamber. Also a *Hollantse dubbelde stuyver* was taken up in the church, but as usual counts nothing in the footing, going probably to another fund, total, 441*g.* 9*st.* The expenditures were 502*g.* 18*st.* The old names of Jan Machielsen, Hans de Noorman, and Ysbrant again appear in this month's items.

*May.* Collected in the church 212*g.* 13*st.*, of which 9:5 was taken at the anniversary of the coronation of the king (Charles II), 3d May (*op Donderdagh synde die gedachtenisse van die kroonigh van seyn koonincklyke maestey t van engellant*); Wytie Adams paid 10*g.* for the use of the great pall at the burial of her husband; and the same amount was received for the same at the burial of Karsten Klaesen: total 232*g.* 13*st.* The expenditures were 252*g.* 4*st.* Among the items for church cleaning is 12*g.* to Pieter Klaerbout's wife for cleaning the chandelier (*van die kroon schoon te maken*).

*June.* Received by collections in the church 160*g.* 10*st.*; from the poor box 5:11; from different sources 69:16½; from the king's birth day collection (8th) 5:15; from Korneelus Woutersen 25*g.* which he acknowledged to be indebted to the poor for a long time. Total 260*g.* 17½*st.* The expenses were 340*g.* 2*st.*: Korneelus van Dyck has a half year's pay (*meesterloon*) for medical services at the poor house, 125*g.*; Helmer Gotten had 52*g.* for 2 bevers. The names of Baerent Pietersen, Volkert Pietersen, and Klaes Vandenberg are mentioned.

*July.* Collected in the church 309*g.* 1*st.*; of which 130*g.* 14*st.* was taken on sacrament Sunday 15th, as well in the plates as in the sacks (*soo in die kommen als het sackien*); and on the day following there seems to have been a collection made about town in bever skins, &c. (*en beeuers soo heelen en haluen en lappen, 36 stuckie met en otter*) amounting to 133*g.* 6*st.* Storm Elbers paid 4*g.* 18*st.* for the small pall; total 447*g.* 5*st.* The disbursements were 291*g.* 8*st.*

*August.* Collections in the church 132*g.* 5*st.*; from Wynant Gerretsen 30*g.*; from Jan Bruyn for the great pall 10*g.*; total 172*g.* 5*st.* Expenditures 228*g.* 1*st.*; of which 40:15 were for the burial of Willem Brouwer, and 5*g.* to his widow; nearly all the other expenses were for Hans and Karsten de Noorman.

*September.* Collections in the church 180*g.*; from Jan Rinckhout for the large and small pall 15*g.*; and taken from the box at Teunes the *bierdrager's*\* 2*g.* 7*st.*; total for the month, 197*g.* 7*st.* Expenditures 129*g.* 18*st.*; of which 96*g.* were to Gerret Jansen Stavast and Guert Hendricksen for the maintenance of Karsten de Noorman's children, and the remainder to Hans de Noorman.

\* A *bierdrager* is a person authorized by appointment to deliver beer in barrels to the purchasers, from the brewery.





*October.* Collected in the church 268*g.* 8*st.*, of which 60:10 was taken on a day of prayer in the church, 2d Oct., and 98:8 on the 7th, sacrament Sunday. Jeremias Van Rensselaer, who was one of the deacons this year, gave 30*g.* 15*st.*; total income of the month 299*g.* 3*st.* The expenses were 168*g.* 2*st.* Some of the old names reappear, Zacharias Sickels, Uldrick Kleyn, Aryaen de Vries, and Willem Brouwer's widow. Clothing forms a considerable portion of the expenses of the month.

*November.* Collected in the church 142*g.* 7*st.* Expended 286*g.* 6*st.*; of which 120*g.* was paid to Jochem Wessells, baker, for bread delivered to Hans de Noorman and Dyckman.

*December.* Collected in the church 168*g.* 18; and for a small beaver sold 25;\* total 193*g.* 18*st.* Expenses 158*g.* 10*st.*

*January, 1669.* The receipts on Christmas day are given under this date, and the whole amount is 233*g.* 14*st.* The expenditures are 500*g.* 14*st.*, the last date being the 8th, and embrace 160*g.* paid Dr. Van Dyck, and 50*g.* paid Dr. Jæcop voor het meester loon van Steyntie Klaes.

This was done to adjust the computation of time under the English dynasty, which was changed from the new to the old style, the 11th of January being reckoned the 1st.

The income of the year 1668 was 3653*g.* 12½*st.* The expenditures 3555*g.* 19½*st.* Seawant in the treasury 97*g.* 17*st.*; Also in Holland specie 14*g.* 6*st.*, and 8½ ells of Pennestoy.

The customary certificate is signed by

Gideon Schaets, pastor in Nieuw Albanie.

Jan Thomassen, } alt

Teunis Cornelissen, } ouderlingen

Jeremias Van Rensselaer, Diaecken.

J. Dehinsle, do

### 1669.

The senior or distributing deacon for the year 1669, was Jeremias Van Rensselaer, who began his account thus:

Eere sy Godt jn Albanie en Colonie Rensselaers Wyck vervolge vande Ontfanck en Vitgeft der Diaconie vant 1669, gehouden door Jeremias Van Rensselaer. That is:

Honor be to God. Albany and Rensselaerwyck. Continuation of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Deacons for the year 1669; kept by Jeremias Van Rensselaer.

His phraseology differs somewhat from that of his predecessor. For instance, he says:

Sondagh voor en naer de middagh versamelt jn de kereck. Woensdagh s'avons jude kereck versamelt.

*January.* The receipts for the month were 378*g.* 15*st.*, including 97*g.* 13*st.* in strung and loose seawant received from his predecessor; 21*g.* 10*st.* from Jan Pieter Looekermans, which was found in the poor box, being a piece of silver money; from Jan Kloet and Hendrick Coster as a fine 11*g.* 17*st.*; and 2 skipples of wheat (10*g.*) from the widow of Pieter Bronck for the pall; leaving 256*g.* 15*st.* as the monthly collection in the church. The expenditures were 173*g.* 14*st.*

\* Beaver skins are said to have been valued at about \$3, at this time. If a gilder in seawant was 12½ cents, this will be in accordance with the current rate.



*February.* The receipts were 212*g.* 17*st.*, including 2 skipples of wheat at 10 gilders from Jan Janssen Flodden for the use of the pall at the burial of his wife. The disbursements were to the same persons as in the previous year, and amounted in this month to 227*g.* 8*st.* Candles for the use of the church cost 2 gilders a pound, and a half pint of brandywine for Claes Vanden Bergh cost 2 gilders.

*March.* Receipts 257*g.* 5*st.*; among which was 26*g.* 16*st.* for letters (*Hollants brieuen*) brought over by Pieter Van Alen. Capt. Backer paid 5*g.* for the small pall. Expenses 328*g.* 17*st.* Andries Feljer was paid 100*g.* in seawant in place of 4 bevers.

*April.* Receipts 278*g.* 1*st.* On the 11th, at Easter, 127*g.* 5*st.* was collected in the church. Jan Poutie, the sail maker, paid a fine of 12*g.* A piece of money, 3 stivers, was taken, and 1:15 was found in the poor box. 172*g.* 18*st.* was paid out. Lambert van Valkenburgh and Sacharyas Sickels received each 2½ gilders a day for work upon the almshouse fence, and Pieter Loockermans Jr., carpenter, 9 gilders a day, for the same. 15 lbs. of nails cost 22½ gilders. 20 gilders were paid for 4 cans of sack for the sacrament.

*May.* Receipts 277*g.* 7*st.* The widow of Jan Davet Sale (?) paid 9*g.* 11*st.* for the use of the large pall. On the 29th was held the king's coronation and birthday. Expenses 32*g.*

*June.* Receipts 174*g.* 2*st.* Expenses 273. Jan Van Acken was paid 130*g.* for Spanish wine for the sacrament.

*July.* Receipts 275*g.* 16*st.* On the 18th, being sacrament Sunday, 126*g.* was taken up. Expenses 117*g.* 18*st.* For cleaning the church, to Baes Pieters for 5 days, Tiet Everts 6 days, Catryn Meesen 6 days, total 17 days @ 4½ gilders, 76*g.* 10*st.* Other expenses for cleaning the church amount to 13*g.* 18*st.*, of which 4:1 was paid to Pieter Loockermans for beer furnished to the cleaners.

*August.* Receipts 211*g.* 13*st.* The widow of Jan Davet Salt paid 10*g.* for the pall again. Expenses 123*g.* Dr. Cornelis Van Dyck was paid 75*g.* for 3 months' salary as almshouse physician.

*September.* Receipts 139*g.* 7*st.* Expenses 19*g.*

*October.* Receipts 229*g.* Expenses 27*g.* 10*st.*

*November.* Receipts 145*g.* 17*st.* Collections were taken on three Sundays only, and none on other days. Expenses 24*g.* 10*st.*

*December.* Robbert Sanders paid 9*g.* 16*st.* for the pall at the burial of his mother; for Pieter Adriaenssen's mother 10*g.* was paid; also 10*g.* paid by Casper And' Berys for [an untraceable name]. Expenses 456*g.* 18*st.* Paid Theunis Spitsenbergh for boards and timber for the house of Domine Schaets; Claes Van Rotterdam for 8½ days work on the house @ 8*g.* a day, 68*g.*; Margriet Fredricks Meyt for 23 lbs. nails @ 1*g.* 10*s.* per lb. 34*g.* 10*st.*; Jan de Kuyper for 200 shingles for do. 8*g.*; Stoffel Janst for nails, 3*g.* 12*st.*; Pieter Quackenbos for 25 tiles for do. 3:15. Dr. C. Van Dyck was paid 150*g.* for half a year's salary as the deacon's surgeon. Paid Marretie Dreepers for stringing seawant 16 days, 32*g.* Total receipts 2999*g.* 12*st.* Disbursements 1986*g.* 12*st.*

He delivered over to his successor Jacob Dehinsle 1013*g.* in seawant, and the utensils and papers belonging to the church. His accounts are certified to by Dom. Schaets, pastor; Jan Thomassen, Teunis Cornelissen, and Gerrit van Slechtenhorst, elders; J. Dehinsle and Maerten Gertsen [Van Bergen], deacons.



1670.

Deacon Dehinssle commences his entries in the book thus :

Eere sy Godt in Niew Albany.

Vervolgt vande Ontfanghts ende Vyt gift der Diacony van t yaer onse Salichmacker Jesus Christus geboorte 1670 : gehouden door Mester Jacobus Dehinssle.

That is :

Honor be to God in New Albany.

Continuation of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Deacons for the year of our Saviour Jesus Christ 1670; kept by Mr. Jacobus Dehinssle.

Mr. Dehinssle's orthography runs thus :

Op Nieuwe yaer dach versamelt in de kerck. Sondach versamelt voor en naer middach in de kerck.

His characters are very plain, and are English.

*January.* Collections were taken up in the church on 11 days during the month, amounting to 244*g.* 12*st.* Expenses 20*g.*

*February.* Receipts 218*g.* Joffrow Rynselaer bestowed 47*g.* 11*st.* upon the poor.\* Expenses 44*g.*

*March.* Receipts 181*g.* 3*st.* A trade was made with Philip Schuyler of seawant for beaver skins. Expenses 95*g.* 12*st.* They paid with a quantity of posts their share of the expenses of the burial of the tar burner.

*April.* Receipts 321*g.* 15*st.* Paaschdag produced 149:19. Dowe paid for the use of the pall; and Jan de Goyer paid a fine of 10*g.* Expenses 122*g.* 10*st.* Hendrik Rooseboom, *voorzeter*, received 32*g.* for setting the table, &c., during the year.

*May.* Receipts 255*g.* 16*st.* Sunday, 29th, was the king's birthday. Expenses 98*g.* 7*st.*

*June.* Receipts 164*g.* 14*st.* Expenses 42:10.

*July.* Receipts 346*g.* 18*st.* The collection on Sacrament Sunday, July 18, was 137*g.* 4*st.* An English shilling and a  $\frac{1}{2}$  piece of 8 (50 cts.) were taken in specie. Expenses 92*g.* 2*st.*

*August.* Receipts 178*g.* 14*st.*, on four Sundays. Expenses 37*g.*; of which 7*g.* was paid for rent of the blockhouse for Eletie Bronck and Claes Melt.

*September.* Receipts 137:7:14; of which 19:15:14 was from Lambert Bos. Expenses 146*g.* Dr. Van Dyck drew 75*g.*, half a year's salary as surgeon. The old set of paupers nearly all disappear this year; Johannes Dyckman and Hans Carle being all that appear for months.

*October.* Receipts 165*g.* 16*st.* on 5 Sundays. Expenses 10*g.*

*November.* Receipts 222*g.* 10*st.*; Jan Bronck gave 23:9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to the poor. An English shilling and a sixpence were received. Expenses 131*g.* 17*st.* Among the names that occur this month are Tys Barentsen, Jan Briker, Stephanus van Cortland, Stoffel Jansen Abel, Hendryc Coster. Mention is made of the old grave yard and new grave yard.

*December.* Receipts 296*g.* 1*st.* 57:2 was taken from the poor boxes by Goose Gerretsen, Storm Albertsen, Jorian Tuenisse, Lendert Philips, and Pitre Lokermans. Expenses 255*g.* 8*st.* An anker of small beer was

\* Her maiden name was Maria Van Cortlandt; born at Amsterdam, 1645; married Jeremias Van Rensselaer 1682; died 1683.



purchased of Haerman Gansevoort at 2*g.* 10*st.* for Timothée Salicker. The names of Philip Schuyler, Jan Verbeek, Paulus Jorghsen, Wye Benne, are mentioned. Receipts of the year, 3,746:7:6. Expenditures, 1,107*g.* Loaned to the commissaries, 661:13; 13 beavers bought of Philip Schuyler, 342:10; advanced to Tys. Barrentsen, 210*g.*; delivered over to his successor, 1,435:4:6; total, 3,746:7:6.

The account is certified to by the pastor, Gideon Schaets, Teunis Cornelisz. Gerrit Van Slichtenhorst, Stoffel Jans. Abeel, Maerten Gertsen, Cornelis Van Dyck, chirurgyn.

The articles delivered up to his successor. Marten Gerretsen Van Bergen, were as follows: In specie, estimated in Holland currency, 19*g.*; an anker of Spanish wine; a silver becker. [This becker is still preserved in the church, and has the date of 1660 engraved upon it]; three palls; two table cloths and seven napkins; two pewter basins; a large pewter can; an earthen can with a silver lid; two earthen cans; 1 ell of pinneston; certain obligations and accounts as stated in the book; two gold rings, and a pair neck ties [*stricken*] with pearl, valued at 160*g.* seawant, advanced upon an obligation given by William Jansen alias Neeffe.

## 1671.

Deacon Martin Gerretsen Van Bergen\* begins his entries with the following:

*Ere sey Godt in Nieu Albanij veruolgt vande ontfanghts ende vijt gift der diaconij vant yaer onser heren ende saleigmacker iesus christus 1671, gehouden dor Marten Gertse van Barge.*

Brother Van Bergen's *hand write* is not after the best copperplate samples. His phraseology and orthography differ somewhat from his predecessors, thus: *Jan. 1. Noij iar des Sondaghs vor en nade meiday ende kerckvergadert. Des Wounsdayes s'auons inde kerche ver gadert.*

*January.* Receipts 370:5 on ten Sundays and Wednesdays. Expenditures 140*g.* Robes Jansen was paid for boarding Teis Barenson. *Bassei de neyer* at Poulein's for board. Hendrick Weillemsen † for wood furnished Yahanes Deickman. ian brounck for house hire of Hans Karelsen.

*February.* Receipts 175:13 "in de mant veberwarei." Expenditures 261:4. A considerable portion of this was expended upon the burial of Bassei. Polein was paid 75*g.* for maintenance of Basse [Basghen]; 14*g.* for the shroud (*bus sack*); 12*g.* to Klas Van Rotterdam for making the coffin (*dot keist*); 1:16 to Stoffel Jansen for a pound of nails; 4:10 to Barent de Molenar for boards; 6:8 to Klas Treipsen for *brandewein*; 12*g.* to Rensselaer for a half vat of beer; in all 125:14, which at 40 cts. to the guilder is \$50.28; but as these accounts are in the depreciated currency of seawant, at 12½ cts. to the guilder, the amount would be \$15.73.

*March.* Receipts 211:2, of which 3:10 was from Schout Schwart. Expenses 195:10.

*April.* Receipts 302:11, at 9 collections, that of paasdag being 117:9. Expenses 209*g.*

\* He was probably a Frieslander. A descendant of the same name was a noted skipper of the last century, and was often addressed by his correspondents as *Marie Garrison* and *Captain Bargain*.

† He was a carman.





*May.* Receipts 166:10, at 5 collections. Expenditures 125.

*June.* Receipts 277:5. Two beavers were received from Poules Iurcksen, 48*g.* in seawant. Expenditures 263:10.

*July.* Receipts 340:3. Expenses 117:10.

*August.* Receipts 125:15 at 4 collections. Expenses 113*g.*

*September.* Collections 154:18 on 5 Sundays. Expenditures 130*g.*

*October.* Receipts 271:16. On the 3d (Wednesday) at the wedding of Stephen Kortlant 13:6 was collected in the church for the poor. On the 4th at the wedding party 15:19 was collected. On Thursday, the 11th, at the wedding of Marten Kregier 11*g.* was collected. On the 12th at the marriage feast (*breulloft*) 13*g.* Expenses 93*g.*

*November.* Collected in the church on four *Sondages* 112:12. Expended 40*g.* for *Johannes Deickmaen*, one month's board, and 40*g.* to Susanna the *huvrouw* of *Mart. Hendereicksen* (sic), for a month's board of the child of Karsten de Noorman, probably in all 80*g.*

*December.* Receipts 466:4. An exchange was made with the commissaries (*de heren kommeisaresen*) for 21 beavers at 22 guilders each in seawant. Roseboom paid in 119*g.* for the use of the palls, on settlement of account with him.

Expenses 363:14. Dr. Van Dyck was paid a half year's salary 75*g.* Wouter \* de Backer was paid 14*g.* for baking the sacramental bread four times, and Roseboom received 24*g.* for spreading the tables (*tafel te decken*) 3 times; 5 beavers were paid for an anker of Spanish wine for the sacrament.

The receipts of the year were 2,974:14; the disbursements 2,031:8. Deacon Van Bergen delivered over to his successor, Dr. Van Dyck, 1,533:6 in seawant, and other effects to the amount of 845:4:8 (8 *penningen*). Also 28:17:8 in specie, which is never footed up with the other items.

The accounts were audited on the 2d of Jan. 1672, by the pastor, Gideon Schaets, Stoffel Janssen Abeel, Jacob Schermerhorn, Cornelius Van Dyck, and Pieter Bogardus.

## 1672.

Dr. Van Dyck opens his account thus :

*Eer sy godt In Albanij vervolght vande ontfanck ende vijt gift der diakonie vant jaer onser Heere 1672 door Mr. Cornelius Van Dyck.*

This book is written in a plain and handsome character, and the orthography uncommonly uniform and accurate. This is a specimen of his phraseology :

*Op Sondage voor ende nademiddach in de kerck versamelt. Woensdagh savons in de kerck vergadert. Op dinsdagh synde gedachtenis houdinge van de onge lückige doot van syn majestyt versamelt voorde mældagh in de kerck 12:14.*

*January.* Receipts 165:1. On Tuesday, 30th, a forenoon service was held in the church in memory of the king, Charles II, and a collection taken up of 12:14. Expenses for the month, 96*g.*

*February.* Receipts on four Sundays and four Wednesdays 149:3. Expenses 108:10. Jan Gouw was paid 16*g.* for 4 loads of wood.

*March.* Receipts on 5 Sundays and 4 Wednesdays 187:19. Expenses

\* Wouter Albertsen.



122:2 Anneke Schaets received 19:2 for Susanna. Neeltje, wife of Isbrant, was paid 25*g.* with which to purchase breadstuff [*broot koren*].

*April.* Receipts 244:14. There were no Wednesday collections this month; but on Friday, 5th, 10:10 were received at the preparatory service (*boet predecatie*), and 9*g.* for letters from Holland (*Hollantse brieven*.) Expenses 194:10. The recipients of alms this month were Johannes Dyckman, Jacob Aertsen, and Kartsen de Noorman (2 shirts 24*g.*). Pouwlyn was paid 45*g.* for 3 weeks board of Jacob Aertsen.

*May.* Receipts 158:19. Services were held on 4 Sundays, on Thursday 16th, ascension day, on pinxster Monday 27th, and on Wednesday 29th, the king's birthday and restoration. Expenses 247:14. There were transactions with Jan Verbeeck and Marten Cregier; 72*g.* were paid for cleaning the church.

*June.* Receipts on 5 Sundays 164:10. Expenses 188*g.* 24:6 was paid for 27 lbs. tobacco at 18 stivers a pound, for the use of Jacob Aertsen.

*July.* Receipts 211:18. Expenses 115*g.*

*August.* Collections on 4 Sundays 145:14. Expenses 133*g.* Cornelius Steenwyck was paid 56*g.* for 7 beavers, and a Jan Potter 12*g.* for the passage of a man, on the river probably.

*September.* Receipts 208:10, on 5 Sundays and a Friday morning. Expenses 93*g.* Mother Dyckman was paid 40*g.* towards the expenses of the burial of her husband (*haer man*) Johannes; 10*g.* was paid for 10 lbs. smoked pork.

*October.* Receipts 112*g.* on 4 Sundays. Expenses 61:10; of which 4:10 was paid for 3 dry boards for the chest of Jacob Aertsen. Ariaen Appel is a new candidate for alms.

*November.* Receipts 106*g.* on 4 Sundays. Expenses 229:10. Peter Jacobsen Marius was paid 5 beavers for an anker of Spanish wine which is carried out 100*g.* in seawant. A great deal is bestowed upon Ariaen Appel this month, he being the sole recipient of alms. It is observable that Dr. Van Dyck's salary is more punctually paid this year than ever before or since!

*December.* Receipts 278:14 on 5 Sundays, 1 Friday and 2 Christmas days (*kersdagh en tweede kersdagh*.) Expenses 60:10. Jufvrouw Schuyler was paid 1:10 for oil used in the chandelier of the church, the first mention of oil for that purpose. Receipts for the year 2,133:2. Expenses 1,649:6. Dr. Van Dyck delivered over to his successor 2,017:2 in seawant, and 32:½ in specie, Holland currency. The utensils of the church and other effects passed to his successor tally with the list given by his predecessors.

The customary certificate, dated the 1st January 1673, is signed by the pastor Gideon Schaets, Stoffel Jansen Abeel, Jacob Janssen Schermerhooren, Pieter Bogardus and Barent Reyndersen [*? rather obscure.*]

1673.

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Deacon Bogardus begins his entries:

*Primo Januarij. Geloft sij Godt. In Albanij vervolght vande ontfanck ende vijt gift der diakonie (van het Jaer onds Heeren en Salickmacker Jesu Christi) door Pieter Bogardus A' 1673.*

The account is kept in a very good hand, and much in the same way as that of his predecessor.



*January.* Receipts 180:5, mostly on Sundays and Wednesdays. Expenses 57:1; among which is 6*g.* to Maes the brazier (*coperslager*) for 2 candlesticks for the church.

*February.* Receipts 146:1 on Sundays and Wednesdays. Expenses 63:4; 4 lbs. English soap at 16 stivers a pound.

*March.* Receipts 285:15, on 12 occasions in the church. Expenses 63; 25*g.* was paid monthly to the Old Fox (*aen de oude Vos*) the same price that was paid for the board of Adriaen Appel.

*April.* Receipts 126:9. Expenses 141*g.* Several old names reappear this month; Malle Vries, Hans de Backer, Barent de Schoonmaker, Barent de Molenaar.

*May.* Receipts 148:18. Pinkster and the king's birthday were observed as usual. Expenses 151:1; a considerable portion of which was for cleaning the church.

*June.* Receipts 231:6, besides several silver pieces. Expenses 96:10.

*July.* Receipts of first half of the month in black seawant (*swaer getelt*) 50:3; and for the last half in white seawant (*licht getelt*) at 6 pieces to the stiver; 91:18; total 142:1 *met en vals stukje silver*, showing that bad coin was not unknown to the *ouders*, and that it found its way into the church treasury. Expenses 25*g.*

*August.* Receipts 188:2, and a quantity of specie. Expenses 70:2. The names of Steven Koninck and the oldest daughter of Marten the Brewer (*bierkoocker*) appear in this month.

*September.* Receipts 221:6. Expenses 101:10. The names of Gabriel Thomassen, Luykas Gerrits de Backer and Susanne Bierkocker appear.

*October.* Receipts 130:16, on Sundays only. Expenses 31:5.

*November.* Receipts 163:1. Expenses 44:10.

*December.* Receipts 253:6. Expenses 259:3. Total receipts in black wampum, 1,068:17; white do. 1,048:9; total, 2,117:6. Expenses, black wampum 606:16; white do. 501:10; total 1,108:6.

Deacon Bogardus delivered over to his successor 2,031:18 in black seawant, which seems now to have been kept in boxes instead of sacks. The whole sum transferred to Barent Reyndersen was 3,228:6 in seawant; and 43*g.* in specie, Holland currency, besides the securities taken by his predecessors, and sundry articles taken in pawn.

The integrity of his accounts are certified to by the pastor Gideon Schaets, Jacob Schermerhorn, Jeremias Van Rensselaer, Johannes Provoost, Barent Rydersen, and Dirk Wessels.

## 1674.

The accounts of Deacon Reyersen, as he signs his name, are written in a fairer character than his signature would seem to promise. He dates at *Wyllem Stat*, a name which first appears in this book in the handwriting of Dom. Schaets this year. He uses *ū* for *v*, and *ij* for *y*. Otherwise his orthography is as good as that of his brethren. He writes: *Op Sondagh ūor en na mijldach ijn de kerk ūersamelt.*

*Jan. 23.* *Op dijnsdach dat de Kommadūr getroūt ijs ijn de kerk ūersamelt en op de brolft* 9:2. This item establishes the fact that the commander or general of the fort (?) was married on Tuesday, 23d Jan,



1674, in the church, and that at the wedding and nuptial feast, 9 gilders and 2 stivers were collected for the poor.

It is notorious that men did not always write their own names correctly at this time and place; it is therefore doubtful whether the writer's name was Reyersen or Reynderssen.

*January.* Receipts 203:18, collected on new year, on pray day (*bedagh*) on 4 Sundays, on 4 Wednesdays, and from the widow of Peter Van Allen, for the use of the great pall. Expenses 244:7. Hans de Backer seems to have died this month, from an item for a *doot klet* given to his *vrouw*, and in the next she is mentioned as his widow, and there is an anker of good beer bestowed, an indispensable item at the funeral of a pauper.

*February.* Receipts 182:15. There was another *bidlag* in this month, on Wednesday the 7th. Expenses 102*g*.

*March.* Receipts 253:1. Wednesday the 7th, was another day of prayer. Expenses 272:5. The pauper Vries, who in the previous month was indulged with a half vat of beer, is here termed the foolish (*mal*) Vries.

*April.* Receipts 185:3. Another day of prayer on the 4th. Expenses 111*g*. Hubert and Lysbet Jans appear as the recipients of the deacon's bounty, but it does not appear whether as charity for themselves or for others.

*May.* Receipts 196:9. Pray day on the 1st. Expenses 192:12.

*June.* Receipts 258:14. Wednesday the 6th, *bidlag*. Expenses 162:10. The Old Fox (*oude vos*) receives monthly 25*g*. for board—may have been an Indian.

*July.* Receipts 229:2, and some specie. The 4th was another day of prayer. In all these days, service was held twice a day. Expenses 85*g*.

*August.* Receipts 163:2. On Sunday the 28th, there was service only in the morning, when *Myssel* was married [*getrouwt ijs*]. A good deal more silver than usual was received this month. Expenses 276*g*.

*September.* Receipts 263:11 on 5 Sundays. Expenses 138:10.

*October.* Receipts 125:1 on 4 Sabbaths. Expenses 342:6. One of Dea. Reyerson's peculiarities is to write *en seppel tarf* for *een schepel tarwe* (a bushel of wheat.)

*November.* Receipts 216:12; 11:4 came from the sale of Peter Van Allen's farm; and 60*g*. was received from Roseboom for the use of the pall, in the shape of a fat pig, which was divided between Susanna and Lysbet Jans. Four deers were also purchased and divided between them and Poulyn. Expenses 186:10.

*December.* Receipts 382:10. Besides services on 5 Sundays, there were two services on Friday, Christmas day (*kersdagh*), and two on Saturday, second Christmas day (*twe kersdagh*); the collections on these two days and on the following Sunday, which was sacrament day, were 200*g*. Expenses 432:18; principally bestowed upon Susanna and Lysbet.

Receipts for the year 2,660:04; expenses 2,545:18. Dea. Reyersen paid over to his successor, Direk Wessels, 3,342:12 in seawant, and 68:8 in specie.

The customary certificate is written and signed by the dominie in a very much improved hand:

Gideon Schauts [sic], Pastor in Nieuw Albanie; Johannes Provoost,





ouderlingh; Dierck Wessels, diackony; Marten Gertsen, ouderlingh; Davijdt Schuyler, diackonen.

1675.

Mr. Direk Wessels gives us a change in the wording of his introduction, as follows :

*Primo jannuari.* *Geft godt allen de eer In albani. Vervoght vande entfanck ende yft gijft der diakonie Sint Jaer enser heeren en Salick maecker Jesu Cristi door Dierick Wessels. Anno 1675.*

That is: January first. Give God alone the glory! In Albany. Continuation of the income and expenditures of the Deaconry in the year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by Direk Wessels, Anno 1675.

This is a specimen of his formula, differing somewhat from that of his predecessors: *Vp Sondach voor ende na de milach voor samelt in de kerck.*

*January.* Receipts 231:17. Services were held in the church on the king's birthday, 30th. Expenses 193:12. Lisbet Jansen and Susanna Martense (?) and Pouweleyn, are the recipients of abundant alms this month.

*February.* Receipts 182:18½. Jacob Abrahamsen paid for the small pall 5*g.* Expenses 135:17:3.

*March.* Receipts 177:13:3. Expenses 125:8. Marten Hinricksz and Jan de Brouwer are mentioned.

*April.* Receipts 303:16:2. Expenses 178:15. A half book of paper cost 1:15.

*May.* Receipts 314:7. Expenses 251:17. The names of Jacob Aersen, Swarte Merten, Janitje Brouwer, &c., appear.

*June.* Receipts 264:10:2. Expenses 346:11. The names of Margaret Deckers, Jan de Brouwer, Marten Krygier, Ursel wife of Kersen Wouters, the Frenchmen that lie in the watch house, Goosen Gerretsen de Grau, Pieter Mesen, are among the names enumerated. Two books of paper were procured at 4*g.* for the use of the church council for consistory books. No such books exist, except these Deacon's accounts, previous to 1683, when Dom. Dellius began a record of baptisms and marriages.

*July.* Receipts 278:12. Expenses 305:15.

*August.* Receipts 237:8. Expenses 229:10. Daniel Schulaer is mentioned, Griet Jansen.

*September.* Receipts 233:0:2. Expenses 110:7.

*October.* Receipts 177:8. Expenses 403:16.

*November.* Receipts 205:11. Expenses 206:14. Susanna Mertensen, Powelyn, Lisbet Jansen, Merten Hinricksen, and Broder's wife are the recipients.

*December.* Receipts 432:11. Meindert Frederickksen paid 10*g.* for the great pall, and Roseboom paid in 47*g.* which he had received during the year. Expenses 456:4.

Total receipts 3,040:3:1; expenses 2,953:6:3; seawant remaining on hand 3,342:12, and 4 beavers valued at 98*g.*

The annual certificate given at the examination of the year's account is signed by: Gideon Schaets, Pastor in Nieuw Albany; Nicolaus Van Reusselaer, Pastor Locci; Johannes Provoost, ouderling; Marten Gertsen, do.; Cornelis Van Dyck, do.; Davidt Schuiler, diaken; A. Teller.



1676.

*Primo Jannuarij. Ere sy Godt In Albanij. Voor volght van den ontfancks ende wyt giest deen diackonij. In den Jare unsers heren ende salig maecker Jijnsu Christi gehouden door Davit Schulaer.*

Judging from Mr. Schuiler's signature on the previous page, and the spelling of the name above, as well as the character in which it is written, some one was employed to engross the accounts of this year. It appears to be in the same hand as that of the preceding year. The orthography is the same, as well as some other peculiarities—especially *vp* for *op*.

*January.* Receipts 200:12. Expenses 98:10.

*February.* Receipts 181:7. Expenses 217:16.

*March.* Receipts 396:16. Expenses 235:14. Hinrick Marselus (sometimes written Hinderick) is mentioned.

*April.* Receipts 251:19. Expenses 403:19. Herman Vedder is mentioned as having sold 14 schepels of wheat at 7*g.* per schepel. The burial of Ariaen de Fissers is alluded to; Jacob de Brewer. Maria is a new recipient of alms.

*May.* Receipts 240:13. King's day was held on the 29th. Expenses 275:3. Philip Schuyler was paid 35*g.* for 5 cans of *brandawyn* used at the burial of Arriyan de Fissers; 50*g.* were paid for cleaning the church, besides 10*g.* to Gerrit Banker for articles required therefor.

*June.* Receipts 295:11. Expenses 135:8. Mister Pers received 57*g.* for candles used in the church.

*July.* Receipts 246:19, on 5 Sundays and 4 Wednesdays. Expenses 208:12. De Fransen, Lisbet, Kleyn de Goyer, Poweleyn, Susanna received assistance. Marten Gerretsen was paid 50*g.* for a ton of beer and a shirt for the burial of Arryan de Fisser; and 26*g.* was paid for his coffin.

*August.* Receipts 201:6 on 5 Wednesdays and 4 Sundays. Expenses 211*g.*

*September.* Receipts 158:13 on 4 Sundays and 4 Wednesdays. Expenses 127:15.

*October.* Receipts 299:11. Expenses 356:4; 10 lbs. cotton cost 12*g.*

*November.* Receipts 159:15 on 4 Sundays and 5 Wednesdays. Expenses 262:10; 22½ ells of Pennesten was purchased of Mister Griffy at 5 guilders, 112:10.

*December.* Receipts 522:5. Expenses 487:12. Goods were purchased of Wm. Neffyn. Capt. Salesberrij was paid 42*g.* for the 2 girls restored by the Indians. Hendrick Roseboom paid in 80*g.* received by him during the year for the use of the palls, among which was 10*g.* received at the burial of Broeder Cornelis; and 10*g.* at that of Juffrou Correlaers; and 10*g.* at that of Jan Andriessen's mother.

Among the names enumerated are William Parker, Cornelis Lysberts, Jacob Tyssen. Cornelis Vanderhoeven, Gabriel Tomassen, Jan Becker, Wynant Gerritsen, Andries Teller.

Total receipts 3,161:07. Total expenses 3,010:7.

Deacon Schuyler delivered over to his successor 3,510:9 in seawant, black and white, loose and strung; also 20 ells of penneston at 5 guilders 100*g.*; and 17 schepels of wheat @ 6*g.* per schepel 102*g.*

The customary voucher was signed by Gideon Schaets, Pastor in Nieuw



Albany; Nicolaus Van Rensselaer, Pastor Loci; Marten Gertsen, ouderling; Corn. Van Dyck, Adriaen Gerretsen, A. Teller, Jan Jansen Bleeker.

This ends the book. The accounts of the following year were kept by Andries Teller, but the records for the next five years are not to be found, namely 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681. The book for 1682 is in existence. It was kept by Gerritt Lansing. The accumulations in the hands of the Deacons at the end of the year 1681 were 8,012:09½.

Deacon Schuyler in his inventory of the utensils of the church which he delivered over to his successor, mentions but one silver becker. One of the beckers still in possession of the church, is dated 1660, and the other 1676; and we find in the inventory of 1682 that there were then two. There is evidently an error in the date of the latter, or it did not arrive before the inventory was made up.

The second book of records contains the receipts and disbursements of the deacons during three years of the ministry of the Rev. Gideon Schaets, namely 1682, 1683, 1684.

#### 1682.

The accounts of the year 1682 are in the handwriting of Gerret Lansing, beginning thus: "Laus Deo, Ontfanght der Dieaconij. Op Nieuwe jaers daegh ontfangen voor en nade middagh versammelt:" that is, received at the fore and afternoon New Year's day collections.

*January.* The receipts were 252:6. On Monday, the 30th, was king's day. Jan Albertsen Brat and Pieter Winne paid for the small pall, and Jacobus Van Vorst for the large pall. The expenses were 10*g.* in seawant, and 4 schepels of wheat and 8 ells of Osnaburg linen from the deacon's store, to Pouwelyn's wife.

*February.* Receipts 298:17. Anthony Van Schaick paid for the small pall. Expenses 617. Klaas die Brabander was paid 50*g.* for 10 schepels of wheat, and 8 schepels of corn cost 24*g.* A pound of tobacco for Ariaen Hubertsen cost 14*g.*, and his board and washing for two months 80*g.* Hendrik Kuilder was paid 7:17 for black stuff, and two skeins of silk for the collection bag (*karek sackie*), and Jan Fynhagel was paid 2*g.* for making it. This utensil being for the purpose of taking up the collections was properly chargeable to this fund. Of this amount, 617*g.*, 425*g.* was loaned to Jan Thomassen. The rate of interest seems to have been 8 per cent.

*March.* Receipts 272:19. Marten Kregier gave a silver piece of 3*g.* to the poor. Expenses 263*g.* The store of wheat was further increased by the purchase of 20 schepels of Johannes Wendel for 100*g.*, and the like quantity of Johannes Lansing for the like sum.

*April.* Received 354:11, besides an unusual quantity of silver. Expenses 129:2. Dr. Cornelius Van Dyck was paid 37:10 for a quarter year's salary (*gaasie*\*). Johannes Bechman was paid 2*g.* for a cover to the consistory chest; and Robert Sanders' wife was paid 36*g.* for 9 cans Canary wine for sacramental use. Orseltyn, Aeltie Solderse and Poulyn's wife were recipients of charity, and Ariaen Huibertsen received his monthly allowance of beer and tobacco.

\* This term is not found in the dictionaries; it is said to be pronounced *haasie*, and to be a sailor's term for wages.

† Charles II, of England, was born 29th May, 1630.



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*May.* Receipts 207:12. Harmen Van Bommel and Teunis Sliengerlant paid for the use of the small pall. The 29th was king's day, on which occasion a collection was taken up as usual. Expenses 603:19½. Of this amount 300*g.* "was given to a certain person with the consent of the whole consistory;" and 200:13½ was loaned to Geertruit Vrouemen, taking a silver goblet in pawn. Ariaen Huibertsen comes in for his month's board 40*g.*, a pound of tobacco 12*s.*, and a can of rum 3*g.*

*June.* Receipts 300:5, besides silver pieces. Expenses 190:12. A considerable portion of this sum was paid for cleaning the church, as follows: 2 cleaners, 64*g.*; 2 brooms, 1:4; a schepel of lime, 3*g.*; a half pint of oil, 1:10; a schepel of sand 1:10; a scrubbing brush, 2*g.*; 2 duffel files, 4:8; scouring the chandelier, 12*g.* Jurijan Teunise was paid 32*g.* for 8 cans of sacramental wine.

*July.* Receipts 269:6, besides 30*g.* in specie of Mr. Aberhamstadt, and other silver. Baltes paid for the use of the small pall, and Jan Van Loone for the large. Expenses 71:2. Ariaen Huybertsen had 4 ells of Osnaburg linen and a pound of feathers for a cushion.

*August.* Receipts 240:15 besides silver. Barent de Muelenaer had the use of the large pall. Expenses 237:6. Broeder's wife had 3 ells of *strodwaters* to make a petticoat for her daughter, at 36*g.*; Antien Barentsen had 10*g.* and a schepel of the deacon's wheat; Albert Ryckman was paid 16*g.* for beer furnished to Ariaen Hubertsen, who died in this month, and was buried on the 28th at an expense of 150:11, as follows: paid for 5 cans of rum, 12*g.*; to the bearers 2 pieces of 8, and 24 guilders; to Klaes Van Rotterdam for making the coffin, 30*g.*; Roseboom for services as undertaker, making the grave and ringing the bell, 43:10; Barent Myn-derse for a half vat\* of good beer, 16:10; Albert Ryckman for an anker† of good beer, 7:14; 1 lb. nails, 1:10; a linen shroud, 9*g.*; 3½ planks for the coffin, 5:2. A fac simile of this record is given on the opposite page.

*September.* Receipts 311:11, besides 47, 16 quarters, 5 shillings, and a piece of 8 in silver. Expenses 184*g.* Derekien de Wever and William Teller's wife were paid for board, &c., of Jan Kornelisen.

*October.* Receipts 239:13. Giesbert Marseles's wife paid for the use of the large pall. Two pieces of 8, and 23 quarters were received in silver. Expenses 217:10, and 24*g.* in specie. Mr. Syoons was paid 132*g.* for 9 gallons of wine for the sacrament. Maretie de Brouster was paid 10*g.* for cleaning the church.

*November.* Receipts 195:½, and 6 quarters in silver. Expenses 52:6, besides specie payments to the Frenchmen (*Die Franzen*). A schepel of salt was 4*g.*; 4 lbs. butter 5*g.*; a fat hog 60*g.* in specie; a ½ anker of molasses 12*g.*; a schepel of corn 3*g.*; a deer 15*g.*

*December.* Receipts 940:12, besides silver. Captain Eston, Mr. Doedd, ‡ Cobes de Snyder, Peter Quackenboss, paid for the use of the large pall; and Peter Schuyler, Melgert Abrahamse, Leuckesen Gerretsen, Roeliff Karstense, Gerretse Guysbertse, Meuwes Hogeboom, and Dick de Soldier, Tierk Harmensen, twice, the small or child's pall. Jacob Casperse paid 15*g.* for the pall, indicating three children, or an adult and child.

\* 10 gallons, or 83 bottles.

† 5 gallons.

‡ The pall was used at the burial of these two persons.



Jan Tomasen returned 46 $\frac{2}{3}$ g. for the 42 $\frac{5}{8}$ g. loaned to him. The collections in the church for three days in succession were as follows: Sunday, 24th, being sacrament day, 159:2; Monday, 25th, Christmas, 61:10; Tuesday, 26th, 2d Christmas (*kerslingsdagh*), 23:3, besides 1 piece of 8, 2 three gilder pieces, 25 quarters, and 4 shillings in silver. Expenses 87:17 besides specie. The Frenchmen received goods and money; Karsten de Norman also received sundry articles; Evert Wendell was paid 12g. in specie for making a coat, Johannes Wendell being paid 14g. for 2 ells of Kersey for the same, the deacons furnishing 2 more. Kornelis Hyesbertse was paid 14g. in specie for two loads of wood; and Takel Direkse was paid for the board of Klyn de Goyer.

In summing up the year's business, Deacon Lansing's receipts were found to have been 11,695:18. His predecessor, Wouter Dyteshof\* transmitted to him 6,513:12, of which amount he sold or loaned to Stephen van Cortlant 5,998:17 $\frac{1}{2}$ , at an advance of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, 569:17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; sold to Mr. Teller 194 English shillings, 349:5, advanced 38:15; 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  pieces of 8, advanced 6g.; 66g.; also a little sack of silver valued at 47 $\frac{5}{8}$ g.; to which were added the monthly receipts of the year, 3,683:9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The disbursements were 2,664:5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; leaving a balance of 9,031:13 in the treasury; besides 83 ells of Osnaburg linen, 10 ells of serge, a silver cup pawned for 200:13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 16 pieces of foreign silver valued at 18g., and 20 bushels of wheat.

The inventory of articles in his custody is given as follows: 1 new pall; 2 old ones; 2 table cloths and 7 napkins; 2 silver cups; one earthen can with a silver lid; 1 pewter and 1 earthen can; 2 pewter basins and 1 large pewter plate; 1 *ragebol*† and a scrubbing brush. Together with a list of accounts and obligations due the treasury.

The annual audit is signed by Gideon Schaats, pastor; Dirck Wessels, Marten Gerretsen, Pieter Bogardus, elders; Pieter Schuyler, Albert Ryckman, deacons.

1683.

The acting Deacon this year was Peter Schuyler. Over each page are the words *Laus Deo*.

*January.* The receipts were 764:18 $\frac{1}{2}$  including 497g., principal and difference of exchange received from Jacob Meuse, husband and guardian of his wife, Elizabeth de Lint. King's day was kept on the 30th. Expenses 17g. By advice of the consistory, he loaned Jacob Meuse £120, which is carried out 4,800g.

*February.* Receipts 257:4. Expenses 76:8.

*March.* Receipts 226:19, of which 3g. were bestowed by Marten Creiger. Expenses 60:18.

*April.* Receipts 455:4. Paasday or Easter collections amounted to 191:10. Expenses 365g. Mr. Soons furnished 5 gallons of wine for the sacrament at 80g.

*May.* Receipts 598:10. Of this amount 300g. was bestowed by Philip Schuyler, who died this year; and 10g. was paid by Margaret Schuyler for the use of the pall. Expenses 218:14, a considerable portion of which was for cleaning the church.

\* This name is very obscurely written.

† A sort of duster consisting of a large round brush with a long handle, for the purpose of reaching cobwebs in a high room.



*June.* Receipts 232:6½, besides 20 schepels of wheat derived from the personal estate of Carstiaen de Winter. Expenses 249:1. Marten Cornelissen was paid 18*g.* for 60 lbs. of beef, and butter was bought at 2*s.* a pound. A cow was purchased for Dirk Mayese the son-in-law of Lijzzie Solderse, at 168*g.* A half barrel (4 *tuns*) of lime cost 20*g.* 3 lbs. soap 2:14.

*July.* Receipts 617:7. On sacrament day, 8th, 225:15 were collected. Ritsert Prettie paid 80*g.* on account of Robert Sanderse. Jan Yosten gave 2 pieces of 8 to the poor, which is carried out 24*g.* Abraham van Ilpendam and Barentie Harmense paid 10*g.* each for the pall. Expenses 287:12. Four pieces of 8 (48*g.*) were loaned to the commissaries. The names mentioned are Dr. Van Dyck, Eytie Barentse, Annotie Barents, Old Karsten, Pouwelyn, Orseltie, and Kleyn de Goyer. Dirrickie Weverse was paid 154*g.* for the maintenance of Jan Kornelisen, who is supposed to have died about this time.

*August.* Receipts 396:3. Jan Bruyn paid for the small pall, and Arnout Kornelisen for the large pall for Jan, whose name appears for the last time. Expenditures 147:10. Myndert Frederickse was paid 4*g.* for a ring for the sack, and Jan Vinhagel 2*g.* for making the sack or bag for taking up collections.

*September.* Receipts 564:6½. At the Sunday collections of the 30th, 219*g.* were taken up. Wouter de Backer paid 10*g.* for the pall, and 20 schepels of wheat were received from Claes Willemsen on account of the personal estate of Carsten de Winter deceased (*saligher.*) Expense 226:11. The recipients of alms are Pouwelyn, Orseltie and Carsten de Norman. Dr. Van Dyck is paid his quarter's salary, and Symen Schermerhorn is paid 16*g.* for a pair of shoes. Phillipsoon supplies 8 gallons of wine at 128*g.* A pair of Friesland stockings cost 6*g.*

*October.* Receipts 243:11½. Pouwelyn Turck paid for the use of the small pall. Expenses 252*g.* Pouwelyn's wife is debited 51 ells Osuaburg at 17 ells per beaver, 72*g.*

*November.* Receipts 463:15. Johannis Provoost paid for the use of the large and small pall. Received 340 lbs. of hops on account of Klyn de Goyer, on which a deduction of 164 lbs. was allowed for picking; the remaining 176 lbs. were sold at 1*g.* a pound. Maese Kornelissen was paid 36*g.* for 17 candlesticks to be used at the evening services in the church. Andries Teller was paid 12*g.* for the Psalm Book used by Dominic Dellius in the pulpit. This is the first mention of the name of Dom. Dellius.

*December.* The receipts were 772:17. At the preparatory service on Friday, 21st, 21:10 were collected; on the 23d, being sacrament Sunday, 217:10; 25th, Christmas, fore and afternoon service, 67:10; 26th, 2d Christmas day collections, 55:18; total of 4 days 362:8—at 40 cts the gilder is 144:96, but in the depreciated wampum currency it would amount to 45:40. Jan the Trompeter gave 45*g.* to the poor; the commissaries paid 48*g.* loaned to them; Marten Kornelissen, Teunis Slingerlandt, Pieter Bogardus, Jacob Mesen paid each for the large pall, and Jacob Sander, Wm. Kettelheun, Evert Janse Kuyper, Johannes Van Sandt, and Pieter Schuyler for the use of the small pall. The expenses were 432:6. With the consent of consistory 48*g.* were given to a Frenchman; Livingston was paid 26*g.* for services to the poor; Jacob Tysen received 9*g.* for making a coat



and pair of breeches for Klyn de Goyer; Isaac Verplanck 8*g.* for 2 schepels of lime; Dr. Cornelis Van Dyck his quarterly salary of 37:10; and Albert Ryckman 6:5 for 1½ ankers of beer for Orseltie, a pauper; Wouter Alberse was paid 14*g.* for bread for the Lord's table; and Hendrik Roseboom 32*g.* for setting the table one year; Jacob Mesen for making a seat in the parquette, 40*g.*; Hans Hendrikse's son 30*g.* for 10 candlesticks for the church.

The whole receipts of the year were 5,692:14⅓. The expenditures were 2,651*g.* Mr. Schuyler handed over to his successor money and obligations to the amount of 12,073:7, besides a cow in the possession of Mary Jochhemse, and one with Dirk Everse; a silver goblet pawned for 200:13½, containing 16 pieces of foreign money, 10 ells of serge, 15 ells of bleached and unbleached Osnaburg linen, 8 schepels of wheat, a list of obligations of long standing, and the church utensils, before enumerated.

The customary annual certificate of the consistory in the hand of Dom. Schaets, is given in fac simile on the opposite page. The signature of Domine Dellius here first appears—simply *Dell.*

1684.

The accounts of this year were kept by Adrian Gerretsen.

*January.* Receipts 261:19, 10*g.* of which was contributed by Doorte Volkerse. The expenses were 219*g.* The recipients of charity this month were Antony Barway, Dirk Everse, Pouwelyn and his wife, Annetje Barends and Orseltje.

*February.* Receipts 367:15, of which 110:6 was a premium on 1,160:16*g.* sold to Mrs. Marghriet Schuyler; Pieter Mesen paid for the large pall; also the constables paid for the same at the burial of Teunis Willemse. The expenses were 209:7.

*March.* Receipts 400:18, of which 203:11 was taken up on paasday. Expenses 858:10. Gelyn Verplank was paid 300*g.* for the passage of Klyn de Goyer in the ship Bever, and Jan Andriesen Douw borrowed 20 pieces of 8 at 6 per cent, which is carried out at 240*g.*

*April.* Receipts 246:7, collected on 4 Sundays and 1 Wednesday. Disbursed 164:13. Wouter de Backer was paid 5*g.* for a bottle of Spanish wine, and 18*g.* were paid for communion wine; 15*g.* were paid for 3 schepels of wheat for Dirk Evertsen.

*May.* Receipts on four Sundays 242:11. Disbursements 932:2, of which a considerable portion was for replenishing the deacon's stock of goods, purchased of Peter Schuyler, Johannes Wendell and Johannes de Wandelaer.

*June.* Receipts 504:12; of which 5*g.* was on account of letters received from Holland. Expenses 751:13. Johannes Wendell was paid 144*g.* in seawant for a piece of 106⅓ ells Osnaburg linen, at the rate of 1½ lbs. beaver for 20 ells; also 12:9 for 5 cans of sweet wine. There is an item of 88:12 for "goods given to a certain person."

*July.* Receipts 349:18. Annetie Lievens purchased 2 sacks of wampum of 662*g.*; but there was found 700*g.* in the sacks, and a premium of 30*g.* was obtained, being a gain of 68*g.* Expenses 69:3. Two pounds of tobacco had been furnished Jan Kornelissen, 1:18, who is here styled *doctor.*

*August.* Receipts 268*g.* Expenses 921:15. Peter Schuyler was paid





Certificate to the correctness of Dea. Stoffel Jansen Abeel's accounts with the Poor, for the year 1683,  
in the hand writing of Dom. Schaets.

Grant open & deurend in de Reckenis

1683 is rekenend wese as verlijt. Als en Reijder  
Gulden 709 & Reijderen 299 1/2 Gulden  
Gulden 29 is deurend vande Reijderen  
hulden 20 1/2 also in fignura!

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Met opene dencken in de kercke is dese rekeninge geden op den 1ten January  
1684, is bevonden wel en regt. Bedanken deusclien den e kerkconræct den e  
diacon Pieter Schuyler en is daerom van den e kerkconræc onderleicend de dato  
ut supra.

THEON SCHAEFS, Pastor  
in nieuw Albanië.  
DELL.

This statement is publicly made in open church on the 1st Jan., 1684, and  
found true and correct. The thanks of the Hon. Consistory are tendered to the  
Hon. Deacon Peter Schuyler, and is thereupon subscribed to by the Consistory.  
Dated as above.

THEON SCHAEFS, Pastor  
in New Albany.  
DELL.



48*g.* for 12 ells of coarse cloth (*plets*), and Marghriet Schuyler 12*g.* for 10 lbs. of butter. Jan Dirricse had a pair of Iceland (*cystanse*) stockings.

*September.* Receipts 440:8; "from a certain person," 36*g.*; from the friends of Cobus the runner (*looper*) for a piece of 8, out of gratitude (*tot dankbaarheid*). Expenses 444:7. Rijck Ridderse was paid 7:10 for an anker of beer, and 8½ cans of wine were bought at 19:10. Jannetje de Vriesin (Frieslander?) received gifts, and a stranger was given 18*g.* Jan Martense was paid 135*g.* for 3 mos. board of fat (*dicke*) Jan Cornelissen.

*October.* Collections on four Sundays, 223:17. Expenses 298:8. Jan De Berte was paid 24*g.* for plowing, sowing, and harrowing in 2 schepels of wheat.

*November.* Receipts 530:8. Expenses 355:4. Yacob Sanderse was paid 27*g.* for a blanket or quilt, and Sybrant Van Schaick 82*g.* for kersey furnished during the year. Ecbert Teunissen was paid 42*g.* for a pig that went to De Vriessin. Catrina Martense was loaned 105*g.* in seawant.

*December.* Receipts 1,096:19, including 103*g.* returned by Catrina Martense. Sybrant Van Schayck and Albert Ryckman paid 96*g.* for Kleyn de Goyer's hop vines; settled with Adam Winne on his paying 110*g.*; one Liefensten (Robt. Livingsten?) gave through Mr. Prette 18*g.*; 71:11 were received at the Christmas day collections, and on the Sunday following 225:13 was collected; besides which Jochghem Lammerse paid over 114*g.* collected at Kinderhook, and Harmen Lievissen 49:15 collected at Half Moon (Waterford). Expenses 479:9. Derrick Bensingh was paid 6*g.* for bringing a stranger from Esopus, and Jan Dirkse was paid 8:2 for 3 ells kersey for a waistcoat and breeches for Leendert Flipsen. Leiffinsten was paid 48*g.* for 9 cans of sweet wine. Jan Trompetter was paid 28*g.* on account of Pouwelyn, and Dirrickije de Weverse 135*g.* for 3 mos. board of fat Jan Cornelissen. Wouter Alberse received 14*g.* for bread used in the church, and Hendrick Roseboom 32*g.* for setting the Lord's table.

During this year a house and lot were purchased of Doorte Volkerse, which is represented as "lying on the plain, behind the widow Gooze's." The original cost was 600*g.*, but it seems to have been rebuilt, which increased the cost to 3,148:16. As the items in this account contain the names of merchants, artisans, and laborers, and show the prices of labor and materials, it is given in full.

|   |         |
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| Bought of Doorte Volkerse a house and lot for 50 bevers, upon |         |
| which was paid 25 bevers                                      | 600     |
| Hendrik Marselis for 12 days work on the house,               | 72      |
| Yacob Casperse for a load of building stone,                  | 120     |
| Cartage of the stone, clay, sand, &c.,                        | 84 : 12 |
| Dirrick Bensingh for 7 tons (casks) of lime,                  | 24      |
| Beer for the work people at the raising of the building,      | 47 : 10 |
| Gerrit Van Ness for 50 inch boards and 12 ceiling boards,     | 75      |
| Tarck Harmense for 110 do. and 51 do.                         | 214     |
| Antony Barens for 46 do.                                      | 50      |
| Peter Quackenboss for 7000 bricks,                            | 170     |
| Dirrick Bensingh for a load of stone and the cartage,         | 117 : 8 |
| 19 loads of stone by various persons,                         | 58 : 10 |
| Dick the Englishman, for 39½ days' work on the house,         | 205     |



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| Jan Andriese Douw and Jan Vanderhoef . . . . .                      | 30         |
| Annetje Lievens for 40 lbs. of nails, . . . . .                     | 48         |
| Gerrit Banker for 8 lbs. of nails, . . . . .                        | 12         |
| William Claese for building the house, . . . . .                    | 468        |
| Hendrik Beecman and Jacob Vos for the masonry, . . . . .            | 336        |
| 6 days work of various persons, . . . . .                           | 36         |
| Pieter Bogardus for the glazing, . . . . .                          | 96         |
| Jan Abeel for 72½ lbs. nails, . . . . .                             | 43 : 10    |
| Teunis Vanderpoel for stuff for window frames ( <i>kosyn wood</i> ) | 27         |
| Johannes Martens for a lock and other work, . . . . .               | 21 : 10    |
| 6 boards for benches, . . . . .                                     | 6          |
| Jacob Abramse for shingling the house, . . . . .                    | 144        |
| Adam Winne for sills and a gutter, . . . . .                        | 42         |
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|   | 3,148 : 16 |

It does not appear whether this was a parsonage or a poor house. But large sums were called in for the purpose. Jacob Meesen paid in 100 pieces of 8 which is entered at 1,200*g.* (in wampum); and 24 schepels of wheat received from Purmerend is reckoned at 5 schepels per beaver, and amounts to 240 gilders in wampum. It appears that Meesen still owed 4,295*g.*, on which the rate of interest was reduced from 8 to 6 per cent. Lawies Cobus, vendue master at Schenectady, paid over the proceeds of the sale of Bastiyaen de Winter's effects, 219*g.* The purchasers at this sale were Symon de Backer, Elyas Van Guyselin, and Pieter Viele.

The ordinary collections of the year were 4,933:13, and the disbursement 5,703:11. The transactions of the year, including the ordinary disbursements, the payments on the house, and 4,901:13 in the treasury amounted to 13,754 gilders. There was also a large sum invested on bond and mortgage.

The accounts were audited by the two pastors, Schaets and Dellius, and by the consistory, Peter Bogardus, Jan Janse Bleeker, Jan Vinhagel, Jacob Sanderse [Glen?], Peter Schuyler, Albert Ryckman, Johannes Wendell. The certificate is in the handwriting of Domine Dellius, of which a fac simile is given. It was resolved at this time that the collections taken in the church for the poor on Wednesdays and other week days during the year 1685, should be appropriated by the church masters to the use and maintenance of the church.

#### 1685.

The acting deacon for the year 1685 was Johan Wendell. The receipts of that year were 4281*g.* 4*s.*; and the disbursements 4612*g.* 9*s.* The customary certificate is signed by Gideon Schaats, Godefridus Dellius, Jan Janz Beerckyl, Jan Vinhaegen, Jacob Jansen Schermerhoren, Adriaen Gerretsen Papendorp, Jan Lansinch, Joachim Staets. The orthography is exactly preserved in these names; that of Dom. Dellius being now first latinized.

On the first of January, 1686, Deacon Wendell surrendered the treasures of his office, consisting of 4570*g.* 8½*s.* in wampum and specie; a house and lot inventoried at 4014*g.* 6*s.*; a bond of Jacob Meesen [Vroo-



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as Eerwende Reukden-raad, novernis  
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*Adriaan Gerritsz.*

De reeckeninge der Kercke, door Adriaan Gerritsz, gedaan en geslooten ten  
overstaen van Do. Schatts met d'andere leden van den Eerwende Recken-  
raad, novernis andere ledematen der gereformeerde Kercke deser stad is  
bevoonden, by slot van reeckeninge, dat 291 fmeer ontfangs als niet geyens is,  
den 1 Jan. 1685.

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The account of the church, rendered and closed by Adriaan Gerritsz, in the  
presence of Do. Schatts, with the other members of the Honorable Consistory,  
besides other members of the Reformed church in this city, is found by the  
balance of the account that 291 flikers more have been received than expended,  
1st Jan., 1685.

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man] for 3863*g.* 4*s.*; another of Jan Andriesen Douw, of 240*g.*; total, 12687*g.* 18*⅔s.*

On the debit side of the book for the month of October, this entry occurs: "Ere sij Godt. In Albanie, Anno 1685, den 2 October. Is mijn broeder Jacob Sanderse dieiaken in den here ontslapen s'naghs ontrent een winnigh naer 2 uren tussen vriday en Saterdagh." Which signifies that his brother Deacon Jacob Sandersen [Glen?] fell asleep in the Lord at night about two o'clock between Friday and Saturday.

## 1686.

The deacons were Jan Lansingh and Jochim Staets. Their record begins a new book, which extends to 1715. For the first time we find the first two months of the year entered as of two years, thus 168*½*, to correspond with the custom of the English. Dr. Van Dyck was still physician to the poor at 150 guilders a year (\$18.75) in wampum. In August of this year they loaned the city authorities 4012:3 at 6 per cent. Six pounds of nails were purchased of Jan Tysen for the church at Kinderhook. A large amount was expended for building materials, in November, and mention is made of the domine's house and the deacons' or alms house. The elders of the church borrowed 248:18 of the deacons. 168 guilders were disbursed to Mary Jochimse on security. The annual certificate is signed by Gideon Schaats, Gr. Dell, Jacob Schermerhooren, Adriaen G. Papendorp, Direk Wessels, Albert Ryckman, Jacob Abrahamson.

## 1687.

Albert Ryckman and Jacob Abrahamson in office. On the 17th Jan., 102 guilders were received from the poor boxes at Kinderhook. Annetje Barenson was buried at an expense of 142 guilders. Domine Schaats's house was repaired out of the poor fund. In June was purchased of Peter Schuyler major, a *wacy*, for which was paid 2520 guilders. And in September another sum of 560 guilders was given to Dom. Dellius on account of this *wacy*, and in November 48*g.* more. The names of Davidt Schuiler, Gerrit Reyersen and Egbert Tunissen appear for the first time among the consistory.

## 1688.

The minutes of this year appear to be in the handwriting of Gerrit Reyersen, which is quite rude. It discloses no important events. Tunis Tempelier was buried on the 25th July, at the expense of the treasury. In August 1857 guilders were paid on account of the *wey*, which was probably the pasture at the south of the city. Catryna Vanderpoel was paid 240 guilders for a half year's rent for the house in which Domine Dellius lived. The collections were 4101:8, and the expenses 4054:15. An item of 1801:8 appears as *wey-gelt* received, indicating a sale or lease of a part of the tract. There is a table of expenses for labor and so forth which amounts to 741:2, anent the *weij*.

The audit is signed by Dellius, Gideon Schauts, pastor in Nieuw Albanie, Daviet Schuiler, Peter Winne, Jan Jansz Bleecker, Wouter Albertsen, Jan Lansinch, Evert Wendel.



1689.

The two last mentioned persons took charge of the business this year. A good many items of expense occur on account of the weij. The elders borrowed 283*g.* in May. In the same month Barent—— was buried with the customary items of expense. A good many citizens paid for soil out of the pasture (*acorde wijt de wy*) and the old fort. Also 1939*g.* were received from the pasturage of horses and cattle in the *wij*; 59½*g.* were paid for 12 lbs. of butter for Dom. Dellius. Gerrit Van Ness was paid for boards for the old church yard — the one in Church street, probably, as they seem to have been drawing earth from the old fort there. The new names that appear are William and Gerrit Gysbertsen, Gerrit Hardenberg, Ryck Ryddersen, Dick Dragon, Levinus Van Schayek, Benoni van Korler, Ryck Ael, Jacob Vos, Myndert Wimp, Rynier Barents, Johannis de Smit. Margaret Schuyler was paid 288*g.* by order of Dom. Dellius for interest of £120; and the further sum of 800*g.* by order of the domine for discount of the capital sum of £20; and 295*g.* was delivered over to the elders Jan Janse Bleecker and Johannis Wendell: all in the month of August. In October the deacons bought of Peter Schuyler *de val op de beverskil* — the Buttermilk fall — with *vyf morgen lant*, about 10 acres, for 1000*g.*, of which 837*g.* was paid. In November the elders received a further sum of 350*g.* from the poor fund. In December Jacob Mesen Vrooman paid 177*g.* interest money, and 252*g.* was received from various persons for *kruyt opt 't diacony huys* (vegetables, probably); 1939*g.* was paid into the treasury for pasturage; 480*g.* per annum was paid for rent of the house occupied by Dom. Dellius. The amount of receipts this year was 5536:10; the disbursements 5906:8. Margaret Schuyler was paid 4000*g.* (£100) interest money, and Peter Schuyler who was then mayor, was paid 163*g.*, the balance due on the Beaver creek.

1690.

Jacob Staats and Jan Byvanck were the young deacons this year. The receipts were 2408:17, and the expenses 3576:14. Dr. Van Dyck seems to have been succeeded by Jacob Staats as physician. The consistory borrowed 180*g.* for Dom. Dellius. There was a loan of £100 (4000 gilders in seawant) of Juffrouw Margriet Schuyler, the interest on which was 240*g.* seawant for this year. The signatures of Dom. Schaats, Jan Vinhaeghen, Johannes Wendel, Dirck Wessels, Johannes De Wandelaer, Jacob Meesen Vroommeen and Jacob ten Eyck appear to the audit. This is the last time that Dom. Schaats's name appears.

1691.

Johannes De Wandelaer and Jacob Lookermans had charge of the eleemosynary funds this year. The record is very neatly written. The income was 2884:12, and the disbursements 2520:1. The expenses of February are solely for the burial of Jan Cornelissen, whose name had long appeared on the books as the recipient of alms. The items are here inserted in the original Dutch orthography, to show the language and custom of the time.

Aen Jannetie ridders voor haes houden van Jan Cornelise root 24:00



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| Aen Willem Claesz voor het maeken van Jan Cornelisz: syn doot kist  | 18:00 |
| Aen Johannes Kujler voor 3 kan rom tot syn Begrafenis   | 12:00 |
| Aen roosebooms soon voor het Brengen van Jan Cornelisz syn kist na Bujten   | 0:18  |
| Aen gysbert Marselis voor 3 planken tot de kist van Jan Cornelisz: root   | 6:00  |
| Aen Jannetie ridders voor haer diest vant houde van Jan Cornelisz:  | 22:10 |
| Aen Jannetie Ridders voor dienst vant houden van Jan Cornelisz: voor 2 Maende en 8 dagen het Laeste-gelt van haer gedans dienst | 52:10 |
| Aen henderck roseboom voor het Begrauen van Jan Cornelisz:  | 30:00 |
| Aen harmen ganseuort voor een half vat bier tot de Begrauenis van Jan Cornelisz: root   | 12:00 |
| Aen Jonge Jan syn vrou tot Lasten van de Meyer op tekening die sy noch te goet heeft van d: dienst van Jan Cornelisz: root      | 16:00 |
| The whole sum is 193:18. A part of the sum, however, was for board and washing.   |       |

The names that appear are William Teller, Martie Temp, Johannes Van Sandt, Jacob Martensz, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Annetie Lamers, Evert Bancker, Johannes Beeckman, Jan Bradt, Allie Oothout, Antonie Van Schayck, Jan Abeel, Isaack de Foreest. Some articles were bestowed upon an Englishman who had been imprisoned in Canada. Ten gallons of sweet wine were bought for the use of the sacrament at 120*g*. Among other properties belonging to the deacons was a bull, which was sold this year to Antonie Van Schayck for 107*g*. Father Schaets received 108:16 in settlement (*afkorting*) of his salary. This is the last mention of his name. The yearly audit is signed by Godefridus Dellius, Gerret Reyerse, Dirck Wessels, Albert Ryckman, Gerret Lansingh, Jacob ten Eyck.

The items of expense indicate the building of a house this year for Domine Dellius.

## 1692.

Jacob Ten Eyck and Johannes Tomassen Mingael had charge of the treasury this year. The receipts were 4914:7; the disbursements 5251*g*. Early in January Wouter Albertsen Uythoft paid in 1800*g*. on account of Jacob Meesen Vroman, deceased. The same amount was paid to Juffrouw Margaret Schuyler. The burial of Maertye Tempels is mentioned, the wine and beer costing 69*g*. Josep de Spaniert paid 24*g*. for rent of house. In March Ryck Riddersen deceased. The new names that appear are Tannen Winnen, Jannije Ridderse, Klaes Jansen, Peter Mingael, Luyck Duycksen, Jan Gouw, Jan Jacobsen. Andries Bradt, Jan Albertsen, Jannye Schermerhooren, Roelef de Drent, Barent Albertsen Bradt, Jan Abeel, Teunis Slingerlandt, Haerpert Jacobsen, Turck Harmensen, Johannes Van Sandt, Robbert Sanders, Benoni van Corlear, Wouter van den Uythoof, Elbert Gerretsen. The construction of the domine's house went on this year. The audit is signed by Dom. Dellius, Jan Jansz. Bleecker, Marten Gertsen, Evert Bancker, Hendrik van Rensselaer.



1693.

Everard Banker and Hendrick van Rensselaer officiated this year. Income 3415:8; expenses 2749:17. In April Johannes van Sandt was paid 6*g.* for *doot kissie voor biddende Jongen*. In May the consistory had 207:7, and in August 382*g.* In July Elyas van Rafenstyn had 156*g.* Among the new names that occur are Willem Holly, Jan Knoet, Jan Salemons, Tam and Sara Rodsiers. The auditors were Dom. Delliuss, Jo. Lansingh, Claes Ripse van Dam, and Antony van Schaieck.

1694.

Hendrick van Rensselaer and Antony van Schaieck carried the bag. Receipts 4474:7; expenses 4902:13. Trynte Schaets received by consent of the consistory 240*g.*; also 10*g.* for *doot kleet*, and other payments were made on her account for articles indicating a funeral in March. Melgert Wynkusele\* paid for the *Wasser loop van de bevers kyle*; that is, the Buttermilk falls. The Domine's huys, which had been receiving faint attention during the two previous years, was this year vigorously prosecuted, and absorbed the greater part of the amount expended.

The names appended to the audit are: Delliuss, Direk Wessels, Jacob Staats, Pieter Schuyler, Albert Ryckman, Joh. Cuyler, Johannes Rooseboom, Johannes Myngael, Pieter Van Brugh.

1695.

Johannis Cuyler and Johannes Roseboom were the acting deacons. Receipts 4231*g.*; expenses 3171*g.* In January they made an arrangement with Sara huys vrow van Thomas Rodgers for the support of Elias van Ravenstyn at 24*g.* a month. The consistory made an arrangement with the consistory of the Lutheran church, Myndert Fredricksen, Jurrian van Hoesen and Pieter van Waglen, to pay Hendrick Marselis and his wife Tryn van den Bergh one third the expenses of keeping the poor. They agreed with Hans Kros and his wife Antje to provide Claes Janse *syn logement, kost, drank, wassen en ander gerak gedurende dit lopende jaer* (that is his lodging, board and washing) at 40*g.* a month. In June it is recorded that Claes died on the 12th, and was buried on the 13th. The expenses of his burial are thus given: Dead shirt and cap, 16*g.*; winding sheet, 14*g.*; making the coffin, 24*g.*; 1 lb. nails and cartage of the coffin, 3*g.* 10*s.*; 2 half vats of good beer, 30*g.*; 6 bottles of rum, 22*g.* 10*s.*; 5 gallons Maderia wine, 42*g.*; tobacco, pipes, and sugar, 4*g.* 10*s.*; 3 cart loads of sand for the grave, 1*g.* 10*s.*; Hendrik Roseboom for grave-digging, 30*g.* (this item probably included the services of the undertaker); to which the deacons contributed 3 boards for the coffin, and the use of the pall; total 188*g.* In February Harmen Rutgersen was paid 15*g.* for a half vat of beer delivered to Johannes Bensing for the burial of Egbert Norsesen; and Catalyntje Elslant was paid 16*g.* for a gallon of sweet wine for the sacrament at Kinderhook. A good deal of money was expended this year upon the *niece koke huys* of Dom. Delliuss, that is, a new kitchen. Among the names of persons mentioned are Carel Hansen, Jan Andriese, Jan Gow, Syte Mattyse, grand-daughter of Tryn van den Bergh, Jona-

\*Melgert Wynantse?





than Stephens, Joseph Spanjaerd. Jacob Staets was still *chirurgyn der armen*. The *spiritual goods* (*geestelyk goederen*) of the church are inventoried, among which are mentioned a house and lot in Brewers street, obtained in 1692, in which Dom. Dellius lived. A poor house and lot by the side of the Rutten kill, acquired in 1685. A lot 25 feet broad, 29 Dec., 1794. A tract where the old fort stood on the west side of the great highway (near the present steamboat landing), and two parcels of land obtained of Gov. Dongan by Dom. Dellius. The accounts of the retiring deacons were audited by Dom. Dellius, Albert Ryckman, Peter Schuyler, Marten Gertsen, Johannes de Wandelaer, Johannes Myngael, Peter van Brugh, Joh. Abeel, Wessel Ten Broeck.

## 1696.

Johannes Mingael and Peter van Brugh were the young deacons. They collected 3241:13, and disbursed 2954:4. The expenses of building and improving their real estate had depleted the treasury, and the former inventory of sacks of wampum and specie are no more mentioned. On the 9th Feb. Elias van Ravenstyn died, and was buried on the 11th. The bill of expenses is thus given: 1 lb. tobacco, 1*g.* 10*s.*; Roseboom (undertaker) 4*g.*; Jacob Bogert for the coffin 3*g.*; 3 boards, 4:10; a can of sweet wine, 5*g.*; Harmie Raggerse for 2 vats beer, 3*g.*; 4 bottles rum for the watchers, 16*g.*; 4 cans rum, 20*g.*; for the *doot kleet* and *hemd*, 36:12; for making the same, (winding sheet and shirt) 4:10; total, 213*g.* The surplus money was still spent upon the domine's house. Seven gallons of sweet wine was purchased of Catelyntie van Elselant for 112*g.* Cristejaen Han, and Nantje Sammerse are new recipients of alms. The domine signs his name simply Dellius, as usual; and is followed by J. Jansz. Bleecker, Joh. de Wandelaer, Direk Wessels, Jan Lansingh, Hend. van Rensselaer, Wessel Ten Broeck, Willem Groesbeek.

## 1697.

The accounts were kept by Wessel Ten Broeck and Hendrik Van Rensselaer. They write the names of their predecessors as Johannes Tomasse and John Ver Brugge. The names of persons as well as things were written loosely. Dr. Staets was paid his salary for 1696, 60*g.* The number of the poor had fallen off, and the Doctor's salary was reduced. The great bridge in the pasture was repaired. Large sums are frequently paid to the consistory. The widow of Harmen Lieverse [Livingston?] for taking care of Rysick Swart was paid 24*g.* a month. Mr. Simson was paid 120*g.* for writing a patent of the lands of Broeder, who had long been one of those whom the church supported. Christian Han died in November when the customary list of expenses is given. Davit de Wilt, [David the Indian?] died in December, and was buried by the church. Hendrik Roseboom, who had long officiated as *voorzeder* and undertaker, and received his annual salary for setting the Lord's table, 64*g.*, the consistory now resolved should have an increase of pay for that duty of 32*g.* The receipts of the year were 2733:2; the expenses 2811:8. Audit signed: Dellius, Direk Wessels, Jan Lansingh, Jan Vinhaegen, Albert Ryckman, Willem Groesbeek, Abraham Cuyler, Johann J. Bleeker, Anthony Bries.



1698.

Willem Groesbeeck and Abram Cuyler entered upon the duties of their office with 209:7 in the treasury. They received during the year 2836:10, and disbursed 2265:3, leaving 780:14 to their successors. We now find an income from the rent of the deacons' house: *Van Robbert Berret van huysluer vant de dyakonys huys*, 35:5. The quantity of wine purchased for the sacrament is noteworthy. On the 29th April, 5 gallons of sweet wine was purchased, "als des heren avont mael uyt gedelt is so9 hier als op de Kinderhook, 60*g.*" On the 25th July, "Aen Direk van der Heyden voor wyn als der heren avont mael was, 48*g.*" Oct. 19, "Aen Brodes voor 3 galen wyn als des heren avont mael was, 36*g.*" Dec. 25, "Voor wy als des heren avont mael was, 42*g.*" In all about 15 gallons. May 11, was buried Hendrick de Haes's *vrouw*, when the following expenses are given:  $\frac{1}{2}$  vat beer, 24*g.*; coffin, 24*g.*; 2 gall. rum and 2 lbs. sugar, 25:10; uytbrengh van bier en 1 kar, 18s.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. nails, 1:5; 5 gallons of wine of Direk van der Heyden, 60*g.*; small cakes (*koekties*), 10*g.*; Roseboom, (undertaker), 42*g.* They were still building the domine's house, and improving the great pasture, a new bridge having been built over the Bever kil by Willem Kittloen. The principal recipient of the deacons' goods and money was Rysick Swart, at a monthly rate of 36*g.* The signatures to the annual audit are Dellius, Jan Vinhaegen, Albert Ryckman, Pieter Schuyler, Johannes Bleecker, Anthony Bries, Johannes Cuyler, Evert Bancker.

1699.

Johannes Bleecker and Anthony Bries. Hendrick Roseboom was paid 50*g.* for a half year's salary as chorister or reader (*voortlezer*). In the absence of the pastor he conducted the services, and also superintended burials. The expenditures were 1807*g.* The domine's house was still in progress, and bridges and other improvements were made in the pasture. Nevertheless the treasury was beginning to recuperate. 1590:1 being passed over to the next incumbents. The good services of the deacons "*van de ingesamelde Godspenningen*" is certified for the first and only time\* by

*Nucella* . —

Also by

JAN VINHAEGHEN,  
ALBERT RYCKMAN,  
PETER SCHUYLER,

JACOB LOKERMANS,  
JOHANNES CUYLER,  
EVERT BANCKER.

1700.

Johannes Cuyler and Evert Bancker deacons. The collections taken up in the church on the first Sunday in January amounted to 218*g.* 14s. John Kidnie paid 54*g.* for half a year's rent of the east end of the poor house, which seems to have been vacant by the decrease in the number of the poor; the old names having all disappeared from the list. It appears

\* It is stated on p. 2, that Dom. Nucella officiated here from 1695 to 1700, but there is nothing in this book to indicate his presence before this year, and this signature is the only record of him.



that Hendrick Roseboom received 400*g.* from the city and county besides his salary from the church; and he was voted 50 guilders extra pay for services as *voorzitter* during the time the church was without a pastor before the arrival of Dom. Nucella, which seems to have been on the 16th of April, 1699. On the 15th of February, Ryseck, widow of Gerrit Swart, the last of the church poor, died, and was buried on the 17th, the *onkosten* of which was as follows: 3 dry boards for the coffin, 7:10;  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. nails, 1:10; making the coffin, 24*g.*; cartage, 10*s.*; a half vat and an anker of good beer, 27*g.*; 1 gal. rum, 21*g.*; 6 gall. Madeira for women and men, 84*g.*; sugar and *cruyery*, 5*g.*; 150 sugar cakes, 15*g.*; tobacco and pipes, 4:10; Hendrick Roseboom *doodgraver*, 30*g.*; use of the pall, 12*g.*; total 232*g.* A claim of Roseboom of 12*g.* for inviting to the funeral (*pretendeerde voor't aenspreken buyten d' stad*) was paid; but it was regarded as an extortionate charge, and the consistory ordered that the *doodgraver* should thereafter have from the deacons 30 guilders and no more, for like services. Mary wife of Jacob Lookermans was paid 6*g.* for assistance (*handrykingh*) at the burial, and Marritje widow of Harme Lievertse, who had long received a monthly stipend for nursing and board, was paid the same as for a full month, as was the custom, 36*g.* A statement of the expenses of Ryseck Swart during four years is given, amounting to 2229*g.* 10*s.*, and she is credited with effects, consisting of silver ware, jewelry, &c., and a lot on the plain (*tuyt erff op de plyn*) which were appraised by the patroon and Jacob Turek at 644*g.* 10*s.*, which in seawant was 1585*g.* On the 20th of July Dom. Johannes Lydius and Dom. Barnardus Freerman arrived (the latter the second pastor at Schenectady). On Sunday the 21st, they both assisted in the services (*elck eens gepredikt*), and on the following Sunday Dom. Lydius preached his introductory sermon. New improvements were made on the domine's house, and a new turned bedstead was purchased for Dom. Lydius at 40*g.* A payment of 160*g.* was made by Nanningh and Frederiek Harmense towards their saw mill on the Bevers kil. A payment of 506*g.* was made upon the expenses of Dom. Lydius from Antwerp. The receipts were nearly 4000 guilders, and although there were many extraordinary expenses, there remained 853:12 in the treasury. The signatures to this year's business are those of

*Johannes Lydius. V. D. M.*

DIRCK WESSELS,  
HENDRICK VAN RENSELAER,  
WILLEM GROESBEEK,  
GERRET VAN NESS,

ANTONY VAN SCHAICK,  
JOHANNIS ABEEL,  
HAERPERT JACOBSEN,  
JOHANNES SCHUYLER.

-1701.

William Claessen Groesbeek and Harpert Jacobsen van Deusen, deacons. They contributed to the magistrates of Albany, 120*g.* for the support of Jacob de Wilde Jonge. Domine Lydius's expenses from Amsterdam were paid in full 503:9; and the passage of Dom. Freeman, 560*g.* The receipts were 3481*g.*, and the disbursements 2880:2.



1702.

Gerret Van Ness and Johannes Schuyler, deacons. They entered upon their office with 1454*g.* 10*s.* in the treasury. A pasture had been purchased in 1700 of Ryer Schermerhorn, on which 600*g.* had been paid; the balance 1260*g.* was paid in January of this year. The collections in the church on four Sundays in July amounted to 618 guilders; and there remained in the treasury at the end of the year 3133*g.* 14*s.* The expenses upon the domine's house were still large, and they had been more than a year engaged upon the domine's well. All work of this kind seems to have progressed with the *safest* haste.

1703.

Hendrick Oothout and Robert Livingston, junior, had charge of the *kist* this year. In February 79 guilders were bestowed upon a necessitous person (*een nooddriftige*); 240*g.* were paid for the passage of Dom. Freeman. Those who furnished materials or labor on the domine's house this year, were Samuel Pruyn, Wouter Quackenboos, Thomas Wendle, Evert Banker, Robert Barrett, Gerret Van Ness. Hendrick Roseboom, so long *voorlezer*, died this year, as appears by an entry stating that his salary for setting the Lord's table was paid to his widow. The receipts were 3271:2; expenses 2953:6, including 1916:10, paid to Anthony Van Schaick, for some indebtedness.

1704.

David Schuyler and Willem van Aelen received from their predecessors 3451:10, with the chest, besides five obligations for money due. The income was 3276:8; expenditures 761:11, leaving 5966:6 in the treasury. In January 5 cans of wine were sent to Kinderhook for the sacrament, and in April 9 more. Work upon the domine's house still went on. A needy person received 117:5½ in June, and in November two such persons, names unmentioned, received 167 guilders; in December a similar payment of 111:15. Anthony Bradt had succeeded Hendrick Roseboom as clerk, and *voorlezer*.

1705.

Geysbert Marcellis and Antony Coster, church-masters. They entered upon this office with 6727:10 in the treasury. The receipts of the year were 2938:11; expenses, 754:3.

1706.

Elbert Gerretse and Myndert Schuyler, church-masters. They found 8912:6 in the treasury, and increased the sum to 10287 guilders. In March they expended 395:10 in *verbeteren* Dom. Lydius's house, and further sums were paid on that account and for repairs on the *armen*, or poor house. The elders were given 180 guilders to make an entertainment for Dom. Lydius. Sums were frequently bestowed upon certain *nooddriftige* persons. In November the items of expense for burying Guysbert Bastiaen are given.

1707.

Harpert Jacobse and Robert Livingston were church masters. Jan





Huybertse died in February. He was one of the *nooddriftige*, and had received various articles of necessity. The following items are given under date of 25th Feb. To Hendrick Oothout for making the coffin, 25:10;  $\frac{1}{2}$  vat good beer, 18*g.*; to David Schuyler for 3 gallons of wine, 30*g.*;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gall. rum, 18*g.*; Johannes Lansingh for pipes, 3*g.*; tobacco, 5*g.*; for inviting to the funeral, digging the grave and tolling the bell (*aenspreken graftmaken, en kloek luyden*) 36*g.*; total, 235:10. Peter Bronk and Anthony Bogardus were paid 105:15 for making the balcony to the domine's house. Oct. 23, Geertie, wife of Jan Thoorn was buried at the expense of the church masters. Jacob Staets was paid 42*g.* for half a year's rent of his small tenement, occupied by the widow of Patrick Macgregory. The domine was paid 473*g.* on account of his salary. Outlays continued to be made on the domine's house. The name of Shivolet Bogardus is mentioned. The treasury gained more than 500 guilders.

## 1708.

Peter Van Brugh and Jonas Douw officiated this year. June 13, the pastors of the Long Island and New York churches preached here, and a collection of 89*g.* was taken up in the church. A new table cloth for the church cost 192*g.* Johannes Ouderkerck was paid 400*g.* on account of the wife (widow?) of Jan Huybertse. Receipts 3105:10; expenses 2228:10.

## 1709.

Guysbert Marselis and Goose van Schaick were church masters this year, and commenced business with 13898:17 in the treasury. The burial of Jan Rosie is mentioned at an expense of 183*g.* They were still building the domine's house; yet the balance in the treasury was 14982:14. The signature of Dom. Lydius appears at the close of this year's account for the last time.

## 1710-12.

David Schuyler and Antony Coster in office. Elizabeth Janse and her two children were the principal subjects of alms. In April they paid Domine Du Bois for pastoral services and expenses, 556 guilders. Abram Kuyler was paid 141*g.* for cleaning the church. The accounts run into another year without the customary annual audit. In March, Domine Vas was paid 400*g.* for services. In April £75, or 3000*g.* was paid for a draft on Holland to pay for the call of a new domine. In October Dom. Vos was paid another 400*g.* Johannes van Alen was paid 6*g.* for the passage of Domine Du Bois from Esopus, and Luykes Wyngaert 12*g.* for taking him back. William and Johannes Claessen received 401:10 *voor het maecken van de kerck*, by which it would seem that they had already begun the building of the new church, which was completed three years later. In April Samuel Beyiert and Jan Cruger were paid 1382*g.* on account of Domine Van Driessen, and in June he was paid £22:10*s.*, or 900 guilders. Abram van der Poel paid one year's rent of water for his mill on the Bevers kil, and Daniel Bradt 106*g.* for the use of water for his mill on the same stream ( *twee jaer water loop van syu molen*). At the close of the year 1712, these brethren rendered their statement



for three years, receipts 15807:16; expenditures 13029:18. The following names in fac simile are attached to the audit:

Petrus Van Driessen  
 Jacob Staats P. V. D.  
 H. S. Rensselaer  
 J. van der Hoopboom  
 Myndert Schuyler  
 Willem Van Deussen  
 Koenraadt ten Eyck  
 Johannes Beekman  
 Rutger Bleeker

These names are Peter Van Driessen, P. V. D., [*Verbi Dei Præco*, preacher of the word of God] Jacob Staats, Hendrik Van Rensselaer, Johannes Roseboom, Myndert Schuyler, William Van Deussen, Conrad Ten Eyck, Johannes Beekman, Rutger Bleeker.

1713.

William Jacobsen Van Deussen and Koenradt ten Eyck, deacons. Abraham De Peyster was paid 420*g.* on a bond to the order of Jacob Sandersen Glen. A poor German was paid 38:17 (*een nodruftyge hoog dytser*).

1714.

Johannes Beekman and Rutger Bleeker deacons. Three Palatine women were given 33*g.* (3 *dachderd*). Cornelia Gilbert was paid £6 (240*g.*) for a release of her claim in the pasture. The balance of the expenses of bringing Dom. Van Driessen from Holland were paid. It was stipulated that his salary should be paid in Holland currency.

1715.

Stephanis Groesbeek and Hendrick Douw deacons. The new church was now far advanced, the walls carried up around the old one. It is

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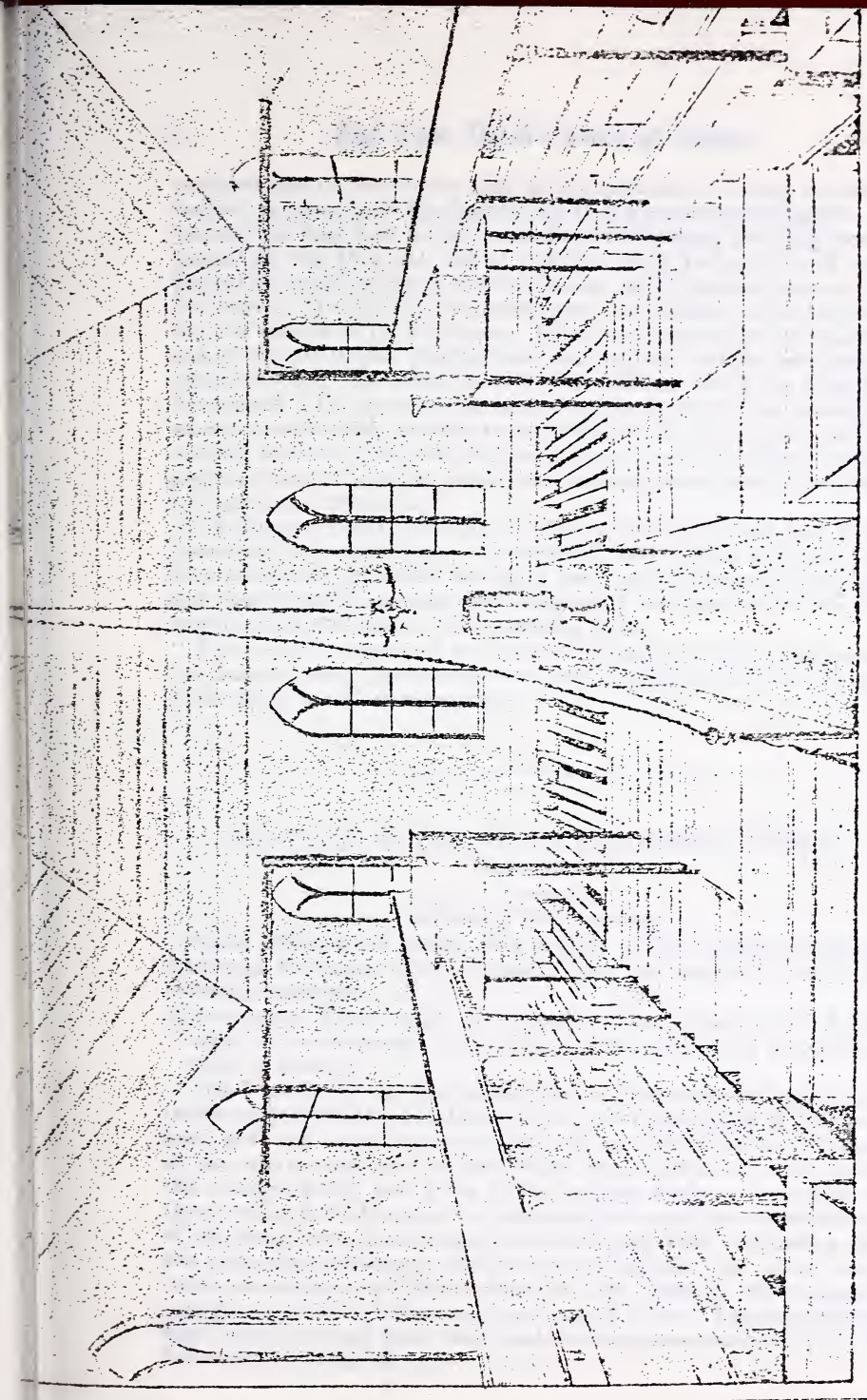
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recorded that no service was held in the afternoon of Sunday the 4th September, on account of the obstructions that surrounded the church. But the services were held on the succeeding five Sundays, and they were suspended on the 16th and 23d of October, while the old church was in process of demolition (*geen kerck gehouden om dat de oude kerk als gebroken viert*). On the 30th it is mentioned that children were baptized in the new church in the afternoon. It has been mentioned elsewhere that one of these children, the first that was baptized, was the last person for whom the bell was tolled in 1806, the year in which the church was demolished. On the 13th November the new church was consecrated, when a considerable sum was contributed towards its construction (*Is de nieuwen kerck in geveyt en het genen voor en nade middah in quam is gegeven aen de ouderlingen geveve tot vorder op bouwen van de kerck hetwelk was een konse rabele som.*)

At the same time the domine's house was still unfinished, and the poor house had expensive repairs. Nevertheless the deacons delivered over to their successors, Hendrick Ten Eyck and Jacob Lansingh, 6502 guilders and 14 stuyvers, in seawant, the currency of the time, besides bonds to a large amount, for loans made at different times.

Here end the records of the deacons. They serve to fix with certainty the dates of many important events, and to establish other facts of which there remain no other memorials.

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## SEATINGS OF THE DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH. 1730 to 1770.

### *Minutes of the Consistory.*

These Minutes are copied from a Book in the Archives of the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, upon the outside of which is the following inscription:

*Memorandum Boeck wegens de Vrouw en Mans Plaatsen in de Kerck en enige Ordie bestoten syn Kerkerade van de Nederduytse Gereformeerde Kerk in Albany.*

This book consists of the orders of the consistory concerning the burials in the church and the regulation of the pews; also a list of all the persons, male and female, occupying seats in the church, with the numbers of the pews or slips, and the numbers of their seats in the same, as well as the changes which took place in the seatings during a period of about thirty years, it would seem. It is evidently a copy from an earlier record of the same sort; the earliest date in it being 1738, indicating that it was made after that time; and the earliest dates in the second column, which are mostly in a different hand, and are probably the changes that took place after the list was made out, are of 1760. The book was therefore made about this latter date; and the changes cease about 1770. The following is the first entry:





## Copey Uyt Kercke Boeck A.

Kerkenraad gehouden in Albany den 19 Maart, 171<sup>s</sup><sub>9</sub>.

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|---------|---|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|
| Present | { | Jacob Staats,      | } Ouderlinge. | Stephanis Groesbeek, | } Diakone. |
|         |   | Johannes Schuyler, |               | Barent Staats,       |            |
|         |   | Johannes Cuyler,   |               | Rutger Bleeker,      |            |
|         |   | Johannes Roseboom, |               | Volkert Van Veghten, |            |

Bevinden Een Vast Stellinge Van Voorgaende kerkerade aengaende het Regulement van't begraven van de dooden in de kerk sulx by ons verder overwoogen synde is vast gestelt dat voor Lyke van kinderen tot 10 Jaren sal betaelt werden aen de ouderlinge ten behoove van onse kerk twentigh schellinge, boven de tien Jaren tot vyftien Jaren twee pondt, parsoone boven de vyftien Jaren drie pondt, zynde behalven de kosten tot doodgraven en clock luyer en dat alle graave en kisten sullen in vervolgh gestelt werden aen malecander by reegen in goede order gemaakt en dat het sullen syn platte kisten, en belangende de vreemdelinge Sulx wert altyt gelaat aen de kerckmeesters wat de soodaniege sullen betaalen wert verder gerefereert aen opgamelde Resolutie van kerkenraade gemaakt den 11 October, 1716.

Kerkenraad gehouden in Albany, }  
den 20 Maart, 171<sup>s</sup><sub>9</sub>. }

Present, Jacob Staats, Johans Schuyler, Johans Cuyler, Johans Roseboom, Ouderlinge: Stephanes Groesbeek, Barent Staats, Rutger Bleecker, Volkert Van Veghten, Diakone.

Synde by voorgaende K: keraade gehouden den 5 December A<sup>o</sup> 1716, overtyt geven van de vrouliede plaats in onse kerk vast gestelt onder anderen dingen dat by het ofsterven of vertreeken van Eenige der selve welke plaatse vergeeven syn der soodanige plaats vervallen aen des selfs naast bestaende, mits betaalende twe stuck van achten en behoorlyk contribuierende tot predecants tractament doch by manquement van sulx voor de tyt van twe Jaeren sullen soodaniegen plaatse vervallen ter dispositie van de ouderlinge als breeder by gemelde resolutie en vast stelling can blycken welker zaak verder nu overwogen synde ten beste. De kerk is vast gestelt dat in plaats van twe Jaren manquement van betaaling als boven het sal voort aen syn Een half Jaer voor soo danigen binnen de lamute van de stadt Resideerende en buyte in de county Een Jaer mits de soo daniege nalaatige voor of Eerst daer van kennisse werde gegeven, verder vast gestelt by desen om disorder voor te komen dat niemant sal vermooge its te maaken ofte timmeren ofte doen maaken of timmeren in de kerk sonder order ofte voorgaende Consent van de E'kerkenraad.

Kerkenraad gehouden in Albany, }  
Den 5 December, 1716. }

Present, Pieter Van Brugh, Robert Livingston, jun., Albert Ryckman, Jonas Douw, Ouderlingen: Hendrick Ten Eyck, Jacob Lansingh, Johan Van Veghten, Ryer Gerritse, Diakone.

Aen teekeninge van de vrouwen En Jonge Dochters haer sitt plaats in de nieuwe neder duytsche gereeformerde kerk alhier volgens d resolutie aen de of Staenden zey als meede hoe de plaats verde van tyt tot tyt syn vergeeven volgens de Resolutie.



Then follows the list of pews and the names of the occupants, with the number of the seat which each occupied, and the date when a successor took it. The women's seats came first. Thus, in

Pew No. 1, seat No. 1, the original occupant seems to have been succeeded in 1747 by Geertruy Roseboom, who was followed in 1764 by Geertruy, daughter of Jacob Roseboom, junior. In seat No. 2, the original occupant, whose name does not appear, was succeeded in 1757 by Annatje daughter of Isaac Staats. No. 3 in 1749 was occupied by Elizabeth Simms, who in 1762 resigned it to Annatje, daughter of P. Van Alen. No. 4 was Scharlotte Coeymans, before whose name no date appearing, it is supposed that she was the original sitter; in 1762, she was succeeded by Scharlotte, daughter of Andries Ten Eyck. It may be conjectured that the former died and was succeeded by her niece and namesake. No. 5, the last seat in this pew, was occupied by Elizabeth, vrouw of Pieter Lansing, who came into possession of it in 1752, and seems to have continued until this book was disused, about 1770. This is all we have of pew No. 1. If we could locate it on the floor of the church there would be no difficulty in seating the whole church, and pointing out where any of the worshippers had their seats.

The numbering of the seats continues with regularity from 1 to 24, when 56 intervenes that and No. 25, the latter being represented as *van binne uyt*, which is supposed to mean that the entrance to it was on another aisle. The numbers then follow regularly until we arrive at 33 and 34, which are represented as blank. The succession is again regular to 44 and 45 which are said to be *blank*. They then continue regularly to No. 56, which seems to have been a single seat, while the seat previously designated as 56, between 24 and 25 had 7 seats, an unusual number, all the pews from 1 to 16 inclusive having 5 seats, and from 17 to 24 inclusive having 6. No. 27 has 8; also No. 30. No. 37 has but 5. Then from 38 to 43 inclusive have 6. Nos. 46, 47, 48 have each 5. No. 49 has 6. Nos. 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 have 5. No. 56 which follows is marked in the margin with from 1 to 5, but there is only one name entered, which name is different from any of those written opposite the numbers in pew No. 56 that is placed between Nos. 24 and 25, and must therefore have been a different seat. Nos. 57 and 58 have each 5. No. 59 has 3. Nos. 60 and 61 have 5. No. 64 has 3. Nos. 63 64 have 5. No. 65 has 6. No. 66 has 5. Then follows 86 with 5, then 85 with 4 seats. No. 70 has 5 seats, numbered as 1, 2, 1, 2, 3. No. 71 has 5 seats numbered, and 1 which is said to have been *uyt gewonne by het timmeren van de banke*. No. 72 ditto. No. 80 follows, 5 seats. Then No. 73 with 5 seats, and 1 *uyt gewonne* as before. Then Nos. 75, 76, 77, each 5 seats. No. 78 has 3 seats. Then comes another No. 78, which had been a pew for old men, having 2 numbered and 2 unnumbered seats, and the remark that in 1762 another seat was made in it for Elizabeth Van Sante. No. 79 has 5; also No. 81 which follows. Nos. 82 and 83 have each 6. No. 84 has two numbered, but seems to have had two more placed in it, who were privileged to sit in *'t gemeen*, that is in common, or as it happened or they could agree. Then comes No. 5, the Patroon's pew, occupied by Catharine Van Rensselaer, who had also 3 other seats reserved in the same pew.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the profession in the United States. It points out that the number of physicians has increased steadily since 1900, and that this increase has been particularly marked in the rural areas. The report also notes that the average age of the practicing physician is increasing, and that this may have a bearing on the quality of medical care.

The second part of the report discusses the various factors which influence the distribution of physicians. It points out that the concentration of physicians in certain areas is due to a number of reasons, including the availability of medical schools, the presence of hospitals, and the general health of the community. The report also notes that the distribution of physicians is not uniform, and that there is a shortage of physicians in certain areas.

The third part of the report deals with the various methods of medical education. It points out that the traditional method of medical education, which consists of a long period of apprenticeship followed by a few years of formal instruction, is being replaced by a more scientific method. This new method involves a longer period of formal instruction, followed by a period of practical training in a hospital or clinic.

The fourth part of the report discusses the various methods of medical research. It points out that the traditional method of medical research, which consists of the collection of clinical observations, is being replaced by a more scientific method. This new method involves the use of laboratory experiments and the application of the principles of physics and chemistry to the study of medicine.

The fifth part of the report deals with the various methods of medical practice. It points out that the traditional method of medical practice, which consists of the use of the patient's own resources, is being replaced by a more scientific method. This new method involves the use of various instruments and devices, and the application of the principles of physics and chemistry to the treatment of disease.

The sixth part of the report discusses the various methods of medical administration. It points out that the traditional method of medical administration, which consists of the use of the patient's own resources, is being replaced by a more scientific method. This new method involves the use of various instruments and devices, and the application of the principles of physics and chemistry to the management of the hospital.

The seventh part of the report deals with the various methods of medical legislation. It points out that the traditional method of medical legislation, which consists of the use of the patient's own resources, is being replaced by a more scientific method. This new method involves the use of various instruments and devices, and the application of the principles of physics and chemistry to the enactment of laws.

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No. 6, the first seat, was appropriated to the minister's wife; it had 4 seats. No. 7 had 5. Nos. 8 and 9 had 4. No. 10 had 3. Nos. 11 and 12 had 4. Then follow 8 new pews which seem to have been gained in different parts of the church; 1 of 5 seats behind the deacons; 1 of 5 behind the elders; 1 of 6 opposite Cornelius Cuyler; 1 of 5 between Nos. 54 and 56; one of 5 on the west side of the grand aisle, and 1 on the east side to which but 1 sitting is awarded, although it would seem that there was room for more; 1 of 6 seats between Nos. 85 and 86; and 1 of 5 in the south-east corner. The first change that took place in the sittings of these 8 new seats, was in 1766, by which we know that they were constructed before that year. Two seats were afterwards made, with 6 sittings each, opposite the seats of the elders, and 1 of 4 opposite the deacons, which were to be vacated four times during the year for the purpose of making room for the celebration of the Lord's supper. The whole number of sittings for females was 611.

The men who occupied seats on the ground floor, were the magnates of the city. They sat on the bench along the wall. No. 1, 3 seats, behind the elders, was occupied by the Schuylers. No. 2 had 4 seats. No. 3, occupied by the Livingstons, 4 seats. No. 4 had 15 seats. No. 5 had 8. No. 6 had 9. No. 7, 9. No. 8, 8. No. 9, 6. No. 10, 6. No. 11, 7, occupied by the Van Rensselaers. In all 79 seats. Those who could not procure seats below, and especially the young men and boys, were accommodated with seats in the gallery. The young men succeeded their fathers in the seats below, as the latter were removed by death or emigration. The following seats were on the west side, and seem to have been first occupied in 1754. No. 1, 5 seats. No. 2, 4 seats. No. 3 and 4 blank. Nos. 5 and 6, each 5 seats. Nos. 7 and 8 blank. Nos. 9 and 10, each 5. No. 11, 4. No. 12, 5. No. 13, blank. No. 14, 2. No. 15, 1. On the south side, No. 16, 5. No. 17, 6. Nos. 18 and 19 vacant. Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23, each 6. No. 24 vacant. No. 25, 2. No. 26 and 27, each 6. Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31 vacant. No. 32, 3. No. 33 and 34, each 6. No. 35, 4. No. 36 vacant. Nos. 37, 38 and 39, each 6. Total in these two galleries 130. 79 below. In all 209 men

611 women

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820.

We have nothing to indicate a gallery on the east side, except the great number of seats represented as being on the south side. The eastern gallery may have been first constructed and appropriated to the black people, of whom there was a great number. The women were many of them attended by negro servants, particularly in the winter, when they carried foot stoves, containing coals for the purpose of keeping their feet warm. As these coals expired, they were renewed from the stoves which heated the church. The latter were placed on each side of the church, over the side aisles, just beneath and projecting beyond the galleries. They were elevated about 8 feet from the floor, upon 4 upright posts. The koster having finished ringing the bell, standing under the cupola in the middle aisle, wound the end of the rope around a high post standing there for the purpose, and went into the gallery to inspect his fires. The



stoves were approached by climbing over the gallery, on each side. The last sexton was Cornelius Van Schaick. He is represented as having had an exalted appreciation of the dignity of his calling. He did not allow himself to be jostled by any one who passed him while engaged in ringing the bell, without resenting it. He always carried a switch of some kind when he passed through the galleries, and cut right and left with it among the boys. The stove doors were always closed by him with a tremendous bang.

All the aisles but the middle one were narrow. The men below sat upon elevated benches around the wall, with their hats on, and were accustomed to smoke their pipes during sermon time. Those who occupied the first tier of seats in the gallery hung their hats upon nails which studded the whole front of the galleries, presenting a novelty which was rendered more curious by the variety of their style, color and condition. The roof was ceiled with boards upon the rafters, from the walls to the cupola. The entrance was through a porch on the south side, and the entrance to the galleries was made by ascending several steps on the east side of the porch. In this porch the sexton kept his graveyard tools; and there seems to have been an interior door for his use connected with the galleries.

*Minutes of the Consistory.*

171 $\frac{8}{9}$ . March 20. Present, Jacob Staats, Johannes Schuyler, Johannes Cuyler, Johannes Roseboom, *elders*; Stephanes Groesbeek, Barent Staats, Rutger Bleecker, Volkert Van Veghten, *deacons*.

Whereas, at a previous meeting of consistory, held on the 5th of December, 1716, to inspect the order of the seats occupied by the women in the church, it was ordained, among other things, that on the death or removal of the occupant of a seat, such seat should fall to her next of kin, upon the payment of two pieces of eight and the customary contribution to the minister's salary; in default of which payments, during a period of two years, the seats would revert to the elders, to be disposed of by them, in manner therein provided; in consideration whereof, it is

Resolved, That instead of an allowance of two years time in which to make payments as aforesaid, there shall be allowed but half a year to those who reside within the city, and one year to those who reside in the country, after due service of notice of the same.

Resolved, That no one whomsoever be allowed to make or cause to be made, any alteration whatever in the seats, without due permission of the consistory.

*List of the women's and girls' seats in the new Dutch Reformed Church in this city, and to whom they have from time to time been transferred, agreeably to resolution.*

No. 1.

- 1747 1 Geertruy Roseboom. 1764 transferred to Geertruy, daughter of Jacob Roseboom, jr.  
 1757 2 Annatje Staats, da. of Isaac Staats.  
 1749 3 Elisabeth Simms. Nov. 29, 1762, to Annatie Van Alen, wife of V. P. Van Alen.





4 Scharlotta Coeymans. 1762 to Scharlotta da. of Andries Ten Eyck.

1752 5 Elisabeth wife of Peter Lansing.

No. 2.

1 Elisabeth Sanders. 1763 to Debora da. of Robert Sanders.

2 Alyda Pruyen.

3 Elsie Roseboom, junior.

4 Sara Vischer. 1764 to Sarah da. of Harmen Vischer.

5 Eghbertje Van Der Heijden. 1767 to Rachell Visgher.

No. 3.

1759 1 Neeltje da. of Will. Hogan.

2 Neeltje Douw, junior.

3 Pieterje Hogan.

1759 4 Ragel wife of Volkert Douw.

1750 5 Cathariena Van Bergen.

No. 4.

1759 1 Maria daughter of Robert Sanders.

1759 2 Catharine " " "

1758 3 Maria Groesbeck.

1747 4 Cathalyntje da. of Jan Van Ness.

1754 5 Elisabeth da. of Gerardus Groesbeeck.

No. 5.

1747 1 Antje wife of Seybrant Van Schajck.

2 Maragrieta Bleecker.

3 Geertruy da. of Johannes Roseboom.

4 Maria wife of Isaac Staats.

1753 5 Sara da. of Seybrant Gerardus Van Schajck

No. 6.

1743 1 Anna Cathariena da. of Sybrant Van Schajck.

2 Elisabeth A. Van Schajck. 1762 to Catrena da. of Wessel Van Schajck.

1750 3 Elisabeth Nicolls.

4 Maria Nicolls. June 10, 1761, to her sister Elisabeth Nicolls.

1749 5 Maria wife of Wessel van Schajck.

No. 7.

1755 1 Jannetje Cuyler.

1759 2 Margrieta wife of Hendrik Van Dyck.

3 Maragrieta Marselus.

4 Alyda Van Den Bergh.

5 Maria Hogan.

No. 8.

1757 1 Sara wife of Johannes Cloet, junior.

2 Alyda Van Schajck.

3 Antje Van Wie. 1760 to Annatje wife of Hendrik H. Van Wie.



- 4 Barber G. Marselus. 1770 to Maria Gysb. Marselus.
- 5 Alyda Schuyler. 1761 Marietje wife of Jan Van Deusen.

No. 9.

- 1 Debora Van Schajck.
- 1747 2 Geertruy D. Van Der Heyden. 1764 to Anna da. of John Yates.
- 1752 3 Eva wife of Johannes M. Roseboom. To Maria da. of Johannes Marselus.
- 1749 4 Arejantie P. Wendell. 1770 to Maria wife of David Schott.
- 5 Margrieta Lydius.

No. 10.

- 1 Elisabeth Vinhagen van Oothout.
- 2 Engeltje Wendell. 1770 to Elisabeth wife of Barent Stats.
- 1759 3 Sara wife of Jacobus Perk<sup>s</sup> Van Benthuyse.
- 4 Arejantie Ver Planck. 1769 to Elisabeth her daughter. 1770 to Arejantie da. of William Ver Plank.
- 5 Ryeke Roseboom. 1760 to Catriena wife of Johannes Lansing.

No. 11.

- 1 Ragel De Peyster, now Ten Eyk.
- 2 Geertruy Lansingh.
- 1747 3 Arejaentie Lansingh. 1770 to Geertruy da. of John Jo. Lansing
- 1754 4 Anna da. Barent Albertse Bratt. 1760 to Arejaentie wife of Cornelius Van Santfort.
- 5 Anna Van Der Heyden. To Annetie da. of Thos. Williams.

No. 12.

- 1 Grietje Ten Eyck,
- 2 Jannetje Glen. 1764 to Elsje wife of Barent Ten Eyck.
- 3 Ragel Bleecker. 1767 to Maragrita H. Ten Eyck.
- 1748 4 Elsie J. Cuyler, now Ten Eyck. 1764 to Lidia wife of Jacob Cuyler.
- 1757 5 Alida wife of Isaac De Freest.

No. 13.

- 1 Gerretje Ten Eyck. 1766 to Maria wife of Peter Gansevoort.
- 2 Gerretje Ten Eyck, junior.
- 3 Cathariena Coeymans.
- 4 Anna Margrieta Van Schajck. 1763 to Gerretie da. of Peter Gansevoort.
- 5 Elisabeth daughter of Gerrit Bratt.

No. 14.

- 1747 1 Ryeke da. of Sybrant Gosen Van Schajck.
- 1754 2 Anna Quackenboss. 1760 to Catriene wife of Da<sup>l</sup> Holenbeek.
- 1749 3 Eva, da. of Johannes Beeckman.
- 4 Maria, da. of Ruben Van Veghten.
- 5 Anna, da. of Harmanus Wendell.



## No. 15.

- 1 Hendericke Bogart 1764, to Catharina, wife of Gerritt Van Ieveren  
 2 Dorathy Bogart.  
 3 Catharina Bogart.  
 1755 4 Maretje wife of Jacob Lansing. 1767, to her da. Anna.  
 1741 5 Catharina, da. of Isaac Bogart. 1764 to Catharina Van Driesen.

## No. 16.

- 1 Thuntie Gerritse, now Van Buren.  
 2 Susanna Vischer. 1761, to Geertruy, da. of Isaac Swits.  
 3 Willempie Douw<sup>ws</sup> Bogart.  
 4 Susanna Van Schoonhoven. 1760, to Maria wife of Abraham Fonda.  
 1758 5 Ragel Vischer. 1767, to Alieda Fonda, da. of Abraham Fonda, on condition of its reverting to Ahaswer Roseboom, when he has an heir.

## No. 17.

- 1 Catharina H<sup>d</sup>. Cuyler. 1767, to Maragreta, da. of H. Bleecker.  
 1751 2 Geertje Jacoba Ten Eyck.  
 1758 3 Geertry, da. of Gerarduss Lansing. 1770, to her mother Maria Lansing.  
 4 Hester Slingerlandt.  
 5 Engeltje Witbeek. 1763, to Janneke Van Hosen.  
 1747 6 Angenietje G. Van Den Burgh.

## No. 18.

- 1 Amielia Pruyn. 1760 to Amielia Kip.  
 2 Alida Pruyn.  
 3 Annatje Cloet.  
 1747 4 Sara Van Alstien.  
 1759 5 Majeke da. of Harmen Hunn.  
 1751 6 Ragel wife of Cornelius Van Den Bergh. 1762 to Antie, wife of Abram Wemp.

## No. 19.

- 1751 1 Anna Dennonsoon. 1760, Dirke da. of Witt Winne. 1770, to Elisabeth Jn<sup>s</sup>. Knikkerbaker, junior.  
 2 Margrieta Ma<sup>us</sup> Van Der Heyden. 1763, to Angenietje da. Barent Bradt.  
 3 Elisabeth Bratt.  
 1757 4 Neeltje Bradt.  
 1751 5 Elisabeth wife of Abraham Lansing.  
 1769 6 Abiegail Ver Planck, now Lansing by consent.

## No. 20.

- 1 Maria Hansen da. of Benj<sup>n</sup>. Bratt.  
 1759 2 Elisabeth Williams, da. of Thos. Williams, *oude*.  
 3 Engeltje R. Van Veghten.

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4 Cathariena Gansevoort. 1767, to Magdalena da. of Johannes C. Ten Broeck.

5 Susanna Van Ness (Nistigune). 1767 to Femitje da. J. Lansing.

6 Jannetje Lansingh. 1762, to Neltie Walderon, da. of Jantie.  
No. 21.

1 Maretje Van Ness. 1763, to Maritie wife of Wit Vol Van Den Bergh.

2 Sara Waters.

1759 3 Magdalena wife of Hendk. Van Ness. 1769 Maria da. of Hendrik Van Ness.

4 Cathaliens wife of Gisbert Van Den Bergh. 1768, to Folkie wife of B. Van Schoohoven.

5 Maria Van Den Bergh.

1754 6 Antje wife of A<sup>b</sup>. Yates.

No. 22.

1 Anna Van Schoonhoven. 1762 to Catrena da. of Harme Londerse.

1757 2 Jannetje da. of Sa<sup>ll</sup> Cregier.

1748 3 Cornelia Van Den Bergh

4 Jannetje Walderen.

5 Abiegel De Forest. 1763, to Susanna wife of Isaac Douwse Fonda.

6 Huybertje Lansing.

No. 23.

1749 1 Maria Lansingh.

2 Elisabeth Van Veghten, now Viele. 1762, to Elesbet Cnicerbacker, da. of Wouter.

3 Maria wife of Jo. Van Den Bergh.

4 Altje wife of Douwes Fonda.

1759 5 Geertruy wife of Philip Muller.

6 Rebecka da. of Myndert Marselus.

No. 24.

1 Neeltje Knickerbacker. 1769, to Elisabeth da. of Peter de Wandelaer.

1751 2 Anna Van Veghte now Wandelaer.

3 Cathalientje wife of Barent Van Buren, junior.

1748 4 Maria wife of Jacob P. Bogart.

5 Maria da. of Isaac Fonda. 1760, to Alyda da. of Will. Lieverse.

1747 6 Jannetje Ouderkerck.

No. 56.

1 Anna wife of Volkert P. Douw.

1752 2 Anna da. of " "

1758 3 Cathariens wife of A<sup>b</sup>. Lansing.

4 Arejaentje Wendell, junior.

5 Maria Roseboom. 1764 Maria da. of Hendrick M. Roseboom.

1758 6 Anna Nicolls.

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- 7 Jannetje Witbeeck. 1768, to Geertruy wife of Hendrick Van Buren.

## No. 25.

- Van Binne uyt. (Query, Entrance in another aisle?)  
 1 Anna Staats, now Rorebagh.  
 1752 2 Elisabeth Myndert Veeder, (Normanskill). 1767, to Susana wife of Johannes Roseboom.  
 3 Alyda Seyb. Van Schajck. 1770, Maria, Syb<sup>l</sup>. Go. Van Schajck's daughter.  
 1753 4 Elsie da. of Joachim Staats.  
 1759 5 Neeltje wife of Volkert Gys<sup>l</sup>. Van Den Bergh.  
 1749 6 Elisabeth Van Schelluyne. 1769, to Ryekje Roseboom.

## No. 26.

- 1758 1 Femetje Switts. 1764, to Maria, da. of Cornelis Switts.  
 2 Anna Bleecker. 1767, to Annatje Bleecker, her daughter.  
 3 Geertruy Wendell.  
 1759 4 Christiena Van Bergen.  
 1752 5 Elisabeth da. of Peter Van Bergen.  
 6 Susanna Wendell. 1764 to Francyntie da. John Wendell.

## No. 27.

- 1 Geertie Johs. Bleecker. 1768 to Jannecke da. of Johs. Bleecker.  
 1748 2 Geertruy Schuyler, her daughter.  
 1758 3 Jannetje da. of Abr. Th. Witbeeck.  
 1752 4 Geertruy da. of Johs. Joh. Lansing. 1769 to Geertruy da. of Peter Lansing.  
 5 Annatje Witbeeck, wife of Abraham.  
 6 Angenietje Schott.  
 7 Anna Margrieta Ten Eyck.  
 1748 8 Cornelia Williams.

## No. 28.

- 1739 1 Susanna wife of Hendrick Hallenbeck.  
 2 Tryntje Briess. 1760, to Neeletje Briess.  
 3 Lena Vischer. 1767, to Maritie wife of Jacob Lansingh. 1768, to Geertruy Beekman by order of Jacob Lansingh.  
 4 Annatje Beekman.  
 1750 5 Maria wife of Will. Winne.  
 6 Eva Bleecker.

## No. 29.

- 1 Anna Gerritse. 1764 to Maria da. of Isaac Greveraet.  
 2 Maria Switts.  
 3 Leena Lansing. To Leena, widow of Andries Van Wie.  
 1749 4 Juedike da. of Joseph Yates.  
 5 Cathariena Lansing. 1760, to Cathariena da. of Evert Lansingh.  
 6 Annatie da. of Barnardus Harsen.

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- 1759 1 Maria wife of Cornelius Muller.
- 1747 2 Rabecka wife of Johannes Yates.
- 3 Dircke Gerritse.
- 1759 4 Jannetje wife of Wouter N. Groesbeeck.
- 1748 5 Antje Van Den Bergh.
- 1748 6 Hilletje Van Antwerpen.
- 7 Dircke Van Vrancke.
- 8 Elisabeth wife of Eghbert Bratt.

No. 31.

- 1 Annatje wife of Evert Lansing. 1769, to Ragel Van Deusen.
- 2 Cornelia Bratt.
- 3 Cornelia De Forest. 1762, to Alida da. of Isaac Isaacs Fonda.
- 4 Maria Wyngaert. 1764, to Hester widow of Harmen Vissher.
- 1751 5 Wyntje da. of Volkert Van Den Bergh.
- 6 Neeltje De Forest.

No. 32.

- 1 Antje Van Den Bergh. 1766, to Anna da. of Johannes Smith.
- 2 Jannetje Bogart.
- 3 Maria Spoor. 1762 to Maria da. of John Donnewyn.
- 4 Catharina Van Woert.
- 5 Margrieta Ryckse. 1767, to Sussa Ouderkerck.
- 6 Maria Wyngaert, Junior.

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No. 35.

- 1 Margrieta Livingston.
- 2 Catharina Van Rensselaer, now Schuyler.
- 1747 3 Margrieta Van Rensselaer. 1762, to Gertruy wife of Johannes Van Rensselaer.
- 1758 4 Maria da. of Peter Lansing.
- 5 Margrieta Collins. 1761, to Neeltje Schuyler.
- 6 Elisabeth R. Bleecker.

No. 36.

- 1748 1 Alyda Ten Eyck.
- 2 Maria da. of Cornelius Van Den Bergh.
- 1748 3 Neeltje Van Veghte. 1766, to Jantje wife of Volkert Van Veghten.
- 4 Geertruy Beeckman. 1768, to Eevea wife of A. Schuijller.
- 5 Hester Van Der Heyden.
- 6 Johanna Marselus.

No. 37.

- 1757 1 Susanna, da. of Maria Hogan.
- 2 Maria Van Schajck.
- 3 Margrieta H. Ten Eyck.
- 4 Geertje Ten Eyck.
- 5 Margrieta Ten Broeck.

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| Charitable Deduction        | 1198 |
| Capital Gains Tax           | 1199 |
| Retirement Savings          | 1200 |

## No. 38.

- 1 Arejaentje Lansing.
- 2 Hesse Beeckman. 1770 to Hesije wife of Jacob Roseboom, Junger.
- 3 Leena Gansevoort.
- 4 Catharina wife of Johannes Jacob Lansing.
- 5 Elisabeth wife of Joachim Staats.
- 6 Angenietje Witbeek. 1770 to Margrita Marselus.

## No. 39.

- 1 Hester Van Schelluyne. 1764, to Sarah wife of Harmen Vissher. 1769 to Dirckje wife of Jacob Fonda.
- 1752 2 Catharina da. of Johannes J. Lansing.
- 1759 3 Maretje wife of Petrus Van Den Bergh.
- 4 Maretje Hilton. 1760 to Rabecka wife of A. Bratt. 1768 to Antie Santfort.
- 1748 5 Judicke da. of Johannes Van Buren.
- 6 Eytie Van Buren.

## No. 40.

- 1759 1 Jannetje wife of Johannes Pruyen.
- ✓ 1759 2 Annatje da. of Teunis Slingerlandt. 1764 to Geesje wife of John Viele. 1767 to Gertruy J<sup>o</sup>. Hansen.
- 3 Cornelia Ryckman, now Prise.
- 4 Catharina wife of Abm. Lansing Hunberrege.
- 5 Cornelia Dunbaar.
- 1752 6 Maria wife of Johannes Mynderse.

## No. 41.

- 1 Hilletie De Ridder.
- 2 Geertruy wife of Roliff Van Der Werken. 1762 to Rabeka wife of Abram Slingerlandt.
- 3 Maria wife of Tuenis Viele.
- 4 Catharina wife of Jan Bratt.
- 1751 5 Direcke da. of Killejaen Winne.
- 6 Sara wife of Marte Winne.

## No. 42.

- 1 Ragel Redliff.
- 1753 2 Huybertje da. of J. J. Yates. 1764 Sara wife of Lucas Yates. 1768, to Marregre wife of J. Van Santee.
- 1751 3 Annetje wife of Lambert Redliff. 1768, Annatie wife of Antoine Flensburgh.
- 4 Antje wife of Gerrit Van Sante.
- 1757 5 Jacomyna wife of Peter Bratt.
- 1759 6 Annatje wife of Isaac Jacob Lansing, (mote).

## No. 43.

- 1 Geertruy Van Den Bergh.
- 1751 2 The church, Dec. 18.
- 1757 3 Maria C. Van Den Bergh.

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- 5 Direke Van Woert. 1769 to Maria Fasia, her son's da.
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No. 46.

- 1 Elisabeth da. of Cornelius Cuyler. 1760, to Maria da. of John Ja. Beeckman.
- 2 Elsie da. of Corns. Cuyler. 1761, to Elisabeth wife of James Van Cortland. 1765, to Cathalina da. of Philip Cuyler.
- 3 Margrieta Schuyler.
- 1759 4 Margrieta da. of Corns. Cuyler. 1765, to Elisabeth Roseboom. 1768, to Cathalina da. of A. Cuyler, junior.
- 5 Elisabeth Van Der Heyden.

No. 47.

- 1759 1 Hilletje da. of Peter Williams.
- 2 Cathariena, da. of Cornelius Ten Broeck.
- 3 Cathalyne Van Den Bergh.
- 1748 4 Margrieta Hunn.
- 1747 5 Cathariena da. of Christopher Abeel. 1770 to Ebbetje Jacobes Abeel.

No. 48.

- 1752 1 Elisabeth wife of Abraham H. Wendell. 1760 to Annatje his da. 1770 to Sanneke his da.
- 1757 2 Cathariena da. of Anna Wendell. 1763 to Annatje da. of Gisb<sup>t</sup>. Marselus. 1768 to Sanneke wife of Isaac Truax.
- 3 Maria da. of Gysbert Roseboom.
- 4 Elsie G. Roseboom. 1770, to Cathalyne Mebie.
- 5 Geesje da. of Anna Wendell.

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- 1745 1 Maria da. of Gerrit Van Den Bergh.
- 2 Margrieta Van Den Bergh.
- 3 Sara Stevenson. 1764 to Barber, wife of Hendrick J. Bogert.
- 4 Cathariena Bratt.
- 5 Wyntje Briess.
- 6 Maghtel wife of Gerrit A. Lansing. 1761, to Neltie da. of Gerrit Staats.

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- 1754 1 Lydia da. of Ephraim Van Veghten. 1766, to Chrijstentie wife of Harminis Schuyler.
- 2 Maria Douw.
- 3 Anna Wendell.
- 4 Neeltje da. of Jacob Ten Eyek.
- 5 Margrieta Cuyler. 1767, to Catharina wife of Jacob Van Schaick.

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## No. 51.

- 1 Engeltje Lansing.  
 1759 2 Cathalina da. of Jacob P. Bogart. 1765 to Annatje da. of Jan.  
 Gerritse Yates.  
 1753 3 Elisabeth da. of Claas Fonda.  
 4 Cathariena Marselus. 1770. Barber Tunis, H. Visher.  
 1750 5 Maria wife of Eghbert B. Eghbertse.

## No. 52.

- 1 Susanna Hogan.  
 2 Alida da. of David Van Der Heyden.  
 1751 3 Cathariena Van Den Bergh. 1760, to Maria da. of Willem  
 Groesbeeck. - 1770 to Jannetje Gerrit Groesbeeck.  
 1759 4 Cornelia wife of Patrick Clarke.  
 1748 5 Rabecka Fonda.

## No. 53.

- 1748 1 Angenietje wife of Frans Winne. 1760 to Cathariena his da.  
 2 Cathariena Roseboom. 1761 to Maria wife of Abraham Ver-  
 plank.  
 3 Willempie Bratt, now Santfort.  
 4 Maria Luek, now Van Wie.  
 1759 5 Elisabeth wife of Peter D. Schuyler. 1769 to Anna da. of  
 Philip Lansing.

## No. 54.

- 1 Annatje Van Sante.  
 2 Maria wife of Z. Wyngaert. 1770 to Maria da. of John Davids.  
 3 Elisabeth Davids da. of Z<sup>b</sup>. Wyngaert.  
 4 Alyda wife of Volkert Van Hoesen.  
 1760 5 Maghdelena da. of Johannes Spoor.

## No. 55.

- 1 Cathariena Groesbeeck.  
 2 Anna da. of Jacob H. Ten Eyck. 1762 to Catrena da. of Philip  
 Defreest.  
 3 Geertruy Switts. 1762 to Maria wife of C. Van Den Bergh.  
 Paid to John Cuyler 29 Dec. 1757, having been transferred by  
 mistake to the negro women's seat.  
 4 Catrena wife of Gerret Viele.

## No. 56.

- 1 Cathariena Van Der Poel.  
 3 [This No. 56 is a duplicate, and the footing in the  
 4 Original Book would be correct without this seat,  
 5 but incorrect with it, that is 290 seats.]

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- 1747 1 Maria da. of Robt. Lansing, now Wendell.  
 1752 2 Elsie, da. of Gysbt. Roseboom.  
 1747 3 Machtel J. Roseboom.

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- 4 Elisabeth Bassett. 1768, to Marretie wife of Abraham Boogart.  
5 Jannetje Ten Eyck.

No. 58.

- 1 Effie Beeckman.  
2 Maria D. Schuyler. 1769, to Debora, da. of J<sup>o</sup>. Jas. Beeckman.  
1759 3 Cathalya da. of Christopher Abeel.  
4 Alyda Greveraat. 1769 to Maria da. of Samuel Pruyn.  
1746 5 Debora wife of Gerrit Staats. 1769 to Debora da. of G. Staats.

No. 59.

- 1749 1 Angenietje Van Veghte. 1762, to Helena widow of Gerrit  
Tunse Van Veghte.  
1758 2 Dorathe da. of Hend<sup>k</sup>. Bogart.  
3 Engeltje Van Schaack, now Bogart. 1764, to Janetie da. of  
Hendrick Bogart.

No. 60.

- 1 Elsie Douw da. of Abraham.  
2 Marytie Winne. 1762, Margrietie da. of Abraham Douw.  
3 Geertje Van Den Bergh. 1761, to Catharina wife of Harmen  
Liverse.  
1753 4 Sara da. of Harmen Gansevoort.  
5 Elsie wife of Philip Lansingh.

No. 61.

- 1 Marietje Pruyn. 1766 to Cathalina wife of Jan Winne.  
2 Anna Bogardus. 1762, to Wintie her da.  
1747 3 Engeltje Walderen.  
4 Cathariena Bratt.  
1759 5 Jannetje wife of Jacobus Clement.

No. 62.

- 1 Maria wife of Direk Heimstraat.  
2 Cathariena Bogardus. 1762, to Cornelia Bogardus her sister.  
1751 3 Neeltje da. of Jesse De Foreest.

No. 63.

- 1 Maria wife of Renier Van Alstien.  
1759 2 Maria wife of Wouter Groesbeeck. 1770 to Cathalyn Anthony  
Groesbeeck.  
1751 3 Cathalya wife of Jan. Winne. 1766, to Peterje da. of Johan-  
nes Samuel Pruyn.  
1748 4 Liedya Liverse.  
5 Cornelia Cooper.

No. 64.

- 1747 1 Janneke Van Alen.  
1748 2 Arejantje Van Rensselaer. 1769 to Catheriena da. of Cilleyan  
Van Renselaer.  
3 Marietje da. of Peter D. Winne. 1764 to Ragel da. of Petrus  
Douw. 1768, to Magdalena da. of Folcaert Douw.

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- 4 Catharina wife of Gerrit Van Alen. 1764 to Mariete da. of  
Gerrit Van Alen.  
5 Ragel wife of Peter D. Winne.

## No. 65.

- 1 Elsie Gerritse Lansingh. 1767, to Lena da. of Jacob Lansingh,  
conditioned that it should be given up if the former returned  
to reside here again.  
2 Elisabeth Ostrander.  
1759 3 Dorathe da. of Hendricke Halenbeeck. 1768, Sara Frijer da.  
of John Frijer.  
1748 4 Elisabeth Knickerbacker. 1762, to Annatie Van Veghte her  
daughter.  
5 Maria wife of Philip Davs. De Forest.  
1764 6 Hester wife of Gerrit Van Santen, junior.

## No. 66.

Catharina, wife of Harmanus Wendell.

- 1 Cathalyne Van Ness.  
2 Geertruy wife of Philip Hansen.  
3 Elisabeth Groesbeeck junior. 1755, to Ragel wife of Flip de  
Freest. 1770, Catharina Andrias Douw.  
1748 4 Anna da. of Thomas Sharp.  
5 Maria Gansevoort. 1763 to Annatie da. of Harmen Gansevoort.

## No. 86.

*On the East Side.*

- 1 Hester Dirckse. 1761, to Ragel wife of Ben. Winne.  
2 Barber Sharp.  
1751 3 Jannetje da. of Matth. Vanderzee, now Swart.  
4 Judeke Hylton.  
5 Eghbertje De Garmo.

## No. 85.

- 1 Antje Hilton. 1761, to Arreantie wife of Robert Cranel.  
1760 2 Catharina wife of James Redlif. 1770, to Margrita Jn<sup>o</sup>. Redlif  
Sexton.  
1761 3 Elisabeth wife of Teunis Van Woert.  
1761 4 Margrita wife of Joh<sup>s</sup>. [?] Van Der Heyden.

## No. 70.

- 1 Cathalyne Yates.  
2 Cathalyne Yates, jr.

- 1 Anna Van Vranke wife of Mass Ryckse. 1762 to Maria wife  
of Rutger Van Den Bergh.  
2 Maria wife of Ryckert Van Vrancke. 1761 to her da. wife of  
Pieter Bogert Junior.  
3 Sara Gardenier.

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No. 71.

- 1 Annatje Mershel.  
 2 Rebecka De Foreest.  
 1757 3 Christiena da. of Rykert Van Vranke.  
 4 Jannetje Van Vrancke.  
 5 Jennet Mertin.  
 Majeke wife of Gose Van Schaick. This seat was gained by altering the pew.  
 [These three entries were made in the book at a subsequent day in a different hand: in pews Nos. 71, 72 and 73. J. M.]

No. 72.

- 1 Cathariena wife of Schebolet Bogardus.  
 2 Engeltje Walderen. 1760 to Tryntje Van Wie.  
 3 Geertruy Kiddene.  
 4 Magdalena Luck, wife of Joh<sup>s</sup>. Van Wie.  
 5 Maria Van Hagen.  
 Maragrieta Wyngard. Deese plats uyt gewonne by het timmeren van de Banke.

No. 80.

*On the West Side of the Door.*

- 1757 1 Gerritje, wife of Adam Winne.  
 1758 2 Fietje, wife of Gelles Winne.  
 3 Hannatje Lansing.  
 4 Wyntje Van Yeveren.  
 5 Hendrick Van Wie's wife. 1761 to Maria wife of Johannes Ja. Lansing.

No. 73.

- 1758 1 Fytje, wife of Jacob Jellis De Garmo.  
 2 Hyltje Schredel. 1766, to Margrieta da. of Jacob Van Woert.  
 1757 3 Judeke, da. of Lukas Hoghkerek.  
 1757 4 Ansia van Arrelem wife of Rykert Van Vranke.  
 1759 5 Margrieta wife of Thomas Cooper.  
 Barent Vosburgh's wife. This seat gained by altering the pew.

No. 75.

- 1 Anna Quackenboss. 1764, to Margrita wife of Hendrick Quackenboss.  
 2 Jannetje, wife of Joh<sup>s</sup>. V. Douw.  
 3 Sara Groesbeeck. 1760, to Alida da. of Jacobus Groesbeeck.  
 1759 4 Jannetje da. of Daniel Bratt. —  
 5 Rebecka Bratt, widow.

No. 76.

- 1 Cathariena B<sup>d</sup>. Harsen. 1766, to Elisabeth wife of Jacob Ja. Van Woert.  
 2 Annatie wife of Hans Kloet. 1762, to Annatie, da. of Joh<sup>s</sup>. Cloet. 1770, to Seveyija Veeder.  
 3 Marretje Pruyt Junior. 1760 to Elisabeth wife of Isaac Van Arhem.  
 4 Cathalya Van Ness. 1762, to Alyda da. of Hendrick Bratt.  
 5 Leena Ouderkerck.





## No. 77.

- 1751 1 Sara da. of Benj<sup>m</sup>. Winne.  
 2 Cathalya Wyn<sup>s</sup>. Van Den Bergh.  
 3 Rebecka Bratt, wife of Hendrick Bratt.  
 4 Cathalya Witbeeck.  
 5 Annatje Knickerbacker.

## No. 78.

- 1 Maria wife of Anth<sup>o</sup>. Egh<sup>r</sup>. Bratt. 1767, to Maria da. of Peter Yates.  
 2 Susanna wife of Gerrit Van Vrancke.  
 3 Jannetje wife of Step<sup>h</sup>. Van Schaack.

## No. 78.

*An Old Men's Pew.*

In 1762 a seat was made in this pew for Elisabeth da. of Johannes Van Sante.

- 1 Hester, wife of Gerrit Van Sante. 1764, to Majeke Van Ness, widow, da. of Volkert Van Den Bergh [?]  
 2 Rabecka wife of Gysebert Van Sante.  
 Anna da. of Johannes L. Redlief.  
 Rabecka wife of David Van Antwerpen.

## No. 79.

- 1 Eva Hogan.  
 2 Annatje A. Van Schajek. 1763, to Elsie da. of Harmanus Schuyler.  
 1757 3 Sara wife of Joh<sup>s</sup>. J. Wendell.  
 4 Sara wife of Marte Mynderse.  
 1754 5 Elisabeth Hend<sup>k</sup>. Cuyler.

## No. 81.

- 1738 1 Sara, wife of Johannes H. Ten Eyck. 1761, to Margrita da. of Ja. H. Ten Eyck. 1763, to Catharine da. of John Livingston.  
 1754 2 Margrieta da. of Gerardus Groesbeeck.  
 3 Else da. of Hendrick Roseboom. 1765, to Leja wife of C. Van Duese.  
 1747 4 Cathalya wife of Gysbert Marselus.  
 1758 5 Elsie da. of Jacob Jab. Lansing.

## No. 82.

- 1759 1 Arejaentje wife of Myndert Van Jeveren.  
 2 Ragel Ver Planck.  
 1757 3 Cathalya Davids Groesbeeck. 1766 to Maria da. of Casparus Pruyn.  
 4 Maria Johannes De Foreest.  
 5 Machtel Vischer.  
 1769 6 Anna da. of Cornelius W. Vandenbergh. (Deese plats uyt gewonne by het timmeren van de banke).

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- 1749 1 Geese da. of Simon Veeder, now Staats.

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- 1759 2 Lena da. of Barent H. Ten Eyck.  
 3 Anna Janse Van Ness, now Van Der Zee.  
 4 Else wife of Harmen Hunn.  
 1757 5 Maria da. of Hendrick M. Roseboom. 1760, to Debora Van  
 Everen, da. of George Violding.  
 1769 6 Annatje wife of Evert Lansing. This seat was gained by an  
 alteration of the pew.

No. 84.

- 1 Cathariena Dunbar.  
 2 Jannetje Lansing.  
 Annatje Veeder.  
 Hesse Reijckman. These in common.

No. 5.

*The Patroon's Pew.*

- 1764 1 Catharina Van Rensselaer, patrooness.  
 2 3, 4, reserved for her.

No. 6.

- 1 Wife of the preacher for the time being.  
 2 Cathalina, wife of Seymon Joh<sup>n</sup>. Veeder. 1768, to Jannetje,  
 wife of Robert Iests, conditioned that it should be resigned  
 at the demand of Seymon I. Veeder or one of his sons.  
 1759 3 Jannetje da. of Jacob Glen.  
 1752 4 Margrieta da. of Dirck Ten Broeck. 1761, to Elisebet wife of  
 Abram Ten Broeck.

No. 7.

- 1746 1 Maria wife of Cornelis Ten Broeck.  
 1755 2 Christiena Van Schajek.  
 3 Sara Hansen.  
 4 Cathariena Livingston. 1761, to Sara wife of Johannes H.  
 Ten Eyck.  
 1748 5 Cathariena wife of Jacob C. Ten Eyck.

No. 8.

- 1 Cathariena Beeckman. 1760, to Eva wife of Johannes M.  
 Roseboom.  
 1749 2 Maria Cuyler. 1768, Margretha wife of Abraham N. Cuyler.  
 3 Maria wife of Hendrick M. Roseboom.  
 4 Charlotte Amielia Coeymans.

No. 9.

- 1 Cathariena Hansen.  
 2 Annatje Douw.  
 1738 3 Catharina Douw.  
 4 Helena Wendell.

No. 10.

- 1 Cathariena Cuyler.  
 2 Anna Jacobse Ten Eyck.  
 3 Elisabeth Glen.

No. 11.

- 1 Maria Livingston. 1768, to Ragel, da. of P. Douw.



- 1757 2 Maria Livingston, junior. 1768 to Annatje, da. of I. Cuyler.  
 3 Elsie da. of Hendrick Roseboom. 1768, to Eeelsebet Roseboom.  
 4 Majeke Coeymans.

## No. 12.

- 1758 1 Lena, wife of Barent A. Ten Eyck.  
 2 Cathariena da. of Jacob Wendell.  
 3 Geertruy da. of Cornelia Schuyler. 1762, to Catrena, wife of  
 Cornelus Swits.  
 1746 4 Cornelia Schuyler. 1762, to Geertruy, wife of Dr. Cachem.  
 1769, to Geertruy wife of Peter P. Schuyler.

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- No. 1. New Pew behind the Deacons.  
 Geertruyt, wife of David Van Der Heyden.  
 Ragel, da. of Volkert P. Douw.  
 Lidia, da. of Volkert Douw.  
 Lidia, wife of Pieter Ryckman.  
 Kathalina, wife of Hendrick Bleecker, Jun.  
 These seats were occupied by them indiscriminately.

- No. 2. New Seat behind the Elders.  
 Alida Schuyler.  
 Hefie da. of Jannetie Cuyler.  
 Sara wife of Jan Van Buren.  
 Angenietie wife of Gerrit Van Den Bergh.  
 Alida wife of Gerrit W. Van Den Berg.  
 These five seats were occupied in common.

- No. 3. New Seat opposite the Pew of Cornelis Cuyler.  
 Barber, wife of Harmanus I. Wendell.  
 Elizeth wife of Thomas Hun.  
 Margrieta da. of Jacob H. Ten Eyck.  
 Eva, wife of Abraham Schuyler. 1768, to Annatie Egberse,  
 by consent of Eva Schuyler.  
 Geertruy, da. of Harmanus Wendell.  
 Maria da. of Volkert A<sup>m</sup>. Douw.  
 These sittings occupied in common.

- No. 4. New bench between No. 54 and No. 56.  
 Sara, wife of John G. Lansing.  
 Engeltie wife of Bastiaen Vissher.  
 Kathalina wife of Tunis Brat.  
 Janetie wife of Daniel Winne.  
 Marietie, wife of Anthony E. Brat. 1767, to Petertie Bradt.  
 These seats in common.

- No. 5. Catharina wife of Ben. Goewy.  
 Lena wife of Maes I. Bloemendal.  
 Elisabeth wife of Chris<sup>us</sup>. Heegeman. 1766, to Anneke, wife  
 of Frans K. Winne.  
 Jannetje, wife of Daniel K. Winne.  
 Margrieta da. of James Adams.



These 5 seats occupied by the above indiscriminately, on the west side of the Broad aisle.

No. 6. Geertie wife of Abram Vos. 1768, to Annatie, wife of Willem Van den Bergh.

These seats in common, on the east side of the broad aisle.

No. 7. New Slip between No. 85 and 86 on the east side.

- 1764 Catharina wife of Abram Vinhagen.  
Geertruy, da. of John Vinhagen.  
Geertruy, wife of Conraet Luek.  
Bata, wife of Thomas D. Hun.  
Elizabeth, wife of Chris. Hegerman.  
Catharina, wife of Johannes D. Hun.  
The above 6 sat indiscriminately.

No. 8. New Pew, South East corner, behind Cathalya Yeats.

1764 Bata, wife of Wouter Quackenbos. 1770, to Benjamin Rom-  
blye.

Janetie, wife of Volckert Van Vechten. 1766, Ragel, wife of  
Jacob Loek.

Alida, wife of Gerrit I. Vissher.

Susanah Ryckman.

Annatje Van Vechte.

The above five seats in common.

The following women folk have taken seats in the first pew,  
opposite that of the Elders, agreeing to relinquish it four  
times a year on occasion of celebrating the Lord's Supper.

Geertruy Van Rensselaer.

Catriena Schuyler.

Margrieta Livingston.

Maria Lansingh.

Nellie Schuyler.

Elisabeth Bleecker.

The following women have purchased seats in the pew next to  
the new pew opposite that of the Elders, and occupy them in  
common:

Janietie Silvester.

Maria Van Rensselaer.

Elisabeth Glen.

Catriena Douw.

Catriena Bleecker.

Lena, da. of Johannes Lansingh.

The following women have hired seats in the new pew opposite  
that of the Deacons, with the understanding that they shall  
be vacated four times a year, for the Lord's Supper; and to  
sit in common.

Catriena Fielen.

Maria Lansingh.





Margrieta Neckols.  
Elizabeth Van Schelluyne.

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Concerning the Men's Seats hereafter mentioned, whenever any one of them is vacated by death, it shall descend to the eldest son of the last occupant living in the county; and in default of sons, to a son-in-law; and in default of sons-in-law, to an own brother: always descending successively to own sons; and if there be no sons or they shall be absent, then to sons-in-law; and in default of sons-in-law, then to own brothers; the first occupant paying thirty shillings for his seat, and his successor fifteen shillings for transferring the same, in behalf of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany. Every seat-holder shall be holden and in honor bound to contribute to the minister's salary in proportion to his circumstances. No person living out of the county shall be entitled to a seat; and in default of a successor, or of any of the requirements herein expressed, seats shall revert to the church.

Witness our hands and seals this 31st Dec., 1719.

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| JACOB STAATS,      | STEPHANUS GROESBEECK, . |
| JOHANNES SCHUYLER, | BARENT STAATS,          |
| JOHANNES CUYLER,   | RUTGER BLEECKER,        |
| JOHANNES ROSEBOOM, | VOLCKERT VAN VEGHTEN,   |
| <i>Elders.</i>     | <i>Deacons.</i>         |

MEN'S PEWS.

*Commencing Back of the Elders.*

No. 1.

- 1758 1 Stephen, son of Pieter Schuyler.  
1754 2 Thomas Schuyler. 1764, to Abram Cuyler, son of Nicholaes Cuyler.  
3 Peter Schuyler. 1765, to his son Philip Schuyler.

No. 2.

- 4 John De Peyster, on the north side, No. 3.  
1755 5 Myndert Schuyler Ten Eyck.  
6 John Livingston. 1768, to Dirck Ten Broeck.  
1747 7 Robert Van Rensselaer.

No. 3.

- 1757 8 Walter Livingston. 1768, to Harmen Gansefort.  
9 Robert Livingston. 1768, to Hendrick Van Dyck.  
10 Robert Livingston, junior. 1768, to Philip Lansing.  
11 Peter R. Livingston. 1768, to Jacob C. Ten Eyck.

No. 4.

- 12 Gerrit Gerritse Lansingh.  
13 Marta Gerritse Petruse Van Bergen.  
14 Nanning son of I. Vischer.  
1745 15 Jacob Roseboom.  
1759 16 Hendrick Ed. Williams.



- 1758 17 Robert Sanders. 1765, to Peter Rob<sup>t</sup>. Sanders.  
 18 Peter D. Schuyler. 1763, to John Gerritse Lansingh.  
 19 Johannes Gerritse Lansingh. 1768, to Hendrick Rob<sup>t</sup>. Lansingh.  
 1748 20 Abraham Witbeeck.  
 21 Barent Van Buren.  
 1747 22 Jacob, son of Jacob Bleecker.  
 1750 23 Johannes Joh<sup>se</sup>. Vinhagen.  
 24 Johannes Beeckman, junior.  
 25 Cornelius C. Van Den Bergh: To Gerret W. Van Schajek.  
 1754 26 Seymon Johannes Veeder.  
 The above 15 sat indiscriminately.

No. 5.

- 1748 27 Direk Jacob Van Der Heyden.  
 1751 28 Johannis Cuyler. 1765, to Barent Cornelis Ten Eyck.  
 29 Gerrit C. Van Den Bergh.  
 30 Johannis Van Der Heyden Snyder [*? tailor*]. 1771, to Abraham E. Wendell, by order of consistory.  
 1751 31 Seybrant A. Van Schajek.  
 1746 32 Johannis H. Ten Eyck.  
 1751 33 Jacob H. Ten Eyck.  
 34 Hendrick Bleecker. 1767, to Jacob Joh<sup>s</sup>. Beecker.  
 The above 8 seats were occupied by them in common.

No. 6.

- 35 Andries Witbeeck, jr. To Jan Witbeck.  
 36 Volkert Pieterse Douw.  
 37 Petrus Douw.  
 38 Jonas Oothout.  
 39 Hendrick Douw. 1762, to Johannis, son of Hendrick Douw.  
 1754 40 Abraham Douw.  
 1750 41 Rensselaer Nicolls.  
 42 Gerrit Van Bergen. 1768, to Petteres Van Bergen.  
 1754 43 Albcrt Ryckman. 1764, to Pieter Ryckman.  
 Deese boven geschreven 9 sitten in't gemeen.

No. 7.

- 1759 44 Cornelius Van Schelluyne.  
 45 Jacob Vischer. 1762, to Isaac Swits.  
 1755 46 Hendrick Bogart.  
 47 Isaac Kyp.  
 1750 48 Guert Van Schoonhove.  
 49 Barent Bratt. 1762, to Harmanis Ic. Wendell, by purchase of Barent Bratt.  
 1757 50 Cillejaen Winne.  
 1747 51 Cornelius M. Van Den Bergh.  
 52 Barent H. Ten Eyck.  
 Occupied in common.

No. 8.

- 53 Hendrick Roseboom, jr. 1760, to Johannes H. Roseboom.  
 54 Cornelius Cuyler. 1765, to Johannis Cuyler.  
 1747 55 Hendrick Cuyler. 1763, to his son Ab<sup>m</sup>. Cuyler.

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- 56 Rutger I. Bleecker.  
 1751 57 Johannes Glen. 1770, to Cornelius Gelen by order of John Cuyler.  
 1747 58 Cornelius Ger<sup>se</sup>. Van Den Bergh.  
 59 Anthony Van Schajck, jun.  
 1752 60 Abraham Ten Broeck.  
 These 8 seats in common.

## No. 9.

- 1757 61 John, son of H. Hansen. June 5, 1769, to Peter Hansen.  
 62 David A. Schuyler.  
 63 Robert Roseboom. 1764 to Ahaswerus Roseboom.  
 1749 64 Johannis Pruyen.  
 65 Ryckert Hansen. 1766, to John Ja. Beeckman.  
 1758 66 John Joh<sup>s</sup>. Lansing.  
 These 6 in common.

## No. 10.

- 1747 67 Philip Cuyler.  
 1746 68 Philip, son of Joh<sup>s</sup>. Schuyler.  
 69 Gerrardus Groesbeeck.  
 70 Joachim Staats.  
 1749 71 Hendrick Cornelise Cuyler. 1765, to Abraham Cor<sup>is</sup>. Cuyler.  
 1759 72 Pieter Winne Douw.

## No. 11.

- 73 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer. 1764, to Stephen Van Rensselaer.  
 74 Steven Van Rensselaer. 1764, to Stephen Van Rensselaer, jr.  
 75 Jacobus Van Rensselaer. }  
 76 John Baptist Van Rensselaer. } 1764, for the Patroon.  
 77 Johannis Van Rensselaer.  
 78 Henderick Van Rensselaer.  
 79 Jeremiah Joh<sup>s</sup>. Van Rensselaer. 1764, to John, son of Jeremiah Joh<sup>s</sup>. Van Rensselaer.

At a meeting of the Consistory }  
 held in Albany, Sept. 3, 1753, }

Present: Theodorus Freelinghuysen, minister:

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Petrus Douw,      | Pieter Schuyler,   |
| Tobias Ryckman,   | Hermanus Wendell,  |
| Phillip Schuyler, | Johannes Hun,      |
| Isaac Staats,     | Gerrit G. Lansing, |

Elders.

Deacons.

Resolved, That all the men's seats in the new or last constructed gallery shall be sold; the first tier for 12 shillings a seat; the next tier for 10 shillings, and the other for 8 shillings. There shall also be paid for each seat yearly in every year 6 shillings; and in default thereof, the seat shall be forfeited to the consistory, to be again disposed of. In case of death or removal, the seat of such person shall be transferred to his next of kin, upon the payment of 6 shillings for transferring the same; and in default of the payment of the transfer money within a year, the vacated seat shall again revert to the consistory, and be at their disposal.



1754.

Men's seats given out on the west side of the church in the gallery, as they were purchased ; Wherefore they must be paid, both for the purchase and transferring, and be subject to the quarterly salary of the Domine.

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| No 1.   | Robert Yates, jr.<br>Adam Yates.  | Joseph, son of Adam Yates.<br>Johannes Yates.   |
|         |   | Abraham Yates.  |
| No. 2.  | Johannes J <sup>s</sup> . Wendell.  | Volckert A. Douw.   |
|         |   | Tobias Ten Eyck.  |
| 1759    | Cornelius Switts.   |   |
| No. 3.  | [Vacant].   |   |
| No. 4.  | [Vacant].   |   |
| No. 5.  | Jacob C. Ten Eyck.<br>Evert H. Wendell. 1762, to<br>Jacob Van Schajck. 1761, to<br>Barent Ten Eyck. 1765, to                    | Hendrick B <sup>s</sup> . Ten Eyck.<br>Hendrick, son of Jacob Wendell.<br>Gose S. Van Schajck,<br>Peter Gansevoort. |
| No. 6.  | Myndert Van Eyvere. 1764, to<br>David Van Der Heyden. 1770, to  | Rynier Van Eyvere.<br>Leendert Gansevoort.  |
| Harmen  | Vischer.  | Peter Williams.   |
|         | Hendrick Bleecker, jr.,   |   |
| No. 7.  | [Vacant].   |   |
| No. 8.  | [Vacant].   |   |
| No. 9.  | Harmanus Schuyler.<br>Johannis Hogan. 1760, to<br>Luykas Van Veghte.  | Johannis Lansingh.<br>Williams Hogan.<br>Philip Van Veghte.   |
| No. 10. | Harmanus Wendell.<br>Nicolas Cuyler.<br>Gerrit Jab <sup>s</sup> . Lansing. 1770, to   | Barent Staats.<br>Abraham Wendell.<br>John Gevse Lansingh.  |
| No. 11. | Cornelius Ten Broeck<br>Johannis Cuyler, jr.<br>Derrick, son of Abraham Ten Broeck.   | Johannis Ten Broeck<br>Dirck Ten Broeck. 1768, to   |
| No. 12. | Joachim Is <sup>c</sup> . Staats.<br>to Harmanis, son of John Cuyler.<br>Johannis Jac <sup>b</sup> . Glen.<br>Myndert Roseboom. | Abraham H. Cuyler. 1762,<br>Cornelius Cuyler, jr.   |
| No. 13. |   |   |
| No. 14. | William Winne.<br>This pew had but two seats.   | Hendrick Van Ness.  |
| No. 15. | Johannes Williams.  | But one seat in this pew.   |

*Gallery on the south side of the church.*

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| No. 16. | Gysbert Marselus.<br>Gysbert Fonda.<br>Gerrit Marselus, jr. 1766, Johannes, son of Gysbert Marselus. | Volkert Van Veghte.   |
| No. 17. | 1 John Clout, jr.<br>2 Willim Hun.<br>3 Cornelius Van Veghte.  | 4 Dirrick Swart.<br>5 Wouter De Frest.<br>6 Isaac De Frest. |
| No. 18. | [Vacant].  |   |
| No. 19. | [Vacant].  |   |





- No. 20. Bardenardus Harsen. 1766, to Jacob Harsen, his son.  
 2 Samuel Pruyn. 3 Caspares Pruyn.  
 4 Hendrick Pruyn. 1767, to Jacob F. Pruyn.  
 5 Antonie E. Bratt. 6 Isaac Van Arnam.
- No. 21. Robert Lansing.  
 [Query 22?] 2 Johannes Jacobus Lansing.  
 3 Gerhardus Lansingh.  
 4 Johan Jo. Bleecker.  
 5 Gerrit Gerritse Lansingh.  
 6 Johannes M. Roseboom.
- No. 22. Dec. 1763. Joh<sup>s</sup>. Gansevoort.  
 [Query 23.] Joh<sup>s</sup>. M. Beekman.  
 John Van Alen.  
 Abraham Schuyler.  
 Barent Van Alen.  
 Cornelus Glen.  
 These 6 seats occupied by them in common.
- No. 23. Cornelus V. Santvoord.  
 Query 24? Joh<sup>s</sup>. Bradt. Abraham Roseboom.  
 Thomas Bradt. Abraham Fonda.  
 Peter Bratt. These 5 seats in common.
- No. 24. [Vacant].  
 No. 25. 1764. Wessel Van Schaick.  
 Also numbered 26. Jacob Van Schaick.  
 No. 26. 1764. Gerrit Van Santer, jr.  
 Also numbered 27. Gysbert Van Santer, jr.  
 David Groesbeeck.  
 Hendrick Van Ness. 1768, to Gerret Groesbeeck.  
 William G. Van Den Bergh.  
 Jacob I. Lansing. Colonie. These seats in common.
- No 27. Nicolaes Marselis. Hendrick Marselis.  
 Coenraet Ten Eyck. Ephraim Van Vechten.  
 Hendrick Staats. Hendrick Ten Eyck, jr  
 These in common.
- No. 28.  
 No. 29.  
 No. 30.  
 No. 31.
- No. 32. Martin Mynderse. Hendrick Bogert, jr.  
 Wouter Quackenbos. In common.
- No. 33. Stephen Schuyler. Harmanis A. Wendel.  
 Benjamin Eberse. William Staats.  
 Andries Douw. John Marselis. In common.
- No. 34. Rynier Van Alstyn. Bastiaen T. Vissher.  
 No. 35. Gerrit T. Vissher. John Groesbeeck.  
 Philip Wendel. John Van Ness. In't gemeen.
- No. 35. Tomas Luy. Witbeck.  
 Also No. 32. Joh<sup>s</sup>. Tu. Visher.  
 Anthony W. Groesbeeck.  
 Obedia Koepper. In't gemeen.
- No. 36. [Vacant].



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| No. 37. Abraham Hogkerek.<br>Johannes Hogkerek.<br>Jacob Van Deusen.<br>Deese sitte in't gemeen.   | Pijeter Wijtbeck.<br>Rijenijer Van Jeivere.<br>Willem Kobes Hijlten.           |
| No. 38. Dirrick B. Van Schoonhoven.  | Gerrit Roseboom.   |
| Also 39. Nanning Vissher, jr.<br>John Vissher, jr.   | Jacob G. Lansing.<br>Cornelis Douw. In't gemeen.                               |
| No. 39. 1766. Johannes Fr <sup>se</sup> Pruyn.<br>Peter Hansen. 1769, June 5, to Phyllep Rensselaer.<br>Barent Roseboom.<br>Barent Ja. Ten Eyck. | Doct. Wilhelmus Mancius.<br>Johannes N. Bleeker.<br>Dese 6 sitte in 't gemeen. |

At a Consistory held in Albany, }  
December 14th, 1768, }

Hendrick M. Roseboom,  
John Winnen,  
Nicolaes Cuyler,  
Volckert P. Douw,  
*Elders.*

Symon Veeder,  
Pieter Williams,  
Gerrardus Lansingh,  
Samuel Pruijn,  
*Deacons.*

Having taken into consideration certain resolutions of a former consistory concerning the disposal of the men's and women's seats on the first floor of the church, which we hereby confirm, in order further to promote the interests of the church, do

Resolve, That respecting the men's seats aforesaid, after the death or removal of an occupant, his seat shall fall to his oldest son residing in this county; and in default of sons, to sons-in-law; and in want of sons-in-law, to brothers or brothers-in-law; and if there be no brothers or brothers-in-law, then to cousins, etc., the eldest in all cases having precedence; conditioned that as often as the seat be transferred by the death or removal of a sitter, his successor shall pay the sum of fifteen shillings to the churchwardens for transferring the same, for the behalf of the Nederduytsh church in this place.

Having also further considered the matter of the women's pews, and what is for the interest of the respective parties, when by the death or removal of an occupant her seat becomes vacant, it shall descend to her eldest daughter residing within the bounds of the community; and in default of daughters to daughters-in-law; and in the absence of daughters-in-law, to sisters; and if there be no sisters, to aunts; and if there be no aunts, to neices; and thus at all times the succession to be limited to the eldest in the line of descent; upon the condition that as often as it shall become necessary to transfer a seat by reason of the death or absence of an occupant, the sum of twelve shillings shall be paid to the churchwardens for the behalf of the church aforesaid, by the successor thereto.

Resolved, further, That no man or woman having a seat, shall be permitted to sell or give it away to another, but that every one shall occupy his own seat.

It is further determined that no person leaving this church by certificate or otherwise, and going to another place, shall have any claim upon



the seat which he occupied in this church, but may have the same transferred to his nearest of kin, as herein before prescribed.

The Domine absent.

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hendrick Roseboom, | Seymon Joh <sup>s</sup> . Veeder, |
| John Winne,        | Peter Williams,                   |
| Nicholas Cuyler,   | Gerardus Lansing,                 |
| Volckert P. Douw,  | Samuel Pruyn.                     |

At a meeting of the Consistory, }  
Albany, Dec. 30, 1779, }

Present, Willem Winne,

Peter Gansevoort,

Gerardus Lansing,

Joh<sup>s</sup>. M. Beekman,

*Ouderlingen.*

Thomas Lansing,

David Groesbeek,

Elbert Willett,

Gerrit Groesbeek,

*Diaconen.*

Being assembled to consider upon a dispute, and to examine and weigh the same, between Gerrit G. Lansing and Bastejaen Visger, about the transfer of a woman's seat in the year 1776; and having summoned persons familiar with the transaction at the time, who testify that, after due deliberation upon the matter, having due regard to the circumstances of the case, and the existing rules, they come to the conclusion that transferring the seat to the wife of Bastejaen Visger was right. We desire therefore to abide in peace and quietness by their decision.

Besluit der Kerkeract.



## THE CITY RECORDS.

1753.

[These records, embracing a period of sixty-seven years, from 1686, when the Charter was obtained, to 1753, were published in the *Annals of Albany*, and the indexes to that work furnish a clue to the transactions of the Common Council during that time, which could be known before only by the tedious process of examining the original volumes in manuscript. They are now taken up from the time they closed in that work, and embrace a very important period in the history of the city, namely, from the beginning of the French war to the close of the American Revolution.]

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany, at the City Hall of the said City on the 29th day of May, 1753—Present. Robert Sanders, Esq., Mayor, Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Esq., Recorder. John De Peyster, Abraham Douw, Joh's Van Sante, John Glen, Harmee Gansevoort, Esqrs, Aldermen, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleecker, Assistants.

This day two Petitions was signed in order to send to New York, one to his Excellency the Governor and the other to Robert Livingston, Jr, Esq., to lay before the Generall Assembly, praying the Honorable House to gitt an Act passed to lay a Tax on the province of New York for building a Stone wall about this City, which Petitions runs thus :

To His Excellency the Honourable George Clinton, Captain Generall and Governour in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral of the white Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet. The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Albany in Common Councill convened,

Most Humbly Sheweth :

That whereas the City of Albany is a frontier Town, and the defence and preservation thereof of very great consequence to the safety of the whole Province in case of war with the French, but that the said City at present is altogether undefensible, open and exposed to the incursions of any Enemy, and the Corporation by reason of the heavy debt they ly under occasioned by the great expence we were at during the late War and no ways able to fortify the City unless assisted by a Provincial Tax, and whereas your Excellency's Petitioners have prepared a Petition to be laid before the General Assembly praying they would be pleased to lay a Tax of £6000 on Estates throughout this Province to defray the expence of building a wall with Bastions or Batteries at convenient distances for the defence of said City and security of the Province.

Your Excellency's Petitioners most humbly pray that your Excellency may be pleased to recommend to the Generall Assembly in the most pressing terms that you think proper to raise the said sum of £6000 for defray-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
1861

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in and for the County of New York, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears on file in the office of the City Clerk, to-wit:

An Act in relation to the City of New York, and to amend an Act in relation to the City of New York, passed at the City and County Court, on the 14th day of March, 1861.

Enacted by the City and County Court, on the 14th day of March, 1861.

Attest: My hand and the seal of the City of New York, this 14th day of March, 1861.

City Clerk.

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ing the charge of building said wall with Bastions and Batteries at convenient distances for the defence of the City and security of the Province. And your Excellency's Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

To the Honourable the Generall Assembly of the Province of New York in General Assembly convened. The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany,

Humbly Sheweth :

That whereas the City of Albany is a frontier Town and if well fortified might be a place of great security and defence not only for the Inhabitants of the said City and County of Albany, but of very great importance to the safety of the whole Province if attacked by the Enemy, the said City is at present altogether defenceless, open and exposed to Invasions of any Enemy, and in case a War break out with the French, it is not to be doubted their first attempt would be made on the City of Albany and the Inhabitants become an easy prey to the Enemy, which might prove of very fatal consequence to the Province.

The Corporation of the City of Albany are much in debt occasioned by the great expence they were at during the late War, and are not at present in circumstances to pay the same much less to fortifie the City.

There was a Stone wall begun severall years ago; it was carried on but a little way: from the wall Stockadoes were put up and Block houses erected at convenient distances round the City. Many of the Stockadoes are now rotten and falling down, and could be of little or no use or service in case we should be attacked by the Enemy. That part of the wall then made is yet standing, and if carried on and finished might be of very great advantage to the safety of the Province in time of War. The Inhabitants to the northward and westward of the City could in time of danger retire thereto and not only defend themselves but probably be able to repulse the Enemy. It is computed that a sum of £6000 would be sufficient to build a wall to enclose the City (except on that side along the River), with Bastions or Batteries in the same at convenient distances, and if a Tax was laid on Estates, real and personal, throughout the Province for to build said wall, it is hoped that said Tax would not be the least grievance to any particular person.

Your Honours Petitioners most humbly pray that you will be pleased to raise by a Tax on Estates, real and personal, throughout the Province the sum of £6000 for to defray the expence of building said wall with Bastions and Batteries at convenient distances for the defence of the place and security of the Province. That said sum be entrusted to such persons and paid in such proportions and at such times as the Legislature think proper, and that you appoint such proper person or persons to oversee the work under such regulation and restrictions as in your wisdom you shall think good. And your Honours Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Robert Livingston, Esq<sup>r</sup>: Sir—We enclose a Petition which we beg the favour of you to deliver into the General Assembly, and beg also the favour of you to use your interest to gitt our prayer granted. If you find any fault in the Petition we desire you will please to gitt another drawn and send it up by the first opportunity. Coll. Johnson will bring with him a Petition for his Excellency the Governour for the same purpose.

By order of Common Council.

HA: GANSEVOORT, Clerk.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 5th day of June, 1853—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John De Peyster, Jacob Ten Eyck, John Glen, Joh's Van Sante, Harmee Gansevoort, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; John R. Bleeker, Volkert P. Douw, Peter D. Wandelaer, Assistants.

This Board agreed with Mr. Isaac Switts for passage and victuals for a number of Indians, not exceeding fifteen, to carry down to New York; and this Board to pay him six shillings for each Indian; that is to say for passage and victuals.

The Mayor undertook to right a Letter to his Excellency the Governour and to sign the same in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Common Council. which runs thus:

ALBANY, June 5. 1753.

May it please your Excellency—Several of y<sup>e</sup> Mohawk Seachimis and others came down here applied to us in Common Council and told us that they had received some Wampen and a Message from y<sup>e</sup> Governour of Canada of very great consequence, and as there were no Commissioners to apply to here they requested of us to pay and provide them a passage down to New York, so as that they might communicate y<sup>e</sup> same to his Excellency, which we thought we could not well refuse, so that we have provided a passage for few of them to Mr. Swits; we are with due respect.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 2 June, 1753—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, John Glen, Johannis Van Sante, Harmee Gansevoort, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; John R. Bleeker, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Peter de Wandelaer, Assistants.

The Mayor produced the Opinion of Mr. Smith, concerning y<sup>e</sup> Ferry, which runs as follows, viz:

ALBANY, y<sup>e</sup> 20 June. 1753.

I have considered the case of the City of Albany, relating to the Ferry, and am of opinion that the present right of the Corporation will only extend to the ferrige from y<sup>e</sup> City to the opposite side of the River.

WM. SMITH.

I have also considered the case of the Corporation of Albany, and am of opinion that actions for Rent are well maintainable against y<sup>e</sup> Tenants who refuse to pay the rent for those years in which they enjoyed the profits of the Lands. Dated 20 June. 1753.

WM. SMITH.

This day Mr. Barnardus Bratt for himself, and Harmee Gansevoort for Mr. Johannis Ten Broeck, agreed with this Board for y<sup>e</sup> Rent of the Ferry, each 50s. from y<sup>e</sup> 4 day of Aprill last till y<sup>e</sup> 4 day of Aprill, 1754, at the rates made in Common Council y<sup>e</sup> 26 day of February, 1750, excepted only they may ferry from both sides.

This Board ordered that an order be drawn upon their Chamberlain to let Michael Bessett and Robert Lansing each have 6 Skipple of Wheat, and charge their accounts therewith.

Resolved by this Board, that y<sup>e</sup> Mayor execute the Deed to Daniel MacMichael for the House and Land where he now dwels, in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Common Council in the presence of two Aldermen, and that the Clerk affix the City Seal thereunto.

This Board having considered upon the Opinion of Mr. Smith, relating the Tenants of Schagkook, and Resolved, that a Power of Attorney be



drawn and signed in Common Council to send Mr. Smith, in order to prosecute those Tenants that do not agree on or before the first day of August next ensueing, and that copies of the Indentures of such persons as shall not agree within y<sup>e</sup> time lemitted be sent to Mr. Smith in New York.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of y<sup>e</sup> said City on y<sup>e</sup> 31 day of July, 1753—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John Glen, John De Peyster, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Harmee Gansevoort, Esq<sup>r</sup>s, Aldermen; Johannis Ja. Lansingh, John R. Bleeker, Volkert P. Douw.

Ordered by this Board that an order be drawn upon y<sup>e</sup> City Treasurer to let Jacob Ten Eyck have 416½ Skipple Wheat at 4s. 7<sup>d</sup> Skipple and eight pence in cash, which is in full to discharge y<sup>e</sup> ballance of a Bond of £200 and interest of the same, which Bond was executed by Direk Ten Broeck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, late Mayor, under the City Seal, by vertue of a Resolution entered in the Minutes of Comon Council y<sup>e</sup> 24th day of October, 1747, which order y<sup>e</sup> Clerk sign in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Common Council, and that y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer demand y<sup>e</sup> said Bond when y<sup>e</sup> Wheat is delivered.

John Davids presented a Petition to this Board, which is taken into consideration.

Petition of severall of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Third Ward, which this Board has taken in consideration and made a Resolution thereupon as follows:

Resolved by this Board, that y<sup>e</sup> Pavement between the Houses of Jacob Lansing and David A. Schuyler be raised and made higher, so that the water that comes down from the hill between y<sup>e</sup> Houses of Jacob Visscher and Jacob Lansing may vent itself thro' y<sup>e</sup> Lane or Street between the Houses and Lots of David A. Schuyler and the Widow Catharina Cuyler, and so down the said Lane or Street into y<sup>e</sup> River, to be performed and finished at any time before y<sup>e</sup> 15th day of September next ensueing, and if any person or persons shall neglect, refuse or delay to obey, perform and fulfill y<sup>e</sup> orders and directions so given by the Aldermen and Assistants of y<sup>e</sup> said Third Ward, shall forfeit the sum of twenty shillings for each delay and for the behoof of y<sup>e</sup> Sheriff, to be recovered before y<sup>e</sup> Mayor, Recorder, or any one of y<sup>e</sup> Aldermen of y<sup>e</sup> said city.

Ordered, That an Order be drawn upon y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer to let Anthony Bratt have twelve Skipple of Wheat and charge his account therewith at four shillings 7<sup>d</sup> Skipple.

An Ordinance published for the selling of Flesh in the Markets.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of y<sup>e</sup> said City on y<sup>e</sup> 8 day of August, 1753—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Johannis Van Sante, Harmee Gansevoort, John Glen, John De Peyster, Esq<sup>r</sup>s, Aldermen; John R. Bleeker, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Ja<sup>s</sup> Lansingh, Peter De Wandelaer.

John Flensburgh delivered an Account to this Board of 8s. 3d. for repaying y<sup>e</sup> Stoep before ye City Hall, and orders payment.

Pieter Binneway, in behalf for y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> people of Schaagkook, appeared in Common Council and agreed with this Board for y<sup>e</sup> Rent and arrearages due to this City to leave the dispute to two indifferent persons, and if in case they can not agree, that then they chuse y<sup>e</sup> third person,

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and that y<sup>e</sup> People of Schagkook appoint one or more proper persons to enter into Bonds of Arbitration on or before y<sup>e</sup> first day of September next.

Resolved by this Board, That y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer pay Joh<sup>s</sup> Seger £9:10.

At a Common Councill held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 5th day of September, 1753—Present, the Mayor, Jacob Ten Eyck, John De Peyster, Harme Gansevoort, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Ja. Lansingh, Volkert P. Douw.

Whereas the Ordinance formerly made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of this City for the electing two Constables in each Ward of this City is expired of its own limitation. it is hereby ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants of this City, that on the 29 day of September next ensuing shall be chosen in each of the Wards of this City, two petty Constables of which the Aldermen of each Ward or any of them shall make their return with the rest of the City Officers.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 27 day of September, 1753—Present, the Mayor, John Glen, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Jacob Ten Eyck, John De Peyster, Harmee Gansevoort, John Ja. Lansingh, Barent H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Volkert P. Douw.

Pursuant to a Resolution made in Common Councill the 8 day of August, 1753, appeared here in Common Councill Peter Binneway, Joh<sup>s</sup> De Wandelaer, and Joh<sup>s</sup> Knikerbaker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, together with this Board appointed Reuselaer Nicoll, Esq<sup>r</sup>, and Mr. Joseph Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and have entered into Bonds of £500.

Resolved by this Board, that the Mayor in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality, execute the said Bond and the City Seal be thereunto affixed, which is done in the presence of this Board.

Egbert Bratt delivered to this Board an Account of £2 out of is allowed twenty-eight shillings, and ordered the Treasurer to the same.

Elizabeth Donalson delivered an Account of £8:2, which is allowed to her mother Anna Kitchner, the 6th day of December, 1745, and is ordered that the Clerk draw an order upon the Treasurer to pay the same, provided that what is paid thereon before on the same Account.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 29 September, 1753—Present, the Mayor, John De Peyster, Jacob Ten Eyck, John Glen, Harme Gansevoort, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

This day being appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing Corporation Officers, the following persons were chosen to serve for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing, according to the direction of y<sup>e</sup> Charter, viz:

First Ward.—John De Peyster and Johannis Van Sante, Aldermen; Volkert P. Douw, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Assistants; Joghum Staats and Gerrit Joh<sup>s</sup> Marcellis, Constables.

Second Ward.—Jacob Ten Eyck and John Glen, Aldermen; John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Junior, Assistants; John Joh<sup>s</sup> Cuyler, Rynier Van Yveren, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Constables.

Third Ward.—Abraham Douw and John H. Ten Eyck, Aldermen;

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Peter De Wandelaer, Abraham Yates, Assistants; Dirck Roseboom and Harmanus Cuyler, Constables.

This Board appoints Johannis Roseboom Treasurer or Chamberlain for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing. Johannis Seger, Marchell; John Joh<sup>s</sup> Cuyler, High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 15 day of October, 1753—Present, the Mayor, John Glen, John De Peyster, Jacob Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Peter De Wandelaer.

John Glen, John De Peyster, Jacob Ten Eyck, John H. Ten Eyck, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test sworn to the due execution as Aldermen for the City and Justices of the Peace for y<sup>e</sup> City and County of Albany.

Volkert P. Douw, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Peter De Wandelaer, Assistants for the ensuing year, took the Oaths, signed the Test sworn to the due execution of their offices.

Harmanus Cuyler, Dirck Roseboom, Gerrit Joh<sup>s</sup> Marcellis, Rynier Van Yeveren, Constables, took the Oaths signed the Tests sworn to the due execution of their offices.

John Joh<sup>s</sup> Cuyler took the Oaths, signed the Test sworn to the office of High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 24 day of October, 1753—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John H. Ten Eyck, John Glen, John De Peyster, Jacob Ten Eyck, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Peter De Wandelaer.

Resolved by this Board, that an Order be drawn on the Treasurer, to let Wouter N. Groesbeek have six Skipple of Wheat, and charge his account therewith at 4s.  $\frac{3}{4}$  Skipple.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 27 day of October, 1753—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John Glen, John H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Jacob Ten Eyck, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw.

Resolved by this Board, that the South bound of the old Sarigtogen patent being oppiste Anthony Creek on the East side of Hudson River, East into the woods being forthwith run, and that the five hundred acres granted to this Corporation by the Charter to the South of the said Patent, that is to say, the South bounds being surveyed according to the directions of the said Charter.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 5 day of November, 1753—Present, the Mayor, John Glen, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, John De Peyster, Abraham Douw, Volker P. Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year:

Marta Mynderse, William Van Sante, for the first ward.

Evert Joh<sup>s</sup> Wendell, Isaac Gulyn Verplank, for the second ward

John M. Beekman, Rynier Van Alstyn, for the third ward.

The first part of the history is devoted to a description of the country and its inhabitants. The author describes the various tribes and their customs, and the different parts of the country. He also mentions the various rivers and lakes, and the different kinds of animals and plants which are found there.

The second part of the history is devoted to a description of the various wars and battles which have taken place in the country. The author describes the different battles and the various strategies which were used. He also mentions the names of the different warriors and the different leaders of the various tribes.

The third part of the history is devoted to a description of the various customs and traditions of the different tribes. The author describes the different ways of life, the different kinds of food and clothing, and the different kinds of music and dance. He also mentions the different kinds of religious beliefs and the different kinds of superstitions which are found there.

The fourth part of the history is devoted to a description of the various events and incidents which have taken place in the country. The author describes the different events and the various circumstances which led to them. He also mentions the names of the different people who were involved in them.

The fifth part of the history is devoted to a description of the various people and places which are mentioned in the history. The author describes the different people and their characteristics, and the different places and their features. He also mentions the different kinds of animals and plants which are found there.

The sixth part of the history is devoted to a description of the various events and incidents which have taken place in the country. The author describes the different events and the various circumstances which led to them. He also mentions the names of the different people who were involved in them.

The seventh part of the history is devoted to a description of the various events and incidents which have taken place in the country. The author describes the different events and the various circumstances which led to them. He also mentions the names of the different people who were involved in them.

N. B. Ordered, that Warrants be given to y<sup>e</sup> Fire Masters and that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk sign them, by order of the Common Council.

James Willson produced a Commission appointing him High Sheriff for y<sup>e</sup> City and County of Albany, has takeing the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and took the for the due execution of his office.

Abraham Douw, Alderman, John R. Bleeker and Abraham Yates, Assistants, are sworn to the due execution of their offices.

Pursuant to a Resolution entered in y<sup>e</sup> Minutes of Common Council, the 27 October last past, this Board have this day agreed with John R. Bleeker, for five pounds, to run the East Line of y<sup>e</sup> old Sarigtogen Patent and survey the five hundred acres of Land, to y<sup>e</sup> words of the Charter. This Board have also appointed Sybrant E. Van Schaick, Jacob Ten Eyck and John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, to go along when they think it most convenient.

Resolved by this Board, that the Treasurer sell all the City Wheat at 4s. the lowest  $\frac{7}{8}$  Skipple.

At a Common Council held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany, at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 27 November, 1753—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Johannis Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John Glen, Volkert P. Douw, Peter De Wandelaer, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Yates.

This Board agreed with Sybrant Van Schaick for seven or eight morgan of wood land lying within y<sup>e</sup> bounds of Schagkook on y<sup>e</sup> East side of Tomhenick Creek, below the first high fall of water on the said Creek, and is bounded along the said Creek Rodd on a straight Line and so back to the Eastward till it shall take in seven or eight morgan; he is to have it ten years for nothing, and at y<sup>e</sup> expiration of the ten years to pay yearly and every year, five Skipple of good winter Wheat at Albany, and to give the preverence or refusal of the said Lands to the Corporation of this City if he inclined to sell the same.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk draw an Advertisement to send by a safe hand to be fixed up at Schagkook, that y<sup>e</sup> occupiers of the Saw Mill standing on Tomhenick Creek come forthwith and agree with the Corporation of this City, otherwise expect to be prosecuted.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 11 day of December, 1753—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Yates, Volkert P. Douw, Peter De Wandelaer.

Johannis Knikerbaker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, made application to this Board for a piece of wood Land of about twenty morgan, lying within the bounds of Schagkook along the River adjoining the Lands of his Brother Harne Knikerbaker, which Land is to gitt surveyed upon his own cost and make return of y<sup>e</sup> Boundaries that y<sup>e</sup> Indentures may drawn accordingly, for which Land y<sup>e</sup> said Johannis Knikerbaker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, agrees to pay £20 current money of New York, by the delivery of y<sup>e</sup> Indentures, and four Skipple of good winter Wheat of yearly Rent in the month of January or February for ever, the first payment to begin in January or February, 1763.

Ordered, That the Clerk draw an order upon the Treasurer to pay Joh Seger fifteen shillings for Robert Roseboom and Annatje Marcellis Negros for wood he bought of them, 1745.



At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 8 day of January, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John Glen, Jacob Ten Eyck, John De Peyster, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Peter De Wandelaer, Abraham Yates, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Assistants.

Whereas the dispute between this Corporation and their Tenants of Schagkook is left to final end and judgment of Renselaer Nicoll, Esq<sup>r</sup>, and Mr. Joseph Yates. this Board appoints the Mayor, Mr. John De Peyster, and Mr. John R. Bleeker to open their case before the indifferent men in behalf of this Corporation, and that y<sup>e</sup> Mayor bring with him such Indentures as then shall be required for that purpose.

Mr. Jacob Bogart delivered an Account of £5:14. which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw for the payment upon the Treasurer in full for his account.

The following Ordinances were this day made and published, viz :

An Ordinance for the due observation of the Lord's day and the regulateing of Negro Slaves.

An Ordinance to prevent Accidents by unruly Riding.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 4 day of April, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John De Peyster, John Glen, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Peter De Wandelaer, Abraham Yates.

Resolved by this Board, that Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Abraham Douw and Harmee Gansevoort, as they are going down to New York, consult with such Gentleman as they think proper for to gitt a Petition drawn in such a form as they shall be advised if necessary to lay before the General Assembly to gitt a Night Watch for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany, and some relief for y<sup>e</sup> Debts contracted y<sup>e</sup> last War, and to endeavour to git our Petition granted, dated y<sup>e</sup> 29 May, 1753, signed and laid before the Assembly for a Stone wall round this City. And it is further Resolved the above mentioned persons eyther one or more of them sign y<sup>e</sup> said Petition in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Common Councill, and who shall pay for drawing shall be repaid at his return.

Resolved by this Board, that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk draw an order upon y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer to let Joh<sup>s</sup> Seger have eighteen Skipple of Wheat and charge his account therewith.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 22 day of April, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Abraham Douw, John Glen, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John De Peyster, Volkert P. Douw, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Yates, Peter De Wandelaer, John R. Bleeker.

Mr. Peter de Wandelaer, one of the members of this Board, undertook to go to Schagkook and see wether the Hosick Patentees do survey or lay out any of this City's Land there within the bounds of this Corporation's Land, and if they do, he the said Wandelaer is hereby impowered to forbid them to measure it or any part thereof, and this Corporation is to bear him harmless for so doing, and that they shall pay him for his trouble, and that the Clerk serve him with a copy of this order, and that he also write a Letter to Mr. Peter Binneway to desire him to go with said Wandelaer and assist him.



At Common Council held for the City of Albany, at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of y<sup>e</sup> said City on y<sup>s</sup> 24 day of Aprill. 1754—Present, the Mayor, Abraham Douw, John Glen, John De Peyster, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Peter De Wandelaer, John R. Bleeker, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Yates.

Resolved by this Board, that an order be drawn on y<sup>e</sup> City Treasurer to pay unto Jacobus Reatlift, Wouter Groesbeck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Goewyck and Benjamin Goewyck, y<sup>e</sup> sum of twelve shillings for rideing a great Gun.

Mr. Barnardus Bratt, for himself, and Mr. Volkert P. Douw, for Mr. Johannis Ten Broeck, having this day agreed with this Board for the Rent for this ensuing year for the Ferry, at five pounds, that is to say, fifty shillings for y<sup>e</sup> said Bratt and fifty shillings for y<sup>e</sup> said Ten Broeck, to be ended the 4 day of April next, 1755, in following conditions.

For every person, if single, 3 Copers, which we use to call Pennis; if more than one, 2 Coppers.

Every head of Cattle 9 Copers.

Every hundred weight Bever or Skins, 4 Coppers, and so in proportion to a greater or lesser quantity.

N. B. The said Ferry men to go from sun rise to eight o'clock at night for y<sup>e</sup> above condition, as also for y<sup>e</sup> said conditions to ferry from y<sup>e</sup> 4 day of April 1754 till y<sup>e</sup> 4 day of April 1755, December, January, February, excepted; then every person to agree for himself.

At a Common Council held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 9 day of May, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Ten Eyck, John Glen, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John De Peyster, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Peter De Wandelaer.

Resolved by this Board, that y<sup>e</sup> City Treasurer pay Mr. Abraham Douw such a sum of money as shall appear to be due for y<sup>e</sup> Quit Rent of our Charter and the Patent granted to Henry Van Renselaer for y<sup>e</sup> Lands about Schagkook. Ordered that our Treasurer be served with a copy of this Resolution.

Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer pay Jacobus Van Valkenburg the sum of £6 and charge his account for y<sup>e</sup> same.

An Ordinance published for cleaning and repairing the streets before y<sup>e</sup> 18 day of this instant.

Robert Lansing delivered an Account of £12:6 for repairing and materials found for a Door to the Fire Engine House, which is allowed and payment ordered.

Ordered by this Board, that y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer let Robert Lansing and Michael Bessett have each 6 Skipple of Wheat, and charge their accounts for y<sup>e</sup> same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 23 day of May, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John Glen, John De Peyster, Abraham Yates, Volkert P. Douw, Barent H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker.

John Flensburgh delivered an Account of £2:7:6, for repairing and materials found for the Brige in the First Ward, which is allowed and ordered to be drawn upon the City Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> payment.

Thomas Williams delivered an Account of £1:15, for his journey and other expenses done at Schagkook by order of this Corporation, which is allowed and ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk draw an order for y<sup>e</sup> same.





At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 13 day of June, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, John De Peyster, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John Glen, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Yates, Peter De Wandelaer, Volkert P. Douw.

Ordered by this Board, that the City Treasurer pay unto Barent H. Ten Eyck y<sup>e</sup> sum of £3:5. which he has disbursed for 30lb Powder; if he has no money to pay it wheat at 3s. 9d.  $\frac{7}{8}$  Skipple.

Resolved by this Board, That the Mayor speak to Mr. Smith for his Advise concerning y<sup>e</sup> dispute between the Comonality of this City and the Patentees of Hosack, relating the Boundaries, and in case Mr. Smith is engaged then to ask Mr. William Livingston to meet the Comon Council when he has time, and that then y<sup>e</sup> Mayor bring with him such writings as shall be then and there required for that purpose by the Common Council. Further Resolved that a fee of £3 be paid to whom shall be their Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at City Hall of y<sup>e</sup> said City on y<sup>e</sup> 26 June, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John Glen, John De Peyster, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Peter De Wandelaer, Abraham Yates.

Ordered, That y<sup>e</sup> City Treasurer pay to Barent H. Ten Eyck the sum of £3 in Wheat at 3s. 9d.  $\frac{7}{8}$  Skipple, for money disbursed by him to Mr. Smith for advise, pursuant to a Resolution of Common Council the 13 day of this instant month.

At a Common Council held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany on the 2 day of July, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John De Peyster, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Abraham Yates, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker.

Resolved, That his Honour the Lieutenant Governour and the Gentlemen that attended him from New York, also the Commissioners from the neighbouring Governments be asked to Dinner at the City Hall tomorrow. This Board has agreed with Robert Lateridge to prepare for the same at one shilling and sixpence for each Dinner, and that the Comonalty pay for y<sup>e</sup> Dinner at their own proper cost, and that the Liquor be at the expense of y<sup>e</sup> City.

At a Common Council held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of y<sup>e</sup> said City on the 13 day of August, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John Glen, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John De Peyster, Jacob Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Abraham Yates, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker.

Robert Lateridge delivered and Account of £19:3:1, wherof £2:6:9 is expended by the indifference upon the dispute with y<sup>e</sup> Tenants of Schagkook, £2:8 for Wine at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall at the arrival of his Honour y<sup>e</sup> Lieutenant Governour, and £14:8:4 for y<sup>e</sup> an Entertainment, out of which y<sup>e</sup> Comonalty has paid according to their Resolution entered in the Minutes y<sup>e</sup> 2 day of July last past, for the Dinners £5:6, and ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk draw upon the Treasurer to pay Robert Lateridge for y<sup>e</sup> ballance, £13:17:1.

Resolved by this Board, that the Clerk draw an order that y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer sell to John R. Bleeker 100 Skipple Wheat, and to John Gansevoort 50

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is not only a scientific one, but also a philosophical one. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of life, and shows that the most plausible one is the theory of spontaneous generation. This theory is based on the fact that life is a complex system, and that it is possible for such a system to arise from non-living matter. The author also discusses the possibility of life arising from extraterrestrial sources, and shows that this is also a possibility.

The second part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the evolution of life. It is shown that the evolution of life is a process that is governed by the laws of natural selection. The author discusses the various stages of the evolution of life, and shows that the most important stage is the transition from simple to complex organisms. This transition is made possible by the fact that life is a complex system, and that it is possible for such a system to arise from non-living matter.

The third part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the future of life. It is shown that the future of life is a process that is governed by the laws of natural selection. The author discusses the various possibilities for the future of life, and shows that the most plausible one is the possibility of life arising from extraterrestrial sources. This possibility is based on the fact that life is a complex system, and that it is possible for such a system to arise from non-living matter.

The fourth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the origin of the human race. It is shown that the human race is a product of the evolution of life. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of the human race, and shows that the most plausible one is the theory of spontaneous generation. This theory is based on the fact that life is a complex system, and that it is possible for such a system to arise from non-living matter.

The fifth part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the future of the human race. It is shown that the future of the human race is a process that is governed by the laws of natural selection. The author discusses the various possibilities for the future of the human race, and shows that the most plausible one is the possibility of the human race arising from extraterrestrial sources. This possibility is based on the fact that life is a complex system, and that it is possible for such a system to arise from non-living matter.

Skipple; then all the remainder. excepting 50 Skipple, to whom will give the highest prys; John R. Bleeker and John Gausevoort to pay accordingly.

To His Honour, James De Lancey, Esq<sup>r</sup>, his Majesty's Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending in America,

Humbly Sheweth:

Whereas the City of Albany is a frontier Town, and the defence and preservation thereof of very great consequence to the safety of the whole Province in case of a Warr with the French, but that the said City at present is altogether undefensible, open and exposed to the incursions of any Enemy, and the Corporation by reason of the heavy Debt they still labour under, occasioned by the great expence they were at in the last Warr against the French and no ways able to pay the same, much less to fortifie, unless strongly assisted.

Your Honours Petitioners most humbly pray your Honour will be pleased to recommend to the Generall Assembly, at their next meeting, to build a wall round the city, so as your Honour and the other Branches of the Legislature shall judge proper, and your Honours Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

At a Common Councill held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany on the 2 day of September, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John Glen, Abraham Douw, Jacob Ten Eyck, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Yates, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker.

Ordered that the Treasurer sell to Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Esq<sup>r</sup>, six Skipple of the Cities Wheat at the rate as you have sold y<sup>e</sup> last to others.

Edward Williams dilivered an Account of £9:4:9, which is allowed by this Board and ordered payment for y<sup>e</sup> same.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 11 day of September, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John De Peyster, John Glen, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Yates, Peter De Wandelaer, Barent H. Ten Eyck.

The following Answer was this day wrote to his Honour the Lieutenant Governour:

May it Please your Honour—We have received your favour of the first instant, and noted the contents. We had already before we had received your Letter begun to procure Stockadoes and very busy setting the same; and as for repairing the Block houses, we can not gitt no person to undertake the same upon the credit of the Province, and the City being still considerable indebted, occasioned by the last Warr against the French, upon the same account were we still labour under, which our predecessors engaged for, and by all probability we shall be without any income this year, for all our Tenants at Schagkook are broke up, and we will do all in our power to prevent any sudden surprize. We are with much esteem.

Peter Yates delivered an Account of £1:3:5, for repairing and finding materials for Block house No. 5, which is allowed and order the Treasurer to pay the same.

Anthony Van der See delivered an Account of £9:5, for work done and

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money disbursed in the year 1745. This Board Resolved that the Treasurer pay him one half of his account, which is £4:12:6.

Resolved by this Board, That an order be drawn upon the Treasurer for thirty Skipplles Wheat, to be delivered to the following persons :

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| To Anthony Bratt,          | 9 Skipple. |
| To Killiaen Winne,         | 6 Do.      |
| To Jurjan Hogan,           | 6 Do.      |
| To Joh <sup>s</sup> Seger, | 6 Do.      |
| To Jacobus Valenburgh,     | 3 Do.      |

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30 Skipple.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 28 day of September, 1754—Present, the Mayor, John Glen, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Peter De Wandelaer, Volkert P. Douw.

Whereas the ordinance formerly made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of this City for the electing two Constables in each Ward of the City is expired of its own limitation, it is hereby ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants of this City, that on the 29 day of September next ensuing shall be chosen in each Ward of this City, two petty Constables, of which the Aldermen in each Ward, or any of them, shall make their returns with the rest of the City officers.

Resolved by this Board, that an order be drawn upon the City Treasurer to repay Jacob Ten Eyck £1:14:10, for money disbursed by him for this City.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on 29 day of September, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John Glen, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John De Peyster, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Peter De Wandelaer, Abraham Yates, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

This day being appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing Corporation officers, the following persons were chosen to serve for the year ensuing, according to y<sup>e</sup> directions of the Charter, viz :

First Ward.—Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante and Volkert P. Douw, Aldermen ; Evert Wendell, Assistant ; Hendrick J. Bogart and Burger Huwson, Constables.

Second Ward.—Jacob Ten Eyck and Gerrit Marcelis, Aldermen ; John R. Bleecker and John Beekman Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants ; John Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Abraham Cuyler, Constables.

Third Ward.—Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck and Abraham Douw, Aldermen ; Abraham Yates and Harme Gansevoort, Assistants ; Henry Abeel and Gerrit Wilhelmis Van den Bergh, Constables.

Whereas this day Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Robert Lansing are equal in Votes chosen for an Assistant in the First Ward, wherefore it is

Resolved by this Board, that on the 14 day of October next ensuing, a new Election be held for the chusing of another Assistant for the said First Ward of this City, and that y<sup>e</sup> Aldermen of said Ward give notice accordingly.

This Board appoints John Roseboom for their Chamberlain, and Joh<sup>s</sup> Seger, Marshall for the year ensuing.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 14 October, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John De Peyster, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Abraham Yates, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John R. Bleeker.

Hans Hansen, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor and Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> Market of this City and Coroner of the said City and County for y<sup>e</sup> ensuing year, took y<sup>e</sup> Oaths appointed by Law, signed y<sup>e</sup> Test, and was sworn to the due execution of the said offices.

Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him High Sheriff of y<sup>e</sup> City and County of Albany, took y<sup>e</sup> Oaths appointed by Law, signed y<sup>e</sup> Test, and was sworn to the due execution of said office.

Jacob Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marcelis, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Esq<sup>r</sup>s, being chosen Aldermen for y<sup>e</sup> ensuing year, took said Oaths appointed by Law, signed y<sup>e</sup> Test and sworn to y<sup>e</sup> due execution of their offices.

John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, Abraham Yates and Harmee Gansevoort, Assistants, took y<sup>e</sup> said Oaths, signed Test, and were sworn to the due execution of their office.

Henry Abeel took the said Oaths, signed y<sup>e</sup> Test, was sworn to y<sup>e</sup> office of High Constable for y<sup>e</sup> ensuing year.

John Joh<sup>s</sup> Bleeker, Abraham Cuyler, Burger Hewson and Gerrit W. Van den Bergh, took Oaths, signed the Test, and sworn to y<sup>e</sup> due execution of their office as Constable.

Hendrick Isaak Bogardt was sworn to the due execution of y<sup>e</sup> office of Constable.

Pursuant to a Resolution made y<sup>e</sup> 29 September last, for electing an Assistant in the Third [First?] Ward, Jacob Van Schaick is this day returned Assistant by majority of votes.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 2 October, 1754—Present, Hans Hansen, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Mayor, Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, Gerrit Marcelis, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Yates, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That y<sup>e</sup> Clerk draw an order upon the City Treasurer to pay Wilhelmus Van den Bergh £5, to Anthony A. Bratt ten shillings, to Sybrant Quackenboss ten shillings, and to Johannis Seger £9 in cash and 6 Skipple Wheat at 4s. 6d.  $\frac{2}{3}$  Skipple.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 2 November, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Johannis H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John R. Bleeker, Ha: Gansevoort.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay Mr. Jacob Ten Eyck three shillings for a Lock and Key to Block house No. 5.

Resolved by this Board to spend the sum of £3 at the house of Edward Williams on the King's birth day, which is on the 10 of this instant.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on 28 day of November, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Volkert P. Douw, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Gerrit Marselis, John R. Bleeker, Jacob Van Schaick, Evert Wendell, Ha: Gansevoort.





Resolved by this Board, That an order be drawn upon the City Treasurer, to pay John Ja<sup>r</sup> Reatliff y<sup>r</sup> sum of £5 for last year Selleray to ring Bell.

To Johannis Seger, according to agreement, for to warn the person who had the oversight of y<sup>e</sup> Watch for two months, six shillings 7<sup>d</sup> month, and two shillings for a Roap, in all fourteen shillings.

This Board appoints y<sup>e</sup> following persons Fire Masters for this City for the year ensuing, viz :

Staats Van Santvoordt, Harmanus Schuyler, for y<sup>e</sup> first ward.

Jan Mase, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Bastiaen Visscher, for y<sup>e</sup> second ward.

Harmanus Wendell, John Joh<sup>r</sup> Cluet, for y<sup>e</sup> third ward.

Ordered, That Warrants be given to the Fire Masters of each Ward accordingly, and that the Clerk sign y<sup>e</sup> same, by order of the Common Council.

At a Common Council held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 4 December, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Jacob Van Schaick, Robert Wendell, Abraham Yates, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That an order be given upon the City Treasurer to pay Joh<sup>r</sup> Wyngart, the sum of £5:12:6 for his Accounts in full.

An Ordinance this day made and published for appointing, establishing and regulating a good and sufficient Night Watch in the City of Albany.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 9 December, 1754—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Gerrit Marselis, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Yates, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That an order be given to Isaac Bogert upon the Treasurer for nine Skipple Wheat, and that he charge his Account therewith prys current.

The following Ordinances where this day published, viz :

For the due observation of the Lord's day; do. for preventing Fire.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of y<sup>e</sup> said City on y<sup>e</sup> 18 January, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Volkert P. Douw, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Yates, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, John R. Bleeker, Ha: Gansevoort.

The following Accounts were allowed, viz :

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| To Tobyas Ten Eyck,  | - - - - | £1:15:0 |
| To Jacob Ten Eyck,   | - - - - | 0:14:0  |
| To Tuenis Viele,     | - - - - | 0: 2:3  |
| To Patrick Clerk,    | - - - - | 0:12:3  |
| To Arent Van Duesen, | - - - - | 0: 3:0  |

£3: 4:6

Resolved by this Board, That y<sup>e</sup> Clerk pay to Mr. Jacob Ten Eyck the sum of £3:4:6 to discharge y<sup>e</sup> above Account out of y<sup>e</sup> money he has received for y<sup>e</sup> use of the City Seal.

The first part of the history is devoted to a description of the country and its inhabitants. The author describes the various tribes and their customs, and the different parts of the country. He also mentions the various wars and battles which have taken place in the country.

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And we do further allow to Harme Gansevoort out of y<sup>e</sup> same money that he has received for y<sup>e</sup> use of said Seal, the sum of £3 for Timber bought by Nicholas Bleeker and Jacob Viser in the year 1746, y<sup>e</sup> first day of August, then Aldermen; as also £3 to y<sup>e</sup> said Harme Gansevoort for two Orders from John Bell, which is due to him, as by the Record and the City Book may appear; which Orders he is to deliver to y<sup>e</sup> City Treasurer, to be charged to y<sup>e</sup> said Bel's Account.

And it is further ordered that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>t</sup> Harmee Gansevoort bring in account of y<sup>e</sup> money he has received for the Seal.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of y<sup>e</sup> said City on the 20 day of January, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Abraham Douw, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Yates, Jacob Van Schaick, Evert Wendell, Harmee Gansevoort.

An Ordinance published to prevent Accidents by unruly riding.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 18 day of March, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Abraham Douw, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, John R. Bleeker, Jacob Van Schaick, Evert Wendell, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Mr. Tobyas Ten Eyck delivered an Account of 10 Pitch pine Boards at 12d. ₤, which is allowed.

Resolved and ordered by this Board, that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk write forthwith to the People at Schagtekook to pay their Rents between this and the first day of Aprill, otherways expect to be prosecuted, and that the Clerk sign in behalf of the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 29 March, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Abraham Douw, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Ger<sup>r</sup> Marselis, Abraham Yates, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, Ha: Gansevoort.

Several of the Inhabitants of Schagkook was sent for this day in Comon Council; Wouter Groesbeck, Johannis Knikerbacker and Huce Viele appeared. This Board asked them wether they would pay the Rents for the year 1755. They desired eight days to give their answer, which is granted.

At a Common Council held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany on the 8 day of April, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort, Abraham Yates.

The following Ordinance was this day made and published:

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany, in Common Council convened, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that from the 14 instant every Baker within this City do make their Bread of y<sup>e</sup> finest white Flower, and that every Loaf of white Bread of 4 Copers shall weigh 2lb, and a Loaf of 2 Copers weigh 1lb, and hereafter from time to time to be established under y<sup>e</sup> penalty of forfeiture of all such Bread to y<sup>e</sup> Poor as shall be found not to be good and wanting of due assize, and also 6 shillings fine for each offence, to y<sup>e</sup> use



of such person as will sue or prosecute for y<sup>e</sup> same, to be recovered before the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or any of them, with cost of suit. Dated this 8 April, 1755.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 3 May, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Gerrit Marselis, John Beekman Jun<sup>r</sup>, John R. Bleeker, Jacob Van Schaick. Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That the old Seal now in custody of the Mayor, with the Letters thereon shall be used by the Mayor to lycense Carmen and Tavern keepers and to nothing else, and shall be called the Publick Seal of this City.

This Board agrees with Cornelia Butcher for a peise of Ground lying on the East of the Road that leads from the City of Albany to the Pasture on y<sup>e</sup> North side of the Gate that stands opposite the house of Direk Hun, broad on the front 20 foot long, towards the Stockadoes 15 foot. She is to build a house on that peise of Ground, which she is to have two years for building the house; and at the expiration of two years she is to pay twenty shillings annually, and that no longer than the Corporation shall judge proper; the said Cornelia Butcher shall not rent or sell the house without the consent of this Corporation on penalty of forfeiting y<sup>e</sup> said House.

The following Ordinances were this day published :

An Ordinance for regulating Carmen.

Do. for selling flesh in the Markets.

Do. for cleaning and repairing the streets on or before the 18 day of this Instant.

At a Common Council held for y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany at y<sup>e</sup> City Hall of the said City on the 10 June, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John R. Bleeker. Ha: Gansevoort.

This Board orders that y<sup>e</sup> City Treasurer let Wouter N. Groesbeek have 6 Skipple of Wheat and charge it to his Account.

Cornelis Van Duesen undertook to open and shut the Gates from No. 1 to No. 7 for the space of two months from the day of June, begun to open and shut to the day of September, for £3.

Resolved that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk draw a Petition and send Johannis Seger to the Mayor, &c., to have it signed, to be sent to y<sup>e</sup> Representatives for y<sup>e</sup> City and County of Albany, in order to laid before y<sup>e</sup> House of the General Assembly for y<sup>e</sup> Province of New York, which Petition runs thus :

To the Honourable the Generall Assembly of the Province of New York in the Generall Assembly convinent in the City of New York, the Humble Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Albany,

Most Humbly Sheweth.

That whereas the Inhabitance of this City of Albany, pursuant to an order of the Corporation, did last Summer sett up a considerable quantity of Stockadoes now standing round this City, but at the same time their remained a great quantity of the old Stockadoes which are quiet rotten, which this Corporation would have in some manner amended last Winter,

The first of these is the fact that the majority of the cases of influenza are reported to have occurred during the winter months, and that the disease is more prevalent in the colder seasons.

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had they nott been persuaded by a glareing prospect that this City would have been laid in a Stone wall, which glareing prospect is now all over and laid aside, we therefore desire the Honourable House will be pleased to make an Act of Assembly to compell the Inhabitation of this City of Albany and the Manor of Renselaerwyck to reycle a number of Stockadoes to be sett up in the place of the old, and we also begg the Honourable House will be pleased to allow a sum of money to this Corporation to gett the Block houses and Batteries repaired, which greatly want to be amended, and to purchase gun Powder, Ball and other warlike Stores, and to provide for Fire wood and Candles to enable the Inhabitation to keep a Night Watch; all which this Corporation is in no manner able to doe without assted by the Honourable House, for this Corporation has no Income from their Tenants att Schagtekook, who are all obliged to leave their Farms and are in a manner ruened, and this Corporation is att least a thousand pounds indebted, occasioned by the last French War. And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

The above Petition was inclosed in a Letter to the Representatives for the City and County of Albany, as followeth, viz:

Gentlemen—Inclosed you have a Petition we must trouble you with, to lay the same before your Honourable House, and to endeavour to gett what the Petition setts forth, or any other thing may be good of this City.

Signd by order of the Common Councill.

HA: GANSEVOORT, Clerk.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of y<sup>e</sup> said City on the 2 day of July, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Gerrit Marselis, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Ha: Gansevoort.

This Board orders the Clerk to sign an order upon their Treasurer to let Benjamin Winne have six Skipple Wheat, and to charge his Account for y<sup>e</sup> same.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 19 August, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Gerrit Marselis, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Ha: Gansevoort.

Whereas the Constables elected for the first and second wards of this City of Albany are gone upon the Expeditions, and that there may be no failure of Justice for the want of proper officers put the Law in execution, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty by vertue of the powers and authorities given by their Charter to make by-laws for the good regulation of this City, provided the same be not repugnant to y<sup>e</sup> Laws of England, do hereby order and direct that the Inhabitants of the first and second wards do meet together on the twenty-first day of the month of August, and then to elect and chuse two able and sufficient persons for Constables in each of y<sup>e</sup> said wards, and that y<sup>e</sup> Aldermen of y<sup>e</sup> said wards give notice to y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants y<sup>e</sup> day before y<sup>e</sup> Election, and that they make return of y<sup>e</sup> persons so elected in the Clerk's office as usual.

The first part of the history is a general account of the state of the world at the beginning of the world. It is divided into three parts: the first part is a description of the world as it was at the beginning of the world; the second part is a description of the world as it was at the beginning of the world; and the third part is a description of the world as it was at the beginning of the world.

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At a Common Council held for the City of Albany, at the City Hall of the said City on the 29 day of September, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Jacob Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John R. Bleeker, Ha: Gansevoort.

This day being appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing Corporation officers, the following persons were chosen, to witt:

First Ward.—Johannis Van Sante and Volkert P. Douw, Aldermen; Evert Wendell and Jacob Van Schaick, Assistants; Abraham Cooper and Jacob De Garmo, Constables.

Second Ward.—Jacob Ten Eyck and Gerrit Marselis, Aldermen; John R. Bleeker and John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants; Henry Tielin and John Mase Bloemendal, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Constables.

Third Ward.—Abraham Douw and Joh<sup>s</sup> Ten Eyck, Aldermen; Harme Gansevoort and Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants; Gerrit Wilhelmus Van Den Bergh and William Ger<sup>t</sup> Van Den Bergh, Constables.

This Board appoints John Roseboom for City Chamberlain; Johannis Seeger, Marshall; Jacob De Garmo, High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 14 day of October, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Jacob Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Evert Wendell, Abraham Yates, John R. Bleeker, Ha: Gansevoort.

Hans Hansen, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor and Clerk of the Market of this City and Coroner of the said City and County for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test, and was sworn to the due execution of y<sup>e</sup> said offices.

Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him High Sheriff of the City and County of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test, and was sworn to the due execution of said office.

Volkert P. Douw, Johannis Van Sante, Jacob Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, Abraham Douw and Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, being chosen Aldermen for the year ensuing, took said Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test, and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

Evert Wendell, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John R. Bleeker and Harme Gansevoort, Assistants, took the said Oaths, signed the Test, were sworn to the due execution of their office.

Jacob De Garmo took the said Oaths, signed the Test, was sworn to the office of High Constable for the ensuing year.

Henry Fielding, John Bloemendall, Gerrit W. Van Den Bergh, William G. Van Den Bergh, took the said Oaths, signed the Test, and swor to the due execution of the office as Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 21 day of October, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Ha: Gansevoort.

This Board has agreed with Philip De Foreest for a room in his House to keep an Officer's guard, at the rate of twenty shillings a month, and to scrub the same one shilling every week.

And it is Resolved by this Board to procure Wood for the said Officer's guard and for the Watch in the Block house No. 7, upon the credit of the Province of New York.

The first part of the book is a general history of the world from the beginning of time to the present day. It is written in a simple and easy-to-understand style, and is suitable for use in schools and colleges. The author has done a great deal of research, and his work is based on the latest discoveries in the history of the world. The book is divided into several parts, each dealing with a different period of history. The first part deals with the pre-historic period, the second with the ancient world, the third with the middle ages, the fourth with the modern world, and the fifth with the future. The book is a valuable work, and is one of the best histories of the world ever written.

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At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 8 day of November, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, Jacob Van Schaick, Evert Wendell, Abraham Yates, John R. Bleeker, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, that the Treasurer sell all the Wheat in his custody at 4s 7d.  $\frac{2}{3}$  Skipple; to make the first offer to the Bakers of the City, and if they do not incline to buy, then to sell it to any other person.

Ordered, That the Treasurer let Joh<sup>s</sup> Seger have 9 Skipples Wheat, and charge his Account for y<sup>e</sup> same.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year :

Cornelis Van Santvoord, Jacob Coeper, first ward.

Barnardus Harse, Sander Lausing, second ward.

Schibolet Bogardus, Philip Mullen, third ward.

Ordered, That Warrants be given the Fire Masters of each ward accordingly, and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of Common Council.

Resolved by this Board. That Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck and John R. Bleeker, agree with some person for to remove the Watch house from Gansevoort Dock to a Lot of ground lying next to the house of Jesse De Foreest; the said Lott belongs to the above named Jacob Ten Eyck and Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, and when the same is removed and compleated, to render an exact account of the cost and charges in Common Council, that order may be given upon their Treasurer for the payment thereof.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 21 day of December, 1755—Present, the Mayor, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, John Beekman, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk draw an order upon their Treasurer to pay John Ja<sup>c</sup> Raetliff £5 for last year Sellary to ring the Bell.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 10 day of January, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker, Jacob Van Schaick, Evert Wendell, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort.

An Ordinance was published for the assize of Bread. A Loaf of the finest white Flower of 2 Coppers to weigh  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a lb, a Loaf for 4 Copper to weigh  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb.

This Board ordered that the Clerk draw an order upon their Treasurer to pay Cornelis Van Duesen the sum of £3 as  $\frac{2}{3}$  agreement.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 3 day of February, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Gerrit Marselis, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort, Jacob Van Schaick, Evert Wendell.

The following Ordinances were this day published :

For the due observance of the Lord's day.

The first part of the history is a general account of the state of the country at the beginning of the reign of King Henry the First. It describes the various provinces and the different manners of the people. It also mentions the wars which were then being carried on between the king and the nobles.

The second part of the history is a more particular account of the reign of King Henry the First. It describes the various events which happened during his reign, and the different wars which he was obliged to carry on.

The third part of the history is a general account of the state of the country at the beginning of the reign of King Stephen. It describes the various provinces and the different manners of the people. It also mentions the wars which were then being carried on between the king and the nobles.

The fourth part of the history is a more particular account of the reign of King Stephen. It describes the various events which happened during his reign, and the different wars which he was obliged to carry on.

For cleaning the Pavements before the Houses and Lotts.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk draw an order upon their Treasurer to lett William Hogan, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Michael Besset and Johannis Seger each have six Skipple Wheat and charge their Accounts for the same.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on 13 day of Feb: 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Gerrit Marselis, Jacob Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

This Board have agreed with Mr. Adam Yates for a piece of Ground lying outside of y<sup>e</sup> Stockadoes joyning to a piece of Hay Land belonging to the said Adam Yates, for the space of eight years at ten shillings each year (That is to say) if the Corporation don't dispose of y<sup>e</sup> said Lott or want the same for the use of y<sup>e</sup> City.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on the 2 day of March, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Abraham Douw, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort.

Johannis Gansevoort delivered his Account to this Board amounting to £8:6, which being allowed and ordered to be paid out of the Wheat bought of the Treasurer last year.

Resolved by this Board, That the Treasurer sell all the Cities Wheat that is now unsold to Johannis Gansevoort @ 4s. 7d.  $\text{ᶆ}$  Skipple.

Bernardus Bratt, Jun<sup>r</sup>, made out his Account which he had against the City to this Board, amounting to £4:7, which being deducted out of £12:10 for five years Rent for the Ferry, remains £8:3, which this Board ordered to pay to their Treasurer, and that his Receipt shall be a sufficient discharge.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 8 day of April, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Gerrit Marselis, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Evert Wendell, Abraham Yates, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That Phillip John Schuyler shall have the Ferry on the west side thereof for the ensueing year, that is from the fourth day of April, 1756, untill the 4 day of April, 1757, upon a condition in case that if the expedition continues then he is to pay five pounds, otherwise but three pounds.

Harme Gansevoort agreed for Johannis Ten Broek for East side upon the same conditions as is above agreed with Phillip John Schuyler.

An Ordinance published this day to regulate the Ferry between the Lemits of the City of Albany and Green Boesh and to establish the ferriage thereof.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 12 day of April, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, Jacob Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Douw, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk draw an order upon the City Treasurer to pay the following persons, to witt:



To Johannis H. Ten Eyck the sum of ten shillings.

To Volkert P. Douw three shillings and sixpence.

To Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, thirty shillings for to pay Mr. Peter Silvester for the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 22 day of May, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Gerrit Marselis, John R. Blecker, John Beekman, Jacob Van Schaick, Evert Wendell, Abraham Yates, Ha: Gansevoort.

The following Ordinances were this day published :

For regulating Cartmen.

For cleaning the Streets and the repairing of the same before the 18 day of June next.

Ordered that the Clerk draw a Petition and send Joh<sup>s</sup> Seger round by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to have it signed, to be sent to his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy, K<sup>t</sup>, &c. The Petition is as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>.

To his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy, K<sup>t</sup>, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories depending thereon in America, and Vice Admiral of the same. The Humble Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany,

Humbly Sheweth,

That whereas this Corporation have for several times heretofore petitioned to your Excellency's predecessors setting forth the ruinous condition of the Fortifications about this City, we therefore take the liberty again to acquaint your Excellency of the poor condition of the Fortifications about this City are in, the Stockadoes which were two years ago in a manner mended by putting up new ones in the room of the old and rotten, but to our grief the most part have been destroyed last winter by the regulars, and the Block houses converted into Barracks for the Soldiers and can not be of any use for a defence of this City, and the poor Inhabitants are in no condition to get new Stockadoes, for all our waggons and horses are employed in either the King's or Country's service, so that our City lays open and defenceless ; it is true here is a Regiment of regular Soldiers incamped at present out the City on the hill, which is as yett some dependence, but very apparent that they will in a short time go on their march and we left without a sufficient number of men to guard us, as our City will then lay open and defenceless, the greater part of our young men are employed in the service out of town, and a small number of Indians may come and russ in a surprize the City and sett it on fire, which may be thought by some people as a desperate undertakeing, but in reality it is easly to be done. And should our Army that goes to Crown Point be attacked as probably they will be and overpowed, what an esey thing will it be for the Enemy to come and take Albany, with our own provisions, amonition, artillery, &c.

We therefore pray such relief in the premises as your Excellency shall think meet, and your Excellency's Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.





At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 22 day of June, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Van Schaick, Evert Wendell.

An Ordinance published for selling of Flesh runt\* as followeth :

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany in Comon Council convened and be it ordained by authority of the same, that from and after the twenty-fifth day of June, that no person or persons shall ask or demand more than four pence for a lb of Mutton, four pence half penny for a lb of Beef, Veal or Lamb, and for every head and pluck of a Calf one shilling and sixpence, for head and pluck of a Sheep ninepence, for head and pluck of a Lamb sixpence ; if any of the Butchers or other person or persons shall presume to ask or offer to sell for more as above rated shall forfeit the sum of ten shillings for every offence, to be recovered by any person for his own use that shall sue for y<sup>e</sup> same before y<sup>e</sup> Mayor, Recorder or any one of y<sup>e</sup> Aldermen of this city. Dated y<sup>e</sup> 22 June, 1756.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 10 July, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Gerrit Marselis, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Van Schaick, John R. Bleeker, Evert Wendell, Ha: Gansevoort.

An Ordinance published for regulateing Tavernkeepers, which runs thus:

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany in Comon Council convened, and be it ordained by the authority of the same, that no Tavernkeeper or any other person or persons whatsoever, from and after the publication hereof presume to sell any strong Liquor, harbour or entertain any of his Majesties regular Troops, or to any other Soldier now in his Majesties service after nine of the clock at night, on forfeiting the sum of twenty shillings for every offence, to be recovered by any of the Constables, who are each in their turn to go round the City, one half thereof to be paid to the City Treasurer for the behoof of this City, the other half for his own use that shall sue for the same before the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of this City. Dated this 10 day of July, 1756.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk draw a deed to the Minister, Church wardens and Vestry men of St. Peter Church in the City of Albany, for them and their successors in trust for ever for a p<sup>s</sup> of Ground for a Burying Place lying upon the hill adjoining the Fort, agreeable to a Map made by John R. Bleeker, and that the Mayor execute a deed and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed in behalf of the Corporation.

Ordered that the Clerk sign an order to pay the following persons, to wit :

|                        |         |          |
|------------------------|---------|----------|
| To Jesse Foreest       | - - - - | £4:10:0. |
| To Phillip De Foreest, | - - - - | 2: 8:0.  |
| To John R. Bleeker,    | - - - - | 3: 8:6.  |

To Joh<sup>s</sup> Seger all the Wheat in your custody if it don't exceed 6 Skipple.

Rundvleesch, beef.



At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 24 day of August, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Johannis H. Ten Eyck, Gerrit Marselis, Johannis Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, Abraham Yates, Ha: Gausevoort.

An Ordinance published against firing Guns or any other small Arms within this City or the Liberties thereof.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Albany in Common Council convened, and be it ordained by the authority of the same, that no person or person whatsoever from and after the publication hereof, shall presume to fire with a Gun or any other small Arms within the limits of this City shall forfeit the sum of three shillings for every default, to be recovered by any person and for his use that shall sue for the same before the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of this City. Dated in Albany this 24 day of August 1756.

Mr. Joseph Van Sante delivered an Account to this Board of £2:1:8, which is allowed and ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk draw an order upon the City Treasurer to discharge the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on 16 day of September, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell, Jacob Van Schaick, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort.

Whereas the Ordinance formerly made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City for the electing two Constables in each ward of this City is expired of its own limitation, it is hereby ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants of this City, that on the 29 day of this instant, September, shall be chosen in each ward two petty Constables, of which the Aldermen in each ward or any of them shall make their return with the rest of the City officers.

The following Accounts were allowed and in order of Comon Council drawn on y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer to pay the same :

|                       |       |           |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|
| To Gerrit Van Vranke, | - - - | £4: 4: 1½ |
| To Gerrit Lansing,    | - - - | 1:13: 0   |
| To Johannis Cluet     | - - - | 0:17:10½  |

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 29 day of September, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John R. Bleeker, Evert Wendell, John Beekman.

This day being appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing Corporation officers, the following persons were chosen to serve for the year ensuing, according to y<sup>e</sup> directions of y<sup>e</sup> Charter, viz :

First Ward.—Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, Aldermen; Egbert Brat, Phelip J. Schuyler, Assistants; Jacobus Van Sante, Abraham I. Yates, Constables.

Second Ward.—John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen; Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Hendrick Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants; Hendrick Pruyn, Gerrit Van Yvere, Constables.

Third Ward.—Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Aldermen; Harmee



Gansevoort, Abraham Yates, Assistants; Daniel Bratt, Joh<sup>s</sup> Muller, Constables.

John Roseboom, Treasurer; Johannis Seger, Marshall; Hendrick Pruy, High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the house of Jacob Sawyer, on the 11 day of October, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Evert Wendell.

Resolved by this Board, That Peter Silvester Esq<sup>r</sup>, be made a freeman of the City of Albany for the reasons set forth in the Freedom.

Upon a consideration of the Small Pox breaking out in this City and fatal Consequence that may attend it, and being willing to remedy it as much as in us lay, we unanimously resolve That all and every person who now have the Small Pox be sent out of the City.

We further resolve immediately to endeavour to procure as convenient a place as can be had to accommodate the sick and to allow the person whose house shall be taken for the same what is reasonable.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 12 day of October, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Evert Wendell, John R. Bleeker, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Pursuant to a Resolution made yesterday, Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Douw and Wendell endeavoured to get the house of Mr. Holland, out of Town, for to put in the sick of the Small Pox, but could not get the consent of the owner, and no other convenient place can be obtained.

Resolved, That every Family who now have the Small Pox in their houses shall not suffer any person to come in their houses nor go abroad themselves, but keep the house as close as possible.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on y<sup>e</sup> 14 day of October, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, Evert Wendell, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John R. Bleeker, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor and Clerk of the Market for the City of Albany and Coroner of the said City and County for y<sup>e</sup> ensuing year. took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed y<sup>e</sup> Test, and was sworn to the due execution of said offices.

Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Sheriff for y<sup>e</sup> City and County of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test, and was sworn to the due execution of said office.

Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, being chosen Aldermen for the year ensueing, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of said office.

Egbert Bratt, Phelip J. Schuyler, Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ab<sup>n</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants, took said Oaths, signed the Test, and were sworn to the execution of their office.

Hendrick Pruy took the Oaths, signed the Test, sworn to y<sup>e</sup> due execution of the office of High Constable.



Gerrit Van Yvere, Jacobus Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> Jacob Muller, Daniel Brat, Jun<sup>r</sup>, took the Oaths, and sworn in the office as Constables for the ensuing year.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on 6 day of November, 1756—Present. Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Phelip Schuyler, Egbert Bratt.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for this City for the ensuing year, viz :

Abraham Coeper, Joghum I. Staats, first ward.

John Ja<sup>c</sup> Beekman, John H. Roseboom, second ward.

Joh<sup>s</sup> Becker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Isaac de Foreest, third ward.

Ordered, That Warrents be given to the Fire Masters of each ward accordingly, and that the Clerk sign the same by order of Common Councill.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 21 day of November, 1756.—Present. the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Philip Schuyler, Jacob Lansingh, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk draw an order upon the Treasurer to pay John I. Reatlift £5 for his service to ring the Bell this year, and that the Clerk sign the same in behalf of the Comon Council.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 7 day of December, 1756—Present, the Mayor, Johannis H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Volkert P. Douw, Phil: J. Schuyler, Ja: Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ab: Yates, Ha: Gansevoort.

The following Letter wrote to his Excellency Sr Charles Hardy, Knight, Governour, Commander and Chief of the Province of New York, &c., &c., &c.

Sr—Mr. Stephenson having declined the Recordership and refused to qualify himself as such, makes it necessary that some other person should be appointed to fill up that office, for we cant hold a Mayors Court without the Mayor or Recorder is present, and the Mayor besides personal accident as Coroner he is lyable to be called abroad, we would therefore be glad if your Excellency would be pleased to appoint some other person to officiate as Recorder. We are with all due respect your Excellencys

Humble Servants.

Signd by order of Common Council.

H: GANSEVORT, Clerk.

An Ordinance for preventing the sale of Rum or any other Spirituous Liquor to the Soldiers.

Whereas, Sundry complaints have been made, and in particular by the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Howe, of the great abuse in selling Rum and other strong Liquors to Soldiers, which by means of their continual drinking impairs and weakens their constitutions and renders them unfit for duty, and we being conscious of the justness of the complaint as well as the mischiefs that may arise from the said abuse, and being willing to remedy it as much as in us lays, Be it therefore ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that no person whatsoever after publication





hereof presumes to sell any Rum or other strong Liquors to any Soldier or Soldiers whatsoever, or to any other person for their use, and in case any person or persons shall be convicted before the Mayor, Recorder, or one of the Aldermen, of selling any Rum or other distilled Liquor as afores<sup>d</sup> to any Soldier or Soldiers, she or they so offending shall for the first offence forfeit the sum of twenty shillings current money of New York, and for every like offence after, the sum of forty shillings, to be levied by distress and sale of the offenders goods, one half for the benefit of the informer and the other half for the use of the City. Dated in Albany, this seventh day of December, 1756.

Resolved, That an order be drawn upon the Treasurer to pay Mr. Peter Silvester £5 and that y<sup>e</sup> Clerk sign the same.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 3 day of January, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Joh<sup>s</sup> Ten Eyck, John Beekman Jun<sup>r</sup>, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Douw, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob J. Lansing, Harme Gansevoort.

John G. Roseboom, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission for Recorder of the City of Albany, took the Oath appointed by law, signd the Test, and sworn to the due execution of the office of Recorder and Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Albany.

Abraham Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Hendrick Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Harme Gansevoort, Assistants, took the said Oaths appointed by Law, and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 10 day of January, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John R. Bleeker, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John Beekman, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Yates, Henry Bleeker, Jacob J. Lansing, Philip J. Schuyler.

This Board delivered to Mr. Peter Silvester the Deed and Bond of Daniel McMichael to the Corporation for the Verbergh.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 28 day of January, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Douw, Philip J. Schuyler, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

An Ordinance published to prevent Accidents by unruly Riding.

At a Common Councill held for City of Albany on the 12 day of March, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Abraham Douw, Abraham Yates, Hendrick Bleeker, Jacob Lansing, Philip J. Schuyler, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk sign an order upon the Treasurer to let Joh<sup>s</sup> Seger have nine Skipple of Wheat and charge his account with the price currant for the same.



At Comon Council held for the City of Albany, at the City Hall of the said City on the 29 day of March, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John Beekman, John R. Bleeker, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Abraham Yates, Philip J. Schuyler, Egbert Bratt, Ha: Gansevoort.

Patrick Magee presented a Petition to this Board which is taken into consideration.

An Ordinance published for regulateing Cartmen.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 17 day of May, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Hendrick Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Harmee Gansevoort.

An order published for cleaning the streets.

Mr. Peter Yates presented a Petition in Common Council, which is taken into consideration for a peice of Land in the Foxes Creek.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the the said City on the 30 day of June, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Beekman, Jacob Ja: Lansingh, Henry Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort.

This day sold to William Van Sante and John Prys a Lott of ground scituate, lying and being in the First Ward of the City of Albany, on the south side of the Rutten Kill and adjoining to the said Kill, beginning in a certain point which is ninety feet distant from the north east corner of the house of Johannis Wyngard, bearing from the said north east corner the same course as the Roa of house stands where the said Joh<sup>s</sup> Wyngard now dwells and runs from the said Point with the same course forty feet to the said Rutten Kill, and then westerly along the said Kill keeping the same breath of forty feet till it shall be one hundred and thirty-seven feet on a streight line, all English measure, for which Lott of ground as above described the said William Van Sante and John Prys agree to pay forty pounds New York money by the delivery of the Deed.

Resolved, That the Mayor in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty, execute a Deed for said Lott of ground and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 6 day of July, 1757—Present, the Mayor, John Bleeker, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John Beekman, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Volkert P. Douw, Jacob Ja: Lansing, Henry Bleeker, Ha: Gansevoort.

This day sold to Gerrit Van Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup>, a piece of Ground scituate, lying and being in Third Ward of the City of Albany, near the water side on the east of the street, beginning at a certain point which is distant thirty feet on an easterly course from the north east corner of S<sup>r</sup> Williana Johnson Lott, and then running northerly twenty-five feet along the street, and so back towards the River, carrying the full breath of twenty-five feet till it shall be twenty feet backwards towards the River, all English measure, which piece of ground as above described the said Gerrit Van Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup>, agrees to pay £37:10, New York money, by the delivery of the Deed.



At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 21 day of July, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John Beekman, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John R. Bleeker, Henry Bleeker, Jacob Lansing, Phil: J. Schuyler, Ha: Gansevoort.

Mr. Gerrit Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, produced his Account for reparing the Engine house, amounting to 7s 9d, which is allowed and ordered that the Treasurer pay the same.

Mr. Neeltje De Foreest produced an Account for Candles found for the Guards from the 3 day of July 1756 to the first day of July 1757, amounting to £31:18, which is allowed by this Board and ordered that the Clerk pay the same out of the money arising by the sail of a Lott ground sold William Van Sante and John Prys, and the remainder to be paid to the City Treasurer.

Mr. Volkert P. Douw delivered an Account fore reparing the Bridge near his house, amounting to £11:12:6, ordered the Treasurer pay y<sup>e</sup> same.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany, at the City Hall of the said City on the 20 day of August, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Phil John Schuyler, Henry Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Ja: Lansingh.

The Ordinance made and published the 22 day of June, 1756, is now renewed with the following regulations, viz :

For every lb of all kind of meat 4d; for every head and pluck of a Calf 1s. 6d; for every head and pluck of a Sheep 9d; for every head and pluck of a Lamb 6 pence.

And it is furthered ordered that every of the Butchers that shall kill and sell meat within the jurisdiction of this City shall provide himself with a good scale and weights; the weights to be marked by Mr. Robert Lansing, who is thereunto appointed by this Board, and that no Butcher shall promise meat to any person before hand, and whatever person shall ask first for meat at the place where the meat is sold shall be first helped to it, on penalty of 10s. for every offence.

An Ordinance published for marking of Bread according to the rates prices hereafter mentioned viz: a Loaf of finest flower 4 lb 12 ounces for 8 Coppers; a Loaf do. 2lb 6 ounces for 4 Coppers; a Loaf do. 1 lb 3 ounces for 2 Coppers. To be in force the 25 day of August, 1757.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on 29 day of September, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Hendrick Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha. Gansevoort.

This day being appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing Corporation Officers, the following persons were chosen to serve for the year ensuing, according to the direction of the Charter, viz:

First Ward.—Johannis Van Sante and Volkert P. Douw, Aldermen; Barnardus Bratt and Philip John Schuyler, Assistants; Joseph Wells and Peter Cranell, Constables.

Second Ward.—John R. Bleeker and John Beekman, Aldermen; Jacob Ja: Lansing and Hendrick Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants; Henry Bostwick and Ebenezer Roberson, Constables.

Third Ward.—Abraham Douw and Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Aldermen;



Harme Gansevoort and Abraham Yates, Junr, Assistants, Daniel Bratt and John Goewyck, Constables.

This Board appoint John Roseboom, City Treasurer; Johannis Seeger, Marshall; Daniel Bratt High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 14 day of October, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Johannis Van Sante, Abraham Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Johannis H. Ten Eyck, Henry Bleeker, Junr, Jacob Ja: Lansingh, Abraham Yates, Junr, Phil John Schuyler, Ha: Gansevoort.

Johs Van Sante, Abraham Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman and Johs H. Ten Eyck, being chosen Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and were sworn to the due execution of their said office.

Henry Bleeker, Junr Jacob Ja: Lansingh, Abraham Yates, Junr, Philip John Schuyler, and Ha: Gansevoort, Assistants, took the Oaths, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of the said office.

Daniel A. Bratt took the said Oaths, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of the office of High Constable.

Henry Bostwick, John Goewyck, Joseph Wells and Peter Crannell, took the Oaths, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of the office of Constable.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 15 day of November, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Abraham Douw, Johs H. Ten Eyck, Johs Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Henry Bleeker, Junr, Jacob Ja: Lansing, Ha. Gansevoort.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for this City for the year ensuing, to wit:

Daniel Hallenbeck, Maas Bloemendal, for the first ward.

Isaac Douw Fonda, Jacob Bleeker, for the second ward.

Marte Winne, Anthony E: Bratt, for the third.

Ordered that Warrants be given to the Fire Masters of each ward accordingly and that the Clerk sign the same in behalf of the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 22 day of November, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Johannis Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Johs H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Yates, Junr, Hendrick Bleeker, Junr, Harme Gansevoort.

Upon application of the Butchers of this City it is ordered and resolved that they shall sell all kind of meat at five pence  $\text{p}^{\text{r}}$  lb, excepting Lamb, till further ordered.

John R. Bleeker, Esqr, produced an account of Isaac D. Fonda of three pounds ten shillings and two pence for making Ladders for the City.

Volkert P. Douw, Esqr produced an account of sixteen shillings for repairing the Bridge between Joseph Yates and Thomas Williams.

Resolved by this Board, That orders be given to the Treasurer to discharge the above account, and that the Clerk sign the same in behalf of the Corporation.

Ordered that the Clerk sign an order upon the Treasurer to pay Johannis Seger three pounds, and charge his account with the same.





At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 24 day of November, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Volkert P. Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Hendrick Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Ja. Lansing, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, that the Petition presented to the Earl of Loudon the 11th day of this instant month of November, be entred on record, which runs as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>:

That your Lordships memorialists being informed that your intention is to quarter a large body of Troupes in this City, and that the Inhabitants must find them with Beding and other necessaries, we beg leave most humbly to represent to your Lordship the great hardship it will be for the Inhabitants to find them therewith, as many of them can hardly find fuel and covering for themselves, which consequently will cause great difficulty to some, and be the intire ruin of others, we therefore most humbly pray that your Lordship will be pleased to mitigate said order, and lessen the number of Troupes to be quartered, and we beg leave further to assure your Lordship that we shall at altimes exert our utmost abilities to make every thing as easy and convenient for his Majesties service as our circumstances will admitt off, and it shall be our constant endeavour on all occasions to cultivate a good understanding, between the Troupes & Inhabitants that no detriment happens to his Majesties service, from any disputes that might unavoidably happen. All which we most humbly submit to your Lordship, beg that your Lordship will take our case into consideration, and do therein as in your great wisdom your Lordship judges proper.

Resolved, That the Clark give Joh<sup>s</sup> Seeger an order on the Treasurer to pay him three pounds and charge it to his account, and that Clerk sign the said order in behalf of the Common Council.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 3 day of December, 1757—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John Beekman, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Phil: J. Schuyler, Ha: Gansevoort.

Whereas Daniel Halenbeek having been appointed Fire Master for the First Ward of this City, and being informed that he is removed in the country, this Board appoints Isaac Fryer Fire Master for the year ensuing together with Maas Bloemendall who being already appointed for that purpose.

Resolved by this Board, That two market houses be built, one in the Frst ward and one in the Third ward of this City, and that the Comon Council with the Aldermen speak to some persons that will undertake to find the Timber and Carpenters work, and that they shall satisfy them for so doing.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 12 day of December, 1757—Present, the Mayor, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Philip J. Schuyler, Henry Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort.

Resolved by this Board, that three Carpenters be employed to build a Bridge across the Normans Creek for the ease of the Inhabitants in getting fire wood, the expenses to be paid by the Corporation.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 23 day of December, 1757—Present, the Mayor, John Beekman, John R. Bleeker, Joh<sup>s</sup> Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Ja Lansing, Ha: Gansevoort.

Neeltie De Forest produced an account of £11, which is allowed.

Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante produced an account of £5:5, which is allowed, £1:13 to be paid out of the said account to Henry Douw.

Resolved by this Board, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer to pay the above accounts and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of Common Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany, on the 17 day of March, 1758—Present, the Mayor, Johannis H. Ten Eyck, Johannis Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Henry Bleeker, Jacob Ja: Lansing, Phil J. Schuyler, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort.

Whereas on the 29 September last Joseph Wells and Peter Cranell, chosen Constables for the First ward, and Ebenezer Roberson for the Second ward of the City of Albany, and whereas the said Joseph Wells and Ebenezer Roberson are Entered in the Battoee servise and Peter Cranell removed out of the City, wherefore it is ordered and resolved on by this Board, that an election be held on the 21 day of this instant month of March, for to choose two Constables in the said First ward and one for the Second ward of this City, and that the Aldermen of the wards do give notice accordingly.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 29 day of March, 1758.

An Ordinance published for preventing the sale of Rum or any other spirituous Liquor to the Soldiers.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the first day of April, 1758.

Daniel Bratt in behalf of his father Barnardus Bratt, Jun<sup>r</sup>, agreed with this Board for the Ferry on the west side for y<sup>e</sup> ensuing year for seven pounds current money of New York.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 6 day of May, 1758.

Several of the principal Inhabitants of this City appeared and desired this Board that our Grievances may be represented to the Governour, Council and General Assembly.

Resolved, That the Mayor, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John De Peyster and Jacob Ten Eyck, be a Committee appointed by this Board to draw up the facts of our grievances, that the same be sent to one of the Attorneys in New York to put the same in form.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 21 June, 1758.

The following Ordinances renewed and published, viz :

An Ordinance for regulateing Carmen.

An Ordinance for cleaning the Streets.



An Ordinance published the 22 June, 1756, with some regulations added the 20 August, is now renewed and published according to the rates and prices hereafter mentioned, viz :

For every lb of all kind of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, &a, sixpence.

For every head and pluck of a Calf 21 pence.

For every head and pluck of a Sheep 12 pence.

For every head and pluck of Lamp 9 pence.

The above Ordinances to be in force the next day after the 22 day of this instant month of June.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 15 day of July, 1758.

The Ordinances regulating the rates and prices of all kind Flesh, &a, is renewed and published as follows :

For every lb of all kind Beef, Mutten, Veal, Lamp, &a., 4½d.

For every head and puck of a Calf 21d.

For every head and puck of a Sheep 12d.

For every head and pluck of a Lamp 9d.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 29 day of September, 1758—Present, the Recorder, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Yates, Phil: J. Schuyler, Henry Bleeker, Ha: Gansevoort.

This day being appointed by the Charter for electing Corporation officers, the following persons were chosen to serve for the year ensuing, according to the directions of the Charter. viz :

First Ward—Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante and Volkert P. Douw, Aldermen; Barnardus Bratt, Jun<sup>r</sup> and Peter Lansingh, Assistants; Joh<sup>s</sup> Jilles de Garmo and Isaac Fryer, Constable.

Second Ward—Jacob Ten Eyck and Jacob Ja: Lansing, Aldermen; Henry Bleeker and John Hansen, Assistants; Matheus Aerse and Cornelis Van Scherluyne, Constable.

Third Ward—Abraham Douw and Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Aldermen; Harme Gansevoort and Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants; Gerrit Rosebom and Gerrit Dun Bar, Constables.

This Board appoints John Rosebom, Chamberlain; Joh<sup>s</sup> Seeger, Marshall, and Isaac Fryer, High Constable.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 2 day of October, 1758—Present, the Mayor, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, John Beekman, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Volkert P. Douw, Barnardus Bratt, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Bleeker, Jacob Ja: Lansing, Ha: Gansevoort.

This Board allows the following accounts and order the Clerk to draw upon the Treasurer to pay the same, to witt :

To Gerrit Lansing, - - - - £0:10:0

To Gerrit Van Sante, - - - - 0: 9:9

To William Hogan, Jun<sup>r</sup>, - - - - 1: 7:0

Deducting nine and ninepence for the use of the City Auger.

This day sold to Abraham Lansing and Gerrit A. Lansing a certain piece of ground lying in the Second ward of the said City, adjoining on



the North part of the house and lott of the said Abraham and Gerrit, is in breadth on the front by the Parel street thirteen feet, and rear on the west nine feet, in length from east to the west fifteen rod and eight feet and half feet, all Ryland measure, for which piece of ground above described the said Abraham Lansing and Gerrit A. Lansing agrees to pay £40 New York currency by the executing of the deed, Provided that the said Abraham Lansing and Gerrit A. Lansing do release to Gerrit Roseboom a certain piece of ground adjoining on the north part of the lott of the said Gerrit Roseboom, is in breadth on the front by the Parel street nine feet eight inches, in the rear on the west six feet and six inches, and in length from east to west fourteen rod ten feet, all Ryland measure, for the same forty pounds above mentioned.

Resolved, That the Mayor in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty execute a deed to the said Abraham Lansing and Gerrit A. Lansing for said piece of Ground, and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 14 day of October, 1758—Present, the Mayor, John G. Roseboom, Esqr, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, John Beekman, John R. Bleeker, Volkert P. Douw, Abraham Douw, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Bleeker, Philip J. Schuyler, Barnardus Bratt, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ha: Gansevoort.

Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Esqr, produced a Commission for Mayor of the City of Albany, &c., for the ensueing year, and took the Oaths appointed by Law, signd the Test, and was sworn into the office of Mayor and Coroner for the City, and Justice of the Peace for the City and County of Albany.

Volkert P. Douw, Esqr, produced a Commission for Recorder of the City of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signd the Test and was sworn for the due execution of the office.

Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission for High Sheriff for the City and County of Albany, took the Oaths and signd the Test and sworn to the due execution of the office.

Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Jacob Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, being chosen Aldermen for the ensueing year, took the Oaths, signd the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

Barnardus Bratt, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Peter Lansingh, Henry Bleecker, John Hansen, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Harne Gansevoort, took the Oaths, signd the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

Joh<sup>s</sup> Jilles de Garmo, Cornelis Van Scherluyne, Matthewes Aerse, Gerrit Roseboom, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Gerrit Dun Barr, took the Oaths, signd the Test, sworn to the due execution of the office of Constable.

Isaac Fryer took the Oaths, signed the Test, sworn to the due execution of the office of High Constable.

Whereas on the twenty-ninth day of September last past, Volkert P. Douw was elected Alderman for the first ward of the City of Albany, and whereas since that time, to witt, on the fourteenth day of October following, he produced a Commission for Recorder of this City, took the Oaths, signed the Test and sworn into his office, wherefore it is ordered and resolved by this Board that a new election be held on the twentieth of this instant month for chusing an other Alderman for the said first ward, and





that Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Alderman for said ward do give notice accordingly.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 17 day of October, 1758—Present, the Mayor, Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, John Hansen, Henry Bleeker, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Ordered and Resolved by this Board, That Gerrit Van Vranke remove his drain from the Kings High road into the Creek, between this and the twenty-eight day of this instant month of October, on forfeiting six shillings for every day after that day, and that he be served with a copy of this order, the Clerk to sign the same, by order of Common Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 2 day of November, 1758—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Henry Bleeker, Peter Lansing, John Hansen, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Jacob Jacobse Lansingh, being chosen Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signd the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Master for the ensuing year :

Johannis Eversee, John L. Reatliff, first ward.

Abraham H. Cuyler, John Gert Marselis, second ward.

Wilhelmus Van Antwerpe, Jilles Winne, third ward.

Ordered that Warrents be given to the Fire Masters of each ward accordingly, and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 20 day of January, 1759.

Resolved by this Board, that all the [Lottery] Tickets that are not sold by Monday the twenty-second instant, the Managers are to deliver the same to the City Treasurer, and he is to dispose of as many as he can, and those that remain unsold to be at the risque of the City.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 19 day of February, 1759.

Resolved by this Board, That S<sup>r</sup> William Johnson, Bar<sup>t</sup>, may have the ground behind his house and lott where Patrick Magee has lately build on, that is to say, the breath of his lott on the street and then sixty foot long down toward the River at the rate of forty shillings a foot on the street, and that the Mayor execute a deed for the same in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 29 day of May, 1759—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Douw, Barnardus Bratt, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Hansen, Henry Bleeker, Peter Lansing.

Jacob Ten Eyck, Jacob Lansingh, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Bleeker, and John Hansen, being a Committe appointed by this Board to examine the several Accounts with the City Treasurer in order that Treasurer pay the same, and in case any difficulty should happen that they may lay them before



the Common Council, and that the Committee put up advertisements that all persons that have any demand may bring in their Accounts on or before the ninth day of June next, and sign them with the Clerks name, by order of Common Council.

This Board have agreed with the Treasurer to receive, pay and settle the several accounts for the thousand pounds raised by Publick Lottery. Ordered by this Board that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ha: Gansevoort and Gysbert Fonda pay the thousand pounds raised by the Publick Lottery to the City Treasurer, and that an receipt shall be their sufficient discharge for the same.

An Ordinance renewed and published for cleaning the streets.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on the 21th day of June, 1759.

Whereas Joh<sup>s</sup> Jilles De Garmo was chosen a Constable on the 29 day of September last for the first ward of this City and now employed in his Majesties service, wherefore it is Resolved by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City, that on the 23d day of this Instant month, an Election be held for to chuse one Constable for the said first ward in the room of the said Joh<sup>s</sup> Jilles De Garmo, and that one of the Aldermen give notice accordingly.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on the 22 day of June, 1759.

The Ordinance regulateing the rates and prices of all kinds of Flesh, &a, is renewed and published as follows :

For every lb of all kind of Beef Mutton, Veal, Lamb, &a, 5d.

For every head pluck of a Calf, 21d.

For every head and pluck of a Sheep, 12d.

For every head and pluck of a Lamb, 9d.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 26th day of June, 1759.

An Ordinance regulating Carmen renewed and published. [See in the Ordinance Book.]

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 21th day of July, 1759—The Mayor, Jacob Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Syb<sup>l</sup> Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Hansen, Peter Lansingh.

Resolved by this Board, that the Clerk sign an order by order of Common Council to pay the following Accounts, being examined by the Committee appointed for that purpose, viz<sup>t</sup>:

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| To the Estate of Nicolas Bleeker, Jun <sup>r</sup> , | £ 4:15:5 | To Jacobus Reatliff,                                     | £1: 8: 1 |
| To Isaac Swits,                                      | 6:12:4   | To John Van Duesen,                                      | 12:      |
| To Johannis Hun,                                     | 2:17:3   | To Gysbert VanDen Bergh,                                 | 1: 8: 6  |
| To Barnardus D. Bratt,                               | 19:7½    | To Jacob Vischer,  | 11       |
| To Anthony Bratt,                                    | 30: 2:6  | To Ulderick Van Vranken,                                 | 2:19     |
| To Anthony A. Bratt,                                 | 1: 9     | To Cornelis R. Van Veghte,                               | 2: 9     |
| To Jacob Bogardus,                                   | 8:16:6   | To Joh <sup>s</sup> Van Arnem & Joh <sup>s</sup> Becker, | 13: 6: 9 |



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| To John Beckman,          | £3: 8:9 | To Jacobus Van Valken-   |             |
| To Michael Besset,        | 2:12:6  | burgh,                   | 15          |
| To Martin Beckman,        | 16:9    | To Claas Van Den Bergh,  | 24: 1:      |
| To Johannis Becker,       | 1:14:8  | To Peter Van Woert,      | 1           |
| To Harmee Bogardus,       | 19:1½   | To Wilhelmus Van Den     |             |
| To Johannis Cluet,        | 1: 8:6  | Bergh,                   | 11:00:10½   |
| To Jesse De Foreest,      | 13:6    | To Hendrick G. Van Ness, | 1:19        |
| To Philip De Foreest,     | 3: 7:6  | To Gulian Verplank,      | 7: 2        |
| To Volkert H. Douw,       | 1       | To Hendrick Van Schoon-  |             |
| To John De Peyster,       | 3:10:4  | haver,                   | 19: 6       |
| To Wouter N. Groesbeek,   | 8: 1    | To Tunis Vielen,         | 5: 4: 6     |
| To Hendrick Gerve,        | 12:8    | To Kiliaen Winne,        | 3: 6        |
| To Hans Hansen, Junr,     | 9       | To Evert Wendell,        | 4: 4        |
| To William Hylton, Junr,  | 1:19    | To Robert Wendell,       | 9           |
| To Wouter Knikerbacker,   | 18      | To Joseph Yates;         | 6: 6        |
| To Isaac Kip,             | 16:6    | To Coenraet Ten Eyck,    | 2: 5: 6     |
| To Gerrit Lansingh, Junr, | 10: 2:6 |                          |             |
| To Gerrit Lansingh,       | 9: 8:9  |                          |             |
| To Sybrant Quakenboss,    | 10      |                          |             |
|                           |         |                          | £206: 3:10½ |

This Board allows the following Acc<sup>ts</sup> and order the Clerk to sign an order upon the Treasurer to pay the same :

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| To Jacob Dox,   | £00:17 |
| To the Widow of Peter Dox,  | 3      |
| To the Executors of Philip Livingston, Esqr,  | 91: 6  |
| To Philip Livingston,   | 4:16:4 |
| To Ha: Gansevoort as Clerk from 1751, first October, to the first October, 1758, seven years, Paper included, | 111: 6 |
| @ £15:18 p year,  |        |

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Joh<sup>s</sup> Pruyn's Negro Eight for his Extraordinary Service.

It is further Resolved that the severall Accounts not sworn to, that the persons that have a just demand swear to their Acc<sup>ts</sup> before one of the Aldermen, that then the City Treasurer may pay the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 13 day of September, 1759.

The following Accounts were allowed and order of Common Council drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same :

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| To Volkert P. Douw,        | £23:14:10 |
| To Jacob Bogart,           | 19:08: 6  |
| To Gerrit Roseboom,        | 8: 0: 0   |
| To Abraham Lott,           | 3: 0: 0   |
| To Johannis Knickerbacker, | 2:10: 0   |

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 29 day of September, 1759—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Lansing, Junr, Jacob Ten Eyck, Sybrant Van Schaick, Junr, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Douw, John Hansen, Barnardus Bratt, Peter Lansing, Ha: Gansevoort.

This day being appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing Corporation Officers, the following persons were chosen to serve for the ensuing year, according to the direction of the Charter, vizt :

First Ward.—Johannis Van Sante and Syb<sup>t</sup> Van Schaick, Junr, Alder-



men; Peter Lansing and Harmanus Schuyler, Assistants; Maes Bloemendal and William Macintosh, Constables.

Second Ward.—Jacob Ten Eyck and Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Aldermen; Henry Bleeker and John Hansen, Assistants; Hendrick Williams and Jacob Harse, Constables.

Third Ward.—Abraham Douw and Volkert Douw, Aldermen; Jacob Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Abraham Ten Broeck, Assistants; Gerrit Van Der Berg, Wynant Van Alstyn, Constables.

This Board appoints John Roseboom for their Chamberlain, and Joh<sup>s</sup> Seger, Marshall for the ensuing year.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 8 day of October, 1759—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Abraham Douw, Syb<sup>t</sup> Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Ten Eyck, Jacob Lansing, Barnardus Bratt, Peter Lansing, John Hansen, Ha: Gansevoort.

This Board agreed with John Wilson to be Publick Whipper for the City of Albany for the space of six months from the date hereof for the sum of ten pounds corrant money of New York.

Ordered that the Clerk let John Wilson have one Shirt, one pair Shoes, one pair Stockings and one pair Breches on his wages.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 14 day of October, 1759—Present, the Mayor, Jacob Ten Eyck, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joh<sup>s</sup> H. Ten Eyck, Abraham Yates, Barnardus Bratt, Peter Lansingh.

Syb<sup>t</sup> G. Van Schaick, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor and Clark of the Market for the City of Albany and Coroner for the City and County of Albany for the ensuing year.

Jacob Van Schaick, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission for High Sheriff of the City and County of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test, and sworn to the execution of his office.

Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Jacob Ten Eyck, Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Volkert Douw, being chosen Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

Peter Lansing, Harmanus Schuyler and Jacob Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants for the ensuing year, took the Oaths, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

Henry Williams, High Constable, Jacob Harse, Maas Bloemendall, William Macintosh, Gerrit G. Van Den Bergh and Wynant Van Alstyn, Petty Constables for the ensuing year, took the Oaths, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 14 day of November, 1759—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Volkert Douw, Abraham Douw, Syb<sup>t</sup> Van Schaick, Jacob Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Harmanus Schuyler, John Hansen.

Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Mayor, took the Oaths appointed by Law, sign'd the Test and sworn to the due execution of his offices.

Abraham Douw, and Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, being chosen Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths, sign'd the Test, sworn to the due execution of their offices.





John Hansen, Henry Bleeker and Abraham Ten Broeck. Assistants, took the Oaths, sign'd the Test and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year, to witt :

Solomon Hays, Luykas Hoogkerk, first ward.

Cornelis Van Scherluyne, Casparus Pruyn, second ward.

Isaac Van Arnem, Volkert G. Van d Berg, third ward.

Ordered that Warrants be given to the Fire Masters of each ward accordingly and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of Common Council.

John Kidnie made application for to buy the house and lott on the Gallows hill, formerly possessed by Rob<sup>t</sup> Flint, which this Board will take into consideration.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 21 day of November, 1759—Present, the Mayor, Abraham Douw, Volkert Douw, Syb<sup>t</sup> Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>. Jacob Lansing, John Hansen, Abraham Ten Eyck, Henry Bleeker, Jacob Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Harmanus Schuyler, Peter Lansingh.

Thomas Williams produced an Account of £7:10, which was expended at the Entertainment of S<sup>t</sup> William Johnson, Bar<sup>t</sup>, which is allowed by this Board and ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same, the Clerk to sign the same, by order of the Common Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 3d day of March, 1760.

Resolved, that an order be drawn on the City Treasurer, to pay Thomas Williams £20:14:10 in full of his Account, and to Johannis Seger £5, and not to discount with Johannis Seger till he produces his Indenture in the Common Council for the Land on the Gallows hill.

The Committe heretofore appointed for examining the Accounts against the City are to remain, and Abraham Ten Broeck to joyn the said Committee for the purpose aforesaid.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 12th March, 1760.

Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, produced an Account amounting to £5:4:3, which being allowed and ordered that the Treasurer pay the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany, on the 15th March, 1760.

This Board agreed with Jacob Buljin for the house and lott he now dwells in on the Gallows hill, at the rate of forty shillings  $\frac{2}{3}$  year during their pleasure.

Mr. Timothy Conner produced an Account of £10:8, which is allowed and ordered that the Treasurer pay the same.

This Board ordered that no Butcher, or any other person whatsoever, shall offer, sell or expose for sale any Calfs meat under twenty-one days old, under the penalty of forty shillings, one half to the Informer and the other half to the Poor. If any difficulty should arise about the age of the Calf, the proof shall lay with the Butcher or such person as exposed the same for sale, that the Calf was of the age above mentioned.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 3d day of April, 1760—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Syb<sup>t</sup> Van Schaick Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Lansingh, Volkert Douw, Peter Lansingh, Abraham Ten Broeck, John Hansen.

To the worshipful the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Albany.  
The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Jonker street,  
Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners daily experience the many inconveniencies that attend the great scarcity of water in their Street and Neighborhood, and having a just sense how fatal the Consequences of any Accidents by fire must prove to them, have therefore voluntary subscribed amongst themselves such a sum of money as they hope will be sufficient to defray the expense of bringing water in Pipes from the hills, collecting it in Reservoirs and erecting pumps. But as some people who have not now subscribed to this so usefull and necessary undertaking will when it is compleated [enjoy] all the advantages equal with any of the subscribers unless prevented by proper authority, we therefore beg the Mayor and Corporation for a conveyance of it to us, our heirs and assigns, under proper restrictions, and to that end that every citizen may be a partaker of the ease and advantage of it, we beg leave that a clause may be inserted by which one may be a member provided he pays unto the Trustees to be appointed by the subscribers the sum of twenty shillings or eight shillings annually, and conform himself to the Articles of the Agreement. That this Plan may be agreeable and meet with the approbation of the Mayor and Corporation, is the sincere prayer of

Resolved by this Board, that the Petitioners to the above Petition have an Instrument drawn consisting with the above Petition, that the Mayor will sign the same and cause the Seal of this City to be thereunto affixed, by vertue of this Resolution.

Mr. Abraham Ten Broeck produced an Account in behalf of the Patroon for the fire wood of this City from the 1st day of June, 1745, to the 22d day of November, 1759, amounting to £159:3:10, out of which is to be £39:3:10 for Saw Logs cut out of the right of the City for many years past.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order upon the City Treasurer to Mr. Abraham Ten Broeck £120 in full for the above account, and sign the said order in behalf of the Common Councill.

Whereas a number of Gentlemen residing in this City, have signified to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, that they are desirous of establishing a Prysbyterian Church in the same.

This is to certify that the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City aforesaid do very much approve of so laudable an Intention, and promise that they will do every thing in their power to encourage and promote the same, and that the Mayor sign this in behalf of the Corporation and the Clerk affix the City Seal to it.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 5th day of April, 1760.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Joh<sup>s</sup> Seeger £33:2, which is the Balance due to him for his Sellory as to the 14th day of October, 1759.

Ordered that the Clerk write to Daniel McMichal to settle the rent for



the house and land at Verfbergh by the 15th Instant with the Corporation of the City of Albany.

An Ordinance regulating Carmen renewed and published.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 2d day of June, 1760.

The Ordinance regulating the rates and prices of all kind of Flesh, &a, is renewed and published as follows :

For every lb of all kind Beaf, Mutton, Veal, Lamb, &a., 5d.  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb.

For every head and pluck of a Calf 21d.

For every head and pluck of a Sheep 12d.

For every head and pluck of a Lamp 9d.

To commence the 10th day of June Instant.

Also an Ordinance renewed and published for cleaning the Streets.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 15 July, 1760.

An account of Joh<sup>s</sup> Hun being produced of £3:4, for fourteen Chairs and one Easy Chair for the Council Room, which is allowed and ordered that the Treasurer pay the same.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk put up Advertisements that a Lott of ground on the north side of the House of Abraham Lansing, dec<sup>d</sup>, where Mr. William Corry now dwells in, of thirty \* \* \* \* foot English measure broad, and in length as the Lott of said Lansing, will be sold at Publick Vendue to the highest Bidder, on Friday the first day of August next at three of the clock in the afternoon at City Hall of this City, with a reserve of ten shillings to be paid yearly and every year to the City Treasurer for the use of this City.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 30th day of July, 1760—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Jacob Lansingh, Volkert Douw, Abraham Douw, Peter Lansingh, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, John Hansen, Jacob V. Schaick.

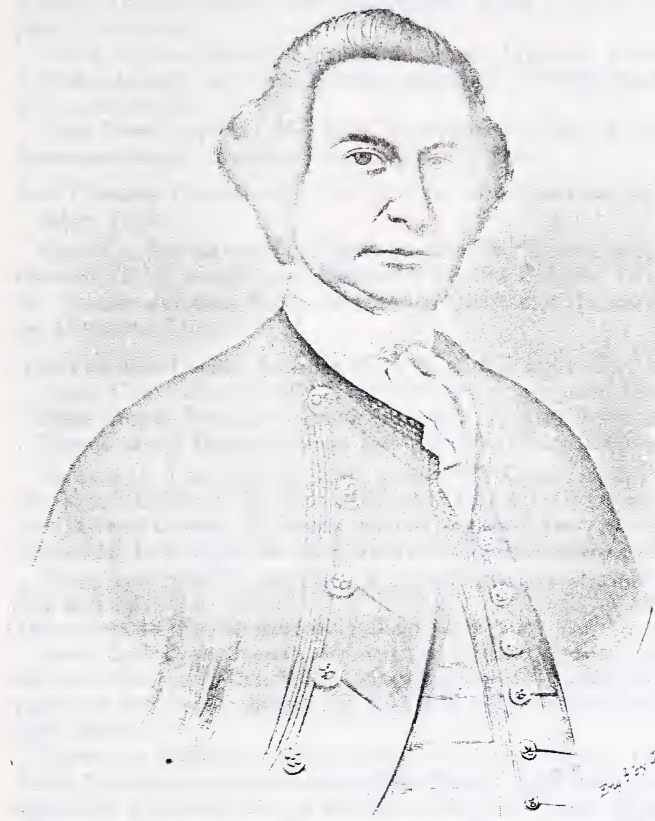
Whereas a Resolution was made the 16th day of this Currant month of July, that the Lott of ground lying on the north side of the house and lott of Abraham Lansing, dec<sup>d</sup>, was to be sold at Publick Vendue by the Mayor and Corporation, and whereas the Mayor having business out of the town, it therefore Resolved by this Board that the Recorder together with the Aldermen and Assistants sell the said lott according to the advertisement, and that the Mayor shall execute the deed in behalf of the Corporation.

Resolved by this Board. That owners of the ground adjoining the Rut in Kill and the Foxes Kill leave a passe of eight foot for the water, and that the Aldermen of this City overlook the same.

According to the above Resolutions a Deed being executed by the Mayor to Isaac D. Fonda, who was the highest Bidder, and the money paid to the Treasurer, £151, on y<sup>e</sup> 29 August, 1760.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 29th day of September, 1760—Present, the Mayor, Johannis Van Sante. Abraham Douw, Syb<sup>t</sup> Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Volkert Douw, Peter Lansing, Harnanus Schuyler, John Hansen, Jacob V. Schaick, Abraham Ten Broeck. This day being appointed by the Charter for chosing and electing Corpo-





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ration officers, the following persons were chosen to serve for the ensuing year, according to the directions of y<sup>e</sup> Charter, viz<sup>t</sup> :

First Ward—John Henry Lydius, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Aldermen; Harmanus Schuyler, Martin Mynderse, Assistants; Roeliff Seeger and William Staats, Constables.

Second Ward—Jacob Ten Eyck, Jacob Lansing, Aldermen; John Hansen, Henry Bleeker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants; Peter Hansen, Abraham Verplank, Constables.

Third Ward—Cornelis Ten Broeck, Harm<sup>s</sup> Wendell, Aldermen; Jacob V. Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Assistants; A<sup>m</sup> Schuyler, Christopher Yates, Constables.

This Board appoints Mr. John Roseboom for their Chamberlain, and Johannes Seeger, Marshall for the ensuing year.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 11th day of tober, 1760.

Oredered that an order be drawn on the City Treasurer to pay Richard Howard £6:16, which the Corporation expended at the Entertainment of Sir William Johnson, Bar<sup>t</sup>, and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of the Common Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 14th day of October, 1760—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Abraham Douw, Joh<sup>s</sup> Van Sante, Jacob Ten Eyck, Jacob Lansingh, Volkert Douw, Abraham Ten Broeck, John Hansen, Jacob Van Schaick, Henry Bleeker.

Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor and Clark of the Market for the City of Albany and Coroner for the City and County of Albany for the ensuing year, took the Oath appointed by Law, signed the Test, sworn to the due execution of the offices.

Jacob Van Schaick produced a Commission for High Sheriff for the City and County of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test, sworn to the due execution of his office.

Jacob Ten Eyck, Jacob Lansing, Cornelis Ten Broeck, Harmanus Wendell and Barent H. Ten Eyck, being elected Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

Harmanus Schuyler, Martin Mynderse, John Hansen, Henry Bleeker, Jacob Van Schaick and Abraham Ten Broeck, Assistants, took the Oaths, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

Abraham Schuyler, High Constable, Roeliff Seger, William Staats, Abraham Verplank, Constables, took the Oaths, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 25th October, 1760—Present, the Mayor, Jacob Ten Eyck, Jacob Lansing, Cornelis Ten Broeck, Harmanus Wendell, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Martin Mynderse, John Hansen, Hendrick Bleeker, Jacob Van Schaick, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck.

John H. Lydius, Esq<sup>r</sup>, being chosen Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by law, signed the Test, sworn to the due execution of his office.

The following Accounts were allowed and an order of Common Council to be drawn on the City Treasurer to pay the same, and that the Clerk sign by order of Council.



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| To John Clute,                           | - - - - - | £0: 7:0  |
| Abraham De Foreest,                      | - - - - - | 0: 7:0   |
| William Hun,                             | - - - - - | 0: 7:0   |
| Dirck Hun,                               | - - - - - | 0: 8:0   |
| To 18 Planks, 4s,                        | - - - - - | 3:12:0   |
| Carting Plank & Ryding Timber,           | - - - - - | 0: 7:0   |
| To Jacob Lansing for 100 Planks, 4s. 6d, | - - - - - | 22:10:0  |
| To John Oothout for Ryding 8 days, 12s,  | - - - - - | 4:16:0   |
| To hand to help him Load,                | - - - - - | 1: 0:0   |
| Two for bringing down the Planks,        | - - - - - | 0:16:0   |
| Johs Daet for Riding Timber,             | - - - - - | 5: 4:0   |
| To Peter Vosburgh, for do,               | - - - - - | 4: 8:0   |
| The Cartmens Bill,                       | - - - - - | 1:10:6   |
| To Isaac Fonda, Bill,                    | - - - - - | 22:11:9  |
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|  |           | £68: 4:3 |

The above Bill is materials and making the Bridges.

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| To Jacobus Van Sante & Jacob Hylton,           | - - - - - | 5:19:3  |
| To Staats Van Santvoort,                       | - - - - - | 1:12:0  |
| To John Williams, Goaler,                      | - - - - - | 2:15:0  |
| To Jacob Ten Eyck,                             | - - - - - | 0: 7:0  |
| To Abraham Douw, for the ballance of his Acct, | - - - - - | 17:18:4 |
| To Peter Lansing,                              | - - - - - | 1: 1:6  |
| To David Van Derheyden,                        | - - - - - | 22: 0:0 |

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£119:17:4

Ordered that the Aldermen and Common Council see the Bridges finished, and bring in the Accounts that the same may be paid.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joseph Yates and Thomas Williams, made application to this Board to buy the Creek as far as they bound upon the said Creek, which this Board takes into consideration.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 13th day of November, 1760—Present, the Mayor, John H. Lydius, Cornelis Ten Broeck, Harmanus Wendell, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Jacob Van Schaick, John Hansen.

The following Accounts were allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw upon the Treasurer to pay the same, by order of Common Council.

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|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| To John Hansen,                  | - - - - - | £4: 1:0 |
| To Wilhelmus Van Den Berg, Junr, | - - - - - | 2: 4:3  |
| To Volkert Van Den Berg,         | - - - - - | 0:10:6  |

Ordered that the Clerk pay Claas Van Den Bergh three pounds for wood for the Bun fire at the King's Birth day.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year, to witt:

Thomas Lansing, Ab<sup>m</sup> Joseph Yates, first ward.

Henry Williams, Jacob Harse, second ward.

Harmanus I. Wendell, Jan Gerse Yates, third ward.

Ordered, That Warrants be given the Fire Masters of each ward accordingly, and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of Common Council.

An Ordinance regulating Carmen renewed this day.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 4th day of December, 1760.

This Board agrees with Mr. Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck for the fire wood for the ensuing year at the usual price, which is £11.

This Board allows the following Accounts :

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| To Mr. Ab <sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck for the fire wood of this year till 22 November, 1760, | £11: 0:0 |
| To Harme Gansevoort, as Clerk from 1st October, 1758, to the 1st October, 1760,          | 31:16:0  |
| To Jacobus Reatlift to Ring the Bell one year,   | 5 0:0    |
| To Joh <sup>s</sup> Seger for his Sellary till the 1st October, 1760,                    |          |

Ordered that the Clerk draw on the Treasurer to pay the above Account as soon as he has money.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on the 11th day of December, 1760.

Resolved by this Board, That the Clerk put up Advertisements that a peice of Land lying on the Gallows hill containing between 10 and 11 acres, as  $\text{P}$  Draft to be seen at the time of sale, to be sold at Publick Vendue on Saturday the 20th day of this current month, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty at two of the clock in the afternoon at the City Hall in the City of Albany.

Mr. Gerardus Groesbeek produced an Account of six shillings which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Resolved by this Board, That they shall provide and see the people paid that keep the officers from the 24th November, 1760, untill the first day of April, 1761.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 20th day of December, 1760.

Pursuant to a Resolution made in Comon Council the 11th day of this currant month of December, this Board sold the peice of Land at Publick Vendue to Coll: John Henry Lydius for £300 currant money of New York and a reserve of £2 of like money to be paid yearly and every year, containing eleven acres three rod and eight perches, according to the Draft now at the time of sale exhibited, and that Mr. John R. Bleeker, who made the survey, explain the courses to have the Deed drawn by, and that the Clerk draw the deed accordingly.

Resolved by this Board, that the Mayor execute the same Deed and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed in behalf of the Common Council, and upon payment of the money the deed to be delivered.

The following Accounts were allowed and ordered that the Treasurer pay the same :

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| To Philip Van Veghte,                     | £6: 0:0 |
| To Barent H. Ten Eyck,                    | 1:18:9  |
| To William Hylton,                        | 2: 2:0  |
| To John Hansen the opening the west gate, | 10: 3:8 |

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on 13th day of February, 1761.

The Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Dutch Church of the City of Albany presented a Petition in Common Council which this Board will take in consideration.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 19th day of February, 1761.

Resolved by this Board, that Mr. John R. Bleeker run the South and North Line of this City next Monday if the wether will permit, and that Mr. Bleeker provide himself with Chain bearers and mark every mile, for which this Board will pay his fees and disbursements.

This Board having taken into consideration the Petition presented to this Board by the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Dutch Church of this City the last meeting, It being Resolved by this Board that Mr. John Bleeker make a survey of the land sett forth in their Petition, leaving sufficient room for highways, for which this Board is to give a Deed to the said Minister, Elders and Deacons and their successors for ever, for and in consideration of fifty pounds current money of New York and a reserve of twenty shillings  $\text{₧}$  annum for ever.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the first day of May, 1761.

Mr. John R. Bleeker produced an Account of sundry charges in runing the City line amounting to £18:8, which is allowed and ordered that the same be paid.

Resolved that the Memorial Mr. John De Peyster delivered some time ago to the Corporation of this City relating to the destroying of the Indian Deed Tiononderoga be delivered to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Volkert P. Douw and Abraham Ten Broeck in order to be laid before Council at Law in New York in behalf of the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 2d day of May, 1761.

An Ordinance regulateing Carmen renewed and published.

Whereas William Staats was chosen one of the Constables on the 29th day of September last for the first ward of this City and now being gone for Niagara, wherefore it is Resolved by this Board that on the 7th day of this currant month of May an election be held for to chuse one Constable for the said first ward in the room of the said W<sup>m</sup> Staats, and that one of the Aldermen of said ward give notice accordingly.

A Petition of John Christie was presented to this Board for some Land at the Sand Bergh as in the said Petition is set forth.

Resolved that John Christie have four acres of Land at the Sand Bergh and not to exceed that quantity, with liberty to build a house, &a, to have it three years at the rate of one Peper Corn  $\text{₧}$  annum; after the expiration of said three years to agree for the annual Rent with the Corporation of this City, this Agreement to commence the 10th of this instant, May 1761.

Resolved by this Board, that the Mayor execute a Deed in behalf of this Corporation for 153 acres of Land, according to Mr. John R. Bleeker's survey produced to this Board, to the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Dutch Church of the City of Albany on the payment of fifty pounds consideration money, and that the Mayor cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 22d day of June, 1761.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order upon the Treasurer to pay Timo-





thy Conner £10:13:6, and Mr. Robert Lansing for the ballance of his Account, £7:18:11.

This day sold to Johannis N. Groesbeeck a peice of Land lying at Schagtecook, commonly called and known by the Indian Land or Island, lying between the Land of Daniel Fort, dec<sup>l</sup>, and the Land of the heirs Abraham and Isaac Fort, dec<sup>l</sup>, for and in consideration of the sum of £430 currant money of New York, and a reserve of thirty Skipple of good winter wheat, to be paid yearly and every year for ever to the Corporation and their successors; £200 to be paid by the delivery of the Deed, £100 more within one year next ensueing and £130 the year then following, upon condition that the said Joh<sup>n</sup> N. Groesbeeck is to satisfy the Indians that have a lawfull claim on said Land.

An Ordinance renew'd and published for cleaning the streets, to comence the 25th Inst. all kind Beaf 6d, for a head & pluck of a Calf, 21d, for a head and pluck of a Sheep 12d, for a Lamb 9d.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 23 day of June, 1761—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Harmanus Wendell, Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Henry Lydius, Jacob Ten Eyck, Barent Ten Eyck, Cornelis Ten Broeck, Marte Mynderse, Harmanus Schuyler, John Hansen, Abraham Ten Broeck.

Harmanus Schuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission whereby he is appointed High Sheriff for the City and County of [Albany] from the 18th June, untill the 14th October next ensueing, took the Oaths appointed by Law, subscribed the Test and sworn to the due execution of his office.

Whereas Coll. John Henry Lydius bought at Publick Vendue a peice Land lying on the Gallows hill, containing eleven acres three rod and eight perches, according to the survey thereof made by Mr. John R. Bleeker, exhibited at the sale on the 20th day of December, 1760, which the said Coll. John Henry Lydius now refuses to take according to the sale made by vertue of a resolution made in Common Councill the 11th day of December, 1760, Wherefore it is Resolved and ordered that the Clerk put up Advertisements that the said peice of Land is to be sold at Publick Vendue on the fifteenth day of July next ensueing at three of the clock in the afternoon of that day at the City hall of the said [City] by the Mayor or the Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany.

This Board has this day agreed with Mr. Robert Lansingh to take care of the fire Engine and have it cleand and in good order for three pounds current money of New York  $\text{p}$  annum.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 15th day of July, 1761—Present, Syb<sup>t</sup> G. Van Schaick, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Mayor, Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, and six Aldermen.

Pursuant the Resolution made the 23d of June last, this Board meet in order to sell the peice Ground advertised by that Resolution and no bidders have bid high enough, therefore it remains Corporation Ground.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 10th day of September, 1761.

Resolved by this Board, that the Mayor execute a Deed to Jacobus Reatlif for seven years on condition that the Deed be void on the tender



of one shilling to the Lessee for a Tract of Land scituate, lying and being in the City of Albany on the Sout of Beaver Kill, beginning where said Kill emptyes itself into Hudsons River, striking from thence southerly to opposite the hay land belonging to the heirs of Gysbert Marselis, dec<sup>d</sup>. thence due west along the south bounds of the pasture of the first part the same distance from the River as the Saw Mill of the heirs of Daniel Bratt, from thence northerly to the aforesaid Beaver Kill, and thence easterly along the said Kill to the place where it first begun.

Wilhelmus Smith presented a Petition to this Board for sixty acres of Land on the Wouten bergh between the north line of the City of Albany and the Edge of the hill which lays on the north side of Foxes Creek, it is the opinion of this Board not to sell so large a parcell to one person.

Patrick Magee presented a Petition for a small vacant Lott which lies unimproved on the north side of his; it is Resolved by this Board that the said Patrick may have it for five years at the rate of twenty shil<sup>s</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  year.

Angenietje Groesbeek offers to this Board a peice of Land at Schagkook formerly belonging to Corset Vedder, commonly known by the name of Flackje; as also another peice, being the full moiety or half part of four morgan formerly granted by the Corporation to Gerret Van Schaick, which this Board refuses to buy.

Resolved by this Board, that the Mayor execute a Deed to Johannis N. Groesbeek, pursuant to the agreement made the 22d day of June last past, as by the Minutes may more fully appear. The said Johannis N. Groesbeek produced the Indian Deed to this Board, which Deed is to be left with the Mayor according to agreement.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on the 29th September, 1761.

This day being appointed by the Charter for chosin and electing Corporation officers, the following persons were chosen to serve the ensueing year according to the directions of the Charter, viz':

First Ward.—Barent H. Ten Eyck, Peter Lansing, Aldermen; Marte Mynderse, Henry I. Bogart, Assistants; Thomas Seeger, James Hallenbeek, Constables.

Second Ward.—Jacob Ten Eyck, Frans Pruyn, Aldermen; John Hansen, Gysbert Fonda, Assistants; John Scott, Nicholas Marselis, Constables.

Third Ward.—Cornelis Ten Broek, Volkert Douw, Aldermen; Jacob Van Schaick, Abraham Ten Broek, Assistants; Tuenis H. Visher, Jacob G. Lansing, Constables.

This Board appoints John Roseboom for their Chamberlain; Johannis Seeger, Marshall; James Hallenbeek, High Constable.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on the 14th October, 1761—Present, the Mayor, Jacob Ten Eyck, John H. Lydius, Jacob Lansingh, Harm<sup>s</sup> Wendell, Cornelis Ten Broek, Henry Bleeker, John Hansen, Abraham Ten Brock, Jacob Van Schaick, Marte Mynderse, Harmanus Schuyler.

Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, demanded of the Mayor to render an account of the money he had received for the several freedoms, which the Mayor refused.

Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor



and Clerk of the Market for the City of Albany and Coroner for the City and County of Albany for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, sign'd the Test, sworn to the due execution of the offices.

Harmanus Schuyler, Esqr, produced a Commission appointing him High Sheriff of the City and County of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, sign'd the Test, sworn to the due execution of his office.

Jacob Ten Eyck, Cornelis Ten Broek, Barent H. Ten Eyck, Frans Pruyn, Volkert Douw and Peter Lansing, being chosen Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, sign'd the Test, and sworn to the due execution of their offices.

Jacob Van Schaick, Abraham Ten Broek, John Hansen, Marte Myn-derse and Henry I. Bogart, Assistants, took the Oaths appointed by Law, sign'd the Test, and sworn to the due execution of his office.

James Hallenbeck, Thomas Seeger, John Scott, Nicholas Marselis, Jacob G. Lansingh, and Tunis Visher, Constables, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test, sworn to the due execution of their offices.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 19th day of October, 1761—Present, the Mayor, Cornelis Ten Broeck, Jacob Ten Eyck, Frans Pruyn, John Hansen, Marte Mynderse, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Henry I. Bogart, Jacob Van Schaick.

Resolved by this Board, That no freedom be given to a Merchant under £3:12, and a Tradsman £1:16, and that the Mayor shall have out of each freedom twelve shillings for his own use, and the remainder to be returned to the Clerk who is to have one shilling to affix the Seal to each freedom, or any other instrument.

It is further Resolved that no Lycense be given to any Tavern keepers then that is sealed with the City Seal, for which they are to pay twenty shillings, one half thereof to the Mayor and the other half to be returned to the Clerk for the use of the City, deducting one shilling to the Clerk for the Seal and keeping an exact Account.

The Inhabitants of the second ward have made application to this Board for leave to bring and lay a drain in the well opposite the house of Mr. John Beekman from the hill. Resolved that they have leave accordingly to lay it in such a manner as they shall think proper without hindrance to any other drain.

Claes Speck agreed with this Board for forty shill<sup>s</sup> for four years past, and henceforth twenty shillings yearly for the Lott of ground he dwells on.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 23d October, 1761.

John Ten Eyck, Esqr, produced a Commission appointing him Recorder for the City of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of his office.

Ordered that the Clerk give an order upon the City Treasurer to pay Jacobus Reatliff five pounds for ringing the Bell last year and sign the same, by order of Comon Council.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 26th day of October, 1761—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Peter Lansing, Frans Pruyt, Cornelis Ten Broeck, Volkert Douw, Jacob Ten Eyck, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Henry I. Bogart, Jacob Van Schaick, Marte Mynderse, John Hansen.

Resolved that the freedom of this City be presented to the Reverend Eliardus Westerlo, Minister of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the City of Albany, out of a particular regard this Board has towards his person and function, and the unwearied diligence in discharge of his duties of his calling since his arrival in this City: That the Mayor sign the said freedom in behalf of this Board and that the Clerk affix the City Seal to it and sign his name as Clerk thereto. The Mayor to deliver the same this evening in the presence of this Board.

Resolved that any three of the Aldermen of this City shall have the same liberty of granting freedoms as the Mayor and under the same restrictions made at Common Council the 19th instant.

Ordered that the Clerk shall not receive any money of Sybrant G. Van Schaick, late Mayor, for Freedoms, Lycences or any other moneys which of right belong to this City, but by order of Common Council.

Resolved that Volkert P. Douw & Abraham Ten Broeck, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, employ Mr. William Smith, Junr, and William Livingston, or any other two Gent<sup>l</sup> they shall think proper in behalf of this Board to prosecute Syb<sup>t</sup> G. Van Schaick, late Mayor of this City, for the sum of £500 in the next Supreme Court to be held for the Province of New York, for money he received for Freedoms, Lycences and other monies which of right belongs to this Corporation. This Board also engages to pay such expences as may accrue in this suit to such persons who shall be employed in their behalf for that purpose, and that the Clerk deliver a copy of this Resolution to the above named Gentlemen.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 29th October, 1761.

In consequence of a Resolution of this Board the 10th day of September last, the Mayor executed a Deed for the purpose thereby intended, but some error having been made in the same, it is therefore Resolved that a Deed be drawn mending said error, which was accordingly done and delivered after the City Seal was thereunto affixed, by order of this Board.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 7th day of November, 1761.

Mr. Gysbert Fonda being chosen Assistant for the second ward, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of his office.

Jacobus Reatliff produced an Account of nine shilling, which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk give an order upon the Treasurer to pay the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 30th day of November, 1761.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year, to wit:

Peter Ryckman, Henry I. Wendell, for the first ward.

Rynier Van Yveren, Hendrick Pruyt, for second ward.

Maas Bloemendal, Cornelis Van Veghte, for third ward.





Ordered that Warrents be given to the Fire Masters of each ward accordingly and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of Comon Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 18th January, 1762.

This Board allows the following Accounts and orders the Clerk to draw upon the Treasurer to discharge the same :

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| To John Hansen.             | - - - - | £5: 4 |
| To Jacob Van Schaick,       | - - - - | 1:14  |
| To Jacobus Van Benthuyssen, | - - - - | 1:13  |

Whereas a Resolution made in Comon Council the 19th day of October last that no Lycense should be given under twenty shillings, which this Board is now of opinion is to much for some people, wherefore they now leave it in the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen to take less if they see cause.

Ordered that the Clerk sign the Letter in behalf of the Corporation which is day wrote in Council to their attorneys at New York relating the affair against Sybrant G. Van Schaick, Esqr.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 26 March, 1762.

Resolved by this Board, that Haruice Gansevoort, Clerk of the Corporation, purchase a Bill of Exchange of £55 sterling, payable to John George Liebenrood, merchant in London, and that the said Gansevoort do order the said Liebenrood to send the Corporation one Fire Engine of the fifth seize, invented by R<sup>d</sup> Newshan. At the first safe opportunity and make full insurance thereon. This Board have agreed to give a note for the money and that the Mayor sign the same in behalf of the Corporation with five per cent interest till the same is paid.

Petition presented by Mr. Edgar, Mr. McComb and Mr. Henry, which this Board takes in consideration.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 29th day of March, 1762.

This Board allows the following Accounts and orders the Clerk to give an order upon the Treasurer in behalf of Common Council to discharge the same, to witt :

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|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| To John McKnight.         | - - - - | £2:0:0 |
| To Barent Ten Eyck, Esqr, | - - - - | 1:0:0  |
| To Peter Lansingh, Esqr,  | - - - - | 0:8:0  |

£3:8:0

This Board have rented to William Hogan, Junr, a peice of ground of thirty foot on the front & about fifteen foot broad, lying and being in the first ward of this City opposite his dwelling house and now in his possession, for twenty shillings a year.

This Board have also rented and to farm let to John Cornelis the house and lott of ground where he now dwels in, lying and being in the first ward of this City, having on the South the Block house called N. 1, on the North the ground belonging to this Corporation, on the East the Stockadoes, and on the west the high way that leads to the Church parster, to commence the first day of October last past for and during the term of six years at rate of £1:10 a year, and ordered that the Clerk draw the Inden-



ture and the Mayor sign the same and order the City Seal to be thereunto affixed in behalf of the Corporation.

A Petition being presented by several of the Inhabitants of the Yonkers street, which taken into consideration.

At Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 3 day of April, 1762.

An Account of Peter Martin being produced which this Board allows, and orders the Clerk to give an order to pay the same, to wit, £9:10.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 14 day of April, 1762.

An Ordinance renewed and published for cleaning the streets by the 25th of the current month of April.

An Account of Henry I. Bogart being produced and allowed by this Board, and orders the Clerk to draw upon the Treasurer to pay him £3:13:4.

A Petition being presented in Common Council on the 26th day of March last, by Mr. David Edgar and others for the Ground on which the Store House opposite to Mr. John McCombs stands, which is rejected, but will readily assist in any other peice of ground convenient for their purpose that is no detriment to the publick.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 27th day of April, 1762.

An Ordinance regulating Cartmen renewed and published.

The Mayor agreed with the Board to give Lycense to Cartmen for twelve shillins apeice and that one shilling thereof for puting the Seal, the other eleven shillings to be devided, one half to the use of the Mayor and the other half for the use of the Corporation.

Resolved by this Board that the major part of the Corporation may agree with Mr. Joh<sup>s</sup> Ten Broeck and Barnardus Bratt, Jun<sup>r</sup>, for the Ferry.

This Board have rented and to farm let the house and lot of ground on the Gallows hill where Jacob Buljin late dwelld in to Lambert Cool for three pounds lawfull money of New York  $\text{p}$  year; Mr. Jacob H. Ten Eyek has promis'd to pay for the first year.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 1st day of May, 1762.

An Ordinance made and published restraining forestallers.

Ordered that the Clerk sign an order to pay Thomas Seeger eight shillings; to Peter Lansingh, Esq<sup>r</sup>, twelve shillings.

Resolved and ordered that none of the Shomakers that have their Ten-pitches in the Foxes Creek throw none of their old Tan in or near said Creek, on pain of forfeiting six shillings for each default.

Ordered that Abraham Witbeck remove the ashes from behind his Lott so that the Aldermen of the ward approve of the same, in six days after receiving Copy of this Rule, on pain of three shillings for every day he does not comply with this order, and he be served with a copy of this rule.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 17th May, 1762—  
Present, the Mayor, John Ten Eyck, Esqr, Recorder, Jacob Ten Eyck,  
Cornelis Ten Broeck, Volkert Douw, Peter Lansing, John Hansen,  
Gysbert Fonda, Henry I. Bogart.

Resolved by this Board, that if any of the members of the Corporation of this City upon duly warning given doe not attend, shall for every such neglect forfeit the sum of twenty shillings for the use of the Corporation, reasonable excuses excepted, which is to be adjusted by the Board then present.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 21st day of June, 1762.

Resolved by this Board, that all Agreements heretofore made and that now may be in force between this Corporation and Abraham Ten Broeck, Esqr, respecting the cutting of Fire wood and Timber in the Manner of Renselaerwyck be dissolved and made void, and is hereby disannulled, dissolved and made void accordingly by the mutual consent & approbation of the said Corporation and the said Abraham Ten Broeck.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 28th day of June, 1762.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of Albany :

To his Excellency the Honourable Robert Monckton, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and Vice Admiral of the same, and Major General of his Majesty's Forces.

May it please your Excellency :

Your Excellency's sudden departure from your Government in obedience to his Majestys commands as General and Director of an important and very interesting Expedition against Martinico immediately after taking the administration upon you, prevented us of addressing your Excellency before upon the occasion, permit us now tho late to express our sentiments of joy and satisfaction upon our most gracious sovereign appointing a Gentleman so conspicuous in abilities and calculated and disposed to render a people easy and happy under his administration, a person whose memory will never be forgot in the latest period of time in the Northern parts of this Province for his conduct and military skill in the reduction of Quebec a place till then almost invulnerable, in the conquest of which your Excellency vastly contributed.

It was with much regret we heard of your Excellencys departure from your Seat of Government to places remote, that exposed your Excellency to innumerable dangers and difficulties, the hazards of the Seas, the unwholesomeness of the Climate and the chances of Battle rendered your Excellency liable to manifold accidents, but the Laurels you have acquired and the advantages the publick have gained sufficiently atone for your absence, and it is with redoubled joy that we hear of your Excellencys returning triumphantly to the Metropolis of your Government to take the administration.

The strength of the Fortresses as well as the consequences of their reduction with the amazing cility of the defeat with so little loss of Blood,



recent proves of your military genius and marks of your humanity and moderation and add luster to the Action.

We heartily congratulate your Excellency upon the many and great successes of his Majestys arms and upon your Excellencys arrival to your Seat of government with such exalted honours, the just reward of your merit, where we sincerely wish you may long remain and that your administration may be easy and happy, which we will every one of us respectively make our constant business to promote.

We rely upon your Excellency to protect this antient City in its rights and priviledges and we fervently wish for your Excellencys helth and happiness. We are, may it please your Excellency,

Your Excellencys most obedient Humble Servants.

An Ordinance regulateng the rates and prices of all kind of Flesh, &c., renewed & published as follows, vizt:

For every lb Beaf of all kind, Mutton, Viel, Lamb, &c., 6d.

For every head and pluck of a Calf, 21 pence.

For every head and pluck of a Sheep 12 pence.

For every head and pluck of a Lamb, 9 pence.

To commence the fifth day of July next ensuing.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 8th July, 1762.

This Board is of opinion that the Land in dispute between Huge Viele and Jacob Viele belongs to this Corporation and Huge Viele and Jacob Viele mow the hay as they use to do till further orders, and that the Clerk acquaint them herewith.

Resolved by this Board, that John N. Groesbeek and Harme Groesbeek shall have the Land they have shown to the Corporation when they were at Schagkook, for which they are to agree with the Corporation.

Peter Binneway made application for a farm of Land on the North side of Schagkooks Creek, which this Board consents that he may have if they can agree for the same.

Isaac Daniel Fort made application for a peice Land and has shown the same to the Corporation, which they consent that he may upon such terms as shall be agreed upon.

Philip Van Ness made application and shewed a peice of Land to the Corporation and they consent that he may have the same.

This Board is of opinion that Wouter Groesbeek shall have that peice of Land called and known by the name the Schat hoek upon such conditions as shall be here afterwards agreed upon.

Marte Winne made application for some wood land behind his farm at Schaagkook which he has shewn to the Corporation, and this Board consent that he may have the same as shall afterwards be agreed upon.

The Schoolmaster at Schaagkook made application to this Corporation for a peice of Wood Land which they grant him so long a time as he remains School master for that place and behaves himself well and no longer.

Ordered by this Board to pay Henry I. Bogart fifty pounds to discharge part of the charges for repairing the Court house, which is to be repaid out of the monies raised by an Act of the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governor, the Council and the General Assembly, and the Clerk to sign the order upon the City Treasurer, by order of the Common Council.





At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 14th day of July, 1762.

Jacob H. Ten Eyck, Esqr, inclosed in his Letter his Excellencys answer, which runs as followeth :

Gentlemen—I thank you for this kind Address and Congratulation.

The City of Albany may depend on my Protection in its Rights and Privileges.

Ordered by this Board, that the Clerk make Copys of our Address and his Excellencys Answer and inclose em to Philip Livingston, Esqr, to have them inserted in the New York Gazette.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 19th July, 1762.

Peter Viele having made application to the Corporation for a parcel of wood Land which this Board will grant him provided it is no detriment to the farm of the heirs of Johannis Ouderkerk, deceased.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 26th day of July, 1762.

Ordered by this Board, that the Clerk write a Letter to Mr. Smith and the other Gentlemen concerned for the Corporation relateing the City lines to send up the Maps and Papers with their Opinion by the first opportunity.

Resolved that the Ground laying beyond the Fort to the west where the Gallows now stands, as far as the Schyt Bergje, and also the Ground on the Gallows hill be laid out in acre Lots and to be disposed of at Publick Vendue for twenty-one years on such restriction as the Corporation shall agree upon hereafter with the buyers of the same.

Ordered that Jacob H. Ten Eyck, Esqr, wait on Mr. William Smith, Junr, in behalf of this Board and disire him to draw a Petition to the Governor and Council for the vacant Land that lays to the South of the City Line according as their opinion was on that matter that he set forth in the Petition that it must have been intended to have been granted to the Corporation, but suppose the Surveyors unskilfulness at that time was the reason why it happen'd in the manner it has.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on 9th August, 1762.

Ordered that the Clerk sign an order upon the City Treasurer to pay the following persons, viz' :

To Peter Lansing, Esqr, - - - £2: 6:3

To Robert Lansing for his former Acc', - 6:18:0

This Board has this day agreed with Mr. Robert Lansing to take care of the fire Engine, to have it cleans and in good order, at the rate of three pound a year from the 23d of June last past to the 23d June next ensuing, which will be in the year 1763, besides other extraordinary charges.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 23d day of August, 1762.

Ordered by this Board, that a Publick Street remain in the Foxes Creek, beginning at the East end of Messrs John & Gerrit Rosebooms Lott and run up as farr as the Schyt Bergie till it is ordered otherwise by the Corporation.

Ordered that the Clerk write to Messrs William Smith, Junr, & William Livingston, Esqrs, about their suit depending against Sybrant G. Van



Schaick, late Mayor of this City, when and where they intend to bring it on, and desire their speedy answer.

Ordered that the drains which now water out in the streets be removed and laid so as to water out in the River within one month after this day on forfeit of six shillings for every days neglect, to be recovered before the Mayor, Recorder and any one of the Aldermen, one half for the use of the poor and the other half for the person that shall sue for the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 25th August, 1762.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert Cranel, William Rogers, Daniel Hewson, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and William Fryer, Church Wardens of the English Church in this City, presented a Petition to this Board for the ground on which the old Barrack stands and a Glibe, it being couched in a very unbecoming and threatening stile, for which reason it was rejected and returned to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Robert Cranel and William Rogers.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 26th August, 1762.

This day sold to Marte Winne, agreeable to his Petition, a peice or parcel of wood Land scituate, lying and being at Schagtekook in the County of Albany, contains fourty-three acres and three rod of Land for which the said Marte Winne agrees to pay six pounds New Yorke money, as also the yearly rent of six Skipple of good merchantable Winter Wheat in the months of January or February, first payment to begin in January or February, 1764.

This day sold to Philip Van Ness a certain peice or parcel of wood Land lying at Schaghkook in the County of Albany, containing thirty-six acres three rodd and twenty perches of Land, always excepted and reserved out of the above bargained Lands a Road of two rodd broad from the Road on the Little hill that lays on the East side of the Bridge on Tomhenock Creek, and from thence run Eastward keeping a little to the Northward of his the said Philip Van Ness his now dwelling house thro the above bargained Lands, for which he is to pay ten pounds current money of New York as also the yearly rent of four Skipple of good merchantable Winter Wheat in the months of January or February, the first payment to begin in January or February, 1754.

This day sold to Wouter Groesbeek a certain peice of wood Land scituate, lying and being at Schagkook in the County of Albany, contain both parcels together eleven acres of Land, for which he agrees to pay four pounds as also the yearly rent of two Skipple of good merchantable Winter Wheat in the months of January or February, first payment to begin in January or February 1764.

This day sold to Johannis Knikerbaker two certain parcels of wood Land scituate, lying and being at Schagkook afores<sup>d</sup>, near the River, contains sixteen acres and three rodods of Land, for which he agreed to pay twenty-five pounds current money as also the yearly rent of five Skipple of good merchantable Winter Wheat, the first payment to begin in the month of January or February, 1764.

Resolved that the Mayor on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, execute Deeds for the above mentioned parcels of Land and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 31st day of August, 1762.

Peter Lansingh, Esqr, produced an Account for making Bridges in the first ward, amounting to £8:7. which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk sign an order upon the City Treasurer to pay the same.

This day sold to Peter Viele a certain parcell of wood scituate, lying and being at Still water on the East side of Hudsons River in the County of Albany, containing sixty-two acres and two rodd of Land, for which he agrees to pay ten pounds current money of New York, as also the yearly rent of four Skipple of good merchantable Winter Wheat, first payment to begin in the months of January or February, 1764.

This day sold to ——— a certain peice of wood Land lying on the East side of the road that leads from Daniel Van Antwerps to Schagkook, oppisite the place where Abraham De Foreest formerly live'd on, for which he agrees to pay yearly and every year for him and male heirs of his body lawfully begotten.

Resolved that the Mayor on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty execute Deed for the said Tract of wood Lands and cause the City Seal to be thereto affixed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 2d day of September, 1762.

Resolved by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany that a conveyance to Alein & Transport a certain peice of ground lying and being in the first ward of the said [City], having to the East the street that adjoyns to the Lotts of William Fryer and others, on the North, West and South by the Commons, in front along the said street one hundred and thirty-two feet, containing on the North side thirty feet, on the South one hundred and forty-eight feet, and on the West side one hundred and ninety two feet, all Rynland measure, according to a Map thereof made by Mr. John R. Bleeker to and for the use to erect and build a Presbyterian Meeting house on and to and for no other use and intention whatsoever, and that the Deed be executed to Mess<sup>rs</sup> John McComb, David Edgar, Samuel Holliday, Robert Henry, Abraham Lyle & John Monro, Elders of the English Presbyterian Congregation in the City of Albany and their successors for ever in trust the use of the said Congregation.

Resolved that the Mayor on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty execute a Deed for the above mentioned peice of ground & cause the City Seal to be thereto affixed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 13th day of September, 1762.

An Ordinance renewed and published regulateing the selling meat, &c.

For every lb of all kind of Meat, 4 pence.

For every head and pluck of a Calf, 18 pence.

For every head and pluck of a Sheep, 12 pence.

For every head and pluck of a Lamb, 6 pence.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 27th September, 1762.

Ordered by this Board that the Street betwixt the City Hall and the



Lott of Ground belonging to Mr. Ten Broeck remain a common street and shall be called Wall Street.

The Ordinance regulateng all kinds of Meat renewed & published.

Every lb of Beef, Mutton & Veal, 4½d.

Every lb Lamb 5d.

Head and pluck of a Calf. 18d ; for Sheep, 12d, & Lamb, 6d.

Whereas an Ordinance formerly made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City for the electing two Constables in each ward of this City is expired of its own limitation, it is hereby ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants of this City that on the 29th day of September shall be chosen in each ward two petty Constables, of which the Aldermen in each ward or any of them shall make their return with the rest of the City officers.

Ordered by this Board that the Clerk write Letters to Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Smith, William Livingston, William Smith, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & John Morine Scott, and disire each of them to send their opinion relateing the dispute with the Township of Schenectady with the map, state of the cases and all papers relateing the same.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 29th September, 1762.—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Barent Ten Eyck, Frans Pruyn, Jacob Ten Eyck, Peter Lansing, Henry I. Bogart, Jacob Van Schaick, John Hansen, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck.

This day being appointed by the Charter for chosen and electing Corporation officers the following persons were chosen to serve the ensueing year according to the directions of the Charter, viz :

First Ward—Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>. and Peter Lansingh, Aldermen; Henry Bogardt and Albert Ryckman, Assistants; Thomas Seeger and John Hun. Jun<sup>r</sup>, Constables.

Second Ward—Jacob Ten Eyck & Hendrick M. Roseboom, Aldermen; John Hansen and Gysbert Fonda, Assistants; John Frans Pruyn & John Groesbeck, Constables.

Third Ward—Cornelis Ten Broeck & Volkert Douw, Aldermen; Abraham Ten Broek & John Gansevoort, Assistants; John H. Brat & William Rogers, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Constables.

This Board appoints John Roseboom for Chamberlain, John Frans Pruyn, High Constable, and Johannis Seeger, Marshall for the ensueing year.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 4th October, 1762.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Johannis Sam<sup>l</sup> Pruyn £21 for an Account allowed him for his Negro sweeping the Barks, first deduct for his Lottery Tickets.

This day agreed for the rent with John Trotter for peice of ground lying on the North side of William Hogans, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Black Smith Shop, in broad on the street thirty foot and so backward toward the River till the Stockadoes at the rate of forty shillings a year.

This day agreed with John Christie for the rent of a peice of Land containing about ten acres lying on or near the Sand bergh for and during the time of the said John Christie and Margaret his wife, their and each of their natural life, for which he or she is to pay to their Treasurer forty





shillings current money of New York yearly and every year, the first payment to begin 1765, the first day of May; it is further agreed that the said John Christie nor Margaret his wife are not to rent or sell the Land without consent of the Corporation on forfeiting the Land and the buildings thereon erected.

Ordered and Resolved that the Mayor, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, execute Deeds for the two above mentioned peices of ground and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany 9th October, 1762.

Resolved that the following Letter be sent to his Excellency Sr Robert Monctin, Governour for the Province of New York :

May it please your Excellency—The Corporation being informed that his Majestys third Battalion of the Regiment of Royal Americans is hourly expected at New York, from whence they are to be sent here to be quart<sup>d</sup> the ensuing Winter, which has caused great consternation among the people, as this City has been greatly burthened this War with Troops even beyond its abilities, the Corporation most humbly implore your Excellencys interposition, that no Officers or Soldiers be billeted on any of the Inhabitants of this City as we are fearful in case they should it would give great disturbance.

Ordered that the Mayor in behalf of the Corporation sign the above Letter.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 13th Oct. 1762.

Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced an Account of the neat amount of Lycences granted by him since his mayoralty, and paid £61:9 to Harme Gansevoort for the use of the Corporation, being the one half of what he has received in pursuance of an agreement made with him the 19th October, 1761. Also £9 for six freedoms given by him, which was also paid to Harme Gansevoort.

Ordered that Harme Gansevoort deduct £8:1 out of the above money for his fees for fixing the City Seal to the Lycences and freedoms as  $\text{£}$  an Ordinance of the 19th October, 1761.

Cornelis Ten Broeck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced an Account of £8:7:6, which is allowed, and that the Clerk give an order upon the Treasurer to pay the same.

Mr. Henry I. Bogart produced an Account of £1:11:3, which is allowed and that the Clerk give an order to pay the same.

Ordered the Clerk give an order upon the City Treasurer to pay Thomas Williams £30:14:6, being the amount of his Account since September, 1760, viz<sup>t</sup>, the reduction of all Canada, the Kings Birth day, Nov<sup>r</sup> 1760, reduction of Martinico, and declaration of the Spanish war against Spain.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany 14th October, 1762.

Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor and Clerk of the Market for the City of Albany & Coroner for the City & County of Albany for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of the offices.

Harmanus Schuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Sheriff for the City and County of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of his office.



Peter Lansing, Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Ten Eyck, Hendrick M. Roseboom & Cornelis Ten Broeck, being chosen for Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

Hendrick I. Bogart, Albert Ryckman, Gysbert Fonda, John Hansen, Abraham Ten Broeck and John Gansevoort, Assistants, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

John Frans Pruyn, High Constable, Thomas Seeger, John D. Groesbeeck, John A. Bratt & William Roger, Jun<sup>r</sup>, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 26th day of October, 1762—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Peter Lansingh, Hendrick Roseboom, Cornelis Ten Broeck, John Hansen, John Gansevoort, Henry I. Bogart, Gysbert Fonda, Albert Ryckman.

Volkert Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, being chosen Alderman for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of his office.

Francis Martin produced an Account of £1:12, which this Board allows.

This Board allows Jacobus Reatliffs £5 for last years Sellary as Bell ringer.

Ordered that the Clerk sign an order upon the City Treasurer to pay the above persons, by order of Common Council.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany, on the 3d day of November, 1762.

Resolved that five Lottery Tickets be taken in behalf of the Corporation in the new Lottery, which Number are as follows: 7717, 7718, 7719, 7720 & 7721. Ordered that the Mayor take the same to New York.

Ordered by this Board that the Clerk give an order upon the City Treasurer to pay Johannis I. Pruyn £1:7 which being the balance of his account.

This day sold to Johannis N. Grosbeeck & Harme Groesbeeck a certain parcel of wood Land lying and being att Schagkook on the North side of the Creek adjoining the Land heretofore sold by the Corporation to the above named Johannis N. Groesbeeck, containing thirty-one acres of wood Land, for which they agree to pay £6 currant money of the Province of New York, as also the yearly rent of four Skipple of good merchantable Winter Wheat, the first payment to begin in the months of January or February in the year of our Lord 1764.

This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year, to witt:

Volkert Van Veghte, Barent I. Staats, first ward.

Peter Hansen, Abraham Verplank, second ward.

Dirck Roseboom, Abraham Schuyler, third ward.

Ordered that the Warrents be given to the Fire Masters for each ward and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of the Common Council.

Order'd that the Clerk sign an order upon the City Treasurer to pay to Thomas Seeger £9 for one years Sellary.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany 23d December, 1762.

This Board orders the Clerk to give an order upon the City Treasurer to pay Mr. Philip Reyley £6 for his attending the Town clock from the 21 day of December, 1761, to the 21 December, 1762.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany 31st December, 1762.

An Ordinance renewed and published to prevent unruly Riding.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany 10th January, 1763.

Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, delivered to the Clerk £4:5, received out the New York Lottery for one prize Ticket, the other four were Blanks.

Resolved by this Board that no freedom be given to a Merchant under £3:12, and a Tradsman £1:16, out of which the Mayor is to have twelve shillings for his own use and the remainder to be returned to the Clerk, who is to deduct one shilling for his use for affixing the Seal to each freedom or any other instrument.

And like wise that any three of the Aldermen of this City may grant a freedom under the same Restrictions above Resolved.

It is also Resolved that no Lycense be granted to any Tavernkeeper then what is sealed with the City Seal, for which each person is to pay twenty shillings unless the Mayor shall think them such objects as are not able to pay it, that then he is at liberty to take twelve shillings, one half of all the Lycense so granted to the use of the Mayor and the other half thereof to be returned to the Clerk for the use of the City, one shilling to the Clerk for each Lycense he affix the Seal to and keeping an exact account thereof.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Volkert Douw, Henry Bogart & John Hansen, a Committee appointed by this Board to settle the Accounts with the City Treasurer and make report to the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 5th February, 1763—Present, the Mayor. Recorder. Cornelis Ten Broeck, Hendrick Roseboom, Syb' Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Volkert Douw, Peter Lansing, Jacob Ten Eyck, Henry Bogart, John Hansen, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, John Gansevoort, Gysbert Fonda, Albert Ryckman.

This Board ordered that the following Letter be sent to Mr. William Smith, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and that the Clerk sign the same in behalf and by order of Common Council, viz<sup>t</sup>:

William Smith, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esq<sup>r</sup>—The Corporation have received the opinion of your self, Mr. Smith your father, William Livingston & John Morine Scott, Esq<sup>r</sup>, relateing to the Boundaries of the City of Albany, they are disireous to have the Land which by your opinion you judge vacant, and would imploy you to take such steps as will be necessary to that end, and will amply reward you for your trouble and expence therein. The Corporation would be glad to know wether it would be best to take it by a Patent or an additional Charter, but they are inclin'd to have it by additional Charter and to add some other priviledges to it, if his Excellency should think proper, and what you imagine the expence might be to obtain the same, and how long a time it might take up to have this affair entirely settled if his Excellency should incline to it, for the Corporation would chuse to make as short of it as possible. Your answer <sup>by</sup> first post will much oblige the Corporation.



An Ordinance for preventing of Chimneys catching on fire.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of Albany convened in Common Council, and be it ordained by the authority of the same, That whereas of late several Chimneys been on fire in this City by the carelessness of the Inhabitants in not having them swept, for preventing the same it is ordered by the authority of the same, that if any Chimney shall catch fire after the tenth day of this instant month of February, the owner or possessor of such house shall be fined in the sum of three pounds, to be recovered before the Mayor, Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen of this City.

This Board allows the following Accounts and that the Clerk sign an order upon the City Treasurer to pay the same viz. :

To Wilhelmus Van Antwerp for repairing the Pump in 3d ward, £7.

To Jacob C. Ten Eyck for his disbursement in repairing the pump in the first ward, £2:19:9.

This Board bought of William Bredit a bound Servant\* named James Nox, to be their publick whipper for the sum of £9 to serve the residue and remainder of his time as by the Indenture may more fully appear.

This Board agreed with Thomas Seger for the boarding of the said James Nox at the rate of four shillings  $\text{p}$  week, the Corporation to find his waring apparel.

Ordered that the Clerk sign an order to pay the said Williem Bredit £9 according to the above agreement.

Resolved by this Board, that Gerrit Roseboom pay to John Roseboom, City Treasurer, the sum of £40 current money of New York, according to the Resolution entered the Minutes of Common Council, dated the 2d day of October in the year of our Lord 1758.

Ordered that the Clerk pay John M. Beekman £10 for five Lottery Ticket bought the third day of November last past.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 28th day of February, 1763.

Memorandum, That whereas a Release from the Corporation to Peter Viele certifies that the annual Rent to be paid of five Skipple Wheat for the Lands mentioned in the deed, and whereas the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty find that by mistake the five Skipple was inserted instead of four Skipple, as by the Minutes entered in this Book the 31st day of August in the year of our Lord 1762 may appear, it is therefore Resolved by

\*See p. 150, Joseph Knox. He does not seem to have been a slave, although slavery at this time pervaded all the provinces. Slaves were purchased in New England or of New England men. A certificate of the sale of a black girl about 13 years of age, given on the 7th July, 1762, by John McClister of Connecticut to Jacob Lawyer of Schoharie, for the sum of £60 ( \$150) New York currency, will probably show the average value of female slaves at this time. At a later period able-bodied male slaves sold as high as \$250. When slaves were purchased out of the colony, a duty was required to be paid on them, as the following certificate of the Mayor of Albany will show :

“ Theas are to Certify y<sup>t</sup> Nine negro men and women has been imported into y<sup>e</sup> county of Albany from New England, and according to an act of y<sup>e</sup> Governor, y<sup>e</sup> Council, and the generall Assembly, William Day has paid y<sup>e</sup> Duty for said negro men and women: Witness my hand this 20th day of Aug. 1762.

VOLKERT PR. DOUW, Mayor.”

Five of the above slaves were sold in Schoharie. *Simms's Hist. Schoharie Co.*, 98.





this Board that the Mayor shall certify on the back of the said Deed that only four Skipple annually shall be paid by vertue of the above Resolution.

Memorandum, That a Deed from the Corporation to Johannis N. Groesbeek certifies the annual Rent to be paid in the months of January or February in the year of our Lord 1763, and whereas the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty find that it is a mistake and that no Rent should be paid before the months of January or February in the year of our Lord 1764.

Ordered that the Clerk sign an order upon the City Treasurer to pay the following persons for their Accounts produced and allowed by this Board.

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| To Jacobus Van Sante for Carpenter work and disbursements,           | £7:6:9. |
| To Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun <sup>r</sup> , for sundry disbursements, | 2:8:9.  |
| To Andriaen Bratt,   | 1:0:0.  |
| To Thomas Seger, six Skipple Wheat.                                  |         |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany 25th March, 1763.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an ordered upon the City Treasurer to pay the following persons, to witt:

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|---------------------------|---------|
| To Gerrit Van Sante,      | £6: 5:0 |
| To Staats Van Santvoordt, | 1: 8:3  |
| To John Gansevoort,       | 1: 0:0  |
| To Nicholas Brower,       | 0:17:9  |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 2d day of April.

Marte Mynders produced an Acc<sup>t</sup> which is allowed, £12:14.

Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, allowed for 4 Iron Chains, 1: 4.

Ordered that the Clerk sign an order upon the Treasurer to pay the above accounts:

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| Cost of the fire Engine in London, £68:13:8 @ 95 ¢ cent advance,   | £134: 1:0 |
| Freight from London to New York,   | 19:14:0   |
| Interest on the Note of £104:10, from the 26 March, 1762, to this day, which note is delivered up to this Board, | 5: 4:6    |

£158:19:6

The above sum of £158:19:6 is allowed to Ha: Gansevoort for his disbursements for the fire Engine.

Ordered that the City Treasurer pay the said sum of £158:19:6 to the said Harme Gansevoort and that the Mayor sign the same, by order of Common Council.

Ordered that Johannis N. Groesbeek pay the City Treasurer the Bond of £100 that is now payable and that the said Johannis N. Groesbeek and Harme Groesbeek pay the six pounds for the wood Land they bought of this City last Fall to the Treasurer.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 6th April, 1763.

The following Accounts were allowed and ordered that sign an order upon the City Treasurer to pay the same.

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| To John De Peyster,     | £0:14:3 |
| To Stephen Van Schaick, | 3: 0:0  |
| To William Winne,       | 1: 7:0  |



Ordered by this Board that the Treasurer let Thomas Seeger have six Skipple Wheat and sell all the Wheat he has in store for five shillings and three pence  $\text{₥}$  Skipple.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 12th day of April, 1763.

This day sold at Publick Vendue to the highest Bidders sundry Lotts of ground lying on a hill called Woutenberg, on the northernmost part of the City of Albany, on the north side of Foxes Creek, each Lott to contain in breadth in front by the street and in the rear by the City Line thirty feet, and in length from the said street to the said line fourteen rodd and half of a rodd all Rynland measure, with a reserve on each Lott of ten shillings yearly and every year for ever, to be paid to the Corporation; the sale to begin by Lott N. 2 vizt:

|            |                               |   |   |   |   |        |
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| Lott N. 2  | To Isaac Swits,               | - | - | - | - | £23.   |
| Lott N. 3  | To Frans Winne, Junr,         | - | - | - | - | 20.    |
| Lott N. 4  | To John Roff,                 | - | - | - | - | 22.    |
| Lott N. 5  | To Paul Hogstraser,           | - | - | - | - | 22.    |
| Lott N. 6  | To Daniel Winne,              | - | - | - | - | 22.    |
| Lott N. 7  | To Hendrick Wendell,          | - | - | - | - | 18.    |
| Lott N. 8  | To Hendrick Wendell,          | - | - | - | - | 17.    |
| Lott N. 9  | To Adam Yates,                | - | - | - | - | 17.    |
| Lott N. 10 | To Adam Yates,                | - | - | - | - | 18.    |
| Lott N. 11 | To John Van Ness,             | - | - | - | - | 17.    |
| Lott N. 12 | To Abraham Ten Broeck,        | - | - | - | - | 16:10. |
| Lott N. 13 | To Abraham Ten Broeck,        | - | - | - | - | 16:10. |
| Lott N. 14 | To Sybrant Van Schaick, Junr, | - | - | - | - | 16:10. |
| Lott N. 15 | To Abraham Ten Broeck,        | - | - | - | - | 16:10. |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on 2d day of May, 1763.

The following Ordinances were this day renewed and published :

An Ordinance restraining forestalings.

An Ordinance for cleaning the Streets.

An Ordinance for regulateing Carmen.

An Ordinance of marking Bread. The assizes as follows: Every Loaf of the finest Flour to weight 3 lb and two ounces for 8 Coppers; every Loaf do. of one lb nine ounces, 4 Coppers; every Loaf do. 12 ounces for 2 Copers.

The above Ordinance to commence the 9th day of this instant month.

Ordered that the Clerk pay Mr. John Hansen ten shillings for the Laws of the Corporation of the City of New York, the said Book to remain with the Clerk in his office for the use of the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 5th May, 1763.

The Corporation having agreed with Mr. Sybrant G. Van Schaick, late Mayor of the City of Albany, to discontinue their action brought agt him in the Supreme Court upon his paying the sum of £150, for which the Mayor is to sign a Receipt in behalf of the Corporation, as follows:

Albany, 5th May, 1763.

Received of Mr. Sybrant G. Van Schaick the sum of £150, it being for an action commenced against him by the Corporation in the year 1716,



besides the money paid to Harmee Gansevoort before the commencement of the said action for the benefitt received for the City Seal and other advantages, which being in full of all demands.

By order of Comon Council. VOLKERT P. DOUW, Mayor.

Ordered that the Mayor keep the above sum of £150 which he received of Mr. Sybrant G. Van Schaick till further orders.

This Board order the Clerk to write to Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Livingston and William Smith, Jun<sup>r</sup>, to discontinue the action brought by the Corporation against Mr. Sybrant G. Van Schaick.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 24th May, 1763.

The Mayor produced two Letters from Coll. Bradstreet, the one dated the 20th instant in which he disires to know the reason of his having cut down a fence that was erected near the Church Pasture by one Wood: the other of the 21st instant he disires to know wether the Corporation would persevere by force and violence to prevent the Kings servants from inclosing the ground on which Wood had erected a fence, or wether they would suffer his majestyes service to be carried on without interruption. It is the opinion of this Board that the said Letters are wrote in a very disrespectful manner, as it is well known that the Corporation has at all times promoted his majestyes service to the utmost of their power and are still determined so to do,

Resolved by this Board that they will not suffer any person or persons whatsoever to inclose or improve any of the Lands of the Corporation without first obtaining their leave, and that Coll, Bradstreet be served with a copy of this Rule.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on the 6th July, 1763.

N. 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968, Lottery Tickets paid by the Clerk to Mr. John Hansen for the Corporation, being compared with the New York publick Newspapers by this Board and were not found amongst the fortunate Tickets.

This Board ordered that the Clerk sign an order upon their Treasurer to pay the following persons, to wit:

|                               |       |         |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|
| To Sybrant Van Schaick, Esqr, | - - - | £2:18:0 |
| To John De Peyster,           | - - - | 0:11:6  |

Resolved by this Board, that the Mayor on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty execute Deeds for the several Lotts of ground sold to sundry different persons at Publick Vendue on the 12th day of April, 1763, and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.

The Ordinance renewed & published regulateing selling meat, &c., with a Proviso that if any of the Butchers sell meat on a Sunday shall forfeit ten shillings for every default.

For every lb of all kind of Meat, 5d.

For every head pluck of a Calf, 18d.

For every head and pluck of a Sheep, 9d.

For every head and pluck of a Lamb, 6d.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 9th July, 1763.

Resolved by this Board that the Patroon, Stephen Van Rensselaer, be presented with a freedom of this City.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 18th day of July, 1763.

Resolved by this Board that John Yates may have a Deed for as much ground of the Corporation as he leaves in the street and that the remainder of the ground shall be equally divided by the said John Yates and Abraham I. Yates.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor or any three of the Aldermen of this City may grant a freedom to any of the Citizens born within the Limits of this City that are become to the years of twenty-one or upwards, may upon application to the Mayor or any three of the Aldermen obtain his freedom on paying two shillings for the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorised to affix the City Seal to each freedom, signed by the Mayor or any three of the Aldermen, which two shillings is to be paid to the Clerk till ordered to the contrary.

A List of the Firemen belonging to the different wards in the City of Albany :

First Ward—Volkert Van Veghte, Gerrit Van Sante, Junr, Jacob Roseboom, Peter Ryckman, Stephen Schuyler, Marte Mynderse, William Fryer, John Stevenson, John Joh<sup>s</sup> Lansing, Isaac Bogart, Junr.

Second Ward—Gerardus Lansingh, Jacob Bleeker, Isaac Verplanck, Casparus Pruyn, Volkert A. Douw, Nicholas Marselis, Peter Williams, John Marselis, Anthony Bleeker, Sander Lansing, Cornelis Van Schelluynne, John H. Roseboom, Gysbert G. Marselis.

Third Ward—Abraham I. Fonda, Philip De Foreest, Abraham Schuyler, John Ten Broeck, Abraham Cuyler, Nanning H. Vischer, Thomas Hun, Isaac Van Arnhem.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 2d day of August, 1763.

This Board allows the following Accounts, viz :

|                          |   |   |   |         |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---------|
| To Shipboy & Henry,      | - | - | - | £1:16:0 |
| To Jacobus Van Sante,    | - | - | - | 5: 6:9  |
| To Anthony Bleeker,      | - | - | - | 3: 6:0  |
| To Peter Lansing,        | - | - | - | 3: 6:0  |
| To Abraham Wendell,      | - | - | - | 1: 4:0  |
| To Gysbert Fonda,        | - | - | - | 0: 4:0  |
| To John Bleeker,         | - | - | - | 0: 8:0  |
| To Gerrit Lansingh,      | - | - | - | 0:12:0  |
| To Bratt Van Schoonhove, | - | - | - | 0:12:0  |
| To 3 Quarts Rum.         | - | - | - | 0: 4:6  |

Nine pounds sixteen shillings and sixpence of the above sum is to be paid to Peter Lansing, Esq<sup>r</sup>, for to pay the above mentioned persons, except Shipboy & Henry, and ordered that the Clerk give an order upon the Treasurer accordingly, and also to Mr. Shipboy and Henry for £1:16.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 16th day of September, 1763.

Petition presented by Gerrit Lansingh, Junr, Anthony E. Bratt, Ahaswerus Roseboom and several other Inhabitants of the third ward, which this Board will take in Consideration.

Mr. Robert Lansing produced an Account of £8:0:8, which includes £3





for one years Sellary from the 23 June, 1762, to the 23 June last past, and remainder is for extraordinary charges and disbursements, which is allowed, and ordered that an order be given signed by the Clerk upon the Treasurer to pay the same.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Ha: Gansevoort £1:4 deficiency on the return of the Premium on the Insurance of the fire Engine.

Whereas it was Resolved in Common Council the 18th July last past, that John Yates should have a Deed for as much ground of the Corporation as he leaves of his ground in the street, and the remainder of the ground that belongs to the City should be equally devided by the said John Yates & Abraham I. Yates, and whereas Abraham I. Yates declines, it is ordered by this Board that the said John Yates may have the ground agreeable to the Map made by Mr. John R. Bleeker for the sum of £20.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 24th day of September, 1763.

The Ordinance regulateng the selling of meat is this day renewed and published with this Proviso, that no person or persons that shall kill meat for sale within this City shall provide himself with a good scale and weights to be marked by Mr. Robert Lansing, who is thereunto appointed, and that no Butcher shall promise meat to any person before hand and whatsoever person shall ask first shall be first served; the selling of meat to commence the 27th day of this current month and the scales and weights the first day of October next ensueing, and that on a panelty of ten shillings for every default.

Every lb Beef, 4d; every lb Veal, Lamb or Mutton 5d; every head and pluck of a Calf, 18d; every head and pluck of a Sheep, 9d; every head and pluck of a Lamb, 6d.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 29 day of September, 1763, ten a clock A. M.

Whereas an Ordinance formerly made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of this City for electing two Constables in each ward in this City is expired of its own limitation, it is hereby ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty that at two of the clock in the afternoon of this day shall be choosen in each ward two Petty Constables, of which the Aldermen of each ward or any of them shall make their return with the rest of the City officers.

Resolved by this Board that Mayor on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty execute a Deed for the ground sold to John Yates, agreeable to Mr. John R. Bleekers Map, and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed & take a Deed from the said John Yates for so much ground as he has left in the street.

Cornelis Cadmus produced an Account of one pound four for painting the fire Engine, which is allowed by this Board and ordered that the Treasurer pay y<sup>e</sup> same.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany on the 29th September, 1763—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Syb<sup>t</sup> Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Peter Lansingh, Cornelis Ten Broeck, Hendrick Roseboom, John Hansen, Henry I. Bogart, John Gansevoort, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Gysbert Fonda.

Five a clock P. M. This day being appointed by the Charter for chosing



and electing Corporation officers, the following persons were chosen to serve the ensuing year according to the directions of the Charter:

First Ward—Sybrant Van Schaick, Junr, and Peter Lansingh, Aldermen; Henry I. Bogart & Stephen Schuyler, Assistants; Thomas Seger & Peter Hylton, Constables.

2d—John Cuyler & John R. Bleeker, Aldermen; Gysbert Fonda & John Ja' Beekman, Assistants; Michael Besset, Junr, & Philip Wendell, Constables.

3d—Cornelis Ten Broeck & Abraham Yates, Junr, Aldermen; John Gansevoort & Ab<sup>n</sup> Ten Broeck, Assistants; Gerrit H. Visser & Andries Goewyck, Constables.

This Board appoints John Roseboom for their Chamberlain; Gerrit H. Visser, High Constable; Johannis Seeger, Marshall.

Thomas Williams produced an Account of £25:11:6, expended upon the Kings Birth day and on the Proclamation of Peace, which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk sign an order on the Treasurer to pay the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 13th day of October, 1763.

The Mayor laid the sum of £150 on the board which he received of Syb' G. Van Schaick the 5th May last, ordered that the Mayor pay £32:14 to the several persons out of the said sum which he has done accordingly, the remainder is £117:6, which is to remain with the Mayor till further order.

Whereas on the 12th day of Aprill last past several Lotts of ground was sold at Publick Vendue to several different persons and amongst others the Lots N. 12, 13 and 15 where sold to Mr. Abraham Ten Broeck, and as he this day acquainted this Board that he bought Lott N. 12 for Mr. John H. Ten Eyck, and Lott No. 15 for Joseph Adam Yates, and Lott N. 13 for himself, wherefore is ordered by this Board that the Clerk draw separate Deeds for the above described Lotts.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty execute Deeds for the said Lots, of ground and cause the City Seal to be thereto affixed.

An Account of Mr. Abraham Yates produced and allowed by the Board, £9:16.

Allowed to Jacobus Reatloff for ringing the Bell, £5.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the same.

Volkert P. Douw, Esqr, produced an Account of Lycences and Freedoms granted by him since the 14th day of October, 1762, amounting to £110:2, one half for the use of the Corporation and the other half for the use of the Mayor, which whole sum is to remain with the Mayor till further order.

Whereas it appears that Mr. Adam Yates has ground in his possession belonging to this City which was laid out for a street, and was requested to take and remove his fence, and in case he does not comply with the said request, Resolved by this Board that the Mayor, Peter Lansingh, Esqr, and John Gansevoort order the Marshall to cut down the fence.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany 14th October, 1763.

Volkert P. Douw, Esqr, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor and Clerk of the Market for the City of Albany and Coroner for the City



and County of Albany for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of the offices.

Hermanus Schuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Sheriff for the City and County of Albany, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of his office.

Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Peter Lansing, John Cuyler, and Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, being chosen Aldermen for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

Henry I. Bogart, Stephen Schuyler, Gysbert Fonda, John Ja Beekman, Abraham Ten Broeck and John Gansevoort, being chosen Assistants for the City of Albany for the ensuing year, took the Oaths, appointed by Law, signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

Thomas Seger, Peter Hylton, Michael Besset, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Philip Wendell and Andries Goewy, Constables, and Francis Martin, Deputy Sheriff, took the Oaths signed the Test and sworn to the due execution of their office.

This Board allows an Acc<sup>t</sup> of Cornelis Cadmuss of £1:4.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 25th day of October, 1763.

Cornelis Ten Broeck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, being chosen Alderman for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, sign'd the Test, and sworn to the due execution of his office.

Mr. Wood in behalf of Robert Lake, Esq<sup>r</sup>, applied to the Mayor to repair the Shade near the house he lives in ; ordered by this Board that he may repair the same and have the use of it for two years.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 7th day of November, 1763.

Ordered by this Board that the Mayor pay Mr. Elbert Willet £39:3 for forty-eight Leather Buckets and other utensils out of the sum of £110:2, which is in his hands.

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| Mr. John De Peyster account, | - | - | - | £1:12 |
| To Francis Martin,           | - | - | - | 0:13  |
| To Thomas Seger,             | - | - | - | 7:10  |

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk sign order upon the Treasurer to pay the above sum, they being allowed.

Resolved by this Board that each of the Aldermen and Assistants of this City shall take in their care four of the Buckets and the Numbers, as followeth :

- Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, N. 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- Peter Lansingh, N. 5, 6, 7, 8.
- Henry I. Bogart, 9, 10, 11, 12.
- Stephen Schuyler, 13, 14, 15, 16.
- John Cuyler, 17, 18, 19, 20.
- John R. Bleeker, 21, 22, 23, 24.
- John Ja Beekman, 25, 26, 27, 28.
- Gysbert Fonda, 29, 30, 31, 32.
- Cornelis Ten Broeck, 33, 34, 35, 36.
- Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, 37, 38, 39, 40.
- John Gansevoort, 41, 42, 43, 44.
- Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, 45, 46, 47, 48.



This Board appoints the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year, to wit :

Staats Van Santvoordt, Ephraim Van Veghte, first ward:

John Groesbeek, John Pruyn, second ward.

Harmanus I. Wendell, Thomas Hun, third ward.

Ordered that Warrents be given to the Fire Masters for each ward, and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of the Common Council.

John R. Bleeker, Esq<sup>r</sup>, being chosen Alderman for the ensuing year, took the Oaths appointed by Law, signed the Test, sworn to the due execution of his office.

Resolved by this Board that Mr. Gerrit Roseboom oversee the sweeping of the Chimneys in the Barracks, and that this Board will satisfy him for the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 24 day of December, 1763.

An Ordinance renewed and published to prevent unruly Ryding.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 22d February, 1764.

This Board allows the following Accounts and ordered the Clerk to sign an order upon the Treasurer to pay the same.

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| To John R. Bleeker, Esq <sup>r</sup> , | - - - - | £6:10 |
| To Mr. Philip Reyley,                  | - - - - | 6: 0  |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 3d March, 1764.

This day sold to Peter Yates a certain peice or Lott of ground lying and being in third ward of the City of Albany, is bounded to the west by the Lott of ground now belonging to the said Peter Yates, having to the south the Lott of John H. Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, keeping the same breadth with the Lott of the said Peter Yates and extending as far eastward as the Lott now in the possession of the said John Ten Eyck doth extend, for which the said Peter Yates is to pay the sum of £13 current money of the Province of New York.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty execute a Deed for the said peice of ground and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.

On application of John Reatliff for the house and lot of ground on the Gallows hill formerly possessed by Jacob Buljin, this Board agrees that he may have the same at the rate of fifteen shillings <sup>per</sup> year during so long a time as they judge proper.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 24th day of March, 1764.

This Board allows the following Accounts and orders the Clerk to sign an order upon the City Treasurer to pay the same.

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| To Peter Ryckman, | - - - - | £8:17 |
| To John Price,    | - - - - | 2: 8. |
| To Patrick Clark, | - - - - | 8: 0  |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany, on the 29th day of March, 1764.

This Board have this day agreed with Mr. John G. Roseboom for one





Room in one of his houses in the second ward for to keep a night watch at the rate of ten pound a year.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Thomas Seger five pounds and charge his Acc<sup>t</sup> for same.

An Ordinance published for appointing & establishing a good and sufficient night-watch in the City of Albany.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 4th day of May, 1764.

This Board orders the Clerk to sign an order upon their Treasurer to pay the following persons, viz<sup>t</sup> :

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| To John G. Roseboom, | - | - | - | - | £0:12 |
| To Adam Yates,       | - | - | - | - | 0:12  |
| To Thomas Seeger,    | - | - | - | - | 0:15  |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on the 28th June, 1764—Present, the Mayor, John Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, John Cuyler, Cornelis Ten Broeck, Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Peter Lansing, Jn<sup>o</sup> Bleeker, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Gysbert Fonda, John Gansevoort, Jn<sup>o</sup> Jac Beekman, Stephen Schuyler, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck.

Resolved that Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Mayor, Jacob Hend: Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, and Abraham Ten Broeck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, are appointed by this Board to go to New York to defend the rights & property of this City against a Petition that was presented to the Lieutenant Governor in Council at Fort George in the City of New York on Saturday the ninth day of June, 1764, by Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Munro & William Barr for a peice of vacant Land as they set forth in their Petition, which this Board claims as being the property of this City, and to petition the Governor and Council for an addition to the Charter, and that they may employ such Attorneys or any other person as they shall think proper. This Board also engages to pay such expenses as may accrue thereon and that they have a copy of this Resolution.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 27th July, 1764.

Resolved by this Board that the Lands on the Gallows Hill applied for by Cap<sup>t</sup> Cortland Schuyler be sold at Publick Vendue on Tuesday next at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 31st July, 1764—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John Cuyler, Cor<sup>s</sup> Ten Broeck, John R. Bleecker, Sybrant Van Schaick, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Peter Lansingh, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Bogert, John Beekman, John Gansevoort, Stephen Schuyler, Abraham Ten Broeck, Guysbert Fonda.

The vandue being held Cap<sup>t</sup> Cortlandt Schuyler bid £200 for the Lands on the Gallows hill, which being the highest bid was struck off to him with a Quit rent of fifty shillings yearly & every year for ever.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 3d August, 1764.

Ordered by this Board that the Mayor sign and that the Corporation



Seal be affixed to the Deeds for the Lands on the Gallows Hill sold Capt Cortlandt Schuyler the 31st ultimo, containing eleven acres with an allowance of one Rod for broken ground.

Ordinance for cleaning & repairing the Pavements of the streets by the first September on forfeit of 3s. for every days neglect.

Ordered that the Market house in the third ward be the publick Market house of this City. That all the Butchers of this City sell only in that market on penalty of 20s. for every default.

Att a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 29th August, 1764.

Ordered that pursuant to a Petition dated in March & now fyled, all the Lots sold on the 12th April, 1763, which then were to pay 10s. for each lot agreeable to an order then made, that those lots only pay 6s. each. Ordered that the Mayor sign the Deeds and the Corporation Seal be affixed to them.

Joseph Knox agreed with the Corporation to be their publick whiper for fourteen pounds yearly. to be paid Quarterly.

The Commissioners appointed by a Resolution of this Board made the 28 June last being returned from New York do Report that the Governor & Council gave their opinion on the Petition of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Monro & Barr, a certified copy of which they now produce; ordered that the same be entred in the Minutes of the Common Council, which is as follows, viz:

Att a Council held at Fort George in the City of New York on Wednesday the eleventh day of July, 1764, Present, The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Cadwallader Colden, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Lieutenant Governor, &c., Mr. Horsmanden, Mr. Watts, Mr. Delancey, Earl of Stirling, Mr. Read, Mr. Duane, of Council for George Monroe, and William Barr, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, attending, was called in and informed the Board that as several witnesses had been examined on the part of the Corporation of the City of Albany and the Time would not permit him to obtain proofs on the part of the Petitioners the Petitioners did not incline to give the Board any farther trouble, but chose to submit the matter to their opinion on what had been offered, and all parties being withdrawn, his Honour the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to require the opinion of the Council thereupon. The Council on Consideration of the whole matter declared that it appeared to them to have been the intention of the Crown to grant to the Corporation of the City of Albany the same Lands which had been excepted out of the grant of the Mannor of Renselaerswyck and which had been formerly surrendered to the Crown by the Proprietors of the Mannor of Reuselaerswick apparently with a view that the said Lands might be granted to the Town of Albany: and although the words of the Sand Kill inserted in the Charter to the Corporation of the City of Albany which bears date only two days after the Instrument of Surrender may seem to intend the Tract should run further to the northward than the Course northwest would fix it, yet as the Course northwest is equally certain with the Course to the Sand Kill and the possession long and uninterrupted hath gone with the latter Construction, they inclined to think that this Construction would obtain in Law, at least they were in no doubt it would prevail in Equity, in either of which Cases the Lands in Question could not be vacant and therefore that they could not advise his Honour to grant the Lands prayed for to the Petitioners.

A true Copy, Examined by G. W. BANYARD, D. C. Con.



Ordered by this Board that Mr. Mayor & Mr. Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck petition the General to have the buildings and other nuisances made by the army in the publick streets removed.

At a meeting of the Recorder, Aldermen & Assistants—The Mayor being absent at New York—City Hall the 29th September, 1764.

The following officers were elected and returned, viz :

Peter Lansing & Sybrant V: Schaick, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen for the first Ward.

Stephen Schuyler & Henry Bogard, Common Council for the first Ward.

Thomas Seager & Rykert Van Zandte, Constables for the first Ward.

John Cuyler & John R. Bleeker, Aldermen for the second Ward.

Guysbert Fonda & John I: Beekman, Common Council for the 2d Ward.

Abraham Veeder & Augustus Bostwick, Constables for the 2d Ward.

Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Corne<sup>s</sup> Ten Broeck, Aldermen for the 3d Ward.

Abraham Ten Broek, Thomas Hun, Common Council for the 3d Ward.

Hendrick Greverat & Levinus Dunbar, Constables for the 3d Ward.

This Board appoints for their Chamberlain, John Roseboom; for their Marshall, Joh<sup>s</sup> Seeger; High Constable, Thomas Seeger.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 22d of October, 1764.

Allowed Jacobus Rateliff for his years Sallary for Ringing the Bell, £5.

Resolved the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the above sum.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the first day of November, 1764.

Ordered that there be allowed & paid Mr. John Cuyler £45:10 for expenses and materials furnished for the publick Cisterns & drains of this City, as per account delivered; and that the Clerk draw an order on the City Treasurer for the payment thereof.

Ordered that there be allowed & paid Cornelis Ten Broeck the sum of £9:5:6 for expenses & disbursements for the publick wells, pumps & other necessaries, as by the account delivered, and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Mr. John Cuyler produced an Account for publick work done in the year 1762, amounting to £18:11. Ordered that the same be allowed and paid and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Mr. Thomas Hun produced an account of Johannis & Dirck Hunn for work done to the publick market in the year 1736 for £12:15:6. Ordered that the same be paid and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered that there be allowed & paid unto Guysbert Fonda the sum of £20:17:10 for expences and disbursements for the publick wells, pumps, &c. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered that there be allowed & paid unto Peter Lansing for expenses & disbursements in making, mending & repairing the publick wells, pumps, bridges, &c., the sum of £286:2:3. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

It is ordered and ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, that no person or persons whomsoever any time here-



after presume to cleanse any of the Chimneys within the City of Albany for payment except Michael Wageman and his two sons, named Emanuel and George, upon the penalty of ten shillings for every Chimney such person shall sweep for payment except the persons aforesaid, and be convicted thereof before the Mayor, Recorder or one of the Aldermen of this City, which forfeiture shall be allowed and paid to the Informer.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Tuesday the 15 November, 1764.

This day this Board settled with Mr. Robert Lansing in full of all accounts and he then produced an account,

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| For taking care of the Old sputt one year,   | £3: 0:0 |
| The new Do. untill the 23d June, 1764, - - - | 1:10:0  |
| To making sundry for the fire Indian House,  | 0:16:6  |

£5: 6:6

The Board this day agrees with Mr. Robert Lansing to keep both the fire Indians in repair and from June 23, 1764, to June 23, 1765, five pounds.

Ordered that the Mayor sign a Petition in behalf of the Corporation to the General to have the Buildings and other nuisance in the publick streets removed.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Tuesday the 20th November, 1764.

This Board appointed the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year :

Hendrick Lansing, Barent Van Alen, first ward.

Bartholomew Bleumendal, Michael Basset, Jun<sup>r</sup>, second ward.

Abraham Cuyler, Rynier Van Yevere, third ward.

Ordered that Warrents be given to the Fire Masters for each ward and that the Clerk sign the same, by order of Common Council.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for seven pounds in favor of Thomas Seager.

This Board orders the Clerk to sign an order upon this City Treasurer to pay the following persons, &c.

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| To Nicholas Brower, - - - - | £1: 6:3 |
| To Luykas Hoegkerk, - - - - | 7: 0:9  |
| To William Waldron, - - - - | 6:11:6  |

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Monday the 10th Day of December, 1764.

Resolved that the account of Volkert P. Douw be allowed, viz, the sum of £5:10:4, being expences for a suit a Cloaths allowed the whipper as by agreement. Ordered that the Clerk sign an order on the Treasurer for that purpose.

Resolved that Cornelius Swits, Jacob G. Lansing be appointed Fire Masters in the room of Abraham Cuyler and Rynier Van Yevere for the third ward.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Saturday the 15 December, 1764.

Mr. Mayor this day produced an account of money by him received for





Licences, Freedom, &c., and money by him received from Sybrant G. Van Schaick, late Mayor of this City, the 5th May, 1763. as also money by him paid for the use of the Corporation by which account it appears that there is due to the Commonalty the sum of £144:5:10. Ordered that the said sum of £144:5:10 be and remain in the hands of Mr. Mayor to be disposed of as the Corporation shall direct. Albany the 15 December, 1764, by virtue of a resolution this day made by the Common Council of this City you are ordered to pay the above sum of £20:18:6 to John Cuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, dated as above to John Roseboom, City Treasurer.

Att a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Tuesday the 20th December, 1764.

Resolved that the order made the 3d August last relating to the Corporation executing a Deed to Cap<sup>t</sup> Cortlandt Schuyler for eleven acres of ground on Gallows hill be void and null and it is hereby declared to be null and void to all intents and purposes.

Resolved that the Mayor sign and that the Corporation Seal be affixed to a Deed for Lands in the said Deed mentioned and described to Abraham Wendell.

Resolved that the Mayor sign and that the Corporation Seal be affixed to a Deed for Lands in the said Deed mentioned and described to Cap<sup>t</sup> Cortlandt Schuyler.

Alderman Lansing produces an account amounting to £50:10:3 for sundry disbursements made for the City of Albany. Ordered that the following persons be appointed a Committee to examine and inspect into the said account and make report accordingly, namely, John Beekman, Fonda & Hun.

Resolved, That Peter Lansing, Esq<sup>r</sup>, be allowed ten pounds for his services in overseing, &c., the publick works of the City. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

At a Common Councill held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Fryday the 11th January, 1765.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the account of Alderman Lansing now make report that the said account is just and true and by a miscalculation it appears on said account that the same amounts to one pound ten shillings more.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Lansing for fifty-two pounds and three pence.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Lansing and Thomas Hun for seven pounds four shillings for a pump & mending.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Abraham Yates, Esq<sup>r</sup>, six pounds one shilling for boards, &c.

Ordered that the Mayor pay out of the Corporation money he has in his hands to Jacob H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleeker, Abraham Ten Broeck and Volkert P. Douw, thirty pounds for their service in going to New York upon the City business.

Ordered that the ordinance to prevent accidents by unruly riding be renewed and continued. Vide old Book.

Ordered that the ordinance intituled an Ordinance for Tavern Keepers be renewed and continued with the amendments and additions thereto.



Att a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 4th March, 1765.

Mr. Stephen Schuyler one of the Common Council of the first ward being removed out of the City, ordered that a new Common Council be elected in his room on Saturday next at ten o'clock in the morning of that day at the City Hall of this City.

This Board being credibly informed that some enclosure are lately made back of a place called Margrate Bark within the Limits of the Coporation right, ordered that Aldermans Bleeker and Van Schaick and Mr. Thomas Hunn be appointed to break or cut down the fences or enclosures there made without delay.

Ordered that the Clerk write a Letter to Mr. Rieke and Anthony Bradt desiring their attendance on this Board on Wednesday morning next at ten o'clock.

An account of £26:12:11, was produced by Guysbert Marselis for the use of his sloop and sundry disbursements for carrying the Commissioners appointed to oppose the Petition of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Munro and Barr for Corporation Lands to New York and bringing them back, ordered that the same be allowed and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Alderman Sybrant Van Schaick produced an account amounting to £22:4:1 for sundry disbursements for the Costs, &c. Ordered that Alderman Lansing, Hendrick Bogert, Thomas Hunn be appointed a Committee to inspect into the said account and to make report accordingly; the Committee having examined the said account find it right. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered that there be allowed to Cornelius Jacob Muller the sum of £19:10 for providing fire wood for the Town watch, and unto Albert Van Hoesen the sum of £3:5 also for providing wood for the City watch, and that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered that there be allowed unto Hugh McNab for repairing the publick bridge five shillings and six pence, and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered that there be allowed unto John Depeyster for sundrys £2:19:3 and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered that there be allowed to Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Mayor, the sum of £12 for a house he purchased of John McComb for the City Sweep Chimney and that the Clerk draw an order for the same.

Johannis and Thomas Seager having settled with the Treasurer to the first day of October last and upon settling said account there comes a balance to him to that time of £12:5:9. lodging the whipper included, but his attending the City Watch excluded, and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered that there be allowed forty shilling for going to New York to defend the rights of the City and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 6th March, 1765.

Ordered that Philip Ryly be allowed six pounds for a years care of the Town Clock. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.



This Board this day agreed with Mr. John Rickey to let him have the house and ground that he purchased of Michael Hallenbeck and also the ground Michael enclosed and six acres to the west of a small branch of the cromme Kill now is his possession and more particularly to be bounded and described by a Deed to be drawn and executed by the Partys, which he is to have for twenty-one years from the date hereof and to pay seven pounds yearly and every year, and at the end of the Term he or his heirs are to have it for a longer Term if the Corporation and he or they can agree; if they can not agree he or his heirs are to be allowed for the buildings that now are on it according to the appraisement of two indifferant persons to be chosen by the partys. The said John Ryckey is also to enter into a bond with such security as this Board shall approve of to perform the Covenants to be contained in said Deed and to deliver up peaceably possession to the Corporation at the end of the Term. Ordered that Alderman Bleeker make a Draft of the Lands to be granted and draw the Deed.

At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the same City on Monday the 11th March, 1766.

This day this Board agreed with Richard Allen to let him have twenty acres of Land to be particularly described by the Deed, be drawn and executed at three pounds a year, but he is to have it three years free rent.

By virtue of an order of this Board made the 4th March instant, Mr. Peter Ryckman is elected Common Council in the room of Mr. Stephen Schuyler, Common Council removed, and that Peter Ryckman took the Oaths accordingly.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 20 day of March, 1765.

Ordered that William Fryer be allowed five shillings for a Load of wood. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

In consideration of the affair the Board ordered an abatement of ten shillings yearly of the rent of Mr. Ricke. Ordered that the Mayor sign and the City Seal be affixed to the Deed.

Ordered that David Gipson have the ground formerly in possession of Johannes Earhart for twenty-one years for which he is to pay the Treasurer twenty-one pounds upon execution of the Deed. thirty-four foot front and rear & back as far as Thomas Wilkerson. Ordered that the Mayor sign and the City Seal be affixed to the Deed.

Ordered that the Mayor sign and the City Seal be affixed to the Deed of Richard Allen.

Ordered that David Gipson have another Lott adjoining to the north of the above Lott of the same Demension of the above Lot for a year for ten shillings a year.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 20th day of April, 1765.

This Board hath appointed John Cuyler, Cornelius Ten Broeck, Peter Lansing & Hendrick Bogard. Guysbert Fonda & Thomas Hun to be a Committe to speak with the different people in what manner they will dispose of their Lands where the new street was ordered to be laid out, running from the corner of Mr. Garrit Lansings house northwards to the street that lays between John Ouderkerk & Barent Staats & make report



to this Board from time to time how & in what manner they can get the Lands from the different owners, as also for laying out a street from the place before mentioned to the west towards the Hospital.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Saturday the 27th April, 1765.

The following proposals in writing were this day delivered to this Board, viz: Conditions proposed by Captain Gordon by order of his Excellency General Gage, to the Mayor & Corporation of Albany, for removing the Kings Buildings from the streets of Albany, &c<sup>r</sup>, viz:

1st. That the Corporation shall contribute towards defraying the expence of pulling down, transporting and re-erecting the great store house near the Dutch Church & that they should have the assistance of the King's Artificers for that purpose.

2nd. That a full & compleat right from the Corporation should be made to the ground on which the Hospital stands and the Gardens thereto belonging to the Crown forever.

That the above two Conditions cordially granted. In behalf of the Corporation the whole Buildings in the streets shall be removed, likewise the Old Barracks and the greatest part of Mr. Kilbys Buildings, and the newest Pile of Barracks to be considered of. At Albany this 27th April, 1765. Harry Gordon, Chief Eng<sup>r</sup> N. America. The same being fully considered of the resolutions following were made thereon. To the first proposal they answer:

1st. That this Board is willing to bear a part in pulling down the great Store Houses near the Dutch Church.

2d. To the second they say they conceive it will not be agreeable nor can they answer the granting that request to their Constituents, as it is a large & valuable peice of ground in the City. As the New Barracks still under his Excellency the Generals consideration are in the City & very dangerous in case of fire, they also are willing to bear a part in taking them down.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Monday the 29th April, 1765.

Ordered the Mayor send the following Letter to General Gage in behalf of the Corporation, viz:

Sir—I received your Letter of the 16th December, which I communicated to the Corporation, from which we were in great hopes that the Nusances in the publick streets would have been removed, but the season of the year then prevented it. This day proposals were made in your Excellencys name by Captain Gordon, a copy whereof with the Resolutions of the Corporation on the same, we have sent your Excellency for your perusal, the proposals not being so clear & intelligible as they could have been, caused our answers to be more confined, for to consent to the transporting or rebuilding of those houses, and not know where, would have been imprudent; we will contribute towards taking those buildings down in such reasonable manner as your Excellency shall propose. We never have yet complained of the Hospital being a nuisance, and have as yet no objections to its being used for his Majestys service. But in process of time by the enlargement of the City that building may be in the very heart of the Town and in that case we should never be backward to allow





another suitable spot of ground for that purpose if the service of the Crown required it. I should always be ready to render every service to the Crown and for the ease of his Majestys Troops. I am Sir.

Att a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 10th of May, 1765.

Jacobus Kidneys accounts of three pounds and sixpence to be paid to Roeloff Kidney.

The ordinance for night watch published for regulation of negroes.

Ordered that Thomas Seegar be allowed and paid ten pounds in part for his care of the City watch.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 10th June, 1765.

An Ordinance for the selling Flesh in the Market. Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of Albany in Common Council convened, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that all kinds of flesh killed by the Butcher be exposed to sale in the publick Market house of this City and no where else till after ten o'clock in the morning when no Flesh or Meats to be sold by any of the Butchers or by any body for them on penalty of ten shillings for every default to be forfeited by any Butcher or person or persons that shall presume to sell or offer to sale any Flesh killed by the Butchers as aforesaid in any other place than the said Market house to be recovered by any person and for his use that shall sue for the same before the Mayor, Recorder or any of the Aldermen of this City, and it is hereby further ordained by the authority of the same, that the market house in the third ward of this City is hereby appointed the common market house or place of market for this City for the sale of all kinds of meat or flesh killed in this City by the Butchers.

Provided always that every person or persons that shall kill meat for sale within this City shall provide himself with a good scale and weights to be marked by Mr. Robert Lansing who is thereunto appointed and that no Butcher shall promise meat to any person beforehand, whatsoever person shall aske first shall be first served with such peice of meat as he shall apply for under the penalty of ten shillings for every default; this act to be in force from the eighteenth day of this instant June. And it is farther ordained by the authority of the same that all kinds of meat be sold by weight and that at four pence half penny a pound weight—and that whoever shall directly or indirectly sell offer or sett to sale any meat whatsoever in any other manner then is hereby directed, he she or they so offending concering and relating to the article of meat shall forfeit and pay forever offence the sum of ten shillings to be recovered as aforesaid.

Resolved by this Board that Berrardus Bradt and Johannis Ten Broock shall have the Ferry for this year untill the first day of March next ensuing for fourteen pounds; Volkert P. Douw promises to pay seven pounds in behalf of Johannis Ten Broock and that Bernardus Bradt pay the other seven pounds as his own part.

Ordered that the Mayor return Mr. Silvester £25 which he made a present of to the Corporation for a bell which remains in his hands.

Hendrik Bleeker, Junr, is appointed City Chamberlain in the room of John Roseboom, deceased.



At a Common Council held at the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday 13th June, 1765.

Mr. John Ten Eyck produces an account one pound eight shillings in behalf of Gerrit Fisher; ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 24 of June, 1765.

The Mayor having received the Generals Letter of the 8 May, 1765, which is now laid before the Board and ordered to be answered in the manner following :

Sir—I have received your Excellencys Letter of the 8th May last which would have been answered before, but my absence for some time and not being able to make a Common Council for some time after my return has prevented it, which Letter I have laid before the Corporation who have agreed to come to the following resolution in answer thereto to allow the King to have the use of the Hospital and yard for 21 years; in case his Majestys service required it for longer time for Barracks they will cheerfully allow it. The ground where Fort Orange formerly stood is the property of the Dutch Church, but if your Excellency can fix upon any other suitable spot that is in our power to grant we will allow it to the Crown for the use of building a Store upon and will furnish the Carriages for the removal of the Store house now near the Dutch Church to such place as shall be so fixed upon for that purpose by your Excellency, provided that the Barracks, Store house, stables and other buildings erected in the publick streets be removed as soon as may be.

Ordered that the Mayor sign the foregoing Letter and send it to the Generall.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 15th day of July, 1765.

Ordered by this Board that those who refuse to attend the City watch or send a sufficient man according to the regulations of an Ordinance heretofore made, instead of paying two shillings as heretofore ordered, shall for every default pay three shillings.

Resolved by this Board that whatever fines Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Yates recovers of defaulters in the said City watch shall remain in his hands untill such times as this Board shall think proper to make a demand of those monies of him.

By virtue of a Resolution of Common Council this day made there will be sold several Lots of Land lately laid out by John R. Bleecker, Esq<sup>r</sup>, at publick vendue to the west of the City on the Hill, &c<sup>a</sup>, subject to the annual reserve or rent of twenty shillings yearly  $\frac{2}{3}$  acre forever; said vendue to begin the 18th of this Instant.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 22 day of July, 1765.

Resolved by this Board that there shall be for the time ensuing three publick Markets in this City notwithstanding an Ordinance to the contrary thereof heretofore made on the tenth day of July, 1765, provided they always are subject to the same Regulation.



At a Common Councill held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the first day of August, 1765.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute the Deeds in behalf of the Corporation for the forty-eight Lots which were sold at publick Vendue according to a resolution made the 15th of July now last past.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Saturday the tenth day of August, 1765.

Memorandum that this Board consents and agrees with Johannes Seager in consideration of his old age and poverty that he and his wife shall possess, use and occupy the Dwelling house, Barn and ground about them now in Fence during their natural lives and no longer to live upon, but not to alienate, lease or dispose of the same to any person whatsoever, for which they are to pay six pence annually.

Ordered that the Deeds be drawn and that the Mayor sign it in behalf of the Corporation.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Monday the twelfth day of August, 1765.

Ordered that the Mayor sign the following Letter and send it to Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage :

I acknowledge the receipt of your Excellencys Letter of the 30th ultimo by Captain Gorden, on which I called a Common Council and laid it before them, who readily consented to allow a sufficient peice of ground to the Crown to rebuild the store house to be removed from near the Dutch Church, and I immediately acquainted Captain Gorden of it and informed him he might make search of a proper peice of ground in the Corporation right to be appropriated for that purpose, who reported to me that he could not find so proper and convenient a place as the ground where Fort Orange formerly stood. According to your Excellencys Letter we expected Captain Gorden would have endeavoured to come to an accomodation with the Dutch Church as he could not find a suitable spot that was in our power to give ; but he informed me he had no orders from your Excellency so to treat with them on that subject, and as he is now gone on his way to Detroit and your Excellency seems so desirous of having that peice of ground for the use aforesaid we look upon ourselves to have Conference with the Ministor, Elders and Decons of the said Church relative to the said ground, and they seem to be disposed to let us have it and we belive we shall be able to purchase it of them for a reasonable consideration and which we shall make a further tryal of in hopes that if we effect it the buildings in our former Letters mentioned should be speedily removed and also that your Excellency will let us have the new pile of Barracks or such part as your Excellency shall think proper to be removed at our expence at some convenient place nearly back of the Fort for the reception of the Troops in case the Hospital which we hope and expect your Excellency will order to be fitted up for that end should at any time not prove to be large enough to contain them.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 4th September, 1765.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay the following Accounts, viz' :



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| To John Morine Scott,    | - - - - - | £21:18:0 |
| To William Livingston,   | - - - - - | 26:19:0  |
| To William Smith, Junr,  | - - - - - | 23: 7:0  |
| To John R. Bleecker,     | - - - - - | 25:12:6  |
| Allowed to Sarah Cooper, | - - - - - | 5: 1:8   |
| To Abraham E. Wendell,   | - - - - - | 5: 5:0   |
| To James Sharp,          | - - - - - | 34: 1:0  |
| To Volkert P. Douw,      | - - - - - | 17: 1:1  |

Resolved by this Board that the new streets lately laid out by order of Common Council of which a map is now before us signed with our hands and sealed with the seal of the said City wherein every street is particularly laid down and named, shall be from henceforth & forever hereafter publick streets to all intents and purposes whatsoever and that the said map shall be lodged with the City Treasurer.

Memorandum that whenever the owners of the Lotts lately sold by the Common Council lying on the south side of Foxes Creek and are bounded on the north by Howe street shall be willing to widen the said street by having or drawing in the Front of their said Lotts, that then the said street shall continue that breadth the whole length of the said street northwest and southwest.

Whereas How street is represented on account of the Creek running through it to be too narrow. Resolved that if the different owners of the Lotts lately bought on the south side thereof will let a number of feet lay next to and for a public street there shall be deducted in proportion to the principal have paid for the same.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Doctor Brown and William Rogers produced a Petition in Common Council for a spot of Land to build a Dwelling house for their Minister, which this Board has taken into further consideration.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Sunday the 29th Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1765—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, John Cuyler, John R. Bleecker, Peter Lansing, Sybrant V. Schaick, Abraham Yates, S., Cornelius T. Brook, Abraham T. Broeck, Thomas Hunn, Guysbert Fonda, John Beekman.

This being the day appointed by Charter for the election of Aldermen, Common Council, Constables, &c., the following is the order in which they were elected and returned.

First Ward—Peter Lansing & Sybrant V. Schaick, Aldermen; John Van Alen & Hendrick Bogard, Common Council; John Wilson & Thomas Seegar, Constables.

Second Ward—John R. Bleecker & Jacob Lansing, Aldermen; Garrardus Lansing & John I. Beekman, Common Council; Peter Daniels & W<sup>m</sup> Groosbeek, Constables.

Third Ward—Cornelius T. Broecke & Abraham Yates, Jr, Aldermen; Abraham T. Broeck & Thomas Hunn, Common Council; Rynier V. Yeavere & James Williams, Constables.

Henry Bleecker, Jun, appointed Chamberlin; Johannes Seager, Marshall; Peter Daniels appointed High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City Tuesday the 8 Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1765.

Captain Montessor having communicated to some of the members of





this Board a Parragraft of a Letter from his Excellency General Gage directed to him in these words :

I can have no objections to remove the new Barracks at their own costs to the place they desire as soon as ever they please.

Resolved that this Board will procure the ground where Fort Orange formerly stood to be vested in the Crown for to erect Store houses on as long as the service of his Majestys may require—and that the Mayor who is soon to go to New York be supplied with further instructions about the matter and confer with the General on it, when Captain Montessor may also inform the General about it. Ordered that Cap<sup>t</sup> Montessor be served with a copy hereof.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday 14 Octr, 1765.

An Ordinance for the better preventing & extinguishing of Fires that may happen within the City of Albany.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany convened in Common Council and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the Aldermen and Assistants of each respective ward within this City do appoint two sufficient persons in every ward within the s<sup>d</sup> City to be Viewers of Chimneys, Hearths and places where Ashes are or shall be kept, who shall view the same once in every Fortnight and where they find any defective to give notice that the same shall be swept, mended or secured at such time as in their discretion they shall think fit, and if any person shall neglect or refuse to perform their direction herein, such person shall forfeit the sum of six shillings for the use of the said Viewers of the ward where such neglect or refusal shall happen—and if any person or persons so appointed Viewers of Chimneys and Hearths shall refuse to execute the duty hereby required the person so refusing shall forfeit the sum of forty shillings and that another be appointed in his place, and if the said Viewers after having accepted of the said office shall neglect their duty hereby enjoined they shall forfeit the sum of six shillings for each neglect.

2. And be it further ordained by the authority afore<sup>d</sup>, that if any inhabitant within this City shall suffer his, her or their Chimney to be on fire for want of sweeping or keeping clean the same, such Inhabitant dwelling in such House where such Chimney shall be on fire shall forfeit for every Chimney that shall be on fire the sum of forty shillings, and whosoever of the City Guard that shall discover any accidental fire to break out in any of the dwelling houses, out houses or stables or any other combustible matter whatsoever, he or they so discovering the same shall be entitled to a reward of three pounds to be paid by one of the Aldermen of the ward where such fire shall happen, within three days after proof made of such first discovery to his the said Aldermen satisfaction, who is to be reimbursed out of the City Treasury, by order of Common Council.

3. And be it further ordained by the authority af<sup>d</sup>, that the Inhabitant of every house within this City uses two fire Places shall provide at his own expence by the first day of May next two Leather Buckets, every Brewer, Tavern keeper and Baker, three Leather Buckets to be ready in their Houses, and that the same be found and procured by the persons inhabiting the said Houses and to be allowed by the Land Lord out of their rent, and that the said Buckets be marked with at least the Initial Letters



of their own or Land Lords name, and if any House keeper within this City shall neglect to procure and have ready in their respective Dwelling Houses the number of Leather Buckets in manner herein before mentioned, such House keeper shall forfeit for every such neglect the sum of six shillings, and that all Buckets used at any fire and afterwards detained from their owner thereof about forty-eight hours after such fire is distinguished, the person so detaining such Buckets shall forfeit and pay for each Bucket so detained the sum of ten shillings, and if the owners of such Buckets are not known, such Bucket or Buckets shall be sent to the City hall of this City and there to be delivered to the Marshall or under sheriff in order that the right owner thereof may find and have them, and altho it seems astonishing that in a Christian country where the assential principles of professed religion lay the people under an indispenible obligation to do to others as they would others should do unto them, should see their neighbours Houses on fire and not use their utmost endeavours to assist them to quench it, notwithstanding experience shews that there are people so far abandoned as to appear, as it were to shew their indifferance, and instead of assisting, a duty required by the Laws of Christianity & nature, often impede and hinder others from assisting their neighbours in such casualty and distress, for remedy of such enexcusable remissness in such dangerous casualties.

4. And be it further ordained by the authority afores<sup>d</sup>, that the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Assistants and Sheriff for the future, as often as any fire shall break out within this City either by day or by night, by the first notice thereof as aforesaid shall and will repair to the place where such fire happen and take the direction thereof and that things may be carried on with more regularity, the Mayor, Recorder, and in their absence the first two Aldermen and Sheriff who shall happen to be next first shall have the care and direction of the people & Fire ingines, with all other Tools and Instruments for the speedy extinguishing the same fire, and the remaining Aldermen and Assistants with the assistance of the Constables to have the ranking, placing and directing of the people to hand water, and any person or persons being ordered and directed at or about such fire by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants or Sheriff, who shall neglect or refuse to obey and perform the same, he or they so neglecting shall forfeit and pay for every such neglect or refusal the sum of ten shilling current money aforesaid.

5. And be it further ordained by the authority af<sup>l</sup> that no person or persons whatsoever shall from the publication hereof have, keep or put any hay or straw in his or their yard or yards, garden or gardens, or in any other place or places except in close buildings proper for the purpose, and also that no person or persons whatsoever shall have, keep or put any hay or straw in any house, stable, or other buildings in this City aforesaid that is or shall be within ten feet of any Chimney, Hearth or Fire place or place for keeping Ashes under the Penalty of twenty shillings for each offence, and that every person and persons shall be subject to the like penalty as often as he she or they shall continue to keep hay straw in any or either of the houses, stables or places as aforesaid above forty-eight hours after every conviction.

6. And be it further ordained by the authority afore<sup>l</sup> that if any children, youth, apprintices, servents or other persons do fire or discharge any gun or pistol, leadon gun, Rockets, Crackers, Squibs or other fire works at any



mark or at random against any fence, pales or other place in any street, lane or alley, Garden or other enclosure or in any place where persons frequently to walk, such persons so offending shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of six shillings current money of New York, and on refusing to pay the same shall be committed to the goal or stocks at the direction of the Mayor, Recorder or Aldermen or any one of them before whom such offender shall be convicted, there to remain committed not exceeding three days unless such forfeiture as aforesaid be sooner paid with the lawfull fees of commitment, one half thereof to the informer with costs the other half the Church wardens of this City for the use of the poor.

7. And be it further ordained by the authority afore<sup>d</sup> that in case of any outcry of fire or any other alarm, riot, rout or insurrection that all and every of the Citizens and Inhabitants that dwell in rooms fronting the streets, lanes or alleys of this City or are or shall be in possession thereof shall immediately illuminate and set three or more Candles in his, her or their front windows, there to remain illuminated untill Day Light unless such fire alarm, riot, rout, insurrection shall sooner be extinguished or quelled, and if any Citizen or Inhabitant shall neglect to set Candles in his, her or their front windows as aforesaid, such Citizen or Inhabitant shall forfeit for every such offence three shillings.

8. And be it further ordained by the authority af<sup>d</sup> that the one half of all the Fines, forfeitures and Penalties aforesaid shall be paid to such person or persons as shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect, the other half to the Church wardens of the said City for the use of the poor thereof, and shall and may be recovered before the Mayor, Recorder or Aldermen or any other of them with costs of suit.

The following officers were this day sworn & qualified, viz :

First Ward—Peter Lansing & Sybrant Van Schaick, Aldermen ; Thomas Seeger & John Leandart, Constables.

Second Ward—John Bleecker & Jacob J. Lansing, Aldermen ; John Beekman & Gerrardus Lansing, Common Council ; Peter Dennis & W<sup>m</sup> I. Grosbeeck, Constables.

Third Ward—Cornelius Ten Broeck & Abraham Yates, Aldermen ; Thomas Hun & Abraham Ten Broeck, Common Council ; Ryneer Van Yeaveren & James Williams, Constables.

Ordered by this Board that the Treasurer pay to Mr. John Bleecker the sum of forty five one shilling and six pence as per account delivered in this day.

Ordered that there is to be allowed to Thomas Williams the sum of seven pounds seventeen shillings.

Ordered by this Board that there be allowed to Mr. Abraham Yates, Jr, four pounds eight shillings and two pence as per account.

The Question being put and the opinion desired wether the new Pile of Barracks shall be immediately taken down or to remain untill next Spring. Carried in the affirmative.

For the Affirmative—John Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, Cornelius Ten Broeck, Sybrant Van Schaick, John R. Bleeker, Jacob J. Lansing, Abraham Yates, Jur, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen ; Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, John Beekman, Gerrardus Lansing, Thomas Hunn, Assistants.

Negative—Volkert P. Douw, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Mayor ; Peter Lansing, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Alder<sup>n</sup>.

Ordered by this Board that Jacobus Radclift be allowed five pounds for ringing the Bell for the year 1765.



At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Saturday the 9th of November, 1765.

Hendrick Bogard & John Van Alen sworn and qualified as Common Council.

Ordered that the Account of Robert Lansing of £7:16 be allowed, the sum of £5 being included for taking care of the fire Indians from the 23d June, 1764, to June 23d, 1765.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Ordered that an Advertisement be struck up that the people bring in their Accounts on by Wednesday next to the different [Aldermen] and Common Council of the respective wards.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Wednesday the 13th Novr, 1765.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order upon the City Treasurer in favour of the patron for liberty of cutting wood in the manner from the 22d Novr 1759 to 22d Novr 1765, at eleven pounds a year, amounting in the whole to £66. Several Accompts were delivered in and thereupon a Committee of the following persons were appointed to inspect into the same Accounts, Aldermen Lansing, Abraham Ten Broeck, John Beekman, Thomas Hunn.

Fire Masters appointed as follows: Lucas Hoogekerk, Peter Jones, for the first ward; Nicholas Merselis, John Visher, for the second ward; Nanning H. Visher, Gerrit Rooseboom, for the third ward.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 21 Novr 1765.

This Board being informed that some person has cut down Timber in the Corporation right in order to build in said right, ordered that the said Timber be destroyed and such person be prosecuted to build thereon, and that one or two of the members go to view the same.

Ordered that the Mayor sign and send the following Letter to the General Gage:

Sr: From the many Letters passed between your Excellency and this Corporation and also by a paragraph in a Letter from your Excellency to Cap<sup>t</sup> Montessor and by Conversation between your Excellency and the Mayor of this Board, we expected we were at liberty to remove the new pile of Barracks when we pleased, which work we should have begun to perform before now but were not able to procure workman. Those Barracks are now taken up and possessed by a number of Troops lately arrived from Crown Point and other posts which we cannot think is in consequence of your Excellencys order and especially as the Hospital is Large and convenient enough for their reception and your Excellency was of opinion that the Hospital would do for any Troops that in all probability would be here, we lately informed the Commanding officer of our intention to break down that building, but he said he could not suffer it without your orders first signified to him for that purpose; we would therefore request your Excellency to send orders to the Commanding officer here to have those Troops removed to the Hospital that we may be enabled to go on with the work.





At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Monday the 25th Nov<sup>r</sup> 1765.

An account being produced to this Board for work done in making an addition to the Market in the third ward to which Mr. Mayor objected because it was ordered to be done by two of the Aldermen without leave of the Corporation.

Resolved that it is the unanimous opinion of this Board that it is unprecedented and contrary to the rules of this Corporation.

Abraham Ten Broeck produced the said account and it being put to the Question whether the said account should be allowed or not :

In the Affirmative—John Ten Eyck, Sybrant Van Schaick, Jacob Lansing, Abraham T. Broeck, John Beekman, Gerrardus Lansing.

Negative—Volkert P. Douw, Peter Lansing.

The Committe appointed having examined the following account and agreeable to their report on the same,

Ordered that there be allowed to Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>, the sum of £30:1:4 as per account delivered for the box and drain in the second ward.

Ordered that there be allowed to Alderman Peter Lansing as per account for Disbursements for the City, £60:6:9.

Ordered that there be allowed unto the Executors of the estate of John Rooseboom, late City Treasurer, £25:2:10.

Ordered that there be allowed unto Alderman Sybrant Van Schaick for Disbursements for the City, £41:4:1.

Ordered that there be allowed unto Alderman Ten Broeck the sum of £145:4:2.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the said Accounts.

Whereas Lucas Hoogekerk and Peter Jones, who were appointed Fire Masters for the first ward, have given sufficient reasons why they cant attend that Business,

Ordered that Isaac Hoogekerk and Johannis Van Valkenbergh be appointed in their room.

Resolved that this Board address his Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Governour of New York, and that the Mayor sign and Mr. Ten Broeck & the Mayor deliver the same.

Resolved that no Buildings or other things be mended on the Citys account without consent of the Board.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 31st day of December, 1765.

Ordered by this Board that there be allowed Mr. Philip Ryley £6 for attending the Town Clock one year. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on Treasurer for the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 16 day of Jan<sup>y</sup>, 1766.

Ordered that John Van Alen be a fireman in the room of Stephen Schuyler who is removed out of Town.

Hendrick Wendell and Hendrick R. Lansing to be added to the number already appointed, and also Philip Lansing & also William Winne.



At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Saturday the 15 day of Febr<sup>y</sup> 1766.

The whole Board being unanimous of opinion that it was requisite a Dock should be made and the Question arose where it ought to be made most convenient and advantageous for the City, the following were of opinion at the north end of the Town: John Ten Eyck, Cornelius Ten Broeck, Abraham Yates, Sybrant Van Schaick, Jacob Lansing, John Beekman, Abraham T. Broeck, Thomas Hunn, John R. Bleeker.

The following where of opinion it should be made between the house where Patrick McGee dec<sup>d</sup> formerly lived and Millers: Volkert P. Douw, John Van Alen, Peter Lansing, Garrardus Lansing.

Ordered that the Recorder, Thomas Hunn, John Bleeker and Abraham Ten Broeck be appointed a Committee to manage and agree with workmen, &c., to get materials & build the same.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for six Skipple of wheat in favour of Joh<sup>s</sup> Seager.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seager for ten pounds in full for attending City watches sixteen months, the order the Mayor give him a few days ago inclusive.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 4th March, 1766.

This Board unanimously resolved that there should be three Docks erected, one at the north side of the Town nearly opposite the stone wall of the following dimensions, viz: with the breadth of thirty feet down to the Channel or depth of the River and along the said Channel eighty feet and forty feet in breadth.

The second to be near Mr. Harne Gansevoorts with the breadth of thirty feet down to the Channel or depth of the River and along the Channel eighty feet in length and thirty feet in breadth.

The other to be nearly behind the City Hall with the breadth of thirty feet down to the Channel or depth of the River and along the Channel eighty feet in length and thirty feet in breadth.

The following persons are appointed by this Board as a Committee to manage and agree for materials in building the said, viz: for the first Dock near the stone wall, John Ten Eyck, Esqr, Recorder, Cornelius Ten Broeck, Thomas Hun and Abraham Ten Broeck.

For the second Dock near Gansevoorts, John R. Bleeker, Jacob J. Lansing, Gerrardus Lansing and John J. Beeckman.

For the third Dock nearly behind the City Hall, Sybrant Van Schaick, Peter Lansing, Henry Bogart and John Van Alen.

Att a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 21st day of March, 1766.

Volkert P. Douw, Esqr, Mayor, produced an account of £3:15:6 in behalf of Michael Wagener for sweeping Chimneys.

John R. Bleeker, Esqr, produces an account £2:2:3 in behalf of Frans Pruyn.

Sybrant Van Schaick, Esqr, produces an account of £1:4 in behalf of Wilhelmus Van Antwerpen.

Ordered that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer for the same.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 29th day of April, 1766.

Ordered by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for six schipple of weat.

An ordinance to prevent damages by swine :

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty in Common Council convened, that from and after the 26th day of May next, that every Hog or swine that shall be found running at large within any street or Lane of this City shall be taken up and Impounded in any public or private Pound by any one of the Inhabitants of this City, and the owner or owners of such swine shall forfeit and pay to the person who shall Impound the same for every swine or Hog so found in any street or Lane the sum of three shillings, and on refusal of paying the said fine it shall be lawfull for the person so impounding such swine to sell the same at public Vendue, first giving notice by advertisement at least 24 hours before the sale thereof. If any dispute arises the same to be determined by the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen in the ward in which such disputes shall or may arise.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 3th day of May, 1766.

William Waldrom produces an account of £28:10:6 for work done for said City. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on Treasurer for the same.

Resolved that an Ordinance be made for appointing a sworn Surveyer in the City, and Hendrick I. Bogart is hereby appointed Surveyor & sworn in his office accordingly.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 7th day of June, 1766.

Ordered by this Board that John N. Beeckman be appointed Fireman for the third ward and Barent Van Alen for the first ward.

Ordered by this Board that the New Pile of Barricks or so much thereof as the Corporation think fit be sold at Publick Vendue.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 10th day of July, 1766.

Resolved that an Ordinance be made for selling of Flesh.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 14th day of July, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute the following Deeds and that the City Treasurer fix the Seals to the same, viz :

One to Hugah Viele of about forty acres of land.

One to Lewis Van Antwerpe for ninety-five acres & one half of an acre.

Do. to Christian Christianse for ninety-nine acres and one fourth of an acre.

Do. to Lewis T. Viele for twenty-two acres.

Do. to Wouter N. Grooesbeeck for six acres.

Do. to Abr<sup>m</sup> Beecker for twenty-two acres.

Do. to Joh<sup>s</sup> Knickerbacker for ten acres.

Do. to Nicholas Grooesbeeck for nine acres.

Dirck T. Van Veghte for twelve acres.

Peter V: Ness for twenty-nine acres.



Ordered by this Board that the Treasurer sell the City Wheat at four shillings per schipple and if he cannot obtain that price to send it down to New York within a fortnight time to be sold there at the highest price.

Resolved by this Board that the twelve lots of ground laid out by John R. Bleecker, Esqr, where the Barricks formerly stood on be sold at Publick Vendue to the highest bidder on Saturday the second day of August next. Ordered that advertisements be put up accordingly.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 28 day of July, 1766.

Ordered by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Peter Silvester, Esqr, for services as Clerk from the first June 1764 to the first of June 1766, being two years, at £15:18 a year, comes to £31:16.

Ordered by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of James Nash for £4:5 for services done for said City at Kings birth day.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Sherp for £6:1:10 for work done at the Hospital.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the second day of August, 1766.

By virtue of a Resolution made the 14th day of July, 1766, ordered that the twelve Lotts be sold this day according to said Resolve and that a Quit rent of six shillings be reserved on each Lott yearly and every year for ever.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 30th day of August, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that the following Address be presented to his Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Governor, and that the Clerk sign the same in behalf of this Board.

To his Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Captain general and Governor in Cheaf in and over the Colony of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice admiral and Chancellor of the same, the Humble address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany.

May it please your Excellency, We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, congratulate you on your safe arrival to this City with your family; we with eagerness imbrace the present favorable opportunity of expressing our sentiments of joy on your Excellency's appointment to the administration of the Government of the Colony of New York and think we have great reason to rejoice in the paternal Care and Tenderness which our most Gracious Sovereign has displayed to this Colony by so judiciously bestowing the Reigns of Government on a Gentleman of your Excellency's abilities.

The Priviledges that have been granted to this Corporation by Charter we doubt not will be kept safe and inviolable under your Excellency's administration, and your Excellency may be assured that we shall do every thing in our power to make your administration easy & happy.

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following :





Mr. Mayor & Gentlemen of the Corporation, I return you many thanks for this address and your Compliments of congratulation on my arrival here. The City of Albany may be assur'd that the Rights and Priviledges which have heretofore been granted to their Corporation will be always preserved and confirmed to them in as full and ample manner as they have ever enjoyed them under any former administration.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 1st day of September, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor in behalf of the Corporation sign the seven Deeds for the seven Lots of ground sold at Publick Vendue the second day of August last to John M. Beekman, Wilhelmus Monshies, William Regal, John Glen, Tobias Ten Eyck, Comfort Severs & Abraham Roseboom, and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 5th day of September, 1766.

This Board unanimously resolve for to sue the Executors of Volkert Douw on a Bond which said Douw gave to the Corporation some years agoe to give peaceible possession to said Corporation of the Verreberg.

Resolved by this Board that Mr. Silvester be employed on behalf of the Corporation to bring on the following suit together with Mr. Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jur. Esqr, the suit is to be brought in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Albany.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 15th day of May, [September?] 1766.

Resolved by this Board that the Ordinances be renewed for regulating of Tavern Keeper.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Van Alen for fifty pounds to pay some of the people that bring stone for the dock of said City.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Hun and Abraham Ten Broeck for the sum of fifty pounds for the same.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John J. Beekman for fifty pounds for the same.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of James Bloodgood for fifty pounds being in part of Payment for building the new Barricks.

Resolved that there be allowed unto Philip Hoffman and Jacobus Radt-leff for two pounds for Bell ringing at Kings Birth day. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 17th September, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that a Warrantee Clause be annexed to the lease given to John Rickey dated the 23d day of March, 1765, and that the Mayor execute the same accordingly.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 29th day of September, 1766—Present, the Recorder, John R. Bleeker, Peter Lansing, Abraham Yates, Jur, Sybrant V. Schaick, Cornelius T. Broeck, Jacob J. Lansing, John J. Beekman, John Van Alen, Gerrardus Lansing, Thomas Hunn.

This being the day appointed by Charter for electing of Aldermen, Common Council, Constables, &c., the following is the order in which they were elected and returned:

First Ward—Peter Lansing & Henry Bogart, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; John Fryer & John Van Alen, Common Council; Obediah Van Benthuyzen & Leonard Cortney, Constables.

Second Ward—John R. Bleecker & Jacob J. Lansing, Aldermen; Gerrardus Lansing & Nanning Visser, Common Council; Thomas Armstrong & Abraham Ates, Constables.

Third Ward—Abraham Yates, Jur, & Jacob Van Schaick, Aldermen; Dirk B. V. Schoehoven, & John Ten Broeck, Common Council; Myndert Vosburgh & John Meandert, Constables.

Henry Bleecker, Jur, appointed Chamberlain; Johannis Seeger appointed Marshall; Myndert Vosburgh appointed High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 11th day of October, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute the following Leases, viz: one to Peter Sherp for a lot of Ground near English Church; one Do. to John Sanders for a small peice of Ground near the same bounded as follows, viz, is five feet in front and rear and in length on both sides one hundred and seventy-three feet, all Ryland measure; one Do. to Henry Bleecker, Jur, for a peice of ground where his Store House is erected on, bounded as follows, viz, in breadth on the west thirteen feet and 6 inches before by the street. on the east 15 feet in rear, in length five feet & four inches, all Ryland measure; one Do. to John Stevenson and Abraham Ten Eyck for a Percell of land on the Gallows Hill bounded as follows, viz, begins at a certain corner which is one chain distant on a north forty-five east course from the north east corner of the lot of ground now belonging and in possession of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, runs from the said corner north forty-five degrees west twenty-one chains, then north forty-five degrees east eight chains and thirty-five links, then south forty-five degrees east twenty-one chains, then south forty-five degrees west eight chains and thirty-five links to the place where it first began, and contains seventeen acres two rod and five perches of land excepting four morgan or eight acres out of the above granted premises belonging to Jacob C. Ten Eyck, James Stevenson, Nicholas Cuyler and Sybrant Van Schaick, and the other parcel begins at a certain corner which is one chain distant on a north forty-five degrees east course from the north east corner of the parcel of land last above described and runs from the said beginning corner north forty-five degrees west ten chains, then north forty-five degrees east six chains and fifty links, then south forty-five degrees east ten chains, then south forty-five degrees west six chains and fifty links to the place where it first begun, contains six acres two rood of land; one Do. to John McComb, Samuel Holliday, Robert Henry, Abraham Lyle and John Munro for a peice of Ground where the Presbyterian Meeting House is erected on, being



bounded as follows, beginning at a certain Point being seventy-two feet from the south west corner of a lot belonging to William Tryon, from the said Point extending northerly and containing in length on the east side one hundred & thirty-two feet and on the south side one hundred and forty-eight feet & on the north side thirty feet and on the northwest side one hundred and ninety-two feet, all Ryland measure, bounded on the East by the street laying between the lotts of William Fryer, Roolof Kidney and others, and on the South ranging the north side of the street on the south side of the said William Fryers lot, on the North and north westerly the land of the said Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall on Monday 13th Oct, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that Mayor execute the Deed to Charles Hoghstrosor, John Tilman, John James Abbet and Jacob Freligh for a Peice of Ground on Wouts Bergh to erect a Church\* on agreeable to said deed.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall on Tuesday 14th Oct, 1766.

This Board agreed with Thomas McCarty for to be their Publick Whipper to commence from the 14th day of October, 1766, for twenty pound a year to be paid Quarterly.

The following officers where this day sworn and qualified, &c. :

First Ward—Peter Lansing & Henry I. Bogert, Aldermen ; John Van Alen Common Council ; Obediah V. Benthuyzen & Leonard Cortney, Constables.

Second Ward—John R. Bleecker & Jacob J. Lansing, Aldermen ; Gerrardus Lansing, Common Council ; Thomas Armstrong & Abraham Ates, Constables.

Third Ward—Abraham Yates & Jacob V. Schaick, Aldermen ; John Ten Broeck, Common Council ; Myndert Vosburgh & John Leonard, Constables.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the House of Peter De Wandelaer of the same City on Fryday the 17th day of October, 1766—Présent, the Mayor, Recorder, Peter Lansing, Henry Bogert, Abraham Yates, Jur, John R. Bleecker, Jacob J. Lansing, Jacob Van Schaick, John Ten Broeck, John Van Alen, Gerrardus Lansing.

This Board Resolved to appoint Hendrick Bogert, John Van Alen & John Ten Broeck as a Committe to wait upon Cap<sup>t</sup> Montressoer for to know if he would Except of the Deed for the spot of Ground for to erect the Kings Store according to a resolve made the eighth of October, 1765, which said Resolve Cap<sup>t</sup> Montressoer was served with a Copy.

The Committe being returned say that Cap<sup>t</sup> Montressoer informs them that he could not except of the deed because his instruction was to consult with Coll. Broodstreet about the removal of the same ; he informs the Committe that Coll. Brodstreet tells him he would not except of the deed because the Conveyance was not made to the Crown for ever without any Conditions or Exceptions whatsoer.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall on Saturday 18th Oct, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor in behalf of the Corporation

\*This was the German Reformed Church. See *Annals*, i, 128.



sign the following Deeds, viz: one to Peter Binneway for one hundred and eighty-seven acres of wood land adjoining the line of Saratoga Pattennt, as also one Samuel Stringer for a Lott of Ground on the Hill near the Fort adjoining the English Burying Place.

This day Dirk Bratt Van Schoenhoven, John Fryer and Nanning Visher were sworn and qualified as Common Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 28th day of October, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that y<sup>e</sup> Bridge behind Simon Veeders be made farther to the Eastward and that the rising ground lying behind the Lott of Lendert Gansevoorts, dec<sup>l</sup>, & Lansings be levelled and thrown in a fence or Stock adoe to be made from the dock to the said Bridge in such a manner as Mess<sup>rs</sup> Bleecker & Lansing, Aldermen, & Lansing & Visher, Assistants, being the Committee for the said dock, shall think proper.

Ordered by this Board that there be allowed unto the widow of Jacobus Radliff, dec<sup>l</sup>, the sum of five pounds for ringing the Bell the last year.

This Board agreed with John Radliff to ring the Bell from the 23d of October, 1766, until the 23d Oct<sup>r</sup> following for £5 a year.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Cornelus Muller for seventy load of wood for the City watch at five shillings and three pence  $\text{p}$  load comes to £18:7:3.

Resolved that the Recorder, Alderman Peter Lansing and Mr. Gerrardus Lansing be a Committe to examine the Accounts owing by the Corporation to the different people.

Resolved that those born in the City of Albany shall have their free-  
doms each paying two shillings six pence, six pence for drawing, one shilling for the Seal, one shilling for the Mayor or any three Aldermen for executing the same.

Fire Masters appointed as follows:

John Scott & Henry Merselis, for the first ward.

Benj<sup>n</sup> Egbertse & Barent Roseboom, for the second ward.

Tunis Bratt & Ab<sup>m</sup> Bogert, for the third ward.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 13th day of December, 1766.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on Treasurer in favour of the following persons, viz:

|                                  |   |   |   |        |
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| For Step <sup>n</sup> De Lancey, | - | - | - | £30:16 |
| For Asa Phelps,                  | - | - | - | 2: 1   |
| One for Josep I. Yates,          | - | - | - | 45     |
| One Thomas Williams,             |   |   |   |        |

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute a deed to Philip Ryley for twenty-one years on Condition that the deed be void on the Tender of one shilling to the Lessee for a Tract of land scituave lying & being to the South of the City of Albany on the North of Beaver Kill, bounded on the South by the said Beaver Kill, on the East by Hudsons River, on the North by the several Pastures or Lotts belonging to Claas Van Den Bergh, Jacob Ten Eyck, John Griffiths, Marte Beekman, Gerrit Lansing, Harme & Tunis Visher and Cornelius Van Scherlyne, and on the West by the Ground now in possession of Philip Schuyler, Cap<sup>t</sup> Cortlandt Schuyler & Thomas Wilkison.





At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 5th day of January, 1767.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for nine pounds for the last years service, and also four pounds for extraordinary trouble for the last year.

And also an order on the Treasurer in favour of Philip Ryley for six pounds for the last year for attending the Town Clock.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City Fryday the 9th day of January, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer in favour of the following persons :

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| One for John Cluet Jur, for             | - | - | £2:14:0 |
| One Do. to Michael Wagenaer,            | - | - | 3:18:0  |
| One Do. to Jacob Lansing, in die Colony | - | - | 3: 7:3  |
| One Do. to Richard Cartwright,          | - | - | 24: 6:6 |
| One Do. to Gerrit Van Sante,            | - | - | 3:19:3  |
| One Do. to Abraham Yates, Jur,          | - | - | 9: 7:0  |
| One Do. to David Switts,                | - | - | 4: 4:0  |
| One Do. to Hendrick Ten Eyck,           | - | - | 11: 5:0 |
| One Do. to Jacob Cooper,                | - | - | 4: 3:9  |
| One Do. to Patrick Clark,               | - | - | 49:13:7 |
| One Do. to Anthony Flensburgh           | - | - | 9: 9:9  |
| One Do. to Peter Hilton,                | - | - | 9: 2:0  |
| One Do. to Peter Brooks,                | - | - | 3:17:0  |

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Ten Eyck, Gerrardus Lansing & Peter Lansing for six hundred pounds for money by them disbursed for the said Corporation.

Ordered that an order be drawn on John Sanders on behalf of John J. Beekman for £22:10.

This Board agreed with Benj<sup>n</sup> Gable for to be their Publick Whipper, to commence from the 1st day of December 1766, to the first of December 1767, for twenty pounds a year, to be paid Quarterly.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a freedom to Step<sup>n</sup> De Lancey and cause the City Seal to be thereunto affixed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 19th day of January, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John J. Beekman for twenty-two pounds ten shillings.

And one in favour of Naning Visher for four pounds eighteen shil: & four pence.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 2d day of February, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John McIntyre for nineteen pounds eighteen shillings for masons work at the new Barricks which is to be paid unto Henry I. Bogert.

Resolved by this Board that the four Lots of Ground lately laid out by Naning Visher behind the house and lot of Barentie Spoor & to the south of the Presbytering House be sold at Publick Vendue to morrow morning at ten oclock to the highest bidder, being in breath each lot forty-one feet and in length one hundred and twenty-nine feet.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the the said City on Monday the 9th day of February, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Deed to John Ostrander for a Lott of Ground on the Hill, it being N. 9 sold to him at Publick Vendue for one hundred and five pounds, being in length on both sides one hundred and forty-two feet.

Also that the Mayor sign the Deeds to the following persons, viz: One to William Waldrom for Lot No. 1 & 2; one Do. to Jonathan Brooks for Lot No. 3; and Do. to Thomas Hilton for Lot No. 4, being sold unto them at Publick Vendue according to a resolve made the 2d day Feb'y In<sup>st</sup>.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 14th March, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Dirck Ten Broeck for eleven pounds eight shillings &  $\frac{3}{4}$  farthing for necessaries provided for said Corporation at Kings Birth day.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of William Waldron for twenty-two pounds twelve shillings and three pence for masons work done at the Creek in the 3d ward where the Market House is on.

This Board seteled with Claes Speeck for keeping Benj<sup>n</sup> Gable the Publick Whipper fifteen weeks for three pound, it being for rent due by said Claas Speeck to the Corporation for the Ground where his house is on.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Tho<sup>s</sup> Seeger for six Schipple of wheat at what prise the other is sold for, & also Do. for John Redtliff for three Schipple at the like as the other.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 26th day of March, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Stephen Van Schaack and Comp<sup>y</sup> for £105, being in part payment for building the warf down at the City Hall.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Asa Phelps for £6:6:1, being the ballance of his Account.

An Ordinance was this day published for regulating the lying of Vessels in the four several Docks of this City.

This day was seteled with Barnardus Bratt in full of all Accounts with the Ferry until the first day of April next.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 28th day of March, 1767.

This day where sold at Publick Vendue to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gysbert Merselis and John Van Alen the Hire of the several Docks of this City untill the first day of January next for the consideration of seventy pounds current money of New York, to be paid at or before the first day of January 1768. Provided that if any of the 28 Sloops belonging to this City should refuse and not come to either of the said Docks and so be free from paying Dockage that such and so many Sloops in such case shall be deducted out of the said £70 at the rate of one shilling a Tun.

This day was sold unto Dirick Hansen the Ferry leading from the City



of Albany to Green Bush for twenty-two pounds N. York currency for one year to begin from the 4th April 1767 to the 4th day of April 1768.

And also an Ordinance was this day published to regulate the Ferry between the limits of this City and Green Bush.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 21st day of April, 1767.

The Mayor produced a Rec<sup>t</sup> of James Bloodgood for £100 which he received of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cortland Schuyler, being the last payment which was due by said Cap<sup>t</sup> Schuyler to the Corporation for Ground sold by the Corporation to said Schuyler on the Gallows Hill. Ordered that Rec<sup>t</sup> be lodged in the Treasurers hands.

Whereas, lately a fire broke out in the manor of Rensselaerwyck and found it very inconvenient for want of Buckets, it is therefore resolved that all persons who bring their Buckets to the place where a fire should happen to break out and any of them get broke, burnt or lost in the fire shall be paid by the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 22d day of April, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that there be sold at Publick Vendue on Saturday the second day of May next a Lot of Ground lying in this City to the south of the House & Lot of Ground of Alderman Jacob Van Schaick, being in front thirty-one feet and in rear eighteen feet and in length on both sides sixty feet. all English measure.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar make James Bloodgood Dr. for one hundred N. York currency which was paid by the Mayor to said Bloodgood for building the Barricks on the Hill back of the fort.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer give Cap<sup>t</sup> Cortland Schuyler credit for one hundred pound New York currency, being the last payment which was due by said Schuyler to the Corporation for the Land he bought on the Gallows Hill.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 25th April, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor in behalf of the Corporation sign a Deed to the Crown for the Ground where Kilbys store is erected, being bounded as follows, viz : to begin at the High way opposite the South side of the Dock called Kilby's Dock and streching from thence southerly along the High way as the Building now stands two hundred & two feet, the same length on the East side, and in breadth on both ends thirty-one feet English measure, and that the City Seal be affixed thereto.

This deed is recorded in Liber G. Pages 495, 496 & 497, 3 me, J. De Lancey.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 2d May, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Lot to the south of Ald<sup>n</sup> Van Schaick's be sold at Publick Vendue to the highest bidder and at a Quit Rent of four shillings yearly and every year for ever.

This day was sold at Publick Vendue to Gerrit Van Sante, Jur, the above lot for £273 New York currency.



Resolved that the Mayor on behalf of this Board sign a Deed to Gerrit Van Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup> for the Lot sold him this day and that the City Seal be affixed thereto.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Tho<sup>s</sup> Seeger for three Skipple of wheat.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 9th day of May, 1767.

Whereas it appeareth Yesterday to this Board that Adam Yates had Ground in his possession belonging to this Corporation and was beginning to build his House on it and he was requested to take and remove it, and in case he does not comply with said request,

Resolved by this Board that Alderman Peter Lansing and John Van Alen be appointed a Committe and request Adam Yates to remove his Building, and if he not complys with said request, order the Marshal to break down & remove y<sup>e</sup> same,

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 11th day of May, 1767.

The Committe appointed the 9th Ins<sup>r</sup> for to remove part of the Building of Adam Yates which is on the Ground belonging to this Corporation make report to this Board that they were hindered by Adam Yates and his sons.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor, Ald<sup>n</sup> Bogerd & Dirk B. V. Schoenhoven be appointed a Committe to consult and advice with Mr. Silvester about the removal of part of the House of Adam Yates.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 13th day May, 1767.

The following Ordinances were this day published :

A Law for the due observance of the Lords day called Sunday.

An Ordinance for selling of Flesh in the Markets.

A Law appointing, establishing and regulating a good and sufficient night watch in the City of Albany.

A Law for paving and cleaning the streets, lanes and alleys within the City of Albany and for preventing of Nuisances within the same.

An Ordinance for regulating the Carmen within the City of Albany.

A Law for regulating Negroes, Mulattoes and other slaves.

A Law appointing a sworn Surveyor.

An Ordinance for Tavern Keepers.

The above Ordinances to be in force until the 16th day of May, 1768.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the eight day of July, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Ordinance of selling meat be renewed.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger three Schipple of wheat.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer sell one hundred and fifty Schipple of the City wheat to the poor people at five shillings a Schipple.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the ninth day of August, 1767.

This Board agreed to appoint the Recorder, Aldermens Jacob Lansing,





Peter Lansing & Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Van Alen and Gerrardus Lansing as a Committee to settle all the accounts against the Corporation.

This Board agreed with Francis Martain for to keep Benjamin Gable, the Publick Whipper, to begin from the fourth day of June last at five shillings a week.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar sell one hundred Schiple of the City wheat at five shillings  $\text{ƒ}$  Schipple.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order in favour of Thomas Seeger for six Schipple of wheat.

Resolved by this Board that the Court draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of John Readtloff for three Schipple of wheat.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 12th day of August, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Robert Lansing for £10:6:6, being for takeing care of the fire Ingoins from the 23d June 1765 to the 24d June 1767, being two years.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of John Cortney two pounds being in part of payment for bringing stone to the Docks.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 18th day of Sept, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Thomas Cannan for two pounds and six pence, being for boarding the whipper from the 20th of April to the 29th of May, at the rate of one shill<sup>s</sup>  $\text{ƒ}$  day.

This day was delivered to this Board by the Treasurar a list of the undermentioned persons indebted to the Corporation for Quit Rent, viz : Johannis Knickerbacker, Janetje Ouderkerk, Christian Christianse, Peter Benneway, Daniel Van Antwerp, Dirck Van Vechte, Wouter Grooesbeek, Joh<sup>s</sup> N. Grooesbeek, Ephraim Wemp, Sybrant Quackenboss, Jacob A. Fort, Daniel T. Van Vechten, Frederick Cluet, Peter Dox, Harme & Tunis Van Vechte & Marte Winne, Joachim Kettlehuyn, Nicholas Grooesbeek, Philip Van Ness, Abram Beeker and the widow of Daniel McMichael.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar writ to the above persons for to make speedy payment to prevent trouble.

This day was delivered to this Board by Adam Yates a Petition setting for to settele the Ground in dispute with him.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Johannis Pruy<sup>n</sup> for £176, being in part of payment for building the Dock by the stone wall.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Thomas Seger for six Schipple of wheat and charge the same to his Acc<sup>t</sup>.

Resolved by this Board that the Deed be given to William Regal for tha Ground which he bought of the Corporation some time agoe if he pays the sum of £176.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar sell one hundred Schiple of the City wheat for 5 shill<sup>s</sup>  $\text{ƒ}$  Skipple.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 19th Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following persons, viz :

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|------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| One Do. for John De Peyster for    | - - - | £8:10: 0 |
| One Do. for Jacob Van Schaick,     | - - - | 7: 0:11½ |
| One Do. for Johannis Ouderkerk,    | - - - | 7:16: 0  |
| One Do. for Wilhelmus Vandenbergh, | - - - | 13:18: 3 |
| One Do. Gerrit Roseboom,           | - - - | 4: 0: 0  |

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Anthony Flensburgh for six Schipple of wheat and charge the same to his Acct.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 25th Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Ground in the Foxes Creek to the East of the lot of Peter Dewandelaer be laid out into 4 Lotts of thirty-seven feet front & rear in leight on both sides 198 feet, except Lott No. 16 is 39 feet front and rear, and the length the same with y<sup>e</sup> other, be sold at Publick Vendue on Wednesday the 30th Sep<sup>r</sup> ins<sup>t</sup> and with a Quit Rent of six shillings on each Lot yearly and every year for ever.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 29th Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1767.

Whereas the Ordinance formerly made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of this City for electing two Constables in each ward in this City is expired of its own limitation, it is hereby ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of this City that on this day shall be chosen in each ward two Petty Constables, of which the Aldermen in each ward or any of them shall make their return with the rest of the City officers.

This day being presented to this Board a Petition of the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of this City of Albany for a peice of Ground lying in the Foxes Creek for to build a Church on, which this Board will grant upon such Conditions as hereafter shall be thought proper.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 29th Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1767, P. M.—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Peter Lansing, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry I. Bogerd, Jacob J. Lansing, Naning Visser, Gerardus Lansing, John Van Alen, John Fryer, Dirk B. V. Schoenhoven, John Ten Broeck.

This day being appointed by Charter for the election of Aldermen, Common Council & Constables, &c., the following is the order in which they were elected and returned.

First Ward—Peter Lansing and Henry I. Bogerd, Aldermen; John Van Alen & John Fryer, Common Council; Leonard Cortney & Will<sup>m</sup> McIntosh, Constables.

Second Ward—John R. Bleeker & Jacob Lansing, Aldermen; Naning Visser & John N. Bleeker, Common Council; Jacob Pruynt & Samuel Benneway, Constables.

Third Ward—Abraham Yates, J<sup>r</sup>, & Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Aldermen; Dirk



B. V. Schoenhoven, & John Ten Broeck, Common Council ; George Bower & Sam<sup>l</sup> Williams, Constables.

Henry Bleecker appointed Chamberlain ; Johannes Seeger appointed Marshall ; Leonard Cortney appointed High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 30th Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the several Lots be sold at Publick Vendue this day according to the resolve made the 25th September, 1767, with a Quit rent of four shillings yearly and every year for ever on each Lot.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 12th Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Gerrardus Lansing for five pounds being for attending the work done at the new Barricks.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 14th day of October, 1767.

The following officers were this day sworn and qualified in their offices.

First Ward—Peter Lansing & Henry I. Bogerd, Aldermen ; John Van Alen, Common Council ; Van Olinda Cortney & Will<sup>m</sup> McIntosh, Constables.

Second Ward—Jacob J. Lansing, Alderman ; John N. Bleeker, Common Council ; Jacob Pruyn, Constable.

Third Ward—Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Aldermen ; Dirck B. V. Schoven, Common Council ; Sam<sup>l</sup> Williamson, Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 25th day of November, 1767.

John R. Bleecker being this day sworn and qualified as one of the Aldermen of this City ; John Ten Broeck being sworn as one Common Council.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Henry V. Dyck for sixteen shillings for dressing the whippers leg.

The following persons being appointed Fire Masters for the year ensuing :

John E. Bradt & Barent Staats for the first ward.

Barent Ten Eyck & John I. Pruyn for the second ward.

Mas Blomendal & Gerrit V. Vranke for third ward.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following persons :

One Do. to Baltus Van Benthuisen for - - - £0: 9:6

One Do. to John Ten Eyck, for - - - 16:18:6

One Do. to Peter Lansing for - - - 5: 3:7

This Board agreed with Isaac a Negro to keep Benjamin Gable the Publick whipper from this date.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 26th day of November, 10 A. M., 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for six Schipple wheat and charge the same to his Acc<sup>t</sup>.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 26th day of November, 1767, P. M.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar sell two hundred Schiple of the City wheat to such persons as he shall think fit for ready cash at five shillings  $\frac{2}{3}$  Schipple.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign the following Deeds, viz, and that the City Seal be thereunto affixed:

- One to Peter De Wandelaer for Lot No. 1.
- One to Peter Gansevort for Lot No. 2.
- One to Barent Ten Eyck for Lot No. 3.
- One to John Roseboom for Lot No. 4.
- One to Peter Hansen for Lot No. 5.
- One to Isaac Van Arnum for Lot No. 6 & 7.
- One to Paul Hogstroser for Lot No. 7 & 8.
- One to John Everse for Lot No. 9.
- One to Richard Hickson for Lot No. 10.
- One to Jillis De Garmon for Lot No. 15.
- One to John Roff for Lots No. 11 & 12.
- One to Henry Quackenboss for Lot No. 13.
- One to Jacob Lansingh for Lot No. 14.

Lot No. 7 belongs to Paul Hogstroser and Isaac Van Arnum according to the Release.

One to Paul Hogstroser for Lot No. 16.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Patrick Clarke for £45:11:6 for services done for the said City with his cart and horse.

One Do. to Francis Martin for £6:9 for boarding the Publick Whipper from the 4th June 1767 until the second day of November Ins<sup>t</sup>.

One Do. to Thomas Seeger for £5 New York money, being in part of payment for services done as Marshel for the last year.

This day was delivered by this Board to the City Treasurar an exact account of all persons that had any demands on this City for publick services done. Ordered by this Board that the Treasurar pay all those persons in full, always except John Price, William Hogan, Bastiaen Fisher & Rynier Van Alstyne; Price & Hogan you are to pay thirty pounds and the like sum to Visher & Van Alstyne.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 20th day of December, 1767.

The following persons were this day appointed Fire Masters:

Gerrit Ryckman & Henry Van Vechten for first ward.

Thomas D. Hun for third ward.

Cornelius Glen for second ward.

Naning Visher is sworn and qualified as Common Council.

Resolved by this Board that there be allowed unto Stephen De Lancey for attending as Clerk from the first day of June 1766 to the first day of June 1767, at the rate of sixteen pounds.

One Do. in favour of John Readtcliff for ringing the Bell from October 1766 to October 1767, at the rate of five pounds.





At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 31st December, 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Ground being in the second ward near the Foxes Creek be given unto the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Prodestant Dutch for to build a Church on, to contain in breadth on the East thirty feet and in length on the North side two hundred and fifty feet and in the rear on the West one hundred and thirty-five feet, all English measure; bounded on the North on the street that leads to the Foxes Creek of forty-five feet broad and on the West by an other street and on the South by a street of thirty feet broad, the length along said street 205 feet.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor in behalf of this Board sign a Deed for the same and the City Seal be affixed thereto, according to a Petition delivered to this Board the 29th Sep<sup>r</sup> 1767, Entred in the Minutes of Common Council.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Jacobus P. Van Benthuyzen for one pound fifteen shillings.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar sell two hundred Schiple of the City wheat to the Inhabitants of this City at 5s.  $\frac{2}{3}$  Schipple.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 2d of January, 1768.

This Board being informed that Robert Leake has petitioned for vacant ground at Schatacok which this Board claims and a part of it is in possession of Barnardus Bratt. Resolved by this Board that a Letter be sent to Anthony Ten Eyck at New York to employ one or more Attorneys to defend the Right of this Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 12th day of February, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk give an order on the Treasurar in favour of Philip Reyley for five pounds for attending the Town Clock for the year 1767.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar settele with Isaac Fordt and deduct four pounds of his Rent.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 9th day of March, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurar in favour of the Accounts :

One in favour of James Marr for thirty shillings, one do. in favour of Volkert Dawson of eighteen shil<sup>gs</sup> & 5d, one Do. for Ab<sup>m</sup> Defrees for fourteen shil<sup>gs</sup> & 1d, one Do. for John Williams for eight shil<sup>gs</sup>, one Do. for Nicholas Brower for two pounds fifteen shillings.

Resolved by this Board that the four several Docks belonging to this Corporation be sold at Publick Vandue on Monday the 14th Ins<sup>r</sup>.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Tho<sup>s</sup> Seeger for twelve Schiple of wheat and charge the same to his Acc<sup>t</sup>. One Do. for John Readtliif for three Schiple of wheat and charge the same to his Acc<sup>t</sup>.

Resolved by this Board that the sum of forty shillings New York cur-



rency be paid to Henry B. Ten Eyck for services done for this Board and that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 14th March, 1768—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Peter Lansing, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Ju<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Lansing, John N. Bleecker, Henry I. Bogerd, John Van Alen, John N. Bleecker, John Ten Brook, John Fryer and Naning Visher.

The four docks belonging to this City were sold at Publick Vendue to Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Ten Brook and Harmanus Wendell for the consideration of seventy pounds New York currency, from y<sup>e</sup> first day of January 1768 to the first of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Ferry be sold on Tuesday the 22d of March Inst.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 21st of March, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that Adam Yates Petition be answered in writing and that the Recorder, Alderman Ten Broock, Aldermen Bleecker, John Van Alen & John N. Bleecker be a Committee appointed and draw up an answer accordingly, which will be approved by this Board.

Resolved by this Board that the following Letter be sent to the Reverend Mr. Wheelock at Labonon :

Reverend Sir—Since the Letter which the Mayor did please to write you, our annul Election for the Aldermen and Assistants to serve in this Corporation haveing taken place and some othar adventitious Circumstances intervening have concurred to delay our answer to your favour of the 27th August last; these being now happily removed we embrace this oppertunity to answer your Letter. It gives us much pleasure to find that you think our proposals in several respects Inviteing and Generous; you will do justice to our Sentiments, if you also believe that we wish to have in our Power to do more, and if we would chearfully give every assistance that the projector and Patrons of this Scheme have a right to require from every person impressed (as we are) with its utility and Philanthropy. Your declining to fix on any particular place for the School without the previous knowledge and approbation of Lord Dartmouth and the other worthy Persons that have countenanced the plan and promoted its success at home by procuring such considerable Donations for its establishment, gives us at once a strikeing instance of your Modesty, and a high idea of your Prudence in paying such strict attention to avoid every Step that might tend to Prejudice this Institution, which in its progress may do honor to the Age in which it has taken rise and reflect lustre on you as the first promoter. Permit us to thank you Sir, for haveing transmitted home Copys of our Letters and of those that were written you on this Subject from New York; the Gentlemen that did us the honor to write them are all of distinguished Characters, eminent for cherishing and cultivating the Social Virtues, their Circumstances and Situation in Life such as sets them above the Suspicion of sinister or selfish views, and the many oppertunitys they have had of being acquainted with our moral Character from the frequent Interviews with us which their proffession necessarily engages them in constitutes them very competent Judges of it. Can it then be reasonable to suppose that Gentlemen of such as they are, should



so far forget the duty they owe to themselves and to Society as warmly to recommend the fixing of a Seminary in which it will be necessary to incultivate virtue and morallity as much if not more by Example then Precept, in the midst of a People of a reputed immoral Character, such a Supposition would be altogether absurd and we should be justified in on resting their Recommendation only as a sufficient undication of our Character against the uncharitable and unjust Anamadversons of designing men, but duty and the Justice we owe to our Constituents oblige us to declare that the present Majestracey of this Place in pursuit of the principals laid down by their predecessors make it the first object of their attention to inspire their Constituents with the Love of Virtue and the abhorrence of Vice; to this end they discourage whatever may tend to corrupt the manners or debauch the morals of the people, whilst at the same time Encouragement is given to every Plan cultivated for their happiness. Actuated by these principals we readily embraced yours and rejoiced in the fair prospect that such an Establishment amongst us promised additional oppertunitys of advancing the Education of our youth, all what we ardently wish, and therefore what we could give we offer with the utmost good will, if our good Intentions already are or should be prustrated by the selfish views of designing persons we shall be equally sorry on our own account as on theirs whom they deceive. Haveing been already explicit in our former Letters on the advantages that the School would reap by being in the vicinity of the City we shall be silent on that head and make only remark to obviate the difficulty you mention on account of a supposed want of oppertunitys to instruct the Indian Children in Agriculture and the manuel Arts that the immediate Environs of this City are inhabited by farmers whom if we may be allowed to judge of their skill, Industry and Oeconomy from the affluance of their Circumstances acquired only by Husbandry, we shall not hesitate to rank them in the first class of husbandmen and as these Children will not require to be taught any other manual arts then such as will serve towards procureing the immediate necessarys and more simple conveniencies of life, these too may both be obtained in this City.

We could have wished that your son and the Reverend Mr. Pomory had communicated to us the Intention of their Journey when they were here at the time you mention, they would have had no reason to complain of any coldness in us nor indeed can we be charged with any, as we do not know that those Gentlemen ever were here otherwise than by your Letter.

We thank you Sir for those sentiments of good will that you express to entertain for us; we hope you will have no occasion to change them, and we should be happy to have you in this Neighbourhood that you might experience repeated instances of our's towards you.

We have read your published account of the School since its beginning, it has confirmed our opinion that your whole Conduct has been with a view to promote religion and the happiness of mankind; may God in whose holy worship you are attempting to instruct the uninformed Savages crown all your endeavors with success and give you to see the accomplishment of your good work, and when it shall please him as the Supreme disposer of all things may you depart hence in his peace.

We are Reverend Sir, &c.



Att a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on 22d March, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Ordinance regulating the Ferry be renewed with the following addition :

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid that the Person or Persons who buy the Ferry is strictly enjoyned to follow the ordinance made for the regulation of the same, and upon Complaint made to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the non performance of the ferryman of the Rules by this ordinance laid down, that it shall and may be Lawfull to remove the said Ferryman, he paying for the time he has had the Ferry, and in such case or default to dispose of the same to another person.

This day was sold at Publick Vendue the Ferry leading from this City to Green Bush for the Consideration of thirty five pounds New York currency to John Cortney and John Bromley to commence from the fourth day of April next to the fourth day of April 1769, being one year.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 23d day of March, 1768.

The Committee appointed to examine into the Petition of Adam Yates, presented to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty the 14 March, 1768. Report as follows: That upon mature deliberation they find the Corporation has faithfully and impartially discharged the trust reposed in them, that the Petitioner has been in due time warned of his encroaching on City ground, that the Corporation did candidly offer to leave the decision of this matter to indifferent Persons to be for that purpose appointed, that upon the whole it appears to this Committe that the Petitioner has no just reason to complain of the remissness of the Corporation but that this matter not being brought to a conclusion is justly to be imputed to the obstinacy of the said Petitioner, but that this matter may be judiciously decided & remove all doubts of the justness & uprightness of the Corporations intentions, this Committee report it as their opinion that a person of known integrity, ability & judgment be named by the Corporation and one person of the like qualifications by the Petitioner, & that the matter in dispute be left to their final determination; but should it so happen that these two persons differ in opinion that they be at liberty to agree on a person to join them & that then & in such case the determination of two of the three be conclusive, all which is nevertheless humbly submitted. Albany, 23d March, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the foregoing report made by the Committee appointed the 21st day of March Ins<sup>t</sup> is approved of by this Board and that Adam Yates be served with a Copy hereof by the Clerk.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a deed and that the City Seal be affixed thereto unto Gerrit T. Visher for the Consideration of three pounds New York for a Lot of Ground seituat, lying and being in the third ward of this City on the north side of the Foxes Creek, bounded on the north by the Foxes street that runs to the north of this Lot and to the south of the House of Libitie Greveraat and others, and on the south by the Lot of Tunis Visher and Harma Visher and partly by the Lot of Abr<sup>m</sup> I. Witbeck and is in breadth there by the said Lots sixty foot and on the north by the said street forty-three foot, all wood measure.





Resolved by this Board that the street leading from this City to Water Fleet running westward between and with the Range of the houses of Gerrit Van Vranken and Elbert Greverat being thirty foot to the street that runs from the Pearl street north & shall from henceforth be called Amelia street and shall be and for ever remain a Publick street for all his Majesties subjects.

Present, John H. Ten Eyck, Esquire, Recorder, John R. Bleecker, Peter Lansingh, Jacob Lansing, Henry I. Bogerd, Abraham Ten Broock, Esq<sup>rs</sup> Aldermen; John Van Alen, Nanning Vishier, John N. Bleecker, John Fryer, Dirck B. V. Schoonhoven, John Ten Broock, Assistants; being the 23d March, 1768, in the Common Council.

Mr. Mayor addressed himself to the Board in the manner following, that he looked upon himself to be highly affronted by Mr. Abraham Yates, Junier, the 21st Instant, that he humbly desired the Gentlemen present to do Justice to his injured Character; if Mr. Yates should appear to have charged him wrongfully he hopes the Gentlemen will do him the Justice to have the same entred on the minutes of Common Council, and if they find culpable that they will do the same.

Upon which Mr. Mayor and Mr. Yates were desired to withdraw, and after a considerable time conversing on the subject matter in dispute the Gentlemen whose names are hereabove in the margin inserted were unanimously of opinion that Mr. Yates has not only highly reflected on the Conduct of Mr. Mayor but has also unjustly charged the whole Corporation as partially against his Brother Adam Yates, the Gentlemen as above said are of opinion that Mr. Mayor has acted Justly and Impartially in the dispute with the said Adam Yates.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 25th March, 1768.

This day came to this Board Anas Hammer and James Lumbos, being a Committee appointed in the Township of Leansbury as they informed this Board to agree about making the Road from the Township of Lansbury to this City.

Resolved by this Board that the sum of forty pounds New York currency be paid unto the said Committee, Provided the said Road be made in good order for all Carriages to pass and repass from the Township aforesaid to the old Saw mill called the Schotack mill by the first day of December next, and farther the Corporation will let them make the Road from the mill to this City provided they can agree.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on first of April, 1768.

A Petition being presented to this Board is as follows:

To the Worshipfull Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, in Common Council, the Petition of Sam<sup>l</sup> Stringer  
Humbly sheweth,

That on Mr. Bleeckers measuring the Lot lately granted by the Corporation to Samuel Stringer, situated between the Fort and Hospital and adjoining to the English Burying place, there appeared to be still vacant about eleven feet on the east side of s<sup>d</sup> Lot between it and the street laid out parallel to it.



Your Petitioner therefore being greatly pinched in Ground to erect the intended Building on, which building the workman are now actually employed in and by Contract is to be finished by the 24th of June next. prays that the said eleven feet or as many as shall be found vacant may be included in the afore<sup>d</sup> Grant and confirmed to him without any additional Quit rent, as that is supposed to be already greater in Proportion than is paid for any Lot besides in the City and the Building being for a Publick use and in no wise lucrative to those concerned.

Your Petitioner further prays, that as the time in which the aforesaid building is to be finished is limited, it may be taken as soon as possible into consideration, and he will for ever pray. SAM'L STRINGER.

Resolved by this Board that there shall be granted to the said Samuel Stringer six feet along the East part of the said Lott heretofore granted to him and to contain the seventy feet in length northerly along his said Lott and that the Mayor sign his hand for that purpose under the former deed where this addition is to be inserted.

Adam Yates delivered to this Board a memorial in answer to the Resolve made the 23 March last. Resolved by this Board that the same be taken in consideration.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the second day of April, 1768.

This Board on the Consideration of Adam Yates Memorial of the 29th March, 1768, have come to the following Resolution, that they cannot recede but still remain of the same opinion they were the 23d March last of submitting the matter in dispute to persons to be appointed as is therein at large expres'd.

Ordered that the Clerk serve Adam Yates with a Copy of this Resolution.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the sixth day of April, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that a Letter be sent unto Johannis Knickerbacker for to come down by next Monday at two o'clock in the afternoon of some business of this Board about a deed that was given unto Nicholas Groosbeeck for some Land lying at Schaetacook, and also bout the Land lying near Mason Gat.

This day came to this Board Adam Yates and excepted of the Proposals made him by this Board the 23d of March last.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 15th of April, 1768.

Mr. Adam Yates haveing appointed Mr. John Beekman an Arbitrator in the Controversy subsisting between him and this Board, this Board informed him that they had appointed Harmanus Wendell, and as both parties had spoke to Coll<sup>d</sup> Philip Schuyler it is agreed by both parties that Mr. Schuyler be the third person if he can be prevailed on to accept.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 25th of April, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar sell one hundred Schiple of the City wheat at five shillings a Schiple to the Inhabitants of this City & no more than three Shiple to one man.



Mr. Schuyler with Mr. Wendell and Beekman this day before this Board & in the presence of Adam Yates accepted to serve as Arbitrators in the dispute with the said Yates and this Board and desired that they may be under Oath. Resolved that a proper Bond be drawn submitting the said Controversy to the Determination of the said three Gentlemen.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 26th day of April, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign the Bond to submit the dispute between this Board and Mr. Adam Yates to ye Arbitrators that are to settle the same, to wit, Mr. Philip Schuyler, Harmanus Wendell and John Beekman, and that the City seal be thereto affixed. Also Resolved that Volkert P. Douw, John H. Ten Eyck, John R. Bleecker, Henry I. Bogert and Abraham Ten Broock be a Committee to manage on the part of the Corporation, the said Controversy before the said Gentlemen Arbitrators.

The following Letter came this day to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty, from the Reverend Mr. Eleazar Wheelock :

Lebanon, 8th April, 1768.

W:pful and hon<sup>d</sup> Sirs—Yours of March 9th came safe to hand two days ago, in which I observe and gratefully acknowledge the unmerited expressions of your benevolence and respect towards me and your truly generous disposition towards this rising Institution. I am sorry that my unguarded manner of expressing myself in a former Letter respecting the objection so often made against fixing my school in the vicinity of your City (viz, the bad morals of the place) was received in any other light than was simply and honestly intended: my design was only to advice you, that such an objection had been frequently and strongly urged, and to give you an opportunity to obviate the same's being further improved to the disadvantage of the design proposed. I had not the least intention or disposition to reflect upon your City, or so much as express my own sentiments respecting that matter; however the careless and unguarded manner of my expression, naturally lead you to conceive, that which was very different from that entire friendship which wholly governed me in that matter, and which was so far from my intention that I never had a tho't or the least jealousy of my being so understood, till I was informed of it by my Son, and since more fully by Mr. Smith of New York. However I hope that matter is now set right, and that you will candidly ascribe it to that crow'd of affairs, which obliges me, relying upon the goodness of those to whom I write, often to dimiss even Letters of importance, without such a review as I should otherwise think expedient.

I shall take the earliest opportunity to transmit your Letters to the Earl of Dartmouth, &c., and also Cap<sup>t</sup> Lansing's generous proposal at Stoneroby.

It gives me sensible pleasure, Gentlemen, that your sentiments are the same with mine as to the expediency and propriety of proceeding only with the advice and approbation of the Earl of Dartmouth, and the other worthy Gentlemen of the Trust at home respecting the place to fix this school.

I am informed that some overtures are making to invite the settlement of this school in the Province of New Hampshire near Coos.

And by a Letter from home I understand that Gen' Lyman is using his endeavours to have it carried into his Government on the Ohio.



I have also lately heard that a new plan is forming to detain it in this Government. What these proposals will ripen to, I cannot say; and how Gentlemen at home will have light to satisfie them, or what expedient they will think proper to obtain light sufficient to act understandingly and safely in determining the important point, I cant tell. I desire to do all on my part to be done, and submit it to and wait upon the great Governor and disposer of all events to direct and determine the same according to his own holy and righteous will.

You may assure yourselves that the testimonials you have given me of your friendship are not the least among the many circumstances which would render the prospect of such a situation agreeable to me; as I am with much respect,

Gentlemen, your most obedient  
and very humble Servant,

ELEAZOR WHEELOCK.

The W:pful the Mayor & Ald<sup>n</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> City of Albany.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 17th day of June, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurar to pay the following:

One Do. in favour of Hend<sup>k</sup> Van Dyck for four Gall<sup>s</sup> of Wine at 16s. 3<sup>d</sup> Gall<sup>n</sup> at Kings Birth day, £3:4.

One Do. in favour of Francis Martin for necessaries provided at Kings Birthday, £2:5.

One Do. in favour of Richard Cartwright for £11:19 for necessaries provided for this Board.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Anthony Flensburg for three Schipple of wheat and charge the same to his Account.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order for the Treasurar to sell one hundred Schiple of the City wheat.

The following Ordinances were this day published and renewed:

A Law for the due observance of the Lords day called Sunday.

An ordinance for selling Flesh in the Market.

A law appointing, establishing and regulating a good and sufficient watch in this City.

A law for paveing and cleaning the streets, lanes and alleys within the City of Albany and for preventing nuisances within the same.

An ordinance for regulating the Carmen.

A law for regulating Negroes, Mulattoes and other Slaves.

A law to appoint a sworn Surveyor for this City.

An ordinance for selling of meat by weight and at the prizes following:

All kinds of meat at 4d 3<sup>d</sup> pound.

Every head & pluck of a Calf, 1s. 6d.

Every head & pluck of a Sheep, 9d.

Every head & pluck of a Lamb, 6d.

An ordinance to regulate Tavern Keepers.

An ordinance for the better preventing extinguishing of Fires that may happen within this City of Albany.

A law for marking Bread in this City.





At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 20th day of June, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Rob<sup>t</sup> Yates, Esq<sup>r</sup>, a Surveyor & drawing several copy's concerning the dispute with Adam Yates, for the sum of £5:5:6.

The arbitrators brought in the following award the 1st June, 1768 :

We do award, arbitrate and determine by these presents that, First, that a line be drawn from the north east Corner of the House of Wilhelmus Van den Bergh westerly along his House and Fence twenty-two Rods to a stake by us drove in the Ground, that from thence a line is to be drawn still westerly to a stake drove in the Ground at the Cellar of Adam Yates, distant from the north east Corner of the said Cellar along the easterly front thereof seven feet two inches and a half, that then a line is to be drawn from the said stake last mentioned to a stake by us affixed in the rear of the Lot of the said Adam Yates, which last mentioned stake is distant from the north west Corner of the said Lot one rod seven foot and three inches, all Ryland Measure; and we do award, arbitrate and determine that the Ground lying to the north and next adjoining to the last mentioned line the property thereof is vested in the Corporation of the City of Albany, and that Ground lying to the south and next adjoining the said last mentioned line the property thereof is vested in the said Adam Yates; and we the said Arbitrators do also award, order and determine that the said parties in difference within twenty days from the date hereof shall execute each to the other General Releases in writing of the premises agreeable to the award by us as above made.

Ph: Schuyler, Harm<sup>s</sup> Wendell, Joh<sup>s</sup> Beekman.

Memorandum, that in order to determine and ascertain the Bounds of the Lands in Controversey we have fixed on a point in the front of the Shed adjoining to the House of Wessel Van Schaick at five feet nine inches distant from the north east Corner of said House, from whence we began to survey.

The above award was sworn to by the Arbitrators above mentioned before me the above date.

ISAAC SWITS, Justice.

Resolved by this Board that a Deed be given unto Adam Yates and that the City seal be affixed thereto according to the award made by the said arbitrators the 1st June, 1768. The Mayor in behalf of this Board acknowledged the Seal of the City affixed to the said deed given to Adam Yates in presence of Francis Martin & Paul Hogstrosler.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 30th June, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer collect in all the City debts in a month from this day and that the Clerk give an order for the same.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for six Schipple of wheat and the same be charged to his Account.

The following Petition being presented to this Board :

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, the Petition of the Subscribers

Most humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioners being inclined to have Lotts the East of the Lott of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, on the Gallows Hill.



Your Petitioners therefore beg that your Worships will grant them the said Lotts on such Conditions as your Worships shall think most reasonably. And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray. Gysbert Marselis, Hendrick Marselis, Martin Mynderse, Abraham Mynderse.

The above Petition being presented to this Board it is Resolved that a number of Acres and House lotts be surveyed on Saturday next by John R. Bleecker, Esq<sup>r</sup>, and that the same be sold at publick Vendue on the Wednesday following, and that the Clerk advertise the same.

Resolved that Abraham E. Wandel remove his fence from where it now stands, upon the line settled between him and the Corporation in two months from this date and that he be served with a Copy of the same.

Resolved that John Foster, David Rottery, John McKinsey and John McDonald pay at the rate of twenty-four shillings a year for the Lotts now in their possession, to commence from the first day of May last, to continue for twenty-one years. It is also further Resolved that if any of the above persons shall keep a bad house or sell Liquor to Negroes, upon proof they shall forfeit their Lotts.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 5 July, 1768.

Mr. Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broock in behalf of the following persons produced the following Accounts which he disbursed for this Board :

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| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Jacob Van Woert,               | - | - | £2: 2:0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of John Waters for                | - | - | 2: 4:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Will <sup>m</sup> Vosburgh for | - | - | 1: 2:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Isaac Vosburgh for             | - | - | 2:10:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Henry Crannels for             | - | - | 0:18:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of John Norton for                | - | - | 0:18:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of W <sup>m</sup> V. denbergh for | - | - | 0:14:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Johannis Smith for             | - | - | 1: 2:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Wilhelmus Smith for            | - | - | 1: 8:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Henry Daniels for              | - | - | 2: 6:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Abraham Ten Broock,            | - | - | 0: 9:6  |

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Abraham Ten Broock to pay the Account of £15:13:6 in full.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor, Aldermen Bleecker and Ten Broock be appointed a Committee to go and view the road which was agreed to be made by the Corporation and the Committee appointed for the Township of Lansbury according to the Resolve made the 25th March, 1768. Also farther Resolved by this Board that the Committee appointed agree and get the Road made from the old Saw mill to this City.

Resolved by this Board that the several Lots of Ground be sold at publick Vendue according to the Resolution made the 30th June last, with a Quit Rent for each Acre Lot the sum of twenty shillings, and for every house Lot the sum of eight shillings.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 8th July, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Eanos Hammer and Ebenezer Loomis for thirty pounds New York currency, being in part of payment for making the Road from the Township of Lansbury to old Schootack mill.



One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Isaac a Negro to keep Benjamin Gable the publick whipper at the rate of six shillings  $\frac{7}{8}$  week from the 25th November to the 28th March last, £2:8.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Wilhelmus Monsious for riding 23 loads of Ground for the dock at 6d each Load, £11:6:0.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 11th July, 1768.

A Petition of the Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Peters Church in the said City being presented to this Board which is in the following manner :

To the Worshipfull Mayor, Recorder and Commonalty of the City of Albany in Common Council convened, the Petition of the Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Peters Church in the City,  
Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners intend when their Circumstances will permit, to erect a Parsonage House for their Minister, and would willingly in season secure as proper and commodious a Scituation for that purpose as they can, and if possible of such an extent and bigness as to afford a small spot for a Glebe, and having fixed in their own minds upon a piece of Ground belonging to this Board that in some measure may be answerable for the intended design, being the vacancy scituated between the Free Masons building and the street leading down past the Hospital, in rear adjoining to the Burial place of the said Church. May it therefore please the Gentlemen of this Board to grant unto your Petitioners the said piece of Ground for the use aforesaid. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c. Harry Monro, Min<sup>r</sup>; Christopher Hegerman, Daniel Hewson, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Barckley, Will<sup>m</sup> Benson, Cornelius Cadmus, Isaac Fryer.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 5th August, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that John Van Alen, John N. Bleecker, Naning Visher & John Ten Broock be appointed a Committee to go and view the road which was agreed to be made by this Corporation and the Committee for the Township of Lansbury.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar settle with Comfort SeEVERS and John Roff, & if they do not pay the money that he secure the debt by taking a mortgage for the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 12th of August, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Ebenezer Lomis and Noah Kent for £7:9:3 New York currency, being for laying out a new Road, marking the trees and drawing the Chain from the old Schotack mill to the City of Albany.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 6th day of Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the following Accounts be allowed and that the Clerk give orders on the Treasurar to pay the same :



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| One in favour of Wilhelmus Vandenberg, - -       | £1:13:0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> for Hendrick Van Arnum, - - - | 1: 0:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> for Andrew Abeels, - - - -    | 1: 9:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> for Robert Lansing, - - - -   | 5: 4:0  |

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£8:17:0

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar sell all the City wheat at 4s. 6d  $\frac{1}{2}$  Schipple.

Resolved by this Board that Henry I. Bogert, John R. Bleecker, Abraham Ten Broock and John N. Bleecker be appointed a Committee to settle the dispute between this Corporation and Abraham E. Wendell, and that they with Mr. Wendell appoint a Surveyor.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Anthony Flensbergh for three Schipple of wheat and charge the same to his Account.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 12th day of September, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute the following deeds to the following Persons in behalf of the Corporation, viz : to Barent Bratt, Jellis De Garmo, David & John Groesbeck, Harmon Hun & Isaac Lansing, Rutger Bleecker, Abraham Lansingh, Adam Yates, Rutger Bleecker, Cathalina Groesbeeck, Johannis Pruyn, Peter Bogert, William Rogers, Volkert Vandenberg, Daniel Winne, Jacobus Bleecker, Wouter Knickerbacker, Hendrick Quackenboss & Maria Hansen, for Grounds lying on the south side of Foxes Creek and that the City Seal be affixed thereto.

Resolved by this Board that the above Persons shall hold their Tan Pitts now in their Possession lying in Foxes Creek untill such time they shall become useless.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Stephen Van Schaack, John Price and William Hogen for the sum of £260 New York Currency, being for cutting the timber & making the dock down by the City Hall, first deducting the several Payments already made.

Resolved by this Board that a deed be given unto Jonathan Brook for Ground lying to the west of his house for the Consideration of New York currency, and that the Mayor sign the same in behalf of this Board & that the City seal be affixed thereto.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of John Readtiff for 3 Schipple of wheat & charge the same to his Acct.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 22d day of September, 1768.

Whereas certain Lands by deed in the County of Albany at a place called Ticonderoga on the Mohawk River was by the native Indians of the Mohawk Castle granted to this Corporation the day of 17 ; And whereas the said deed was on the day of 17 destroyed by means of Governor Cosby, & this Board being informed that some person or persons are about obtaining a deed or Grant of the said Lands ; Resolved by this Board that the Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen Bleecker & Ten Broock are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into the merits &





destruction of the above mentioned deed in order to perpetuate the Evidence respecting the same, and that they employ William Smith, Esquire, William Livingston and John Morine Scott, Esq<sup>r</sup>, as Council.

Resolved by this Board that the following accounts be allowed and that the Clerk give orders on the Treasurer for the same.

One in favour of Simon Solomon for £1:5:0.

Resolved by this Board that John Ten Broock, John N. Bleeker are appoint a Committee to agree with the Tanners in Foxes Creek for the Ground lying between their Lotts and a street lying to the south of the said Lotts and that they deliver the deeds when agreed.

Resolved by this Board that there is wanted four persons to keep the night watch of this City.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for three Schipple of wheat and charge the same to his Account,

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 29th Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1768—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Peter Lansingh, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jur, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Brook, Henry I. Bogert, John N. Bleecker, John Van Alen, Dirk B. V. Schoonhoven, John Fryer, John Ten Broock, Naning Visgher.

This being the day appointed by Charter for electing of Aldermen, Common Council and Constables, &c<sup>n</sup>, for the City of Albany, the following is the order in which they were elected and returned, &c<sup>n</sup>.

First Ward—Peter Lansingh & John Rooreback, Aldermen; John Fryer & Peter Ryckman, Common Council; Thomas Seeger & Linda Cortney, Constables.

Second Ward—John R. Bleeker & Jacob Lansing, Aldermen; Naning Visger & John N. Bleeker, Common Council; Will<sup>m</sup> Regle & Peter Montgomerie, Constables.

Third Ward—Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jur, & Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Brook, Aldermen; John Ten Brook & John G. Lansing, Common Council; W<sup>m</sup> Donbar & Samuel Williamson, Constables.

Henry Bleecker, Jun<sup>r</sup> appointed City Chamberlain, Joh<sup>s</sup> Seeger appointed Marsell, W<sup>m</sup> Regle appointed High Constable.

Alderman Bogert moves to have a Secretary on the Pole returned this day. Resolved by this Board that the same be held on Monday the third day of Oct<sup>r</sup> next, and that Mr. Rooreback be served with a Copy hereof.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Hend<sup>k</sup> Van Ness for £0:12:0.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 14th day of October, 1768.

The following officers were this day sworn and qualified in their several offices:

First Ward—Peter Lansing & John Rooreback, Aldermen; Peter Ryckman, Assistant; Van o Linda Cortney & Thomas Seeger, Constables.

Second Ward—Jacob J. Lansing, Alderman; John N. Bleecker & Naning Vischer, Assistants; Peter Montgomerie & W<sup>m</sup> Reegle, Constables.

Third Ward—Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jur, & Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broock, Aldermen; John Ten Broock, Assistant; Sam<sup>l</sup> Williamson, Constable.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 27th Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1768.

John R. Bleecker being sworn as an Alderman for the City, John Fryer, and John G. Lansing as Assistants.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute a Lease unto Anthony D. Bratt for the Term of ten years next ensuing for the House and Lot of Ground lying and being at the Verrebergh and that the City seal be affixed to the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 11th day of November, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk give an Order to the Treasurer to let Garrit Van Sante and Anthony Flensburgh have each six Skipple of wheat, and three Schipple of wheat for Thomas Seeger.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Readtcliff for five pounds, being for the last years service as Bell man for this City.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a deed & that the City seal be affixed to the same, to Nicholas Grooesbeeck for sixty acres of Land situate, lying and being at Schatecoock with a Quit Rent of eight Schipple of wheat & free cutting of wood for y<sup>e</sup> use of this City.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday 14th day of November, 1768.

This day being presented to this Board a Copy of a Petition of the Patroon Step Van Rensselaer of the Mannor of Renselaerwyck, which is in the following manner, and also an Order of the Council for the Province of N. York.

To his Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Bar<sup>t</sup>, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, &c<sup>ua</sup>. The Petition of Stephen Van Renselaer of the Manor of Renselaerwyck in the County of Albany,

Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner is the present Proprietor of all that part of the Colony or Manor of Renselaerwyck extending from the south end of Beeren Island to the Cahoos and extending from Hudsons River on each side twenty-four miles.

That your Petitioner was till lately of opinion that by Grant from the Crown for the said Manor he had an undouted right to all Ferry's within the same, but that he is now advised by his Council learned in the Law, that disputes might arise thereon, That for the greater convenience of Travellers in that part of the Province, where the settlement are daily increasing, it would be good if regular Ferry's were established across the said River in different parts of the said Manor, That your Petitioner is willing to set up and maintain as many Ferry's as will be requisite, if the Government will give him sufficient encouragement by a Grant of the exclusive Right of Ferry's to him, his heirs & assigns, across the said River from Beeren Island to the Cohoos, with establishment of a reasonable allowance for the Transportation of Passengers, Horses, Cattle & Goods.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly Prays that Letters Patent may issue under the Great seal of the Province granting to him, his heirs and assigns



an exclusive Right of Ferriage within the Limits aforesaid, and that such reasonable Rates of Ferriage may thereby be established as may be convenient to the Publick and an encouragement to your Petitioner, his heirs and assigns to set up and maintain so many Ferry's may be requisite for the purposes above mentioned, a Schedule of which Rates is hereunto annexed. And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

S. V. RENNELAER.

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| For every Person,  | 3d             | For every Sythe & Sith,  | $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| For every Horse or Beast,  | 6              | For every firken of Soap,  | 1              |
| For every live Calf or Hog,  | 2              | For every Cheese,  | $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| For every live Sheep or Lamb,  | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | For every Corn fan,  | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| For every dead Hog,  | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | For every hundred shingles,  | 3              |
| For every dead Sheep, Lamb or Calf,  | 1              | For every common Bag of Cotton Wool,   | $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| For every Barr' Rum, Sugar, Molass <sup>s</sup> , or other full Barrell,   | 4              | For every Bale of Cotton Wool or Hops,   | 9              |
| For every empty Barrel,  | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | For every Coach,   | 3s.            |
| For every empty Pipe or Hhd,   | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | For every Chaise, Chair or Carriage,   | 1:6            |
| For every Beasts Hide,   | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | For every double Sleigh,   | 9              |
| For every undressed Calf, Sheep or Deer skin,  | $\frac{1}{2}$  | For every peice of Ozenbrigs,  | 1              |
| For every firkin or tub of Butter,   | 1              | For every peice of Cotten Penniston, Flannell or Frize,  | 2              |
| For every Bush <sup>l</sup> Salt, Wheat, Grain, Seed, or any other thing meas <sup>l</sup> & sold by the Bushel, | $\frac{1}{2}$  | For every peice of Blankets or Duffels,  | 6              |
| For every full Pipe or full Hh <sup>d</sup> ,  | 2s.            | For every peice of Broadcloth, Kersey, strouds, half thick & Druggets,   | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| For every inch Board,  | $\frac{3}{4}$  | For every peice Duroys, Colimancoes, Wallons or other stuff and for every peice of Garlick, Holland or other Linnen, | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| For every Board one inch & half,   | 1              | For every empty Firken or Pail,  | $\frac{1}{4}$  |
| For every Waggon,  | 2:6            | For every side of Sole Leather,  | 1              |
| For every pair of Cart Wheels,   | 9              | For every side of upper Leather,   | $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| For every Cupboard, Press for Cloth, or writing desk,  | 1:6            | For every hundred weight of Beaver, Racons skins or coats, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser weight,      | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| For every full Trunk or Chest,   | 6              | For every half dozen Hatts,  | 1              |
| For every empty Trunk or Chest,  | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | For every hundred weight of dying wood & in proportion for a greater or lesser weight,                               | 4              |
| For half Barr <sup>l</sup> Flour,  | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | For every hundred weight of Copperas, Allom or Brimstone & so in proportion for a greater or less quantity,          | 3              |
| For every Barr <sup>l</sup> Bread,   | 3              | For every Chair,   | $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| For every Bag of Bread,  | 1              | For every dozen pair of wool Cards,  | 1              |
| For every Gammon of Bacon, Turkey or Goose,  | $\frac{1}{4}$  | For every Saddle without a horse,  | 1              |
| For every hundred of Eggs four Eggs and so in proportion to a greater or lesser number.                          |                | For every Rugg,  | $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| For every dung hill fowl, Brant, Duck, heathen or Rabbit,  | $\frac{1}{4}$  |  |                |
| For every dozen Pigeons or Quails,   | $\frac{1}{2}$  |  |                |
| For every hundred weight of Iron, Still, Shot, Pewter or Lead and of Iron, Copper or Brass Kettles or Potts,     | 3              |  |                |
| For every hundred weight of Gun Powder,  | 6              |  |                |



|   |               |                                    |               |
|---|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| For every Gun,  | $\frac{1}{2}$ | For every hundred weight of Rice   |               |
| For every Spade,                                      | $\frac{1}{2}$ | and so in proportion for a greater |               |
| For every Case with Bottles,                          | 2             | or lesser quantity,                | 2             |
| For every Looking Glass of two feet high and upwards, | 2             | For every warming Pan,             | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| For every Looking Glass of one foot high,             | 1             | For every frying Pan,              | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

New York, Secretary's office, 1st November, 1768. The foregoing written is a true Copy of the original now on file in this office.

Ex<sup>d</sup> by

G. BANYAR, D. Secr'y.

At a Council held at Fort George in the City of New York on Monday the second day of May, 1768—Present, His Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Bar<sup>t</sup>, Captain General, &ca, Mr. Watts, Mr. De Lancey, Mr. Reade, Mr. Morris, Mr. Smith, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Cruger.

The Petition of Stephen Van Renselaer of the Manor of Renslaerswyck in the County of Albany was presented to the Board and read. On reading whereof it is ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Council that the Petitioner do serve a Copy of his said Petition and of the Rates of Ferriage thereunto annexed, on the Corporation of the City of Albany and that the said Corporation if they have any objection to the grant of the Prayer of the said Petition be heard thereupon before this Board on Tuesday the eighth day of November next.

A true Copy, Ex<sup>t</sup> by

G. BANYAR, D. Se. Con.

Resolved by this Board that a Letter be sent unto Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jacob H. Ten Eyck & Philip Schuyler, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, at New York for to imploy Council in this affair and take such necessarise steps as shall be most safe for this Corporation.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a deed of Release to Joh<sup>s</sup> Douw of all manner of actions that may be brought against him by this Board relating to the Verrebergh.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 15th day of Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1768.

This day this Board agreed with Stephen Van Renselaer, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Lord of the Manor of Renselaerswyck about the Ferriages.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign the agreement made with the Patroon, Stephen Van Renselaer, and that the City Seal be affixed to the same in behalf with the Corporation and that the said agreement be delivered to the City Treasurer to be taken care of.



City Seal.

Articles of agreement indented and made on the fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1768, between the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany of the one part and Stephen Van Renselaer, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Lord of the Manor of Renselaerswyck in the County of Albany, as follows, viz :

Imprimus, That the said Stephen Van Renselaer for himself and his heirs in consideration of the sum of five shillings current money of New York doth covenant, grant and agree to and with the said Mayor, Alder-





men and Commonalty, their successors and assigns, that he the said Stephen Van Renselaer shall and will within three months after the date of Letters Patent heretofore granted or hereafter to be granted by the Crown under the Great Seal of the Province of New York or by the Governor of New York for the exclusive Right of all Ferriages in Hudsons River in the County of Albany from Bears Island to the Cohoes or any part thereof by such Conveyances, Ways and Means in the Law as they or their Successors Council shall reasonably advise well and sufficiently grant and convey, transfer and assure to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, their successors and assigns, to the exclusive right to all Ferriage and Ferriages and Liberty of landing, passing and repassing from the mouth of a certain Creek commonly known by the name of De Vysele Kill southward to the House lately belonging to Hutchin Holland on the south of the City limits and now in the possession of Mr. Henry Van Schaack, being about two miles & from the place on the East side of the River where Philip Carner the Pot baker now lives down the River to the house where the Widow Rebecca Lommus now lives together with one acre of Ground to be taken by said Corporation or their Successors in such Position as the Corporation shall think most convenient to them, joining to and on the north Bounds of John Van Renselaer, except the Priviledge of Landing with the Ferry Boat, or any part of the west side of River above north east Corner of the Land lately belonging to Jacob Tuenisse Van Woert, now in the Possession of Jacob Van Woert, Jun<sup>r</sup>, except also that the said Van Renselaer shall be at Liberty to ferry in his Craft all things belonging to him and his heirs. And the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty do also in consideration of the sum of ten shillings current money aforesaid, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Stephen Van Renselaer, his heirs and assigns, that they the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, their successors or assigns, shall and will within three days after the said assignment of the said Van Renselaer for the exclusive right of all Ferriages within the Stations aforesaid & the transferring one acre of Ground in manner aforesaid to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty and their successors & assigns transfer all their Right, Interest, Property, Claim and demand to all Ferriages throughout the whole County of Albany, except between the places aforementioned. And for the true performance of the Covenants and Agreements herein above mentioned the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty for themselves and their Successors and the said Stephen Van Renselaer for himself his heirs, executors and administrators do hereby mutually bind and oblige him & themselves to each other in the penal sum of two thousand pounds current money aforesaid firmly by these Presents. In Witness whereof to the one Part of these Presents the said Stephen Van Renselaer hath set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

S: V. RENSSELAER. [L. S.]

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Henry B. Ten Eyck,

Rich<sup>d</sup>: Cartwright.

Resolved by this Board that the City seal be affixed to a Certificate to the Patroon to all the Pretences the Corporation have to any rights of Ferriages within the Manor of Renselaer, Provided the afd articles of Agreement take place.

The Question being put and the opinion desired whether it whould be good to continue the City night watch under such rules as the same is now



established by the Ordinance of this City or send a Petition to the General Assembly of this Province for to have the sum of £250 raised by a City Tax to defray the Charges of a City night watch. Carried in the affirmative.

For the Affirmative—Peter Lansing, John Rooreback, Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Peter Ryckman, Nining Vischer, John N. Bleecker, John G. Lansing, John Ten Broock.

Negative.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 24th day of November, 1768.

Whereas a Petition from this Board to the General Assembly was read requesting an Act to be passed for raising a Sum of Money not exceeding £250 to keep the Night watch of this City by a Tax on the Inhabitants for one year. Resolved by this Board that the said Petition is approved of, and that the same be sent by the Clerk at first opportunity to the members of our City & County.

Resolved by this Board that the following accounts are allowed, and that the Clerk give an order on Treasurer for the payment of the same, viz :

|                             |         |       |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|
| One for Frederick Gerrison, | - - - - | £3:13 |
| Do for Peter Lansing,       | - - - - | 2:18  |
| Do for Philip Elsworth,     | - - - - | 7: 9  |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 5th Decr, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Francis Lansing for four pounds for a Bull.

Copy of a Letter sent to Jacob H. Ten Eyck, Philip Schuyler, & Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broock, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, at New York :

We have received Mr. Ten Broock Letter of the 23d ult<sup>o</sup>, desiring us to furnish you with Mr. De Peysters Affidavit concerning our Claim to certain Lands in the Mohawks Country; we therefore send you the same inclosed & Confidence your best Endeavours for our Interest, by order of Common Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 7th day of December, 1769[8?].

The following Persons are appointed Fire Masters for the year ensuing.

Peter V. Douw & Thomas Williams Junr, for the first ward.

Abraham Veeder & Abraham Eigh, for second ward.

Cornelius Cadmus & Wouter Quckenboss, for third ward.

Ordered by this Board that the warrant to directed to the above Persons, the Ordinance renewed for regulating the same, Vide Book of Ordinances.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Frans Winne & others on the north end of this City for five pounds, being for making a well.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the House of Richard Cartwright of the said City on Thursday the 8th day of December, 1768.

Resolved by this Board that the former deed given to Daniel Winne for the Ground lying in the Foxes Creek be destroyed at that a new one be drawn for a mistake in the Boundaries dated the day of 1768.



Resolved by this Board that a new one be drawn for the Ground to Daniel Winne and that the Mayor sign the same in behalf of this Corporation and that the City seal be affixed to the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 11th January, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk send an Order to the Treasurer to Putt up advertisements to warn all People who are indebted to this Board to pay the same on or before the tenth day of February next, and in case of Refusal to be prosecuted.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts :

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Rutger Bleecker,   | - - - - - | £13:16: 0 |
| Abr <sup>m</sup> W. De Peyster,                              | - - - - - | 2: 5: 0   |
| Michael Hann,  | - - - - - | 2:13: 0   |
| Abr <sup>m</sup> Bogert, Jun <sup>r</sup> ,                  | - - - - - | 6:16: 6   |
| Wouter De Rider,   | - - - - - | 1: 6: 0   |
| Jacob Lansing, Jun <sup>r</sup> & Jn <sup>o</sup> Ten Brook, | -         | 16:10     |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 30th day of January, 1769.

On a Question whether Mr. Hogs Letter to the Corporation offering his service to translate the Records, ought not to be answered. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk write to him in the name of the Corporation and acquaint him that this Board think they have not any occasion of him for that service.

The Corporation this day agreed with Benjamin Gable to be the Town Whipper at the Rate of twenty pounds  $\text{p}$  annum for that service, & if the Sheriff wants him to Execute any Person he is to perform that Service likewise, the Sheriff paying him therefore.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 31st January, 1769—Present, the Mayor, John H. Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, Peter Lansing, John R. Bleecker, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Rooreback, Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Brook, Jacob Lansing, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; John Fryer, John G. Lansing, Peter Ryckman, Nanning Vischer, John N. Bleecker, John Ten Brook, Assistants.

Resolved by this Board that all Persons born in this City of Albany shall have their Freedoms, each paying for the same two shillings and six, viz: One shilling for the Mayor, Recorder, or any three of the Aldermen, one shilling for the Seal and six pence for drawing.

This Board have this day agreed with John Wouter Groesbeeck for to let him have seven acres and one quarter of an acker of Ground. scituate, lying and being a Schatacock on the South side of a place called the Ossey Kloof, with a Quit Rent of three Schipple of wheat yearly & every year for ever. And also agreed with Direk Van Vechten for fifty-six acres of Land scituate, lying and being at Schatacock on both sides of the Road that leads to the River, viz, thirty-seven acres on the South side and nineteen on the North side with a Quit of six Schipple of wheat yearly and every year for ever.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 16th Febr<sup>y</sup>, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that a Warrant be issued ordering the Assessors of this City to assess, levy and cause to be collected the Sum of £250 on the Freeholders, Freeman, Inhabitants, Residents and Sojourners within the limits of this City, except those that live to the west of the Schey Bergie, according to an Act of the Governor, Council and General Assembly, entitled an Act to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City of Albany for the time being, or the major part of them, to order the raising a sum not exceeding £250 for the uses therein mentioned. Passed the 31st day of December, 1769.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 22 February, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Warrents directed to the Assessors be returnable by the fifth day of March next to Henry Bleecker, City Treasurer.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Conklin or his order for £20:18 New York currency, being an oversight which was neglected to give an order on the Treasurer some time past.

Resolved that the Clerk draw orders to pay the following acct<sup>s</sup>, viz :

|  |   |   |   |   |          |
|--|---|---|---|---|----------|
| Cornelius Swits acc <sup>r</sup> for   | - | - | - | - | £1:12: 0 |
| Cornelia Butcher for keeping the Publick Whipper ten weeks, a 6 <sup>Ɔ</sup> week, | - | - | - | - | 3: 0: 0  |
| Kellyan Winne acc <sup>t</sup> for   | - | - | - | - | 3:11: 9  |
| Tafta Stensil acc <sup>r</sup> for   | - | - | - | - | 0:10: 6  |
| William Van Antwerpe,  | - | - | - | - | 0: 8: 0  |
| Frans K. Winne acc <sup>t</sup> for  | - | - | - | - | 5: 6:10½ |
| Philip Reyley,   | - | - | - | - | 6: 0: 0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> for Johannis Grooesbeek,  | - | - | - | - | 0: 7: 0  |
| Harma Gansevoort,  | - | - | - | - | 0: 2: 6  |

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor order a Table to be made suitable for the Common Council room & to have the same covered with a green Ratteen or other green Cloth, and that the Mayor also order another Chimney to be made in the said Comon Council room.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 6th March, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Deed to Comfort Seever for a Lott of Ground lying in the second ward, bounded on the east, south & west by the streets and on the north by a Lott of Ground of ye said Comfort Seever, containing in bredth on the east & wes thirty-one feet five inches & in length on both sides one hundred and forty-two feet, all English measure.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts :

|   |   |   |   |         |
|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Richard Cartwright acc <sup>r</sup> for | - | - | - | £8:10:0 |
| Alida Pruyne,                           | - | - | - | 3: 9:6  |
| Volkert P. Douw, Esqr,                  | - | - | - | 23: 8:7 |

Henry Bleecker, Treasurer, informs this Board that the Assessors have





delivered him a list for collecting £250 for maintaining the Night Watch of this City.

Resolved by this Board that a warrant be served on the Collector to collect the same.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar whrite to the Creditors of this Corporation and inform them that unless they discharge their arrears they will be arrested within three days, and that he employ all the Attorney's equally.

Resolved that an Addition be made to the middle Wharf of eighty feet in length and thirty-two feet in breadth, and that Peter Lansing, Jn<sup>o</sup> Rooreback, John G. Lansing, Jn<sup>o</sup> Ten Broock, John N. Bleecker, Nanning Vissecher be a Committee to make proposals & endeavour an agreement with such Persons as will undertake to do the same & to report as soon as may be to this Board for their approbation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 16th March, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Simon J. Veeder for six shillings & eight pence, being a mistake in the former acc<sup>t</sup> delivered in to the Treasurar.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders to pay the following Acc<sup>s</sup> :

|                                   |   |   |   |   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------|
| John Rooreback acc <sup>t</sup> , | - | - | - | - | £1: 0:0 |
| Peter Jones,                      | - | - | - | - | 0: 2:9  |
| Nicholas Brewer,                  | - | - | - | - | 2: 2:6  |
| Peter Silvester,                  | - | - | - | - | 7: 2:6  |
| John McDonald,                    | - | - | - | - | 1: 6:0  |
| Abr <sup>m</sup> Defreest,        | - | - | - | - | 0:14:0  |
| John Horn,                        | - | - | - | - | 0: 6:0  |
| Gerrit Van Vranken, for           | - | - | - | - | 3:10:9  |
| Wouter Quackenboss, for           | - | - | - | - | 0: 3:6  |

A Petition being presented to this Board by Jacob Freligh for a small Peice of Ground lying in the Foxes Creek for a Tan Yard to the west of Jacob Ten Eyck's Lot, Resolved by this Board that the said Lot of Ground be sold at Publick Vendue on Saturday the 18th March inst. being in breadth on the north and south 50 feet and the same length the other Lots are sold, are with a Quit Rent of ten shillings yearly and every year for ever.

This day Thomas Hilton appeared before the Board and acquaints them that he is not able to pay for the Lot he had bought of the Corporation some time ago, lying to the south of the Presberterian Meeting House, which this Board considered & agreed to take back the same by assigning all his right on the back of the deed to this Corporation.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar take a Mortgage with a Bond of Barnardus Bratt for the sum he is indebted to the Corporation for the Lot of Ground lying in the Manor of Renselaer.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign the following deeds in behalf of the Corporation as soon as every Person has bought Lotts pay for the same and that the City seal be affixed thereto, viz :

Lot No. 3 to Philip Cuyler and contains in breadth on the north three Chains and thirty-eight Links and in the rear on the south three Chains



and thirty-eight Links, and on the east two Chains & eighty Links and on the west two Chains and seventy-five Links.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 to D<sup>o</sup> Philip Cuyler and contains in breadth on the north & south three Chains and thirty-three Links, and on the east two Chains and eighty-five Links & on the west two Chains & eighty Links.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 to Harry Monro and contains in breadth on the north and south three Chains and twenty-nine Links, and in length on the east two Chains and ninety Links and on the west two Chains and eighty-five Links.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 to John Williams and contains in breadth on the north and south three Chains and sixty Links, on the east three Chains and on the west two Chains & ninety-five Links.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 to William Waldrom & contains in breadth on the north & south two Chains, & on the east and west five Chains.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 to Staats V. Santvort the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 to William Zoble the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 to Jacobus Van Sante the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 to Harry Monroe the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 to Thomas Seeger and contains in breadth on the north & south two Chains and a half and in length on the east and west four Chains.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 to Daniel Matteson the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 to John Price the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 to Henry I. Bogert the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 to David Smith the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 to John Donalson the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 to Luykas Hoogekerk the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 to Marten Mynderse the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 to John Van Alen and contains in breadth on the north and south one Chain and in length on the east and west four Chains.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 to D<sup>o</sup> John Van Alen the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 to Charles Folliet the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 to James Bloodgood the same.

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 to James Dole the same.

Resolved by this Board that the four several Docks belonging to this Corporation be sold at publick Vendue on Saturday the 18th day of March ins<sup>t</sup> to the first day of January 1770. And also the Ferry leading from this City to Green Bush from the 4 April next to the first day of January, 1770.

This day this Board agreed with Comfort SeEVERS to make a Dock to range with the Middle Dock to the north thereof and to be eighty foot long and thirty-two feet in breadth, to be of the same proportion of materials as to Wood, Stone, Iron, Gravel & Ground as the Middle Dock and to be one foot higher, for which the Corporation is to pay £280. Seventy pounds whereof is to be paid when the Dock is half finished and the remainder when intirely finished.

COMFORT SEEVERS.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for three Schipple of wheat.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer sell one hundred Schipple of the City wheat at 3s. 4d  $\frac{3}{4}$  Schipple for ready cash to the Inhabitants of this City.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 18th March, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John R. Bleecker, Esqr, for £6:16 New York currency.



This day was sold at Publick Vendue the Ferry leading from this City to Green Bush to John Cortnay for the Consideration of the sum of £51 New York currency, to the first day of January next, upon Condition that he must have two Boats and proper hands to attend the same. Provided that he gives a sufficient Freeholder for the payment of the same by the first day of January next.

The four several Docks belonging to this Corporation were sold at Publick Vendue to John Van Volkenburgh for the Consideration of £66, Provided that he can give a sufficient Freeholder to become bound to the Corporation for the payment of the same by the first day of January next.

This day was sold at Publick Vendue the lot of Ground lying in Foxes Creek to Jacob Freligh for the sum of £10 with a Quit of ten shillings yearly.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar settle with Gysbert Merselis for the sum he is indebted to the Corporation by taking a Mortgage or Bond with a security, and if Mr. John Van Alen pays the one half of the sum he and Merselis are indebted to the Corporation then he is to discharge Van Alen for the Docks sold March 1767.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 20th March, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar settle with Marta Winne & Dirck Van Vechten and deduct three of the last years lease of the Saw mil at Schatacock.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 29th March, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurar to pay the following acc<sup>ts</sup>:

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| One D <sup>o</sup> for Wilhelmus Vandenberg, - - - | £7:14 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> for John J. Bleecker, - - -     | 8: 4  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> for Johannis Ouderkerk, - - -   | 2:14  |

This day this Board agreed with Nicholas Cuyler and John Beekman in behalf of the heirs of Abraham Cuyler, de<sup>d</sup>, for to give them a Quit Claim of thirteen Morgan of Land lying on the south side of the Mohawk's River at a place called Tennendoragah for the Consideration of £30.

Resolved by this Board that the Ferry from this City to Green Bush be sold at publick Vendue on Saturday the first day of April next, and whoever buys the said Ferry is to have a sufficient Freeholder immediately to become security to the said Corporation for the payment of the same by the first day of January next.

A Letter being presented to this Board from Co' P. Schuyler in behalf of Co' John Van Renselaer which was read, relating to the Ferry's on the East side of Hudsons River, upon which this Board came to the following Resolution, that they conceive the Ferry's to be an undoubted Right belonging to this Corporation and therefore resolve not to enter into any Contract whatsoever with Co' Renselaer about the same.

Resolved that Co' P. Schuyler be served with a Copy hereof.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 1st day of April, 1769.

Mr. Joseph Yates, Overseer of the City night watch, acquainted some of



the members of this Corporation that he had no sufficient Watchmen to guard the City, Resolved by this Board that the said Joseph Yates be discharged from watching till farther orders.

This day was sold at publick Vendue to Bernardus Brat the Ferry leading from this City to Green Bush for the Consideration of £31 New York currenecy, to commence from the 4th day of April ins<sup>t</sup> to the first day of January next.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 15th day of April, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Joseph Yates for services done in attending the City night watch as Overseer from the first day of May, 1766 to the first day of April ins<sup>t</sup>, being two years and eleven months at 45<sup>s</sup> £ per year, being £131:5:0.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar pay unto Egbert Bratt the sum of £6:6 upon Condition that the Treasurar finds any time hence that the said sum has paid unto his son John E. Bratt now dec<sup>d</sup>, then he is to return the same into the Treasurars hands.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Thomas Seeger for three Schipple of wheat and charge the same to his Account.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 24th day of April, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Quit Claim to Nicholas Cuyler, Abraham Cuyler, Harmanus Cuyler, Abraham Cuyler, Jacob Cuyler, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Catharine Cuyler, Anna Cuyler, Jannetie Cuyler and Hester Cuyler, and that the City Seal be affixed thereto in behalf of the Corporation for a Lot of Ground scituate, lying and being at a place called Tinnandora on the south side of the Mohawk's River, bounded as follows: All that certain peice of Land scituate, lying and being on the south side of Mohawk's River at a place called Tinnandrogise's Great Flatt, beginning by a small Creek or Cove of water that leads in the said River and from thence up along the said River to the westward four hundred yards more or less to a Creek by the land formerly claimed by Dominie Van Driesen, from thence to the southerd along the Creek to the hill or on the hill four hundred and fifty yards more or less, from thence east under and along the hill to the Creek or Cove five hundred yards more or less, from thence northerly along the Creek or Cove to the place of the Mohawk's River where it first begun five hundred yards more or less, containing about thirteen Morgan.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Isaac Swits for £1:4:8.

This Board this day agreed with William Hilton to make a Bridge over the Ruten Kill behinde the Lot of Ground of Stephen J. Schuyler for sum of £17 upon Condition that the Bridge is to be made good with sufficient Timber well hewed & when compleated then the Corporation are to view it and if not made according their directions then he is to alter the same according to their liking, which Bridge is to be in length thirty-two feet and the breadth to be seven foot and the hight six feet.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Thomas Seeger for £4:5 and to charge the same to his account.





This Board agreed with Alderman Yates to employ persons to level the Lot of Ground lying on Wouten Bergh next to the Lot of Mr. Isaac Swits for the sum of six pounds.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City the 29th day of April, 1769.

This Board this day agreed with John S. Quackenboss for to let him nine acres and a half of Land scituate, lying and being at Schatacook.

Resolved that a deed be drawn for the same with a Quit Rent of nine shillings yearly and every year for ever, and that the Mayor sign the same in behalf of the Corporation and that the City Seal be affixed to the same.

This day this Board agreed with Dirck Wool for to let him have six acres of Land lying at Schatacook during his life time & his wife, and after their death the same to come back again to this Corporation of Albany with the Improvements on the same.

Resolved by this Board that no Lands lying at Schatacook whatsoever be sold at private sale from this date and that an advertisement be put up accordingly.

Resolved by this Board that following Letter be sent to Mr. Van Ness at Schatacook:

By order of the Corporation of this City you are ordered to let Mr. Beecker make his fence where the old one is, and if you not comply with this request the Corporation will without any further notice measure your farm and you will be obliged only to have as much as is conveyed to you, and if Mr. Beecker has less Ground than is conveyed to him the Corporation Resolve to release to him the Ground behind your boundary, else the Ground you will have less than your measure shall be allowed behind your bondary.

Resolved by this Board that the Lot of Ground lying in the third ward of this City next to the Lot of William Ver Plank on the north side of Foxes Creek on the east side of the Road that leads from this City to the Patrons mills be sold at Publick Vendue on Wednesday the 3d of May next.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 3d of May, 1769.

This Board this day pospond selling the Ground lying in the third ward of this City next to the lot of William Ver Planck and to the north of the Road that leads to the Patroons mills untill further orders, having told both Defreest & Ver Plank that untill they two agree with each other neither of them or any other person shall have the Ground from the Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 5 June, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Peter De Wandelaer for £4:3.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 22d of June, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Comfort Severs for £70 New York currency, being in part of payment for making the dock in the third ward.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar



in favour of Comfort Severs for twenty-five Schipple of wheat at 4s. Ɔ Schipple & charge the same to his acc'.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurar sell all the City wheat at 4s. Ɔ Schipple to the Inhabitants of this City and is to let no one have more than six Schipple.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Thomas Seeger for £3:11:4 for cleaning the Comon Council room.

This Board appointed Aldermen Roreback to have the Road made to the south of the City Hall & the drain.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Thomas Seeger for three Schipple of wheat.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 28th day of July, 1769.

This Board appoints John R. Bleecker & John N. Blycker to be a Committee to agree with Comfort Severs to make the middle dock one foot higher and to get persons to fill up the same with Stone, Gravel and Iron work.

Peter Lansing and John Roreboach for the dock to the south of the City Hall.

John H. Ten Eyck, Ab<sup>m</sup> Ten Broock & John Ten Broock for the dock to the north end of the City.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurar to pay the following acc<sup>s</sup>:

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Frans Winne for - - - - £3:13:9

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Thomas Auston for - - - - 0:16:0

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Abraham Defreest for - - - - 5: 7:9

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Step<sup>n</sup> De Lancey for attending as Clerk two years at 16 Ɔ year & drawing several deeds for the Corporation. 61: 0:0

This Board agreed with Bastiaen Vischer for to keep in repair the road leading from this City to the Sand bergh for eight pounds a year, to comence from the 20th June last and is to keep it ten years in repair.

Resolved by this Board that the wheat belonging to this Corporation and now in the Treasurars store be sold unto Henry Bleecker at 4s. Ɔ schipple.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Thomas Seeger for six Schipple and charge the same to his Acc'.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 6 day of August, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurar to pay the following Acc<sup>s</sup>:

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of John Waters for - - - - £1: 4

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Garret Van Sante, - - - - 13:15

This day was sold to Gerrit P. Van Ness a peice of Land lying on the East of Schatacock in which is included a peice of Land formerly sold to John Knickerbacker and Nicholas Grooesbeeck, which they have again given up and resigned to this Board and contains thirty-six acres three Roods and twenty-five Perches, for the Consideration of twenty pounds and six Schipple of winter wheat yearly & every year for ever and that a deed be drawn for the same and the City seal be affixed thereto, and that the Mayor sign the same in behalf of this Board.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 28th of September, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts :

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| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Stephen I. Schuyler for a Bull for the City,   | £5: 0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Philip Lansing for   | 4:10  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Patrick Clark for making the road in the Pasture,  | 26: 0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Robert Lansingh for taking care of the fire Ingines, being for the year 1769,  | 5: 3  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Wilhelmus Vandenbergh for riding of Gravil with Horse & Cart,  | 3: 0  |
| One P <sup>o</sup> in favour of William Hilton for making the Bridge and finding the Materials for the Bridge behind the lot of Step <sup>n</sup> I. Schuyler, | 17:10 |

The Ordinance for making one Constable in each ward renewed until the 28th day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer give notice to all persons that are indebted to this Corporation to come and settle with him by given a Bond with Security or paying their Debts on or before the 30 Ins<sup>t</sup>, or else he is hereby ordered to give the Acc<sup>ts</sup> into the hands of all the Att<sup>ys</sup> of this City equal to be recovered by them in behalf of this Corporation.

Resolved by this Board that Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer in favour of John Boone for keeping Benjamin Gable the publick whipper 25 weeks at seven shillings a week.

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| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of James Dunneway for making the road on Frans bergh next to the Lot of Isaac Swits as <sup>per</sup> the agreement with the Corporation and Alderman Yates. | 6: 0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Paul Hoghstrosser for a Pump,   | 4: 0 |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 29th day of September, 1769.

This being the day appointed by Charter for electing of Aldermen, Comon Council and Constables, &c<sup>s</sup>, the following is the order in which they where elected and returned, viz :

First Ward—Peter Lansingh & John Roreback, Aldermen ; John Williams & Jacob Roseboom, Assistants ; Peter Hilton & John Wilkerson, Constables.

Second Ward—John R. Bleecker & Abraham C. Cuyler, Aldermen ; John N. Bleecker & Gysbert G. Marselis, Assistants ; Dirick Schuyler & William Reegle, Constables.

Third Ward—Abraham Yates, Jur, & Abram Ten Broock, Alderman ; John Ten Broock & John G. Lansingh, Assistants ; Benj<sup>n</sup> Hansen & Jacob Fonda, Constables.

Henry Bleecker is appointed Chaimberlan for the ensueing year.

Thomas Seeger is appointed Marshel for the ensueing year.

Jacobus Fonda is appointed High Constable for the year ensueing.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 14th day of Oct, 1769.

This being the day appointed by Charter for qualifying the yearly officers, viz :



Volkert P. Douw, Esqr, produced a Comission appointing Mayor of the City of Albany & Clarke of the Market and Coroner of the City and County of Albany, and was sworn in the due execution of his office.

Harmanus Schuyler, Esqr, produced a Commission appointing him high Sheriff the City and County of Albany and was sworn in the due execution of his office.

Peter Lansing & John Rooreback, Aldermen for the first ward.

Jacob Roseboom & John Williams, Assistants for d<sup>o</sup>.

John Wilkerson & Peter W. Hilton, Constables for d<sup>o</sup>.

John R. Bleecker & Abr<sup>m</sup> C. Cuyler, Aldermen for the second ward.

John N. Bleecker & Gysbert G. Marselis, Assistants for d<sup>o</sup>.

Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broock, one of the Aldermen for third ward.

John G. Lansingh, one of the Assistants for d<sup>o</sup>.

Benj<sup>n</sup> Hansen, one of the Constables for d<sup>o</sup>.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 26 October, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurar to pay the following Accounts :

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of John Cuyler for - - £0: 6:6

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of John N. Bleecker for - - 0:17:3

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Abraham C. Cuyler for - - 0:15:0

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of John R. Bleecker for - - 0: 8:0

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of John Ja. Beekman for - - 2:14:4

Also an order to be drawn in favour of Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esqr, for the sum of eighty pounds New York currency, being for moneys advanced by Alderman Yates for this Board and paid to Comfort Seevers for part of payment for making the addition to the middle dock according to an agreement made between him and this Board the 16th of March last.

Resolved by this Board that the Clark draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Henry Bleecker for ten pounds New York currency, being advanced & paid by him to Amos Hammer & James Lombis for making the road from Lansingborough to this City.

Mr, Abraham Douw produced an order drawn by Comfort Seevers on this Board for the sum thirty pounds to be paid to Mr. Douw.

Resolved by this Board that an order be drawn on the Treasurar in favour of Mr. Douw for the sum of thirty pounds & charge the same to the account of Comfort Seevers.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk send an order to Bastian Vischer for to make the road leading from this City to the Sand bergh according to an agreement made with him.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 3d November, 1769.

Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esqr, being sworn and qualified as Alderman for the City of Albany one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the City & County of Albany.

John Ten Broock sworn and qualified as one of the Common Council for this City.

This Board appoints the undermented persons as Fire Masters for the year ensuing :

Baltus Van Benthuyzen & Augustus Bostwick for the first ward.





Comfort Severs & Jacob Pruyn for the second ward.

Dirick Ten Broock & Volkert A. Douw for the third ward.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Nanning Vischer for £31:10:8.

Resolved by this Board that the undermentioned Ordinance be entred on the Minutes of Comon Council :

Be it ordained by the Worshipful Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of this City of Albany in Common Council this day convened, and be it ordained by the authority aforesaid, that the range of the Street running to the River between the Houses of S. William Johnson and the House of Gerrit Van Sante, Junr, the south side of the said Street shall range from the north west corner of said Gerrit Van Santes now dwelling by the Cow street with a stright line to the north west corner of the dwelling house of Wessel Van Schaick and so on the same range to low water mark on the River side, being a course south seventy-four degrees and thirty minutes east, and that the Street lying to the east of said Wessel Van Schaick now dwelling is to be in breadth from the north east corner of his said dwelling house twenty-eight feet Rynland measure on the above course of south seventy-four Degrees east, and the like breadth by the house formerly belonging to Ryer Gerritse wherein William Pemberton now lives, and so with a straight line from the east end of the said twenty-eight feet opposite the north east corner of said Van Schaick dwelling house to the east end of the twenty-eight feet opposite the said house where William Pemberton now lives in and to continue same range to the Street that runs to the River of the north of John the fifts Lansings dwelling house.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 27th November, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the well made by the neighbours living on Frans bergh be fenished with all that is to be done to it, and also that a pump be made in said well which this Board agrees to pay for.

The Ordinance renewed for all kinds of meat brought for sail within the limits of this City and to be in force from this date to the 25 January, 1770, viz : every lb of Mutten, Veal or Beef at 4½.

The Ordinance renewed for unruey riding from this date to be in force to the 27th Nov, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Comfort Seevers for £308:19:9 New York currency, being for making the addition to the middle doek and making the middle doek one foot higher and making the upper doek also one foot higher ; first you are to deduct the several payments already made by you in behalf of the Corporation, viz, the Order drawn by Comfort Seevers on this Board for the sum of thirty pounds, and also let him discharge the mortgage which you have taken in behalf of this Board, and also all such orders & money pay by you in behalf of this Board.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 9th day of December, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders to pay the following Accounts:

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| One in favour of Patrick Clark for                 | - | - | £31:2:0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Staats V: Santvoor | - | - | 3:5:3   |



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 11th day of December, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that Paul Hoghstroser pay unto James Bloodgood the sum of £25 New York currency, being for timber which said Paul Hoghstroser bought of the Corporation and that Bloodgoods receipt be his sufficient discharge.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 16th December, 1769.

Resolved by this Board that the following Letter be sent to the Members of the General Assembly of the City and County of Albany, now at New York :

Gen<sup>l</sup>—We enclose you the Petition of the Schoharry Inhabitants, which you will find is signed by the whole except only about six; they have shewn in general a great fondness to remain in our County. You have also enclosed the City Petition with To the Northward as far as Sarachotoga on the West side of the River, including Schatacook; we have not altered the Petition so as to agree with the act published in the papers of the last Session of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly because we think that the going from Aries Kill to the Head of the Delaware will not include all Schoharry and therefore we would chuse that the act should be altered so as to extend from Aries Creek or kill south thirty degrees west; we shall send you by the next post the Petition from Albany to the west Camp which is not yet come to hand. We have ordered the Express to keep his message secret untill he comes to you and then to receive your further orders.

Resolved that the Clerk of this Corporation sign the same in behalf of this Board.

This Board agreed with Henry Van Vechten for to go down to New York with the above Letter for which he is to have ten pounds New York currency.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 3d day of January, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw Orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts:

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| One in favour of John R. Bleecker for                             | - - | £1: 1:0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Jacob Bleecker, Ju <sup>r</sup> , | - - | 1: 0:0  |
| One in favour of Gerrit A. Lansing for                            | - - | 4:19:6  |
| One in favour of Thomas Hun for                                   | - - | 0:10:0  |
| One in favour of W <sup>m</sup> & Henry Staats for                | - - | 2: 5:0  |

This Board wants twenty-one Sober persons to keep the City night watch.

Resolved by this Board that an Advertisement be put that this Board wants twenty-one Sober persons to keep the City night watch and that they give their names to the Aldermen or Assistants of each ward on or before next Saturday who have a mind to serve as watchman.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of New Labanen being presented to the Board, which was read requesting this Board to make some provision for their assistance in making the Roads and Bridges from New Labanen to this City, which this Board took time to consider thereon. Resolved by this Board that Robert Bulless & Moses Jones be served with a Copy hereof.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 6th January, 1770.

This Board agreed with Joseph I. Yates to be the Overseer of the City night watch, for which this Board agrees to pay him two shillings a night.

This Board agreed with the following persons to keep the City night watch for one shilling and six pence to every person who shall watch under the directions of Joseph I. Yates :

Joseph Hagerman, James Miller, John Wilkerson, Jonathan Brook, Jur, James Smith, John Forster, John Armstrong, Thomas Hilton, Albartus Bloomendal, Philip Young, Patrick McGrigor, Robert Bruse, Richard Hickson, James Dunneway, Nicholas Druly, John Burges, John Flensburg, Peter Marshel, Obediah Van Benthuyesen, James Green, Henry Beesly.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerke draw orders on the Treasurar in favour of Wilhelmus Van Antwerpen for £1:18.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Philip Ryley for attending the Town Clock one year, £6.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 26th January, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that a Warrent do issue to the Assessors of the City of Albany to rate and tax all and every the Freeholders, Freeman, Inhabitants, Residents and Sojourners living within a half mile from the river living in the said City for £250 for to defray the Expenses of a night watch in this City.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of Thomas Seeger for one Beg of wheat or 3 Schipple and charge the same to his Acct.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 9th of February, 1770.

The Assessors of the City of Albany delivered to the Board an exact list of the rates and tax laid on the Freeholders, Freeman, Inhabitants, Residents and Sojourners in the City of Albany living within a half mile from Hudsons River to defray the Expenses of a City night watch.

Resolved by this Board that a Warrent do issue to the Collectors of the City of Albany for to collect the tax rated according to the Tax list delivered in to the Comon Council by the Assessors.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurar to pay the following Accounts :

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| Philip Elsworth for | £0:10:0 | Anthony Flensburgh, | £4: 0:6 |
| Jacob Hilton for    | 0:10:6  | Patrick Ryen,       | 2: 2:0  |
| Thomas Shipboy for  | 2: 9:0  | John Armstrong,     | 1:12:0  |
| David Smith for     | 0: 9:0  |                     |         |

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurar in favour of John Redteliff for three Schipple of wheat.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on the 14th March, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the City Treasurar to pay the following Accounts :



Levinus Dunbar for £10:16:3 Abraham Cuyler for £0:19:0  
 John Roseboom, Junr, 4: 0:6

A Petition being presented to the Board of Garret Van Bomel of An-quassihook in the County of Albany, Yeoman, requesting this Board to let him have the two Falls of Water situate & being in this County of Albany about four Miles to the East of Hudsons River on a certain Creek or Kill commonly called Tomhenick Creek, and the Lands adjacent to the said Falls for a Homestead & Pasture Ground.

Resolved by this Board that the said falls of Water with fifty acres of Land adjacent thereto be sold at Publick Vandue on the Premises for fifty years on Tuesday the fifteenth May next, & that an Advertisement be put up accordingly. Resolved also by this Board that the several small peices of Land will be sold at the same time at a Publick Vandue.

Resolved by this Board that the Income of the four several Docks be sold at Publick Vandue on Saturday the 17th day of March inst, at two o'clock in the afternoon to the first January, 1771.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for six Schipple of wheat.

Resolved by this Board that the Income of the Ferry leading from Yannoms Pat to the north of the City of Albany be sold at Publick Vandue on Saturday next for three years next comming.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Saturday the 17th day of March, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders to pay the following Acc<sup>s</sup>:

Henry Van Veghten for £10: 0:0 Teunis I. Vischer, £2:15:6  
 Wilhelmus Van Denbergh, 2:12:6 John Waters, 2: 0:0

This Board agreed with Tawis Auston for to let him have the Ferry leading from Yannoms Pat to the Upper Dock for three years, two shillings a year, the Rates to be as follows: Every man and horse 1s 3d., & every single person four Coppers and so in proportion.

This Board have this day at Publick Vandue sold the four several Docks to the first January next belonging to the Corporation for the Consideration of the sum of £66 New York currency, to be paid on or before the first day of January, 1771, to Abraham I. Yates, and John Williams be come bound with Mr. Ab<sup>m</sup> I. Yates for the payment for the same.

Resolved by this Board that a Bond be drawn.

This Board have appointed Pr Lansing, J<sup>n</sup> Roorback, Aldermens, and Mr. Williams & Mr. Roseboom, As<sup>ts</sup>, to be a Committe & see the Deeds of the Lot of the Widow Defreest & also see wether this Board can sell any Ground lying in the Rutten Kill & whether it would not be determinated to this Corporation. Ordered that they make Report to this Board.

Resolved by this Board that Aldermen Lansingh, Roorback and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Williams and Roseboom be a Committee to agree with persons to make an addition to the Dock below the City Hall to the north end of the said Dock & is to be in length 80 feet & in breadth 32.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany the 20th March, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph Yates as Overseer of the Night watch for the sum of forty pounds New York currency to pay the Watchmen for two months





each out of the money in your hands for to defray the Expence of the City night watch.

This Board agreed to let Thomas Lotteridge have the Ferry with the Widow Hansen as last year with Mrs. Ten Broock leading from the City of Albany to Green Bush for three years for thirty pounds a year & to make a Dock of about fourteen foot broad & so long as shall be necessary for the ferry Boats to come to for all Persons & Carriages to land conveniently, & as agreed to follow all such orders as the Corporation shall think proper to make from time to time & in default thereof to forfeit this Contract & in such case this agreement to become nul & void.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to sell one hundred Schipple of the City wheat at four shillings ꝑ Schipple.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 2d April, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John J. Bleecker for £1:3.

This Board this day settelled with Sarah McMichal, widow of Daniel McMichal, in full by witch he remained indebted to the Corporation the sum of £5:13.

This Board agreed to let Sarah McMichal have the House & Ground at the Verryberg for £4 ꝑ year for twenty-one years, & Resolved that a Deed be drawn & that the City Seal be affixed thereto, & that the Mayor sign the same in behalf of the Corporation.

This Board agreed with W<sup>m</sup> Vansante for to let him build his House in the Rutten Kill & to range with the House of Luykas Hoeghkerk.

A Petition of Ph: Elsworth being presented requested this Board for to let him have a small Lot of Ground next to the Lot of John Bone. This Board agreed to let Philip Elsworth have the Lot next to John Boones for forty pounds a year to be 25 feet broad & the length to the River.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 6th May, 1770.

This Board agreed with Levy Peas to make the Bridges and a Road from his house to Andries Michal to the City of Albany for the Consideration of forty pounds New York currency, which Road is to be made good for all Carriages to pass & repass & one half of the said sum of is to be paid by Alderman Ten Broock in behalf of the Widow Van Renselaer & the other half by the said Board.

Levy Peas applyed to this Board for assistance to make a Road from his House through Stephen Town to the House of Andries Michal.

Resolved that this Board will give 20£ to the Inhabitants of Stephantown or such of them as will undertake to make a good & sufficient Waggon Road & Bridges from the House of Levy Peas thro' Stephen Town to the House of Andries Michal along the Market Trees shewn to Mr. Marselis, & Alderman Ten Broock in behalf of the Widow Van Renselaer undertake to pay 20£ more.

This Board pospond selling the Ground at Scatacock to the 11 July next.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Saturday the 26th May, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph I. Yates for £100 New York currency out of the moneys in his hands for paying of the Watchmen of this City and that he render a proper account to this Board.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Hugh McKnab for £3:2.

Resolved by this Board that the Aldermen & Assistants have the Dreans made in the said ward & charge the same to the Board.

The Ordinance of selling of Meat by weight and the Prizes following,

viz :      Every lb of Meat at 4d.  
             Every lb of Lamb at 4d.  
             Every lb of Veal at 4d.  
             Every lb of Mutton at 4d.  
             Every head & pluck of a Calf, 1s. 6d.  
             Every head & pluck of a Sheep, 9d.  
             Every head & pluck of a Lamb, 6d.

To commence of the first day of June to the first of August, 1770.

Ordinance renewed for cleaning Streets, &c.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany the 30th June, 1770.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Michael Waggoner for eight shillings.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for six Schipple wheat and charge the same to his acc<sup>t</sup>.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Daniel Roberson for four shillings.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City the 30th June, 1770, P. M.

Resolved by this Board to see Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Livingston & Rich<sup>d</sup> Morris, Esq<sup>ts</sup>, & to have their Advice what is best to be done in regard to our Right by our Charter of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen setting as Justices in the Courts of Oyer & Terminer held for the City & County. After taking their advice,

Resolved by this Board that an Address shall be drawn by the said Gentlemen in conjunction to be presented to his Honour Lieutenant Governor informing him that the Justices of this Board were omitted in the Commission last sent up, which omission had raised a doubt in the Judges of the Supreme Court of our Right with a seat with them, & that as we are tenacious of our Rights desire that such an omission may not again happen.

At a Meeting of the Corporation at Schatacock on Wedny the 11th of July, 1770.

Sold the following Peices of Land :

To Gerrit Van Bomele the old Sawmill fall lying on Tomhanock Creek with ten or twelve acres of Land adjacent and as much more Land on the south side of said Creek as to make 50 acres in the whole for the sum of three pounds to be paid in hand and twenty-five Schipples of wheat a year.



the three first years free, from the date of the Deed for fifty years, and the Corporation promise there shall not be a Grist mill erected on the lower falls during the above term.

To Dr. Nicholas Young eighty-seven acres of Land where he now lives for twenty shillings in hand and fourteen Schipples wheat  $\frac{2}{3}$  annum for ever.

To Abraham Beecker a Peice of Land containing about two acres more or less, bounded as follows: bounded on the west by Tomhanock Creek, north on Land heretofore leased to said Ab<sup>m</sup> Beecker, on the east by the foot of the hill, on the south by Lewis Veeles for the sum of ten pounds one shilling, and eight shillings quitt yearly for ever, the Road always excepted.

To Peter Veale a Peice of Land containing seven acres and a half, for ten pounds in hand and one Schipple of wheat a year, bounded as will appear by Nanning Visgers Map.

To Peter Benoway a Peice of Land containing seven acres and a half, for ten pounds in hand and one Schipple of wheat a year, beginning at Andries's Canoe bridge and bounded as will appear by Nanning Visgers Map.

To Simon Defreest a Peice of Land containing sixty acres, for ten Schipples of wheat a year and bounded as  $\frac{2}{3}$  Nanning Visgers Map.

To Joh<sup>s</sup> Knickerbaker all the Land which has not heretofore been sold or released by the Corporation of Albany lying on the east side and adjoining to Hudsons River, within the following bounds, viz: Beginning at a marked white oak Tree standing on the north east corner of a Parcell of Land, being the northermost Parcell of Land of him the said Joh<sup>s</sup> Knickerbaker lying near the River & to run from the said Oake Tree westerly along the said Parcell to the River, then southerly along the said River to the north bounds of the Land released by the said Corporation to Lewis Van Antwerp, then easterly along said Van Antwerps Lands to the Land heretofore released to John Knickerbaker, then southerly along the western bounds of the last mentioned Land to the south west corner thereof, then easterly along the said mentioned Land to on the edge of the first hill there, then northerly along the edge of said hill to opposite the said Oake Tree the place where it first began, and then to said Tree, for which the said Knickerbaker is to find the said Corporation and their Successors with Meat, Drink and Lodging once a year at his House at Schactacook.

To James Burris about thirty acres of Land, beginning 100 yards from Cap<sup>t</sup> Van Veghtens Land, and including the place where he now lives, lying on the south side of the road and during the term of his and his wives life for one Schipple of wheat a year, the first payment to be made the first of January 1774.

To Jacob Fort a Peice of Land containing 50 acres for seven Schipples of wheat a year, bounded as will appear by Nanning Visgers Map.

To Peter Yates about seventy-nine acres of Land lying between two Creeks and adjoining his Land, as will appear by Nanning Visgers Map, for eight Schipples of wheat a year.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 4th of July, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Price for twelve Schipple of wheat.



Resolved that the Clerk give an order on the Treasurer in favour of Rob<sup>t</sup> Lansing for £6:9:9.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany the 9th of July, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Flensburgh for four pounds for keeping two Bulls.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for selling one hundred Skipple of the City wheat at 4s. 3<sup>d</sup> Skipple.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 21st July, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following Account : Abraham Veeder for £0:12.

Resolved by this Board that the following Address enclosed in a Letter to Mr. Anthony Ten Eyck at New York to be delivered to the Honourable Cadwallader Colden, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Lieutenant Governor in and over the Province of New York, &c.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany :

May it please your Honor, we the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of Albany now attend your Honor with an Address upon a matter which we conceive to be of the utmost importance to the preservation of the Liberties, Priviledges, Rights & Immunities of our Corporation. The cause of our troubeling your Honor at this time will appear from the following Facts.

Firstly, that by the Royal Charter of King James the Second, dated the twenty-second day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, the Mayor, Aldermen & Assistants of the City of Albany were Incorporated by the name of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of Albany.

Secondly, that his said Majestys among other things did in and by the said Royal Charter grant to the said City of Albany & their Successors for ever, that the Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen of the said City shall always be, so long as they shall continue in their respective offices, Justice of the Peace for the said County & as such shall and may sit in the Courts of Sessions or County Courts & Courts of Oyer & Terminer that shall from time to time be held & kept in the said County.

Thirdly, that in the late Commission of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal Delivery for the County of Albany. dated the 25th of May last only two of the members of the said Corporation are named, we therefore flatter ourselves that the omission of the names of so many of the members of our Corporation in the last Commission of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal Delivery for the County of Albany arose rather from a mistake in the Clerks at the Public Offices than from design, however least the same should pass into a President we have taken the earliest opportunity to represent the matter to your Honor. and to desire that you will give directions to the proper Officers that such mistake may be avoided for the future.

We assure your Honor that our Duty as Guardians of the Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Rights and Immunities of this Corporation is the only motive that has induced us to give your Honor the Trouble of this Address.





At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 13th day of August, 1770.

The following is an Answer of the Lieutenant Governor Colden to the Corporation an Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany complaining that all, except two of the members of their Corporation (who by the Charter have Seats in the Court of Oyer and Terminer for the County of Albany), were omitted in the last Commission of Oyer & Terminer for the County, having been presented to the Lieutenant Governor by Mr. Ten Eyck the Governor was pleased to declare in answer thereto that he had not given any particular directions whatsoever relative to the last Commission of Oyer & Terminer for the County of Albany. That when he sealed the Commission he did suppose & made no doubt it was in the usual term, that he is very sorry it was otherwise; & believes it solely owing to an omission of the Clerks, nothing being more remote from the Lieutenant Governors intentions then to do anything prejudicial to the Liberties, Rights & Priviledges of the City of Albany. August 7th, 1770.

The above Answer to your Address to the Lieutenant Governor Cadwallader Colden, Esq<sup>r</sup>, was delivered by his Honor's own hand to Gentlemen,

Your most obedient, humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

Flushing, August 7th, 1770.

ANTHONY TEN EYCK.

Resolved that the following Letter be sent to Anthony Ten Eyck at New York :

Your favour of the eight ins<sup>t</sup> was this day laid before the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of Albany; I am ordered in their name to thank you for your very faithfull services, to inform you that they have directed Mr. Fryer not only to reimburse you for the Expence you have been at, but also to pay you for the trouble the Corporation has taken the Liberty to you. I am Sir, your humble Servent.

Mr. Yates left the Board.

Resolved by this Board that this Board will on Friday the        day of August at 3 of the clock in the afternoon at the Foxes Creek and settle the Ground with Adam Yates, Joh<sup>s</sup> Pruyn, Cathaline Groosbeeck, lying on the south side of the Creek. Ordered that they be served with a Copy hereof.

A Petition of Thomas Lansing & several others Inhabitants of the first ward in the following manner, and several other reasons being offered to the Board,

Resolved by this Board that Philip Elsworth can not have the Ground according to the Resolution of the 13th April, 1770, & that this Board Resolve not to let the Ground to any person.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Fryday the 17th day of August, 1770.

A Petion of the Butchers of the City of Albany being presented to this Board and read, setting forth for this Board to alter the prizes of meat sold in the Publick Markets in this City.

Resolved by this Board that this Board will not alter the Regulations of the meat already established by them. Ordered that the Butchers be served with a Copy hereof.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 7th day of Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Abraham Roseboom for the sum of £1:11:9.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on Thomas Seeger for six Skipple of wheat.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer sell 200 Skipple of wheat at 4 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Skipple to pay Leavy Pease £20, for Road out of the first money that comes to his hands; and also to pay John Price & Stephen Van Schaick £80 out of the first money; Treasurer to be served with the above order.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer give a List of such persons as have bought at Vandue & not taken their Deeds for Lotts of Land in the City in order that they may be notified that unless they come & take their Deeds within eight days that they will be dispossessed & the Lotts sold.

Gerrit Van Zante to have 30 Skipple on account.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Deed to G V B for the falls at Schoctecock for the term of fifty years in behalf of the Corporation.

Resolved by this Board that Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Abr<sup>m</sup> Cuyler & Messrs. Jn<sup>o</sup> Williams & Guysbert Merselis, Jn<sup>o</sup> G. Lansing & Jn<sup>o</sup> Roorback be appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurers acct<sup>s</sup> & that they give an estimate of the same before the 21st of this month to this Board.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 10th Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Abraham C. Cuyler for £1:11.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 29th Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1770.

This day being appointed by Charter for electing of Aldermen, Assistants & Constables for the said City, the following is the order in which they were elected and returned, viz :

First Ward—Peter Lansing & John Roorback, Aldermen; Jacob J. Roseboom & Gerrit V. Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Assistants; John Wilkerson & Daniel Marshel, Constables.

Second Ward—Abraham C. Cuyler & Guysbert G. Merselis, Aldermen; Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne & Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Assistants; Dirck Schuylder & William Regle Constables.

Third Ward—Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Aldermen; John G. Lansing & John Ten Broeck, Assistants; Andries Abeel & Cornelius Brewer, Constables.

Henry Bleecker is appointed City Chaimberlain; Thomas Seeger is appointed Marshel; John Wilkerson is appointed High Constable.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Sunday the 14th day of October, 1770.

This being the day appointed by Charter for qualifying the yearly officers, &c<sup>a</sup>,

Mr. Abraham C. Cuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission under the Great Seal of the Province of New York, appointing him Mayor & Clerk of the



Market of the City of Albany & Coroner of the City & County of Albany and took the Oaths appointed by Law.

Mr. Henry Ten Eyck, Jun<sup>r</sup>, produces a Commission under the Great Seal of the Province of New York, appointing him High Sheriff of the City & County of Albany & was sworn to the duty of his office.

Peter Lansugh & John Roorback, Aldermen for the first ward.

Jacob Roseboom, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & Gerrit Van Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Ass<sup>s</sup> for D<sup>o</sup>.

John Wilkerson & Daniel Marchel, Constables for D<sup>o</sup>.

Guysbert G. Merselis, one of the Aldermen for the second ward.

Jeremiah V. Renselaer & Cornelius V. Schelluynne, Ass<sup>ts</sup> for D<sup>o</sup>.

William Regle, Constable for D<sup>o</sup>.

Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Aldermen for the third ward.

John G. Lansing, Ass<sup>s</sup> for D<sup>o</sup>.

Andries Abeel & Cornelius Brewer, Constables for Do.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 15th day of October, 1770.

Whereas Abraham C. Cuyler was returned as one of the Aldermen for the second ward & produced a Commission appointing him the present Mayor of the City of Albany and Clerk of the Market & Coroner of the City & County of Albany, and the second ward stands unrepresented for an Alderman,

Resolved by this Board that the election for electing of one Alderman for the said second ward be held to Morrow at one of the clock in the afternoon by the Alderman of the ward and that he make his return thereof.

Resolved unanimously that for the future the whole Board set regularly at the table according to the Regulations put up by the Members of the Board now in Common Council assembly.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 5th November, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph I. Yates as Overseer of the City night watch the sum of fifty pounds New York currency out of the Monies in his hands to pay the watch men of.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Radclif for five pounds for ringing the Bell for the last year, first deduction the payment already made by you to him.

This Board appointed Alderman Roorback and Alderman Yates and Mr. Renselaer to be a Committe to draw up an Address to be presented to the Governor.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany in Common Council Assembled, that the Men for the time being shall for the time herein after limited ferry all Cattle from Greenbush.

John R. Bleecker, Esq<sup>r</sup>, being sworn as a Alderman for the City of Alb<sup>y</sup>.

John Ten Broeck being sworn as a Common Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Friday the 10th of November, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the following acc<sup>ts</sup> be allowed :

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| Phil <sup>p</sup> V. Vactens | £5: 0 | John Radcliff, | £0:16 |
| Own Bennets,                 | 0:16  |                |       |



Resolved by this Board that the following Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, to be forwarded by the Mayor to Whitehead Hicks, Esq<sup>r</sup>, at New York.

To his Excellency the Right Honorable John, Earl of Dunmore, Captain General & Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor & Vice Admiral of the same, &c<sup>a</sup>, &c<sup>a</sup>.

May it please your Lordship, we his Majesty's most dutifull & loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Albany in Common Council conveyed, beg leave to congratulate your Lordship on your safe arrival to this Government to the cheif Comand of which our most gracious Sovereign hath been pleased to appoint you.

The City of Albany my Lord, the most ancient Settlement of this Corporation in this Colony would be wanting in Gratitude of Duty if we did not embrace the earliest oppurtunity of assuring your Lordship of our best Effections to our most gracious Sovereign in appointing a person of our Lord ship elevated station & rank to presende over us. The Honour his Majesty's has thereby considered on us together with your Lord ship acceptance thereof we hope will be ever deserved & gratefully acknowledged and we make not the least doubt but that the Rights, Privilidges & Immunities of our City as granted by Charter will be inviolable preserved, and your Lordship may rest assured that nothing in our Power shall be wanting to render your administration happy.

By order of Common Council.

Albany, November 9th, 1770.      STEP'N DE LANCEY, C & Clerk.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 21st November, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts :

|               |         |                  |        |
|---------------|---------|------------------|--------|
| Robert Bruce, | £0:16:0 | Isaac Fryer,     | £1:2:9 |
| Michael Hann, | 0:19:0  | Benjamin Hilton, | 6:5:0  |

A Petition of Bartholomew Anthony being presented to the Board setting forth for this Board to grant him the Petitioner about one hundred acres of Land at Schatacoock to the south of the Saraghtoga Line on the north of the Creek & to the west of Peter Benneways Land. Resolved by this Board that they will grant him the said Petitioner the Land under the same conditions as Peter Benneway has his Land from the Corporation.

This Board appoints Aldermen P. Lansing, Guisbert G. Merselis, Jeremiah Van Renselaer & John G. Lansing, Ass<sup>s</sup>, as a Committee to draw up all necessary things to be delivered to the City & County Members.

Resolved by this Board that the Clarke draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Acc<sup>ts</sup> :

|                    |        |                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Gerrit Van Vranke, | £8:0:1 | Gerrit A. Lansing, | £0:8:6 |
| Gerrit Van Vanke,  | 1:4:6  |                    |        |

The following persons being appointed Fire Masters for the ensuing year.

Daniel Husten, Jun<sup>r</sup> & John Hilton for the first ward.  
Teunis H. Visher & Peter Schuyler for the second ward.  
Elbert Willet & John J. Visher for the third ward.

The Ordinance renewed for making of freeman for the City of Albany.  
Resolved by this Board that the City Treasurer get 144 Copies of the





City Charter printed in Quarto and that he pay the Costs of printing to the printer out of the Corporation money.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 28th November, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerke draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts :

Thomas Hun, £0:14:0 Staats Van Santvoort, £6:3:2½

Resolved by unanimously by this Board that the followin Instruction be given to the County members.

A Question being put by the Mayor and the opinion desired to the Board to get an act to oblige John Stevenson, son of the late James Stevenson, Esqr, deceased and late Treasurer of this City and County, to render an account and deliver the Books of this City and County Treasurer into the Hands of the Supervisors for the time being with the money due thereon. Carried in the affirmative.

For the Affirmative, the whole Board except P. Lansing.

Resolved by this Board that the above Instructions be given to the County members.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 7th Decr, 1770—Present, Abraham C. Cuyler, Esqr, Mayor, John Ten Eyck, Esqr, Recorder, Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Junr, Guisbert G. Marselis, Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, John R. Bleecker, John Roorbach, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; Jacob Roseboom, Gerrit Van Sante, Junr, Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne, Jer<sup>s</sup> Van Renselaer, John Ten Broeck, John G. Lansing, Assistants.

This Board being informed that some people near Schatacock have cut several Saw Loggs and other Timber within the Bounds of Schaeticoek and without leave of this Board,

Resolved by this Board that Aldermen Bleecker and Marselis and Mr. Van Renselaer, or any two of them, be appointed a Committe and go to Schaeticoek with all convenient speed and have the Bounds of the Saraghtogé purchase and the other lines of Schaeticoek survey and see if any saw logs are cut within the Bounds of Schaeticoek, and that they take all necessary steps on behalf of this Board and make report accordingly.

This Board Resolved to recommend Jeremiah Van Renselaer to be the Inspector of Pot and Pearl ash. This Board Resolves to recommend John H. Roseboom of the City of Albany, Baker, to be the Inspector of Flower.

Resolved by this Board that an Act be passed for raising the sum of £250 by Tax upon the Estate real and personal lying and between within the said City.

Mr. Douw the late Mayor produces an account of freedoms and other perquisites whereby their remains a Balance in favour £85:18:5½ coming to this Board. Resolved that he pay the same to the City Treasurer.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 11th December, 1770.

Resolved unanimously by this Board that all persons that are any way indebted to this Board by bond, note or book Debt are desired to pay the



same on or before the first of January next and that an advertisement be put up accordingly or else it will be put in the hands of an attorney.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 17th of Decr, 1770.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order to pay the following acct to Luykas Hogecker for £8.

This Board being informed that Dirck Van Veghten, Henry Van Beuren, — Viele, Peter Yates, Dirck Van Veghten the younger on the land at Schacticoek have cut several saw logs, and John Hansen, Carol Toll, Cornelius W. Van Denbergh and Wynant Van denbergh have also cut saw logs at Schacticoek on the land claimed by the Corporation.

This Board have appointed Aldermen Marselis and Mr. John G. Lansing to go to Schacticoek with two able hands and are to get all the saw logs rid away or cut to peeces if they will not agree with the said Committe in behalf of this Board and this Board agrees to pay all the expences attending the said Committe.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on Thursday the 3d of January, 1771.

John Fosters acct allowed, £1:16.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk copy the following lett<sup>r</sup> and send it Mr. Ten Eyck and sign it in behalf of the Corporation.

We are apprehensive that at some future election for Representatives for the City & County of Albany it may be intended upon that the free holders having estates in the Manors of Renselaer and Livingston and the Township of Schonectady will intend to vote for the two Members for the City and County of Albany which appears to us to be unreasonable and should it be attempted might be attended with a great deal of Disinstance, we therefore desire you to move of Representatives for an act to have it explained and that those freeholders unless they have freehold in the County exclusive of their lying in the said Manor Township may be precluded from having votes or elections for Representatives for the said City and County; it might also be of service could it be provided for, that the Inhabitants living to the north of Betton Kill (by a former said to the uppermost Bounds of the County of Albany) be by act obliged to chuse Assessors of City Taxes which now do not.

This Board having taken in consideration the Petition of Anthony Ryler agree to let him have the House and Lott wherein Adam Dornbergh lives for £3:4 a year, beginning the first of April next, to pay one half the rent down and the remainder at the expiration of the year.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on Tuesday the 22d January, 1771.

Allowed John N. Bleeckers acct<sup>s</sup>, £1:2.

James Albets acct<sup>r</sup> for mending y<sup>r</sup> Clock allowed £4:11.

This day agreed with Ja<sup>s</sup> J. Albet to keep the Town Clock in order for £6 <sup>p</sup> annum.

The Board having in consideration the willfullness of having a Bridge near the fall of the Cahoes or thereabout come to the following Resolution :

Resolved that is the unanimous opinion of this Board that it is practicable to be done, & that considering the Inconveniences the Inhabitants and



Travellers are under at certain Seasons of the year, we conceive that it will be of great use to have a bridge about that place & well worthy the Legislators considerations.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board enclose a Copy of this Resolution in a Letter to the Members for the County of Albany. We the Mayor, Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Albany do certify and declare that we conceive that the erecting of a Bridge below the Cahos will greatly tend for the benefit & conveniency of the publick & will in particular encourage the Settlements to the Northward of the said Bridge.

Alderman Lansing moves this Board that the Doors be kept open agreeable to regulations, which the Board agree to and appoint Mr. Peter Lansing, Jeremiah Van Renselaer & John G. Lansing a Com<sup>ee</sup> to fix upon the same Regulations and that they make a report by next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Alderman Bleecker it is Resolved by this Board that the first Monday in February next is appointed for receiving of acct<sup>s</sup> and so Quarterly, and that no acct<sup>s</sup> will be received at any other times or meetings.

On motion of the Mayor it is resolved that no person leave the room without liberty.

Resolved that Mr. Henry Bleecker, Chamberlain, deliver an acct current to this Board at their next Meeting and that he also brings a list of the debts due to the City.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 4th Febr<sup>y</sup>, 1771,

The Comitte appointed by the Corporation the 22d day of January, 1770, report to the Board that they have according to resolution of s<sup>d</sup> Board examined the book of acct<sup>s</sup>, rents rolls, &c<sup>s</sup>, and find them as follows: that there is balance due from the City Chamberlain in favour of the Corporation to the twenty-seventh of Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1770, the sum of £13:16:8½, and that there is due to this Board from sundry persons as f<sup>o</sup> acct the sum of £737:17:6½, 1196 Schipple of wheat, 79 fowls, and in store 317 Schipple of wheat; and the Committe in looking over said acct<sup>s</sup> of the City Chamberlain find that there is due to different people the sum of £248:18:2.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor be one of the Committee, that he in behalf of this Board certify the said settlement in the City Chamberlains book.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Flansbergh for £5:5 for hay for keeping the Town bulls.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the City Chamberlain to pay the following acct<sup>s</sup>:

|                                   |         |                        |        |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|
| Robert Bruys for                  | £1: 4:0 | Killyan Winne          | £6:1:6 |
| John McDonald for                 | 1:16:0  | Jeremiah Van Renselaer | 4:5:6  |
| Peter Hilton for                  | 0:10:0  | John G. Lansing        | 3:4:0  |
| Killyan Winne for                 | 0:18:0  | John Jacob Lansing     | 1:1:3  |
| John Wilkerson & Daniel Marshall, | 0:12:0. |                        |        |

Resolved by this Board that Gerrit Van Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and Jacob Roseboom be Committee to get a new well made near the Widow of William Fryer, deceased, and charge the same to this Board.

Resolved by this Board that the Aldermen and Ass<sup>rs</sup> of the second ward get the Pumps and Sisterns made in the s<sup>d</sup> ward and charge the same to the Corporation.



On a Debate whether seniority in office or in years is to be preferred in setting at the Board, the Question was put :

Six for seniority in years. Five for sen'y in office.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger £15 in a year for services of Marshel.

Resolved by this Board that a Warrent be issued to the Assessors for to assess and lay a Tax upon the estate real and personal of all and the free holders, freeman, inhabitants, residents and sojourners lying and being within the said City for raying a sum not exceeding the £250 for to defray the expence of a City night watch.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor attend the Supervisors at their next setting to treat with them about the maintenance of the Publick Whipper at £25  $\text{p}$  annum.

At a Comon Council held this 22d day of Febr'y, 1771.

Mr. John G. Lansing produce a Letter from Simon Van Antwerp informing that he is sued for cutting the Logs of Cor<sup>s</sup> Van Den Bergh by order of this Board.

Resolved that the said Gusbert Marselis and John G. Lansing fee P. W. Yates to assist them and that they repair to the Justice who sued said Simon, and gave in a Plea of Justification and Title in the name of this Board, and if required to enter in Recognizance to maintain their right or take such other steps as they shall juge necessary.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on Thursday the 28th of February, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk give an order on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph I. Yates for £28:19:6.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw a warrant and give it to the Collector for collecting the money for the City watch.

Resolved by this Board that Henry Bleecker, Chamberlain, be appointed to receive and pay out the money collected for the City watch without any fee or reward.

Resolved that the Clerk give an order to Thomas Seeger & John Radly for a bag of wheat each.

A Petition of Peter Winne of Schaetiicock for about twenty acres of Lan<sup>d</sup> being laid before this Board it is resolved that the same be taken in consideration at the next Meeting.

Resolved that P. Lansing, John Roorbach, Gar<sup>t</sup> Van Sante and Jacob Roseboom be appointed a Committee for examining the Records for Title Ground now posses<sup>d</sup> by sundry people.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 14th March, 1771—Present, the Mayor, John Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, Peter Lansing, John Roorbach, Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Broeck, Guysbert Merselis, Jur<sup>r</sup>, Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob Roseboom, Gerrit Van Sante, Jeremiah V. Renselaer, Cor<sup>s</sup> N. Scherluynne, John G. Lansing, John Ten Broeck.

A Petition of John Davis of the City of Albany, in the following manner. Resolved that the same be taken in consideration.

Resolved by this Board that the four several Docks belonging to this Board be sold at Publick Van Due on Saturday the sixteenth ins<sup>t</sup> at ten





of the Clock in the Morning and that an advertisement be put up accordingly.

A Petition of Elisha Benedict being presented to the Board and read requesting this Board for to appoint him Marshel, which this Board takes into consideration.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Readteliff for three Schipple of wheat for attending this Board as Marshel.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Deed to the Rector, Inhabitants of the City of Albany in the County of Albany in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, and that the City Seal be affixed to the same.

On a Debate whether seniority in office or years is to be preferred in setting at the Board, the Question being put :

For Seniority in office.                      6 For Seniority in years.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 16th March, 1771.

This day was sold at Publick Vandue to the highest bidder the four several Docks belonging to this Corporation, to John Price for the consideration of eighty pounds to the first day of January, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that John Davis have a Lott to the south end of Kilbes store of thirty foot front for fifteen years, with a Quit rent of six shillings yearly.

No Veal to be sold the Hind Quarter of which does not weigh 10lb, under the penalty of 10s. for any Quarter; all Veal above 10 and less than 12lb the hind Quarter to be sold at three pence; from 12 to 14 to be sold at 4d; from 14 and under 16lb for 4½; from 16lb and upwards at 5d a lb.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 2d April, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk is to draw an order on the Treasurer that he is to sell one hundred Skipple of the City wheat at 4s. 6d ¾ Skipple and he is not to sell more then three Skipple to one person.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for three Skipple of wheat on account.

Resolved by this Board that a Letter be sent to William Prenturp for to come down and agree with the Corporation if he can undertake to bring live Salmon into Hudsons River.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Joseph I. Yates as Overseer of the City night watch for the sum of £57 out of the money in his hands for defraying the charge of the watch.

Resolved by this Board that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jeremiah Van Renselaer, John G. Lansing & Gerrit Van Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup>, be a Committee to draw proposals for to keep the City night watch more regular, and also for to have lamps fixt in this City and that they give in their proposals next meeting.

Resolved by this Board that Aldermen Yates, Roorbach and Merselis be a Committee to examine the new Printed Charter with the original one and make report to this Board next meeting.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 5th April, 1771.

An Ordinance for the obtaining Cullers of Staves, Heading and Hoops, its unanimously agreed that Peter Jones, Isaac Verplanck & Patrick Farguson are appointed to that office.

Resolved by this Board that the money raised by a Tax for establishing a regular night watch, and the present manner of watching is thought not to be so good as it will be if the City is furnished with 20 lamps to be placed at convenient places, and that six persons be appointed, two of which are to watch every 3d night according to the Regulations drawn up, it is resolved that Mr. John G. Lansing shall get the same made & set up.

This Board have appointed William Van Sante, Benjamin Hilton, Cornelius Van Deusen, Direk Schuyler, Peter Veeder & Obadiah Cooper to be the watchmen for the City of Albany according to the following Ordinance.

This Board have appointed Aldermen Roorbach & Merselis & Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Ten Broeck to be a Committee to draw up an Ordinance for culling of Staves.

Resolved by this Board that three feet to the north end of the Mason Lodge be granted to Samuel Stringer for the consideration of and that a Deed be drawn for the same in behalf of the Corporation and that the City Seal be affixed for the same.

The Assize of Bread. A white Loaf of the finest Flower to weigh one pound ten oz. for four Coppers; D<sup>o</sup> of D<sup>o</sup> to weigh 12 oz. for two Coppers.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 11th day of April, 1771.

A Law to appoint and regulate the culling of Staves, Heading and Hoops.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 25 April, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Flansburgh for twelve shillings and four pence for feed for the Bulls.

Resolved by this Board that Alderman Roorbach, Mess<sup>rs</sup> John G. Lansing, Gerrit Van Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup>, be a Committe to get Timber for Post for the north ends of the three Docks for to keep the Ground of the three several Docks of this Corporation.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 5th May, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer sell 150 Skipple of the City wheat at 4s. 6d  $\frac{3}{4}$  Skipple and not to sell more than three Skipple to one person.

Resolved by this Board that Bastian Visher have the Road made leading from this City to Sandbergh according to agreement on or before tenth day of this instant.

Resolved by this Board that the City Chaimberlain furnish each of the Members of this Board with one of the printed Copies of this City Charter.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 10th of May, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts :

|                              |         |                    |          |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|
| Guysbert Merselis, Junr, for | £9:15:9 | Barent Ten Eyck,   | £33:15:0 |
| Dirck Wool for               | 0: 6:0  | Adrian Bradt,      | 1: 4:0   |
| John De Peyster,             | 1: 0:0  | Simon Van Antwerp, | 1: 2:0   |
| Wilhelmus V. Antwerpe,       | 2:12:6  | John Waters,       | 2: 0:0   |
| Casparus Pruyne,             | 5: 9:3  | James Young,       | 1: 5:0   |

Resolved by this Board that an advertisement be put up that all persons who are any way indebted to this Corporation by bond, note or book Debt, or any way indebted for Ground bought at Publick Vandue or for rent are desired to make payment on or before the 18th day of this ins', or else the City Chaimberlain is ordered to put in their different accounts in the hands of all the Attorneys to be equally divided without any farther notice.

One Bag of wheat for Thomas Seeger.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 16th May, 1771.

White Loaf of finest flower to weigh 1lb 8 oz. for four Coppers.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Comfort Severs for £4:4. D<sup>o</sup> in favour of James Marr, £1. D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Michael Waggoner, 9s.

Resolved by this Board that Gerrit Van Sante, Junr, have a swingle and plow made with the Iron work to the well on the Gallows hill and charge the same to this Board.

Resolved by this Board that the Measurment take from the west side of the Dutch Church to have the Mile Stones fixed to the half way House.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer sell one hundred Skipple of the City wheat at 4s. 6d  $\frac{3}{4}$  Skipple and not let one have more then three Skipple to one person.

At a Common Council held for City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 3d June, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John G. Lansing, to pay the Expence out of the Monies in hands for £27:2:10. One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Abraham W. De Peyster for £1:7.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Patrick Clarke for £5:11:3.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Patrick Clerk for £19:19 out of the Monies in your hands to pay the Expence of the City night watch.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk furnish the City Chaimberlain with the Copy of the Minutes of Comon Council of the Quit rent of the House Lots sold at Gallows Hill.

Resolved by this Board that a Deed be given to George Wray for Lott N<sup>o</sup> 7, lying in Foxes Creek, and that the City seal be affixed to the same upon condition that the rent of the last six years be paid to the City Chaimberlain and that the Mayor sign the same.



Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to sell all the City wheat to the Inhabitants at 4s. 6d, and not to let one person have more than one Skipple at a time.

Ordinance renewed at kind of Meat to except Veal to be sold by wheat and at the prizes following :

Every lb of beef, mutton or lamb at five pence; every head & pluck of a calf at 1s. 6d; every head & pluck of a sheep at 9d; D<sup>o</sup> lamb 6d.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Saturday the 8th of June, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Sweep, Michael Waggoner, light and clear the City Lamps at the rate of 25s.  $\frac{7}{8}$  month.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 17th of June, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Market standing in the street between the two Churches be taken down and made an addition to the other Market and that the members of the third ward agree with some person or persons to move the same.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 25th June, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that Henry Bleecker, Chaimberlain, attend this Board with the City Charter and that he be served with a Copy hereof.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor or Aldermen Yates & Ten Broeck be a Committee to wait on the Judges of the Supreme Court & Court of Oyer & Terminer and inform to them that the Mayor, Recorder and six Aldermen do intend to set as Judges in the Court of Oyer & Terminer this day to be opened and held in this City Hall by virtue of the City Charter.

At a Common Council held the 27th of June, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that Aldermen Yates, Merselis & Roorbach be a Committee to peruse and collect all the Transactions which may tend elustrate of the City to set in the Courts of Oyer & Terminer and the Clerk is also hereby directed to supply them with such Books & Records as they shall have occasion for and draw up a proper state thereof & make report thereof to the Comon Council.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 3d July, 1771.

The Ordinance renewed for selling Meat by weight and at the prizes following, except Veal.

Every lb of Beef, Veal, Mutton or Lamb at four pence.

Every head & pluck of a Calf, one shilling & six pence.

Every head & pluck of a Sheep, nine pence.

Every head & pluck of a Lamb, six pence.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of James Bloodgood for £11:6:3, being the balance of his account.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Henry I. Bogert for £4:1.





And whatsoever person or persons shall expose any Veal, the Quarter weighing less than ten pounds shall forfeit all their Veal exposed to sale, & be fined 10s. for every offence, to be recovered before the Mayor, Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen of this City, one half to the informer and the other half to the Church wardens for the use of the poor thereof.

This Board unanimously are of opinion that it would be very usefull for to have a Powder House built on some place near the City.

Resolved by this Board that \_\_\_\_\_ are appointed a Committee for agree with persons for to make a Powder House & that fix on a place where it is to be built and that they make a report to this Board next Common Council.

Thomas Seeger three Skipple of wheat; John Readtcliff three D<sup>o</sup>.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Wednesday the 23d of July 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk give an order on the Treasurer for £16:10, being in full for the six watchmen from the 8th of April, 1771, to the 8th of June, 1771.

Allowed the following acc<sup>s</sup>: Robert Lansing, £5; John G. Lansing, £22:1:7.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk write to Mr. Richard Morris and desire him to send the names the Gen<sup>l</sup> appointed in the Commission of Oyer & Terminer for as many years back as he can with the dates of each Commission.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Monday the 29th of July, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that Guysbert Merselis & J<sup>n</sup><sup>o</sup> Roorbach, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, be appointed a Committee to oversee the building of a Powder house.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk give an order on the Treasurer in favour of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Roorbach & Merselis for £10:10 for bying lime to build the Powder House.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on Saturday the 27th day of August, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the lots formerly bought by William Hanna lying in Foxes Creek, for which he has neither paid the purchase money nor rent, that the same be conveyed to Isaac Fonda upon the conditions they were before sold.

Resolved by this Board that the Petition of J<sup>n</sup><sup>o</sup> G. Lansingh, praying for the vacant Lot lying in the first ward between John Bones & the shop of Isaac Hogen be granted, not exceeding in breadth 30 feet, in length as this Board shall think convenient by a street which is proposed to be laid at the water side and at the annual rent of 6s. and for the term of 15 years.

To the Worshipful Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Albany the humble Petition of John G. Lansing sheweth,

May it please your Worships, that your Petitioner of reason of adversity is become destitute of a Dwelling wherein to gain a lively Hood for his increasing Family and nowing that there is a vacant Lot belonging to this Corporation which would answer his purpose (lying between the House & Lot wherein John Bone lives and the smiths shop of Isaac Hogan) your



Petitioner humbly prays that your Worships will be pleased to grant him said lot on such Terms as in your wisdom shall seem meet and equitable. And your Petitioner shall (as in duty bound) ever Pray, &c.

Albany, August 6th, 1771.

JOHN G. LANSING.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Wednesday the 11th of September, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the City Chaimberlain to pay the following Accounts :

|                              |         |                          |         |
|------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| Hanna Fryer for              | £3: 3-0 | Jacobus Van Valkenburgh, | £1: 3:0 |
| Taukel Merselis for          | 6:16:0  | Noah Payn for            | 10:13:6 |
| John V <sup>o</sup> Douw for | 0:17:6  | Jacobus Van Valkenburgh, | 0:42:6  |
| Richard Hatton for           | 3: 5:3  | James Marr,              | 1:12:0  |
| Angus Mattenson for          | 2:16:0  | John G. Lansingh for     | 22: 2:7 |
| Daniel Huston for            | 3: 2:0  |                          |         |

Resolved by this Board that John Monier remove his hay out of the Hospital in twenty-four hours from this.

Resolved by this Board that Samuel Stringers Petition for part of the Hospital be granted.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk prepare the Lease and counter parts of John Davis & John G. Lansing.

Resolved by this Board that the Petition of John Trotter, Jun<sup>r</sup>, praying for a vacant Lot lying next to the Storehouse of Volckert P. Douw be granted in manner as it shall be measured by the members of the first ward, what measurment shall be returned in to next Common Council for the Term of 15 years at 10s.  $\frac{3}{4}$  annum.

Allowed the Account of Michael Wagoner for Candel & lighting the Lamps, £3:18:9.

It is agreed that the Lampliter is to have £3:15:0 Quarterly; and two shillings for Candles, 2s., and that he Quarterly swears the Oath indorsed upon his present acc<sup>t</sup>. Here add the Oath as on the Account.

Michael Wagoner being sworn upon his Oath says that the above acc<sup>t</sup> is Just & True, and further upon his Oath says that he has not willfully wasted or any of their Oil supplied him to light the lamps, and he does not believe that it has been done by any of his family or any body else by his or their procurement except the Oil burned in their own Lamp.

Resolved by this Board that the Petition of Nicholas Groesbeeck praying Liberty of cutting saw logs in the City right be granted, he paying 1s.  $\frac{3}{4}$  Piece, the number to be sworn to by him.

Mr. De Lancey is to serve John Monier with a written order to remove his hay agreeable to the Resolution.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Saturday the 29th of September, 1771.

Whereas the Ordinance formerly made by the Mayor, Aldermen & Comonalty of this City for electing two Constables for each ward of this City is expired of its own limitation, it is hereby ordered by the Mayor, Aldermen & Comonalty of this City that on to morrow shall be chosen in each ward two petty Constables of which the Aldermen in each ward or any of them shall make their return with the rest of the City officers.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Sunday the 29th day of Sep<sup>r</sup>, 1771.

This day being appointed by Charter for electing the different officers for this City the following persons were elected :

First Ward—Peter Lansing & Peter Silvester, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen ; Jacob Roseboom & Myndert Roseboom, Assistants ; John Wilkerson & Luke Cassaday, Constables.

Second Ward—Guysbert Merselis & Robert Yates, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen ; Jeremiah V. Renselaer & Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne, Assistants ; William Regle & James Smith, Constables.

Third Ward—Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & John Ten Broeck, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen ; Isaac Deforest & Abraham Ten Eyck, Assistants ; Barnardus Evertson & Hendrick V. Hoesen, Constables.

William Regle is appointed by this Board as High Constable.

Resolved by this Board that Henry Bleecker be appointed City Chaimberlain, he first given Bonds for the due performance of the same.

Thomas Seeger is appointed Marshel.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 14th day of October, 1771,

This being the day appointed by Charter for qualifying the yearly officers,

Abraham C. Cuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor of the City & Clerk of the Market & Coroner of the City & County of Albany.

Henry Ten Eyck, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him High Sheriff for the City & County of Albany & was sworn in the due execution of his office.

Peter Lausingh & Peter Silvester, Aldermen for the first ward.

Guysbert G. Merselis, D<sup>o</sup> for the second ward.

Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, & John Ten Broeck, D<sup>o</sup> for the third ward.

Myndert Roseboom, Ass<sup>t</sup> for the first ward.

Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Cornelius V. Scheluyne, D<sup>o</sup> for the 2d ward.

Abraham Ten Eyck, Isaac Deforest, D<sup>o</sup> for the third ward.

William Regal, High Constable.

John Wilkeson & James Smith, Constables for the first ward.

Robert McClallen, Peter Gansevoort, Anthony B. Bratt, Benjamin Egberts, Jacob J. Bleecker, Jacob J. Cuyler, Martin Beekman, Hendrick Merselis, appointed by this Board firemen.

Resolved by this Board that Peter Lansing send for one hundred & fifty Gallons Lamp Oyl.

Resolved that the watchmen be paid for the three months.

Whereas a Point conceived to be of much consequence to the Liberties & Prevelidges of the People in the City & County of Albany respecting the Right of the Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen of the City of Albany, by vertue of the Charter to set as Judges in the Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal Delivery of the said County has been lately agitated & drawn in question, and it is thought to be now a seasonable time to take the necessary Measures for determining the Matter & to empower a proper person of this Board to manage & sollicit the said business.

Resolved therefore that Alderman Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates, Esq<sup>r</sup>, be appointed & he is hereby authorized & appointed accordingly to repair to New York with



all convenient speed and to take with him Charters and all other necessary Papers to be distributed and laid before the Council already retained by this Corporation on the subject, and he is hereby directed to follow such Advice as he shall receive of them in order to secure the Privilege aforesaid, and he is also further impowred to serch the Records, private & publick at New York, and to take such Copies & Abstracts therefrom as may be thought usefull on this occasion & for all his Disbursements & Servises he is to be repaid & satisfied & soon after his return he is to make report to this Board of his actings & doings herein.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 11th Novr, 1771.

Robert Yates, Esqr, quallified as Alderman for the second ward.

Jacob Roseboom as Common Council for the first ward.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Balls Town to this Board praying their assistance to make a road from said Town to this City being read,

Resolved by this Board that the Petition from Balls Town be taken in farther consideration at the next meeting.

A Petition of Simon Schermerhorn praying for a Lease of a Quantity of Land about one mile square at the south west corner of the Corporations Right lying to the westward of this City being read,

Resolved by this Board that the Petition of Simon Schermerhorn be granted as shall be agreed on hereafter.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following acc', one D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Jacobus Van Valkenburgh for riding stone, £3:15.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw Advertisements to sell 2 Lots adjoining Jacob Van Schaack, Q', each 30 feet 6 inches in front, in length according to John R. Bleeckers map the twentyeth day of November, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay John Readteliff a years Salery for Bell ringing, deducting what he owes.

The following persons where appointed by this Board as firemasters :

William Hilton & Mathew Watson for the first ward.

Gerrit A. Roseboom & Philip Van Renselaer for the second ward.

Peter Gansevoort & Marte Beekman, Jur, for the third ward.

Then the Court adjourned untill fortnight.

At a Comon Council held for the City of Albany on Wednesday the 20th day of November, 1771.

A Petition of John Christopher Hartwick, praying for a room in the Hospital till next Spring being read, it was Resolved by this Board the same be granted.

A Petition of Lewis Van Antwerp, praying for a piece of vacant Ground or Land at Schacticock being read, Resolved that the same may be taken in farther consideration.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Cornelius Wendell 19 for the Oyl & freight.

Resolved by this Board that the following Ordinance be published, viz :

A Law for the better securing of the City of Albany from the danger of Gun Powder.





Mr. James Baen is appointed by this Board as Overseer of the Powder House under the regulations of said Ordinance.

At Common Council held on Thursday the 12th day of Decr, 1771—Présent, Abraham C. Cuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Mayor, John H. Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, Peter Lansingh, Guysbert Merselis, Peter Silvester, Rob<sup>t</sup> Yates, John Ten Broeck, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen, Jeremiah V. Renselaer, Jacob Roseboom, Isaac Deforeest, Cor<sup>s</sup> Van Schellyne, Abraham Ten Eyck, Myndert Roseboom, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Assistants.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts :

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of John Burges for £7:16:10.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Nicholas Brower for £12:15:1.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Owen Linch, John Hall & Richard Phillemore for £4:19.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of James Marr for £2:4.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Jacob Jan Schermerhorn for £2:15.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Elisha Benedict for £1:1.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of William McIntosh for £8:18.

Resolved by this Board that Aldermen Merselis, Peter Lansingh & John Ten Broeck are appointed a Committe to examine the remaining acc<sup>ts</sup> and that they make report to this Board the next Monday.

Resolved by this Board that William Regel, Constable for the second ward is removed out of the City, and is resolved by this Board that there be another Constable elected for the said ward on Monday the 16th day of December, 1771.

Luke Cashady & Hendrick Van Hoesen where sworn in the due execution of their office as Constables and took the Oaths appointed by Law.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 24th December, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts, viz :

|                                     |          |                                |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Abr <sup>m</sup> Roseboom for       | £92:11:9 | Barent Vosburgh for            | £4:10: 6 |
| Patrick Clark for                   | 22: 2:6  | James Marr for                 | 8: 0: 0  |
| Thomas Lotteredge for               | 15:6     | Daniel Marshall for            | 11: 8: 4 |
| Jacob Pruin, Jun <sup>r</sup> , for | 1: 4:0   | Peter Waldrom for              | 21: 0: 0 |
| Gerret Groesbeeck for               | 0:15:8   | Wessel Van Schaick for         | 3:10:10  |
| Johannis Quackenboss for            | 1:16:0   | Gerrit Van Vranken for         | 5: 5:10  |
| Owen Linch & James Marr for         | 12:0     | Peter Dannels for              | 6: 2: 0  |
| John Foster for                     | 3:15:3   | Jacob Lansing for              | 4:14: 0  |
| James Smith for                     | 2: 4:0   | Robert Bruis for               | 4: 6: 0  |
| Mathew Auter                        | 3: 1:6   | Abraham Bogert for             | 0:15: 0  |
| Abraham S. Veeder for               | 1:10:0   | Patrick Coeny for              | 7:10: 0  |
| Teunis T. Vischer for               | 2: 0:0   | Mynd <sup>r</sup> Roseboom for | 8:17: 2  |
| James Green for                     | 6:15:0   | Christian Jacobee for          | 0:12: 0  |
| John Van Deusen for                 | 1: 8:0   | James McMichael for            | 1: 4: 0  |
| Catharine Van Renselaer for         | 66: 0:0  | Joh <sup>s</sup> Ouderkerk for | 5:15: 6  |
| Barent Vosburgh for                 | 20: 5:0  | William Stansbury for          | 2: 2: 0  |
| Richard Hickson for                 | 12:12:0  | Tobias Pooder for              | 0:12: 9  |
| James Smith for                     | 1: 8:0   | Jame Abbot for                 | 6: 0: 0  |
| John Brion for                      | 7:12:0   | John Price for                 | 11: 3: 0 |



Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute the following Deeds & that the City Seal be thereunto affixed.

Corporation to Johannis Pruin, Deed. The same to Adam Yates. The same to Cathalena Grosbeeck. The same to Abr<sup>m</sup> Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 27th day of Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1771.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk give an order on the Treasurer in favour of Michael Wagoner for £3:18:3.

Barent Bogert being chosen High Constable in the stead of William Regle was sworn in the due execution of his office and took the Oaths appointed by Law.

Hendrick Halenbeeck being sworn in the stead of Barnardus Everse and took the Oaths appointed by Law.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for three Skipple of wheat and charge the same to his account.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 10th of February, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of the watchmen untill the eight day of February is 4 month.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Flansburgh for £3:10.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Acc<sup>s</sup> :

|                                       |         |                           |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| Edward & Ebenezer Jessup              | £1: 2:8 | Nicholas Jorelimon for    | £2: 2:0 |
| Henry Wendell for                     | 3: 9:0  | Isaac Hooghkerk for       | 30: 5:6 |
| John Ten Broeck for                   | 0:18:6  | Lukas Hooghkerk for       | 36:15:0 |
| Abraham C. Cuyler, Esq <sup>r</sup> , | 34:10:0 | Gerrit Roseboom for       | 1: 7:6  |
| Roeliff Seger for                     | 4: 5:6  | Peter Van Deursen for     | 1:10:0  |
| Thomas Hun for                        | 1:10:6  | Chr. P. Yates for         | 4: 8:0  |
| David Rotney                          | 3:11:6  | Bastian J. Visscher for   | 31: 7:0 |
| Abraham E. Wendell for                | 5: 7:6  | W <sup>m</sup> Staats for | 0:15:0  |
| John McKenzie for                     | 1: 9:0  | Thomas Seeger for         | 18:15:0 |
| John N. Bleecker for                  | 4: 0:0  |                           |         |

Poor people that have acct<sup>s</sup> allowed by the Corporation may have a bagg of wheat by order of Common Councell.

Resolved by this Board that Philip De Fraest be Gager of Bushels as well as of Skipples.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 13th February, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger for a years Sallery, fifteen pounds, from 29th Sept<sup>r</sup> 1770 to Sept<sup>r</sup> 1771.

Mr. Folliet owes for a Lot of ground and will leave the City of Albany and Mr. Amory will give a Note of hand for the money to the Corporation payable in four months with lawfull Interest, it is Resolved by the Board to accept the said Security for the payment of the said Debt.



Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Tho<sup>s</sup> Shipboy for £2:10:6.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Peter Lansing for £2:16.

The Board having this day rec<sup>d</sup> a Letter of Phil Schuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, one of the Representatives, which being read and a draft of an Answer being prepared, Resolved that when the same is copied that the Mayor sign the same in behalf of this Board and send it down.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 9th March, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Docks belonging to the Corporation be sold at Publick Vendue on Friday next at ten o'clock in the morning and that the same be advertised.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Acc<sup>ts</sup> :

|                      |          |                    |        |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------|--------|
| Philip Elsworth for  | £15:15:6 | Isaac Fryer for    | £23:16 |
| Patrick McGregor for | 1:12:0   | James Dunneway for | 1:14   |
| John R. Bleecker for | 8: 1:0   |                    |        |

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 13th March, 1772.

Jacob Van Schaick having presented to this Board a Petition praying a Grant for a vacant square of Ground lying to the eastward of his Lott, it is therefore Resolved by this Board that the prayer of said Petition be granted in the following manner, that a Release be drawn and executed to the Petitioner, his heirs and assigns, for the consideration of 30s. for the breadth of twelve foot adjoining to the East of the Lot which the Petitioner bought of Hubertse with the full breadth of said Lot, and that the remaining part of the said Petition be rejected; the said Peice is granted for the purpose of erecting a Bullwark against the Ice.

The Docks being sold at Publick Vandue for one year to Abraham I. Yates, who being the highest bidder, for seventy-four pounds payable the first day of January next and such security to be given to be approved of by the Corporation for the payment thereof, and the said Abraham I. Yates offering Joseph I. Yates as a Security, ordered that the City Chamberlain accept of him and that he enter into Bond for that purpose.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 27th day of March, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Chamberlain give an acc<sup>t</sup> of what money he has rec<sup>d</sup> and paid, as also an acc<sup>t</sup> of the annual Income of this Corporation arising from the several Rents of Lands, &c., belonging to them, by the next meeting of this Board.

A Law for paving & cleaning the Streets, Lanes and Alleys within the City of Albany and for preventing Neusance within the same.

Resolved by this Board that the same be published and renew<sup>d</sup> for one year, which is done accordingly.

Also Resolved by this Board that a Law for regulating they lying of Vessels at the four several Docks of this City and asserting the rats to be paid for the same, and that the same be published and renewed for one year, which is done accordingly.



Resolved by this Board that an Advertisement be published in the Albany Gazette, requesting all persons who stand indebted to the Corporation to pay the same to the City Chamberlain on or before the first day of May next and in case of their refusal will be prosecuted for the same.

Resolved by this Board that Ald<sup>n</sup> Silvester and Ald<sup>n</sup> Robert Yates revise the Ordinances, and for that purpose that they may have and take the Books of this Board where the same is entered.

This Board having taken into consideration the present scarcity of Provisions in this City, owing in a great measure to the Misrepresentations of some evil designed Persons, it is therefore resolved that the Advertisement be published and dispersed through the County in the following manner:

Whereas it has been reported to the Disadvantages of the Citizens of this City that the Corporation had passed a Law that no Strangers should bring in any Cattle to Market to kill and dispose thereof, this is therefore to sexnify that there is no such Law and that they are at Liberty to bring in what Cattle or other provision they pleas, and if good they will meet with the usual encouragement in selling by the Quarter, and that the Clerk of this Board sign the same by order of this Board.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw a Warrant for the Assessors to assess the sum of £150 for the City Night watch and the Expence of lighting the Lamps erected in this City.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor of this City sign the Deed of Jacob Van Schaick and that the City Seal be thereunto affixed.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Thomas Seeger and charge the same to his account.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 6th April, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw a Warrent for the Collector to collect the sum of £150 for the City Night watch and lamps.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the City Chamberlain to the following Accounts, viz:

|                          |         |                   |        |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|
| Staats Van Santvoort for | £9:3:11 | Jacob Hilton for  | £7:9:0 |
| Abraham Douw for         | 0:8:6   | John Roorback for | 7:3:6  |

Resolved by this Board that the Collector find surety for his true performance for collecting the sum not exceeding £150 for the City Night watch and Lamps.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 15th day of April, 1772.

An Ordinance for regulating the Market of different sorts of Meat was passed and published this day.

Also an Ordinance for regulating of Carts and Cartman was passed and published this day.

Resolved by this Board that the City Chamberlain sell one hundred Skipple of the City wheat at 5s.  $\frac{3}{4}$  Skipple, and no more than three Skipple to one person.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of James Taylor for £10:7.

This Board appointed Jellis Winne a watchman in the room of Obadiah Cooper.





Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Luykas Hooghkerk & his son for three Skipple of wheat each.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 22d day of April, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the City Chamberlain in favour of Killyan Winne for £6:17:9.

Resolved by this Board that the watchmen be paid to the eight day of April.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Wilkeson for 10s.

An Ordinance regulating the City Night watch is renewed this day.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany on Friday the 1st of May, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the City Chamberlain put in the hands of the Atty<sup>s</sup> of this City the several acc<sup>s</sup>, dues and demands of the Corporation in order that the same may be immediately prosecuted.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk make a Return of the names of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of this City and send the same to Mr. Banyar the Province Secretary at New York.

Resolved by this Board that Gar<sup>t</sup> Van Sants acct of £13:15:10, be allowed.

Bastian Tymense appeared before this Board and affirmed on Oath that he was totally ignorant of the Clause in the Deed of his wifes Grand Father Isaac Ouderkerk, whereby he or his heirs or assigns were agreed with this Board to give the Refusal of the sale of those Lands granted by the said Deed to this Board, and it also appeared that he had sold those Lands without giving this Board the offer of said Lands, and the Board having entered into the Composition with him for the Breach of said agreement have accepted from him a Note for £3:4, payable January next.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 29th May, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the City Chamberlain in favour of Michael Waggoner for £1:8.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the City Chamberlain in favour of Thomas Seeger for three Skipple of wheat and charge the same to his account.

Resolved by this Board that an Ordinance was published the 15 day of April last for Beef, Mutton and Lamb, continue the prices from this day untill the nineteenth day of June, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that John Davis remove his Barn that stands to the south of his house within one month from this date.

Resolved by this Board that Sybrant V. Shaick remove his fence out of the street on the Gallows Hill within one month from this date.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 6th day of June, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the following Acc<sup>s</sup> be allowed.

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Jacob Bleecker, Jun <sup>r</sup> , for | £3:12 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of John Wyngaert for                      | 0: 5  |



Resolved by this Board that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mynd<sup>r</sup> Roseboom & Abraham Ten Eyck be a Committe to see at the Treasury wether there is any acc<sup>t</sup> due to Peter Benneway or no, if there is to deliver the same to the Board and to be allowed. Also an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Estate of Mr. Dirck Ten Broeck.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 13th June, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Jacob F. Lansingh for £5 for a Bull.

A Petition being presented to this Board for making a Road leading from the City of Albany through Stephen Town, Pittsfield & Lansburgh.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 2d July, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the City Chaimberlain sell two hundred Skipple of wheat at five shillings and six pence  $\frac{7}{8}$  Skipple, and no more than three Skiple to one person.

Resolved by this Mess<sup>rs</sup> Piter Silvester, Rob<sup>t</sup> Yates and Jeremiah Van Renselaer be a Committe to draw an Address to his Excellency on his arrival.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 18th July, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that his Excellency William Tryon be presented with the freedom of this City in a Golden Box.

Also Resolved that this Board do address his Excellency on his arrival to this City.

At a Common Council held for City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 3d August, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the City Chaimberlain in favour of Richard Cartwright for £18:4:6.

Resolved that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ald<sup>n</sup> A. Yates, Rob<sup>t</sup> Yates & Jeremiah Van Renselaer or any two of them be a Committe to draw up a state of the Corporation Claim to the lands in the Mohawks Country and that they may have recourse to any papers or vouchers remaining with the Clerk or Chaimberlain of this Corporation for that purpose to be occasionally to be made use of or laid before his Excellency to answer the complaint brought before him ag<sup>t</sup> the Corporation by the Mohawks.

Resolved by this Board that Bastian Visscher leave of making the road any longer from the City Gate to the Sand bergh and that he bring in his acc<sup>t</sup> for one years wages and that it be allowed.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 19th day of August, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders the following Acct<sup>s</sup>, viz :

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Robert Lansingh for £5: 8:10

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Jacob Cuyler for 4:19: 0

Resolved by this Board that upon Mr. Yates producing a rough Draft of the state of the case reletive to the Corporations Claim to a seat in the Court of Oyer & Terminer that we cause the same to be copied and sent down for revival of the Attornies concerned for this Board in New York,



and that he also may retain any one Attorney out of this Province for his Opinion on the said case, and for the last purpose that he draw on the Treasury for any sum not exceeding thirty pounds, and that for the disposition thereof he be accountable to this Board.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 19th Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John P. Lausing for £1:7.

One D<sup>r</sup> in favour of Edward Davis for £0:11:6.

A Petition being presented to this Board in favour of John James Abbott, praying for a Lott of Ground in the Foxes Creek as is most convenient, which this Board grants.

Resolved by this Board that John Flansburgh buy two loads of Hay for the City Bulls and charge the same to the Corporation.

Resolved by this Board that Jeremiah V. Renselaer and Gysbert Marselis be a Committe to lay out a Percell of Lots of Ground in the Foxes Creek belonging to this Corporation.

Resolved by this Board that the City Chaimberlain sell the weat that yet remains unsold at 5s. <sup>per</sup> Skipple, or that the same be sent down.

Two bags of wheat for Thomas Seeger and charge the same to his acc<sup>t</sup>.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 26th Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that there be elected three additional Constables in the City of Albany, one in each ward, on Tuesday the 29th September next.

Resolved by this Board that the Lots laid out in the Foxes Creek be sold at Publick Vandue on Saturday the third Day of October next at ten o'clock & that the Clerk draw Advertizements & that the same be put up.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 29th day of September, 1772—Present, the Mayor, John H. Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder, Peter Lansingh, Peter Silvester, Gysbert Marselis, Robert Yates, Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Ten Broeck, Ald<sup>r</sup>; Jacob Roseboom, Mynd<sup>r</sup> Roseboom, Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Scheluyne, Jeremiah V. Renselaer, Isaac De Foreest, Abraham Ten Eyck, Asst<sup>s</sup>.

This day appointed by Charter for the election of Aldermen, Common Council or Assistants & Constables, &c<sup>a</sup>, the following is the order in which they were elected and returned.

First Ward—Gerrit Van Sante & Peter W. Yates, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; Jacob Roseboom & Hend<sup>s</sup> Van Veghten, Common Council; John Wilkeson and Hend<sup>s</sup> Halenbeck, Constables.

Second Ward—Gysbert Marselis and Robert Yates, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; Cornelius V. Schelyne and Jeremiah V. Renselaer, Common Council; William Stansbury and Nicholas Halenbeck, Constables.

Third Ward—Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, and John Ten Broeck, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Aldermen; Isaac De Foreest and Abraham Ten Eyck, Common Council; John A. Lansingh and Luke Cashady, Constables.

John A. Lansingh appointed High Constable.

By a majority of Votes this Board have appointed Henry Bleecker City Chaimberlain; John Ostrander appointed Marshel.



At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 3d day of October, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following acc<sup>ts</sup>:

|   |       |         |
|---|-------|---------|
| One in favour of John Beeckman for                              | - - - | £0:12:0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Symon Schermerhorn,             | - - - | 8: 4:3  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Christ. Yates for               | - - - | 0: 7:6  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of D <sup>o</sup> for              | - - - | 0:12:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Adam Yates for                  | - - - | 6:11:9  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Abr <sup>m</sup> H. Wendell for | - - - | 10:15:6 |

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Flansburgh for twelve Skipple of wheat and charge the same to his acc<sup>t</sup>.

This Board are of opinion that the Petition of Abraham Ja. Lansing to his Excellency the Governor for forty feet of Ground will be Detrimental to the Navigation.

This Board have appointed Hendrick M. Roseboom Overseer of the Powder House in the room of James Bean under the Regulations of said Ordinance.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 14th day of October, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Abraham E. Wendell for

|  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Edward Davis for   | - - - - | £3:18:0 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Takel Marselis for                                       | - - - - | 0:11:6  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Gerardus Beekman for                                     | - - - - | 4:16:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Peter Lansing for  | - - - - | 0: 3:4  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of John De Peyster for                                      | - - - - | 5:19:9  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of John De Peyster for                                      | - - - - | 1:12:0  |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Isaac D. Fonda for                                       | - - - - | 55: 1:6 |
| One D <sup>o</sup> in favour of John Price, Stephen Van Schaick & Sebastian T. Visseher, | - - - - | 57: 0:0 |

This being day appointed by Charter for qualifying the yearly officers, viz:

Abraham C. Cuyler, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him Mayor of the City and Clerk of the Market and Coroner for the City & County of Albany and was sworn in the due execution of his office.

Henry Ten Eyck, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission appointing him High Sheriff for the City & County of Albany & was sworn in the due execution of his office.

Peter W. Yates, Alderman for the first ward.

Jacob Roseboom and Henry Van Veghten, Common Council for D<sup>o</sup>.

John Wilkeson Constable for D<sup>o</sup>.

Gysbert Marselis and Robert Yates, Aldermen for the second ward.

Cornelius Van Schellyne and Jeremiah V. Renselaer, Common Council for D<sup>o</sup>.

Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup> and John Ten Broeck, Ald<sup>n</sup> for the third ward.

Abraham Ten Eyck and Isaac Deforeest, Common Council for D<sup>o</sup>.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Peter Lansing for Barrels of Oil and the City Chaimberlain advance £16:5 for the same.





Whereas this Board have this day at the request of Mr. Anthony Van Schaick taken into consideration an order of the Governor & Council made the first July last respecting a Petition of Ab<sup>m</sup> Ja. Lansing for a grant for about 40 feet in Hudsons River from the waters Edge the length of his land on said River. Whereupon it is considered by this Board that such grant will clash with the Interest of this City and the Publick and by obstructing the natural Channel of the River and the Business of Rafting of Wood and Timber down said River.

Resolved by this Board that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Van Schelluyne and Roseboom be a Committe to settle acct<sup>s</sup> with Mr. Bain respecting the Powder lodged in the Powder House, that his Legle charges for the same is taken from his acct, £3:11.

That this Board in consideration of Mr. Bains extraordinary attendence in airing the Powder, &c<sup>a</sup>, be allowed a sum including the above of £5.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 2d day of November, 1772.

Mr. Gerrit Van Sante, Jun<sup>r</sup>, having this day app<sup>d</sup> as one of the Aldermen returned the 29th of Sept<sup>r</sup> last for the first ward of this City, and he having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegence and Supremecy, and also his Oath of office, he is admitted to take his seat accordingly.

It is Resolved by this Board that the several watch men of this City be paid their wages to them respectively due to the eight day of October last and that the Chaimberlain of this Board do pay them accordingly.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the following accounts, viz:

|                     |         |                         |         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| John Stevenson for  | £0: 2:6 | Johannis Flansburgh for | £8: 4:6 |
| Richard Hickson for | 3:16:0  | John Hall for           | 3: 0:0  |
| James Marr for      | 4: 0:0  | James McDervol          | 1:15:0  |

William Stansbury one of the Constables elected for the second ward this day appeared and was sworn in that office.

It is also resolved that Thomas Seeger the late City Marshall be allowed for his last years wages the sum of £13, and that the City Chaimberlain pay him the remainder of such Ballance as is due to him.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the City Chaimberlain in favour of Isaac Fonda additional to the former allowance of his acct<sup>d</sup> the sum of £1:15.

Resolved by this Board that John Redtliff be paid for his last years wages and that the City Chaimberlain pay him the remainder of such Ballance as is due to him.

Michael Wagoner being Quallified on his Oath, ordered that his account be allowed of £8:19:7 to this date.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 29th Nov<sup>r</sup>, 1772.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the City Chaimberlain in favour of John Roorbach for £16:1:4 and that the former order be barred.

It is Resolved that John Flansburgh light the Lamps and that he be allowed twenty-five shillings  $\text{p}$  moth.

John Trotter having petitioned for a Lott of Ground between the Houses of Volkert P. Douw & Michael Waggoner, he not chusing to purchase the







Catharine Hansen by her son Dirk Hansen for the Ferry until January next for £33, and they the said Lotteridge & Hansen are to deliver the Dock in good repair as they are now. This being read to them to which they content.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 2d day of Jan<sup>y</sup>, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts, viz :

|                                |           |                            |         |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------|
| Jer Van Renselaer for          | £19:15:7½ | James Marr                 | £5: 0:0 |
| Nicholas Merselis for          | 2: 2:0    | Philip Elsworth for        | 7: 2:0  |
| Benj <sup>n</sup> Egbertse for | 2: 9:0    | John Ram & John Strope for | 1:10:0  |
| Baltus Lydias for              | 2: 5:0    | Guy Young for              | 2:16:0  |
| Henry Van Veghten for          | 2: 5:0    | Gerrit Van Vrankie for     | 7:16:6  |
| Barent Roseboom for            | 1: 4:0    | Mathew Arsen for           | 9: 4:0  |
| George Rogers,                 | 0:12:0    |                            |         |

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor settle and execute the Deeds in behalf of the Corporation for the exchange of the Ground on the north side of the Foxes Creek with Mr. Van Den Bergh.

Also Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw a Warrent for the Assessors to assess the sum not exceeding £150 for the City Night watch and Lamps in the City of Albany.

Resolved by this Board that Jacob Vielen have leave to cut 100 Logs of Timber in the Corporation Right and that he allow the Corporation nine pence for every Log and that he bring in his acc<sup>t</sup> and the Quantity of the same shall be sworn to.

A map being shewn to the Corporation of their right from Albany to Schenectady and the same to be filed with the City Chaimberlain.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany the 23d day of Februy, 1773.

This Board having received advice that his Excellency by Message to the House of Assembly now sitting, recommended to them to pass a Law to secure to the Mohawk Indians the Lands whereupon they reside at Tionderoga, but the Reversion thereof is to be vested in this Board, which Reversion or right of entry when it can take place will (in case such a Law does pass) only be determinable by a future Legislature. This Board conceiving that if such a Law is made that it will abridge their rights to those Lands, which have been amply secured to them by Royal Charter and by Purchase from the Natives, do therefore upon mature consideration deem it absolutely necessary by all legal ways and means to oppose the passing of the said Law, for which said purpose they nominate and appoint Gysbert G. Marselis and Robert Yates, Aldermen, a Committee to go down to New York, and they have hereby full power and authority to act, transact and forward all matters and things which may tend most to the advantage of this City touching the said Premises in as full and ample manner as if this said Board were personally present, and for the purposes aforesaid to prefer one or more Petitions of such tenor and purport as they shall think necessary and one or more Attornies under them to make and at their pleasure to revoke, and this Board will make good to them all reasonable Disbursements and Expences, and this Board directs their Chaimberlain to advance to them out of any Money in his hands the sum of £20, for which sum they must be accountable upon their return.



At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Wednesday 24th of Feby, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order upon the Treasurer in favour of William Walderon for £16:0:6.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 9th day of March, 1773.

The Assessors of the City of Albany delivered to this Board an exact List of the rates and Taxes laid on the Freeholders, Freemen, Inhabitants, Residents and sojourners in the City of Albany living within half a mile from the Hudsons River to defray the Expences of a City night watch.

Also Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Peter Marshor for eleven shillings.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 15th March, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of John Redliff for six Skipple of wheat and charge the same to the Corporation.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of John Fryer for £0:13:4.

Resolved by this Board that William Gamble have a Lott of Ground to the south of John Bones and that the same be surveyed by Henry I. Bogert, City Surveyor, and that he deliver an extract of the same next meeting.

Also Resolved by this Board that Jeremiah Van Rensselaer have a Lott of Ground near were the last Gallows was erected.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 21st April, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the watchmen be paid from the seventh day of November to the seventh day of April, save one month to be keep in arrear agreeable to the Ordinance.

Resolved that the Clerk of this Board prepare a list of all the Inhabitants in the District of Albany liable to work on the high ways together with the Quotas annexed to their several names and have the same ready at the next meeting and then to be compleated by affixing to each persons name the number of days that such person shall be liable to work on the high ways, &c<sup>a</sup>.

Resolved that those Inhabitants of this City who have Hoggs which they suffer to run at large through the streets shall put or cause to be fixed a small iron ring through the nose of each Hogg by the first day of May next and keep the same so fixed from time to time, and in case of default shall for each offence pay a fine of five shillings to be recovered by a warrant under the hand and seal of the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of the City for the use of the poor.

Also Resolved that the well in the south west part of the City in the first ward of the said City be rated up and a new one made or the present one sufficiently repaired. and that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Roseboom, Van Veghten & P. W. Yates be overseers for that purpose.

Also Resolved that Air holes be made in the Powder house and that any two members of the second ward be overseers for that purpose and see the same compleated as soon as convenient.





Also Resolved that the Chaimberlain of this City sell the Quantity of 200 Skipple of the City wheat at 5s. ̄ Skipple, provided that no person to whome he may sell shall have more then six Skipple.

That the Marshel of this Board have also Liberty to have six Skipple of wheat at the above price and charge the same to his acc'.

Also Resolved that the Members of the first ward cause to be erected adjoining to the City Hall a Stocks or place for the punishment of Negroes and servants breaking the Sabbath or Lords Day called Sunday.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 24th April, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the City Chaimberlain the following acc<sup>s</sup>, viz :

One in favour of R. Bleecker for £3:4.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Adam B. Vrooman for £9:3:9.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Patrick Clerk for £9:7.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of Michael Wagoner for lighting the lamps 2 months Candles and Cotton for £2:15.

One D<sup>o</sup> in favour of the watchmen from the 8th Nov<sup>r</sup> to the 8 April ins<sup>t</sup> which compleats their year.

Resolved by this Board that the Chaimberlain of this City replace out of the Corporation fund the sum of twenty pounds which he paid last winter to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marselis & Yates into the fund appropriated for the use of the watchmen of this City.

It is Resolved that the several Ordinances of last year be continued for and in force this year.

It is farther Resolved that Alderman P. W. Yates and Councillor V. Veghten be a Committe for revising, altering and amending all the Ordinances of this Board now in force and that they present them to this Board at the next meeting for approbation.

It is also Resolved that no Member of this Board do incur any Expencc above 20s. in any publick work or business unless by a previous order of this Board.

At a Common Councill held at the City Hall of the city of Albany on Saturday the 22 of May, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that Peter Lansing of the first ward, Nicholas Merselis of the second ward, and Harmanus Wendell of the third ward be appointed Overseers of the Roads pursuant to a Law of this Province lately made.

This Board as Commissioners pursuant to the said act do appoint Anthony Egbertse, Clerk of the said Roads, and that he pursuant to said act Advertise a List of the Inhabitants which are to work on the Roads within the City and its Liberties.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor do sign the Deeds of Wilhelmus V. Den Bergh and the Lease to Samuel Stringer and the City Seal be thereunto affixed.

Resolved by this Board that the Lot granted to Samuel Stringer be in breath from east to west two Chains and in length from north to south five Chains.

Resolved by this Board that Guysbert Merselis and Jeremiah V. Renselaer be appointed a Committee to examine the minutes of Common



Councill respecting the Deeds of Schactakook. to prepare them to be executed and make report thereof to the Corporation.

At a Common Councill held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Thursday the 27 day of May, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the following Accounts :

For Matthew Orson £1:10 For John Wilkenson £0:8

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Tuesday the 8th of June, 1773.

Resolved that this Bord are to go to Schatekook next Tuesday, being the fifteenth day of June, and that our Chamberlain is also to be warned to go along with the City Seal, and that the Mayor is authorized to fix the Seal to such Deeds as are ready for execution by vertue of a former Resolution of this Board.

Resolved by this Board that the amendment in the Margin of the Ordinance for the due observance of the Lords day be part of the said Ordinance.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Monday the 28 of June, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the Aldermen and Common Council of the respective Wards do clean and repair the several Pumps and Cisterns in their several Wards and that the Bridge at Jacob Lansings and the father Bridge on the Foxes Creeke be repaired by the Aldermen and Common Council of the several wards or any of them.

Also a small ditch to be made at John G. Yates's.

Resolved by this Board that Aldermen Abraham Yates, Robert Yates and Peter W. Yates be appointed a Committe to consult with Mr. Duane in respect to the Claim of the Corporation of the City of Albany to a Seat in the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

At a Meeting at Schgkook the 16 of June, 1773, of the Members of the Corporation.

Mayor executed to Abraham Deforeest a Deed for 40 acres, and the said Abraham De Foreest executes the counter part, he also executes at the same time a Note for £5 payable to the Board for two years rent in arrear for said land.

D<sup>o</sup> To Dirck Van Veghten for two Pieces of Land, one 37 acres and the other 19 acres, and he executed counter part and also gave a Note for £3 payable to this Board for two years rent in arrear for the said two Peices.

The Members have also consented that Lewis Van Antwerp shall have fifty or sixty acres adjoining to the east of his Land at the rate of sixpence rent for every acre. But previous to the granting the same, Ordered that the same be surveyed at the expence of him, the Deeds also to be drawn at his expence.

D<sup>o</sup> that Mr. Renselaer survey a peice of Ground of about 40 acres for Peter Winne and make return thereof.

Nicholas Young between the Land lately granted to him and Peter Winne in proportion to the former or other rent the Mayor executed a



deed to Nicholas Young for 87 acres, and he the said Young executed a Note for £8 payable to the Bord for two years rent in arrears for said Land.

The Mayor executed a Deed to Peter Benneway for 8 acres of Ground, and he the said Benneway executed the counterpart and also paid to the Chamberlain £10 for the use of the Board, being the consideration money.

Agreed with Jacob Fort that the Land formerly promised to him be surveyed, the rent seven Skipple. that he also include an hill laying between his old farm and that he the said Fort intended paying therefor in proportion.

Abraham Beeker declined a purchase heretofore made from the Corporation 11 July, 1773 in favour of Lewis Viele.

At a Common Councill held at the City Hall of the City of Albany the 22d day of July, 1773.

Resolved by this Board the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Gerrit T. V. Den Bergh for £10:4.

It is resolved by this Board that a Peice of Ground at Schagkook of sixteen Acres and thirty-nine Perches surveyed by Jeremiah Van Renselaer for Marte Winne be granted to him on an annual rent of eight shillings, agreeable to the return made by the said surveyor.

Resolved by this Board that a Peice of Ground at Schagkook of 107 Acres and 24 Perches, surveyed by Jer<sup>h</sup> Van Renselaer for Lewis Van Antwerp be granted to him on an annual rent of two pounds thirteen shillings and six pence, agreeable to the return made by the said Surveyor.

Resolved by this Board that a Peice of Ground at Schagkook of forty-one Acres three Roods and thirty-six Perches, surveyed by Jeremiah Van Renselaer for Peter Winne be granted to him on the annual rent of twenty-one shillings, agreeable to the return made by the said Surveyor.

Also Resolved by this Board that a peice of Ground of thirteen acres at Schagkook, surveyed by Jeremiah Van Renselaer for Nicholas Young be granted to him on an annual rent of thirteen shillings, agreeable to the return made by the said Surveyor.

Also Resolved by this Board that a Peice of Land lately surveyed by Jeremiah Van Renselaer and containing twenty-six Acres three Roods and fifteen Perches be granted to John Knickerbacker, Peter Yates, Marte Winne, Lewis Van Antwerp, Lewis Mago and Wouter Groosbeek and to their heirs and assigns. Intrus for the use of the reformed protestant Dutch Church of Schagkook.

Also Resolved by this Board that a Peice of Land at Schaghkook of thirty-five Acres and fourteen Perches, surveyed by Jeremiah V. Renselaer for Dirk V. Veghten be granted to him on the annual rent of twenty shillings, agreeable to the return made by the said Surveyor.

Resolved Likewise that Jacob Fort is to have two small Peices of Land agreeable to the survey of Jer<sup>h</sup> V. Renselaer at six pence the acre  $\frac{2}{3}$  Annum.

Resolved that Mr. Jeremiah Van Renselaer have leave to examin all the counter parts of the Deeds for Lands at Schaghkook which are now in the possession of the Chamberlain.

It is Resolved by this Board that to Johannes Knickerbaker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, be granted a Peice of Ground of fifty acres, bounded east by his own Land and on the south by a Tract laid out for Marte Winne and on the west by



Abraham Deforcest, by the east the Land of Lewis Van Antwerp and a road on an annual rent of six pence for every acre. Yet that previous to the granting thereof it is farther resolved that an actual survey be thereof made, upon the return thereof the land be granted.

It is Resolved that whenever the road proposed to be made from Cumberland county to Pownel for the sake of carrying on a Trade and Commerce, &c. with this City is certified by the representatives of said county to be duly completed, then the Treasurer of this Board shall advance towards it fifteen pounds.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer for to pay the following Accounts:

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|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|
| John De Peyster    | £2:9:6 | Isaac I. Lansing   | £1: 4 |
| Johannes Ouderkerk | 6:6:0  | Jacob J. Van Woert | 1:10  |

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk give an order to John Radlieff on the Chamberlain for three Skipplles of wheat.

Likewise an order in favour of John Ostrander for six Skipplles of wheat.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany the 24th day of July, 1773.

Resolved by this Board that Jer<sup>h</sup> Van Renselaer and Cornelius Van Schulluyne be appointed a Committe to inspect the account of Tho<sup>s</sup> Williams and make a final settlement of the same.

Resolved by this Board that the Chamberlain sell the wheat belonging to the Corporation (only reserving 100 Skipplles) to the highest bidder.

Henry Van Veghten is appointed to sell the above mentioned wheat at 5s. if he can get no more by Monday next.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 2d day of September, 1773.

Whereas Mr. Peter W. Yates, agreeable to a late Resolution of this Board, has revised, corrected and amended the Ordinances and had the same printed which being now presented and approved of, and it is Resolved that the same commence to be in full force and effect from this day.

It is further resolved that Messrs. Peter W. Yates and Jeremiah Van Renselaer do agree with the Printers about the Prices and Expences of the Paper and Printing of the said Ordinance.

Mr. Ebenezar Jessup presented a Petition to this Board praying them to grant to him a Peice of vacant ground covered with water, lying on the north side of the upper warf beginning at the east end of Mr. Quackenboss, &c. Whereupon it is resolved that the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted subject to a yearly rent charge of 40 shillings and that Mr. Robert Yates present the Deeds thereof by the next meeting then to be executed.

— Watson having applied to this Board by Alderman Ten Broeck for liberty to cut a quantity of Logs off of the Land belonging to the Corporation lying at — Resolved that he have leave to what quantity he shall think fitt on consideration that he deliver an attested account thereof and pay the usual price.

Resolved by this Board that agreeable to the Ordinance in that case made and provided no meat is to be exposed to sale on Sunday after the second Sunday in September instant.





At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Monday the 13th of Sept., 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw Orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts :

One in favour of Philip Lansing for £15:10:11.

One in favour of John Donaldson for attending the Town Clock from the year 1769 to the year this Board agreed with Mr. John J. Abbot.

One in favour of the City Night Watch for four months wagers.

Ald<sup>m</sup> Peter W. Yates and Messrs. Van Veghten and Roseboom presented to this Board the following Accounts:

1 of John Merselis of £10: 0:0      1 of George Dole of £8: 5:0

1 of John Hall of 7:15:0      1 of Philip Elsworth of 7:10:0

1 of Wessel Van Schaick of 1: 7:0½      1 of William Howard of 2:16:3

Which are also allowed.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Tuesday the 28th of Sept. 1773.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw Orders on the Treasurer to pay the following Accounts :

Guysbert Merselis      £11:4:3      Adrian Bradt      £1:15

Daniel Degraf      1:8:4

It is Resolved by this Board that at the next ensuing election of the different Officers of this Board that there be elected in each of the wards of this City one additional Constables who are to execute that office for the ensuing year.

That John Redliff may receive from the Chamberlain of this City three Schipples of wheat on account, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain deliver him the said quantity.

That the Mayor execute Deeds in behalf of this Board to John James Abbot for Lot K in foxes Creek.

And to Philip Wendell for Lot L, situate in the same place, and that he affix or order the affixing the City Seal thereto respectively.

At a Common Council held for the City of Albany at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 29th Sept. 1773—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Robert Yates, John Ten Broeck, Guysbert Merselis, Peter W Yates, Abraham Yates, Junr, Gerret Van Sante, Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schulluyne, Jacob Roseboom, Isaac Deforeest, Abraham Ten Eyck.

This day being appointed by Charter for the election of Aldermen, Assistants and Constables, the following is the order in which they were elected and returned.

First Ward—Peter W. Yates, Gerrit Van Sante, Aldermen; Jacob Roseboom, Henry Van Veghten, Assistants; James Green, Luke Cashady, Constables.

Second Ward—Robert Yates, Guysbert G. Merselis, Aldermen; Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schulluyne, Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Assistants; John Grozier, William Adams, Constables.

Third Ward—John Ten Broeck, Thomas Hun, Aldermen; Abraham Ten Eyck, Leonard Gansevoort, Assistants; Abraham A. Lansing, Albert Hansen, Constables.

William Adams having been chosen Constable for the second ward and



refused to serve, whereupon John Ostrander offering himself to serve in his stead, is appointed for that purpose.

This Board have appointed Henry Bleecker, Esq. Chamberlain, John Ostrander Marchel, and James Green High Constable.

Upon the Return of the Poll for the third ward, Ald<sup>m</sup> Abraham Yates in behalf of himself and William Winne. complained of the illegality of several Votes at the said election and therefore prayed a scrutiny of this Board to inquire into the same.

Resolved by this Board that the same be granted, and that all the parties interested in the said election be heard on the second day of October next, and that leave be given to the said Parties to take Copies of the said Poll.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Saturday the 2d day of October, 1773.

Mr. Henry Bleecker, Treasurer, informed the Board that he was desired to attend on Monday next at a Tryal with some of the Books belonging to the Corporation and applied to this Board for leave to attend with the same. Resolved by the Board that leave be given accordingly.

Agreeable to a former resolve of this Board the scrutiny between Alderman Abraham Yates, William Winne and John Ten Broeck and Thomas Hun came on before this Board for their determination.

Anthony Wolf Reylen, Christopher Beeckman, objected to for Bribery. In support whereof Jacob Henderer was sworn as a witness and saith, that the day before yesterday Wolf came to Martin for a saddle and said to this witness he had made a good days work of it the day before, for he and Beeckman had received £40 to give their votes for Hun and Ten Broeck by one Mr. Ten Broeck, and that he would be damned if he would vote before he had the money and that he was going to buy cattle for it.

William Pemberton sworn says, that the day before yesterday about five o'clock in the morning he saw the above witness and Wolf in discourse together and were very merry and asked them the reason of it, that Wolf said by *Jesus* I have got the Shiners to vote; that he asked him how many have you, more than one or two. Yes, by *J . . s*, a good many more; that the said Wolf had before the election declared he would vote Abraham Yates; that Wolf afterwards said he received only a bottle of wine.

James Pearce sworn saith, that on the day of election he was at Cartwrights; that up stairs Beeckman, Wolf, Austin and J. Williamson and this witness; that Harm Gansevoort, P. Gansevoort and Richard Ten Broeck severally came there to request them to vote; that Wolf said he would vote for Alderman Yates; that they would not vote without interest; that he does not know that any money was offered by any of those Gentlemen; that Wolf bought a horse next morning; that he the witness had left the room and left the others there; that he does not know to his own knowledge that money was received for their votes by them.

John Roorbach sworn, that he understood Williams had voted for Ten Broeck and Hun, that he went to Williams's slaughter house and said they were all off as he had got something for their votes; that he had heard they would not vote before they had got money, to which Beeckman said *Indeed would not we*; that James Williams said he had none of it. That when in (this deponent was in) his Garden John O'Bryan said there was



a good deal of work about voting in the 2d ward, the had also given his vote in said election. Why says he have you a vote? Why indeed says he I have only lived in the ward about eight days and my Bedding and several of my things are at one Ryans in the first ward.

Richard Hilton sworn saith, that Patrick Gahegan lived there before he came to the house of Mrs. M'Cew, that he left the said house on the 28th day of August last (the house he means is Mrs. M'Cews); that he is positive that it is this day 5 weeks; that he does not know where he went to, tho he did not go out of town; that he lived at Mrs. M'Cews above a twelve month; that he has a Bed with all his Clothes yet at Mrs. M'Cews, the has not slept there these last five weeks; that he has seen him at work at James Mans and that he has worked at Mr. Burcks but he generally is about Mans house, and he belieyes he does lodge there; lives up at Graveraedts in the Vosin Kill.

John Friend sworn saith, that John O'Bryan had his Bed and Bedding and Chest and Saw at this Deponents house; that he has worked at a well at Capt. Schuylers in the Country; that he lodged at times at one M'Kin-sies, to which place he removed from this Deponents: that he has been the most part of last Summer since the 1st of May at Albany at one Ryans, and at times in the country at his work, and that he goes from one place to another as he thinks to work. On the part of Ten Broeck and Hun in objection to the above.

James Moore, that he lives in a house of Graveraedt in the 3d ward; knows one John O'Brian who has lodged about seven or eight days agoe at this Deponents house, he has agreed to pay him so much a week for his Board: that he has known him about two years, that he is a labouring man and has been out at work at Courtland Schuylers; that he calls this Deponents house his home as he supposes as long as he stays there. That he has heard of O'Brian he had hired a Seller of John McKinsey that he does not know.

Knows also Patrick Gahigen, that he now lives at his house and has lived there since the 27th of August last; that before that time he lived at Mrs. M'Cews; that he is a Taylor by trade and follows his Business, that he now works at Burks.

Adam Craft sworn says, Mr. Yates asked Rees whether he received money, he answered that Leonard Gansevoort said he would give him a Dollar he owed him and be his security in a suit.

N. B. This Dollar was part of a fee left unpaid.

That Rees's family lives at Nestigeuna but that he has been at work for 5 months at Hogstrossers, and that he sometimes goes to see his family there; that the said Rees was born in Pennsylvania; that the Deponent lives at Mr. Hogstrossers and has voted on the late election, that he is born in Germany and was never naturalized; that he has been 20 years in America, that he has lived 1 year and 4 months in Albany, that he voted last year for Abraham Yates and John Ten Broeck.

Adjourned to Monday 8 o'clock in the morning.

Met according to adjournment.

Jere<sup>h</sup> Van Renselaer is also entered as a member just before John Roorback was for the second time examined.

Henry Tremper sworn said, he was going to prove what Williams's wife had said in regard to Bribery (which was objected to on the part of Mr.



Hun) the Council by majority of votes determined that it was not proper to examine the witness, he was therefore set aside.

N. B. It was said that the wife had received a Chinese Sack and Peticoat for Williams vote in favour of T. B. and H.

John McKinsie sworn saith, that John O'Brian hired his Seller for a year about a month ago, he was to give 40s.; he hired with intent to dwell in it; that he has his Bedding in it; that when he returned from Capt. Schuylers he came there last Saturday or Fryday a week ago and was in Liquor and slept there that night on the flore; that since he hired the Seller he has slept there about 6 nights; that the said O'Brian goes out to work, and there where he usually worked he lodged; that from the house of this Deponent he went to one Moores about 8 days ago from last Saturday morning.

Lyle Hodge offered to be introduced as a witness. Objected to by Mr. Silvester that he was not on the Poll.

Mr. Hodge then complained that he had offered himself as a voter at the time of election and was refused; that he therefore complained of the Ingury; whereupon he was sworn and saith, that this day 3 weeks since he removed or left Mr. Edgars to Mr. Williams, in the first ward, and where he has now his Bed and Board; that he offered to vote at the late election and that he intended to vote Mr. Yates and Mr. Winne and was denied to vote; he left Mr. Edgars the 12th of August, he went to the first ward the 24th August, he went to New York and returned 6th Sept. and then lodged again at Mr. Williams; that he had lodged at Mr. Williams about 15 or 16 days before the election. Mr. Yates observed that when John O'Brian came to vote Mr. Yates refused to have his name inserted, that thereupon Mr. John Ten Broeck wrote down the voters name and whom he voted.

John Roorbach again examined, but as it was asked him about the customs of the Board, the Board thought the question as yet improper and would consider of it farther.

First complaining that he had not been returned,

Roeloff Cole sworn saith, that he offered to vote at the late election, and that his intention was to vote John Ten Broeck and Abraham Yates, that after he was denied his intention was to vote A. Yates and W. Winne. The reason of his being refused by Mr. Ten Broeck was that he had not lived 6 weeks in the ward; that he went to look, but thought he had a right to vote; that he was born in town, but that he had found out he had not lived 6 weeks in the ward; that before he lived in the third ward he had been up to Missilunama. That before he had lived with his father in the 1st ward; that it was yesterday 7 or 8 weeks ago since he returned to this place. Saith he was at the City Hall after the election, he heard in discourse about the election with Pemberton and Wolf, who said he had got shiners for his vote; that Pemberton asked him how many; he said, *What is that to you how many I got?* and then put out his tongue. That he on oath declares he had received nothing for his vote or any promise of any Reward.

James Pierce the objection against his vote. The state of this objection is as follows:

N. B. No Clothing is mentioned in the agreement of servitude.

John Lansingh, Jun., saith on oath, that by the Ald<sup>m</sup> who held the pole, the question was usually put as a Test to a good vote or a bad vote,





whether such voter had been six weeks in the Town or not; if they had the vote was admitted, and on the principle with respect a stranger, it was supposed their residence had been only in the ward.

Nicholas Hallenbeck, is born in the City, that he has lived about 11 months in the 3d ward; that he has received no reward for his vote, nor no promise of any reward, but that he made a difference of about £10 in the Candidates; that when Ab<sup>m</sup> Schuyler asked him what he had got for his vote that as it was a foolish question, that he was yet to tell him.

Michael Dederick saith, that in discourse with Isaac Van Arnum, that he has nothing for his vote nor any promise of reward; that Van Arnum persuaded him to vote for Hun and Ten Broeck, that when he went to vote Van Arnum told him, your vote is as good as £5 to me. That last Fryday was 7 weeks he put up his trade at Mr. Willitts; that some time in October it will be 7 years since he arrived in America; that he was born in Germany, that he has taken an oath, was never naturalized, but believes the oath was for the performance of his Indentures.

John Roorback saith Chr. Beeckman had applied to him how to get naturalized and that he was an *Alien*.

Jacob Henderer in further examination saith that Wolf confessed he was born in Germany and that he came over when he was nine or ten years old.

Mr. Silvester opens on the part of Messrs. Ten Broeck and Hun.

Jan Lau Voucke sworn saith, knows one Francis Doughty, that he was born in Lorain, that he has been about one year in this country, that he has been a long while in the country of Canady as a soldier as he thinks; that he has lived about 4 or 5 months at Schodack and about one year at Winne's the Tanner in the 3d ward.

It is admitted that Roeloff Cole had said that he would have voted Hun and Ten Broeck immediately after he was refused.

John Maley sworn saith, that he knows Robert Williams, has lived with him since the 30th June last; that he hath heard him say that he was not of age, that he is not certain but thinks.

The witness was born in the Province of Alcase in the French Dominions, that he is not naturalized, that he has been in this country almost 7 years, and about or near 5 years that he has paid taxes in Town, that on a former election he has voted Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates and John Ten Broeck.

Robert Williams sworn saith, that he is not of the age of 21 years at this present time, that he will be 21 years the 23d of December 1774, that he was 13 years when he was bound apprentice.

Francis Doughty as to his own objection sworn saith that he is a Frenchman born; that when Canada was surrendered he was a soldier up the Illinois in the French Service saith, that he has taken the Oath of Fedelity to the British King and looks on himself as an English Subject.

John Metsger sworn saith, that he knows one John Phillips, that he has resided in the City of and on since the latter end of June, that he goes with a Sloop with the Deponent and that he sleeps when in Town aboard the Sloop and also at Santfords, and sometimes at this Deponents House he eat and drinks; that about 12 days ago he left this Deponent and went to Cor<sup>s</sup> Santfords where he has slept.

Andries Abel sworn saith, that he was born in Hanover, that he has voted before for Aldermen and that he has also served for the City as Constable; that he taken the Oaths Alegiance &c. and has lived 20 years



in this Country and that he never was out of America; that he has served his time at Jacob Groesbecks for the trade as a Shoemaker.

James Pierce, that he has voted formerly for Majistrates in this City, but that he was not at such time a bound Servant; that he has paid Taxes and towards the Church of England support.

Gerrit Visscher says, that there was always some dispute about which ward his fathers house was in; that he is in Militia in Capt. Winne's Company in the lower ward, but that his Brother was in Jo<sup>s</sup> Beeckmans ward, but his Opinion was that he was in the lower ward, but that his Brother have voted on some occasions in the upper ward, that he also has been a Constable in the third ward.

Hendrick Van Hoesen sworn deposed and saith, that a little above half afternoon he came to town from the country, that he knew it was the day of election and he went immediately to the Market Place in order to give his vote and that he intended to vote John Ten Broeck and Thomas Hun as Aldermen, but he found no body there to whom to tender his vote; that he then went to the stoop of J. Dewandlaer where he understood that the pole was closed; that he received no notice before the day of Election at what time in that day the Poll was to be opened.

Jacob Henderer says that Godfrey Enox said he was born in Holland.

Francis Stoop sworn saith, that he lives out at the North Gate where he keeps his bed and Board at Ab<sup>m</sup> De Weevers; that he Lodges every night when in Town there, that goes with a Sloop.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the city of Albany on the 5th day of October, 1773.

The Board being met and having taken into consideration the subject matter of the contested Election of the third ward between Abraham Yates, William Winne, John Ten Broeck and Thomas Hun, and have thereupon Resolved that previous to the determination of the said Scrutiny the following regulations (most of which are founded on the Customs of this Board in the like cases) are to be their guide in the determination of the present Election, as

1st, That no Aliens have a right to vote in any of the wards of this City tho the residence of such Aliens should have been for any length of time in the City before any Election of the members of this Board.

2d, That any person who is intitled to vote in this City and removes from one ward to another at any time before an election for the purpose of residing in such latter ward has a right to vote in such ward where he last resides.

3d, That every person by the custom of this Board of the age of twenty one years, born under the British Dominions and who has resided above six weeks in the City of Albany has a right to vote in the ward where he resides.

4th, That by a custom of this Board no bound Servant has a right to vote during the time of his Servitude.

5th, That any person who gives his vote for the election of any of the Officers of this Board in consequence of a bribe given him by any person or persons, such vote is declared null and void.

6th, That by late custom it appears that the House where Harma Visscher lately lived is situated in the third ward.

The Board thereupon taking into consideration the Proofs that have been



offered in objection to the validity of the vote of Patrick Gahigan as also the Proofs in favour of his vote, do unanimously declare that the said Patrick Gahigan had a good vote.

This Board also taking into consideration the proofs offered in objection to the validity of the vote of Anthony Wolf Rylan and it appearing to the Board that he was born out of the British Dominions and such an Alien, and no proof appeared that he has been naturalized do therefore declare his vote void.

Also taking into consideration the proofs offered in objection to the validity of the vote of Christopher Beekman and it appearing to the Board that he was born out of the British Dominions and that he had not been naturalized do therefore declare the said vote void.

No proof appearing to disqualify the vote of James Williams do therefore declare his vote good.

This Board taking into consideration the proofs offered in objection to John O'Brians vote, as also the proofs offered in favour of his vote and thereupon it appearing that the said John O'Brian had resided above six weeks in the City of Albany before the day of the last election and that his last place of residence before the said election was at the house of one James Moore in the third ward, and no intention appearing to the Board that he had moved in the said ward for the purpose of voting there, do therefore allow his vote good.

This Board also taking into consideration the proof offered in objection to the vote of John Adam Rees and it appearing that his family lives at Nestigeunoe, out of the jurisdiction of this City, and that he has worked at Paul Hogstrossers five months, that he sometimes goes to his family at Nestigooune, upon consideration of which said Circumstances this Board declare that by reason of the said voters having his family out of the City where he at times goes, that he is only a sojourner here, that therefore his proper place of Residence is out of the City and this vote is void.

It appears to the Board that James Pierce at the time of the late election was a bound Servent to Anthony Wolf Rylan, and it also appearing that by the custom of this Board that no bound Servent has a right to vote during the time of his Servitude, this Board doth therefore declare the vote of James Pierce void.

It appears in proof to this Board that Michael Dederick is born in Germany, that he has not resided seven years in America and is not naturalized or ever took the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, his vote is therefore declared void.

It appearing to the Board that the House wherein Philip Wendell and Timothy Hutton reside is scituated in the third ward, do therefore declare their votes good.

It appearing to this Board in proof that Adam Craft was born in Germany, that he never was naturalized, that he has lived twenty years in America, that it does not appear he ever has taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, therefore his vote is declared void.

Considering the proofs in objection to the vote of Nicholas Halenbeck the Board do not think it sufficient to disqualify this vote, do therefore declare it good.

Considering the proof that is offered to validate the vote of Francis Doughty and it appearing thereby that he at the time Canada surrendered to the British Crown by Capitulation, he was a Soldier in the French ser-



vice within the district of the country that surrendered, and since which time he has taken the Oath of Fidelity to the British King, it is therefore declared by the Board that he has a good vote.

It appearing to this Board that Robert Williams at the time of the Election was not of the age of twenty one years and that therefore he has no vote.

It appearing on proof to this Board that John Maley was born in the Province of Alcece in the French Dominions, that he has not been naturalized, and that he has not lived seven years in America, his vote is therefore declared not good.

It appearing to this Board that John Philips has resided above six weeks in this City before the time of Election, and that he was residing in the third ward at and before the Election do therefore declare his vote good.

It appearing to the Board that Andries Able was born in Hanover, that he has lived in this country twenty years, that he has heretofore served as Constable in the City of Albany and as such that he has taken the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, that he has also served his time to learn a Trade in the City of Albany, yet this Board conceiving that the said Andries Abel has not regularly qualified himself and taken the necessary measures presented by a late Statute made in the time of George the Second to entitle himself to the benefit of a Naturalization, do therefore declare his vote void.

It appearing to this Board that Godfrey Enox was born in Holland, and it not appearing he ever was naturalized, do therefore declare his vote void.

Resolved by this Board upon the consideration of the Complaint and Testimony of Lyle Hodge, who says that he offered his vote in the late Election and that it was refused him to vote, and this Board farther considering the right the said Lyle Hodge had to a vote. do Resolve that he had no vote and that the Alderman who took the Poll had a right to refuse him his vote.

By complaint of Roelof Cole it appears to the Board that he was refused to vote at the Election, and by proof it appears to this Board that he was entitle to a vote, but not being returned on the poll this Board upon the circumstances of the proof made before us are not satisfied that we have a right to add his vote to the said Poll.

Upon the complaint and testimony of Hendrick Van Hoesen it appears to this Board that upon his return from Country on the day of Election about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and that he attended at the usual place of Election and found no person or persons there to whom he could legally tender his vote and that he intended to have voted John Ten Broeck and Thos Hun for Aldermen, but it further appearing that he did not call on any of the Magistrates who had a right to take his vote, and it also appearing to this Board that the said poll had been open from the hour of nine in the morning to between four and five in the evening, and then only closed because no other voters appeared. this Board do therefore upon these circumstances declare that the said voter had omitted his opportunity of voting and that therefore his complaint is groundless.

Francis Stoop having offered his vote on the said Election and was refused by the Majistrates holding the said Election, and upon consideration of circumstances of the said refusal this Board doth concur in sentiments with them.





It appearing to this Board upon ading the bad votes together which were objected to by Mr. Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates and W<sup>m</sup> Winne, that Anthony Wolf Rylan, Christopher Beeckman, John Adam Ries, James Pierce and Michael Dederick were disqualified from voting for the reasons above assigned.

And on the contrary side it also appeared to this Board that upon adding the bad votes together which were objected to by John Ten Broeck and Thomas Hun, that Andries Abel, Adam Craft, Robert Williams, John Maley and Godfrey Enox were disqualified from voting for the reasons also above assigned.

That therefore by taking from the said poll the bad votes, that there remains a majority of good voters in favour of John Ten Broeck and Thomas Hun for Aldermen, who are therefore hereby declared by this Board as the Aldermen duly elected for the ensuing year for the said third ward.

October 14. This day being appointed by Charter to qualify the several Officers of this City.

Abraham Cuyler produces a Commission appointing him Mayor and Clerk of the Markets for the City of Albany and Coroner for the City and County of Albany.

Henry Ten Eyck produces a Commission appointing him High Sheriff for the City and County of Albany, and were both sworn to the due execution of their several offices.

The following were likewise sworn in the due execution of their several offices :

Peter W. Yates, Gerrit Van Sante, Aldermen for first ward. Henry Van Veghten, Jacob Roseboom, Assistants.

Guysbert G. Merselis, Alderman for second ward. Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schulyne, Assistant.

John Ten Broeck, Thomas Hun, Aldermen for third ward. Abraham Ten Eyck, Leonard Gansevoort, Assistants. Jacob Kidney, Constable.

October 18. Resolved by the Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Robert Lansing £5:8:6.

Robert Yates was this day qualified as Alderman for the second ward, and Abert Hansen as Constable for the third ward.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the City watchmen two months wages to commence from the time their last four months wages were due.

Resolved also that the Clerk draw an order upon the Treasurer to pay Michael Waginer £8:3:3 out of the Watch Money for his service for lighting the City Lamps from the 20th of April last to the 20th of inst. October and for Cotten Candel and reparations for the same.

This Board have appointed Thomas Williams, Jun<sup>r</sup> and Gerrit Hyer for the first ward, Direk Schuyler and Philip Viele for the second ward, and Andries and Jacob Van Deusen for the third ward. Firemasters for the ensuing year, and that they severally execute their offices pursuant to an Ordinance for that purpose made, and that they begin their serch on the first Monday in November next.

November 20. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts : Peter Lansing for storeing



the Oil for the use of the Lamps, £5; France Winne for three Barrels of Oil, Freight and Cartage, £13:2:9; John V. Douw, £1:10; John Crozier, 18 shillings.

The printed Ordinances of this Board comprized in sixty-four pages were this day published.

An account of William McIntost of £6:2:9 ordered to be paid.

Ordered by the Board that the Treasurer pay to John Radtcliff for the last years ringing the Bell the sum of £5.

Also ordered that John Ostrander be allowed £15 for his service from October the 14th, 1772, to the 14 of Oct. last as Marshall.

November 30. Resolved by the Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: Peter De Wandlaer £1:4; Jacobus Fonda £1:17.

December 4. Resolved by the Board that the following accounts be allowed. and that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the same: Nicholas Brewer £1:18:6; Peter Lansingh £3:2; Jos. & Ja. Caldwell 16s.

December 8. Resolved by the Board that Michael Wagener be allowed 14s. for sweeping fourteen Chimneys in the Hospital.

December 11. Ordered that the Chamberlain pay the sum of £11:4:6 instead of £8:4:6, for which a draft was given by us the 2d Nov. 1772, in favour of John Flansburgh.

An account of John P. Risaker of £2:9:6, is allowed. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the same.

It is Resolved that the Printers Robertsons be allowed £24, in full for Printing, &c. the Ordinances, and that the Treasurer pay the same.

Resolved by the Board that Ald<sup>n</sup> Robert Yates, Peter W. Yates and John Ten Broeck be appointed a Committee to prepare Instructions for the Representatives of this County to act at the next setting of the General Assembly.

December 14. This Board received an Answer from Sir William Johnson, Bar<sup>t</sup>, to a Letter sent to him on the 4th inst. [This correspondence related to a treaty with the Mohawks, the proceedings of which will be found on a subsequent page.]

December 18. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk give orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: John Foster £2:11:9; Jacob Lansingh £2:16.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Deed to the Indians for the Lands at Tiononderoga to hold to them as long as they continue a Nation and are settled there, and cause the Seal of the City to be thereunto affixed.

December 27. This Board this day received a representation of their Committe of their Negotiation with the Mohawk Indians living in the Lower Castle and that they had delivered on the 20th inst. in the presence of Sir William Johnson their Superintendent a Speech.

December 31. Jeremiah Van Rensselaer was this day sworn in the office of Assistant before the Mayor and Mr. Robert Yates, Guysbert G. Mersalis and Gerrit Van Sante, three of the Aldermen of the City.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. John Flansbury for £7.



At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Saturday the 8th of January, 1774.

This Board was this day favoured with a Letter from Sir William Johnson, inclosed wherein was an Extract of the Proceeding of the Mohawks Indians with the Committee of this Board.

Resolved by this Board that an answer be signed by the Clerk and sent to Sir William by the Post.

January 24. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: Lewis Foote £1:12:3; Philip Cuyler, 10s.; Adrian Bradt £1:10.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer let John Radtloff have three Skipple of wheat.

Resolved also that the Docks belonging to the Corporation be advertised to be sold at Publick Vendue on the 29th of January instant.

This Board find it necessary pursuant to their Petition delivered in the last Sessions of the Assembly requiring to be heard by Council against the passing of a Bill entitled "An act for securing to the Indians of the Lower Mohawk Village and their Descendants the pyssession of the remainder of their Lands adjacent to the same under certain regulations," That a Committe be sent down to New York to make the said objections, for which purpose they do hereby appoint Guysbert G. Merselis, Alderman, and Leonard Gansevoort, Assistant, to be a Committee, and they are hereby fully authorized and impowered either by themselves or Council to enter upon and make the said opposition to the said bill or any other bill which may be prefered to the said House to the same effect.

And for the purpose aforesaid this Board do hereby furnish the said Committee with all the Papers and Vouchers relative to the same in order for them to make such use of the said proofs as to them may appear necessary.

It is also ordered that the Chamberlain furnish the said Committee with all such Deeds and Papers as they may require from him relative to the Lands at Tiononderoge, and that the Chamberlain do also pay to the said Committee the sum of £25, for which sum they are to render an account of its Disbursements to this Board upon their return.

January 29. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Michael Wageman for the sum of £4:2:6 for lighting the Lamps and Necessaries found for that purpose.

This Board have this day agreed with Thomas Lotridge and Catharine Hansen by her son for to let them have the Ferry belonging to the Corporation for the term of three years at the rate of £34  $\frac{1}{2}$  annum, at the expiration of which term they are to deliver the Dock in the same good order it is at present. The rent to be paid annually.

Pursuant to a Resolution of this Board the Docks belonging to the Corporation were this day exposed to sale at Publick Vendue and Mr. Abraham I. Yates biding £91 for the same for the term of one year, and no one bidding more they were struck of to him for that sum.

February 8. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: Frederick Garrison £3:11; Robert Bruce £1:8; Ex<sup>s</sup> of Harm<sup>s</sup> Wendell £6:0:9.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer sell 100 Skipples of the wheat belonging to the Corporation at 4s. 6d.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Skipple to those persons



who have demands on this Board, no person to have more than three Skipple at a time.

February 19. Resolved by this Board that a Warrant be drawn and directed to the Assessors and signed by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen or the major part of them for ordering the sum of £160 to be raised from the Inhabitants &c. of this City, pursuant to an Act for that purpose made and passed the 8th day of February instant.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Monday the 21st of February, 1774—Present, the Mayor, Robert Yates, Thomas Hun, Guy G. Merselis, Gerret Van Sante, John Ten Broeck, Peter W Yates, Jacob Roseboom, Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Eyck, Jer<sup>a</sup> Van Renselaer, Leonard Gansevoort, Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne, Henry Van Veghten.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute a Deed to Dirck Van Veghten for 40 acres of Land agreeable to a Copy now before this Board.

That the Chamberlain also give to John Ostrander three Skipple of wheat on account.

Mr. Mayor communicated to this Board a Letter which he had the day before received from Sir William Johnson, Bar<sup>r</sup>, in answer to one sent by this Board the 8th of January last.

March 2. This day the Assessors returned their list of Taxes for defraying the expences of the City Watch and lighting the Lamps, whereupon this Board have signed a Warrant and ordered the City Seal to be thereunto affixed, which is to be delivered to Henry Beasly, City Collector, he first giving Bond with sufficient security to Mr. Henry Bleecker, Chamberlain, for his due performance thereof.

Resolved by this Board that Jacob Fort have a Deed for two pieces of Land at Schactikoke as surveyed by Mr. Jeremiah Van Renselaer and his return thereof for sixpence  $\frac{7}{8}$  acre rent, first payment to be made the first day of January, 1776.

Also Resolved by this Board that a Draft of a Letter brought in by the Committie appointed for the same the last Common Council be wrote fair, and that the Clerk subscribe the same in behalf of this Board.

March 30. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Garret Van Sante Esq. £24:11:4. which sum he advanced to sundry Labourers employed by the Corporation.

Resolved that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: Richard Cartwright £14:18; Gerret Van Vranke £1:6:3; James Moore 16s.; France Winne 8s.; John Frier £3:11:3; Wessel Van Schaick £1:13.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer sell to Abr<sup>m</sup> C. Cuyler Esq. 500 Skipple of wheat belonging to the Corporation at 5s. 1d.  $\frac{7}{8}$  Skipple.

This Board have appointed Gerrit Van Sante and Henry Van Veghten for the first ward, Guy G. Marselis and Cornelius Van Schelluyne for the second ward, and John Ten Broeck and Abraham Ten Eyck for the third ward a Committee to inspect and order repairs to be made to all such Bridges and other places in their respective wards as they shall think necessary.





A Petition of David Schuyler, E. Westerlo and others, Inhabitants of this City being presented to this Board, praying to have the Street that leads from the Stable of David Schuyler to the house of John Bartley paved by the persons whose Lots and Buildings join the said Street. This Board taking the same into consideration have ordered the Prayer of the said Petitioners be granted.

April 2. Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup> Cruekshanks informed this Board that he has an account against the Corporation for the sum of £10; the greatest part of which he had advanced cash to sundry Labourers imployd by order of this Board, it is therefore ordered that the Treasurer pay said acc<sup>t</sup> immedi<sup>y</sup>.

Resolved by this Board that the Petition of Robert Yates and Rutger Bleecker Esq<sup>rs</sup> for a piece of Ground lying to the East of the Powder house be granted at the annual rent of 10s.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Deed to Jacob Fort for a piece of Ground at Schaetekook in behalf of the Corporation and that the City Seal be thereunto affixed.

Resolved by this Board that the following Ordinances be this day published, viz :

A Law for regulating the Ferry between this City and Green Bush and for establishing the Rates thereof; for paving and cleaning the Streets, &c. and preventing Nuisance; for the regulating the lying of Vessels at the several Docks and Warfs of this City ascertaining the Rates to be paid for the same; for regulating Carts and Cartmen; for regulating the Public Markets; against the Prophanation of the Lords Day; for the better securing the City of Albany from the danger of Gun Powder; for the better preventing Fire; for making of Bread; to prevent Accidents by fast and immoderate Riding; to prevent Raffling; for regulating Taverns; for regulating the office of Chamberlain or Treasurer; for a Sworn Surveying of the City of Albany; for regulating of Midwives; for prohibiting Hawkers and Pedlars; for regulating Fences.

Resolved by this Board that an addition be made to the north side of the middle Dock and that Jeremiah Van Renselaer, John Ten Broeck and Jacob Roseboom be appointed a Committee in order to make Report by the next meeting of the Dementions of the same and upon what terms the same can be built.

April 9. The Corporation have this day received Mr. Peter Sharps Proposals for making a Drain from the Springs from behind the Fort to the Pumps near the English Church and also for erecting Cisterns at those Springs in the following manner, viz :

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| To five Cisterns @ £5 each                          | £25   |
| To 400 feet best pitch pine Gutter Timber 3d 7 foot | 5     |
| To 766 feet of drain to be dugg                     | 21    |
| To laying the drain and filing up                   | 10    |
|   | <hr/> |
|   | £61   |

I will furnish every thing except the Bricks.

PETER SHERP

Which said proposals being taken into our consideration this Board doth therefore agree that the said Peter Sherp may proceed upon the making and completing the said works, this Board allowing him the rates and charges above recited in the proportion of what works he shall make in completing the same, and for the overlooking, directing and ordering the



said works this Board do appoint Gerrit Van Sante and Peter W. Yates a Committee for that purpose.

This Board appoint the members of the third ward or a majority of them a Committee for building and erecting a Bridge in the main Street across the Foxes Creek.

This Board appoint Gerrit Van Sante, Robert Yates, and Thomas Hun or any two of them as a Committee to make a Report to this Board at their next meeting of the situation of the Ground sold or leased to John W. Wendell and the Lot adjoining thereto.

This Board also appoint the members of the first ward or the majority of them to amend or build the Bridges across the Bever Kill and Rutten Kill.

This Board do also appoint the members of the second ward or the majority of them as a Committee for repairing the Drains and Cisterns in that ward.

The Committe or any two of them appointed the last Common Council to lay out and take in proposals for building an additional Dock to the North side of the middle Dock are further continued as a Committee for said purpose, and that they or any two of them do make report at the next meeting of this Board.

That John Radleff have 3 Skipple of wheat on account and that the Chamberlain do furnish him therewith.

April 30. Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay the several watch men of this City their arrears to the 8th day of April instant.

It is also Resolved by this Board that Daniel Hushen be appointed one of the Watch for said City from the eight day of April inst. in the steat of Benjamin Hilton, who is to be under the same regulations as the others.

Resolved that the Lot lying near the Foxes Creek heretofore struck of at Publick Vendue to Philip Wendell be at the desire of the Parties conveyed to Mr. Abraham Ten Eyck on the same terms that Mr. Wendell was to have it.

This day was published the following Ordinance: An Ordinance for the regulating the running at large of Swine within the Limits therein mentioned. [Law recites that the great increase of swine was found to be a nuisance, and prescribes yokes and impounding.]

May 6. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer, to pay Albert Hansen 18s. for attending the Ferry three days.

May 13. This Board have appoint Mr. Mayor with the members of the second ward or any three of them a Committe to agree with Cap<sup>n</sup> M'Alpin for the rent of the Ground he has inclosed back of the Fort.

And also to order the people out of the Hospital.

Resolved by this Board that the Chamberlain pay Step<sup>n</sup> De Lancey Esq. £20 on account.

Resolved also that Abraham Deforeest have adjoining to his the Land he has from this Board by the Deed dated the 19th of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1734, towards the road the full length of his ground of 200 yards with the breath towards the road of 25 yards, and that the Mayor execute the Deed for the same under an annual rent of one shilling.

May 19. It is resolved by this Board that an addition be made to the middle Dock adjoining the North side thereof to wit, ninety feet in length



and thirty-two feet in breadth and of the same height with said Middle Dock and a piece adjoining the north west end of said addition of twenty feet long and sixteen feet broad, that it be completed by the first day of September next, that under the inspection of Aldermen Van Sante, Merselis and Ten Broeck, and Councillors Roseboom, Schilluyne and Ten Eyek, or any three of hem, that the sum of £250, the consideration money, be paid as follows: one third thereof when the said Dock is laid and sunk, one third when finished and the remaining one third in six months after completion, and that said Gent<sup>n</sup> do enter into written engagement with Fish in behalf of this Board for the true performance of said work and in such manner and form as they shall think expedient in the penalty of £250.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw half a dozen Advertisements to be put up at the most public places in this City for the sale at Vendue of several Lots of ground in the third ward and adjoining the Lot of Jacob Van Schaick, the Vendue to be held on the premises the second day of June at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

June 1. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay William Hilton £2:2.

June 2. This day being appointed by a former resolution for the sale of several Lots lying to the south of Jacob V. Schaick in the 3d ward of this City, the same was set up at Vendue but no person offering a sufficient sum for any of said Lots the same remain unsold for want of buyers.

It is resolved by this Board that the purchase money of the Lots of Ground of this Board heretofore leased to several Inhabitants of this City as also the rent due on the Leases be collected and paid on or before the eleventh day of July next, and that all those who have not yet renewed their Leases apply for them to the Treasurer of this Board on or before that day and the Clerk of this Board is ordered immediately to advertize this Resolution.

It is resolved by this Board that Messrs. Robert Yates, Jeremiah Van Renselaer and Thomas Hun or either of them lay out and survey the Bounds of this City and lay out the Wards with their divisions and subdivisions, Streets, Lanes and Alleys and make a return to this Board of a Plan or Chart thereof within three months from this day, and it is further resolved that they or either of them report to this Board of all encroachments made on the property of this Board.

June 4. An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance for regulating the running at large of Swine within the limits herein mentioned.

It is Resolved that every person who shall be guilty of breaking the Pound made for pounding of Hogs, &c. shall forfeit and pay for every offence twenty shillings to be recovered by Warrant under the hand and seal of any one of the Aldermen of said City.

June 11. At the request of Mr. Ten Broeck and Mr. Livingston for the Charter and some of the Deeds belonging to the Corporation relative to the Lands at the Verrebergh. It is resolved that the Chamberlain attend the Court with the Charter but not with any Deeds. It is further Resolved that this matter be taken into consideration by a future full Board.



June 28. Whereas the Mayor and Chamberlain were served with a Subpcna and Ducestecum to appear at the Supream Court to begin to day and produce several Deeds therein mentioned, it is resolved by this Board that the Mayor and Chamberlain attend the Court with those Deeds, but object against producing them because those Deeds being given in Evidence will affect and interfere with the claim and property of this Board. But if upon the whole the Supream Court should order the said Deeds to be produced and given in Evidence, then the same is to be done.

July 21. Resolved by this Board that the Chamberlain sell all the wheat of the Corporation which he has now in his custody at 5s.  $\frac{7}{8}$  Skipple except fifty Skipples for the use of the creditors of this Board each one Bagg at 5s  $\frac{7}{8}$  Skipple.

Aug. 8. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: Leballus Heligas £2:6; Michael Wageman of £5:11; Jacob Bogart £11:18:9; Abraham Hogherk, £7:14:9; Wills<sup>s</sup> Van Den Bergh, 3s. 9d; Philip J. Connor 2s. 6.

Resolved by the Board that the Chamberlain let John Radliff have three Skipple of wheat on account.

Resolved that as it is reported by Mr. Mayor that Mr. Peter Douw has encroached on some Ground of this Board in the first ward at Rutten Kill, that Messrs. Peter W. Yates, Guy<sup>t</sup> G. Marselis and Tho<sup>s</sup> Hun and Jeremiah Van Renselaer or any three of them be a Committee to have a meeting with Mr. Douw on the subject and make report of the result of their meeting with all convenient speed.

It is also resolved that those Gent<sup>rs</sup> apply to the Attornies who have suits in hand of this Board in order to see what progress they have made in such suits and what monies they may have received for this Board, and that they also inquire at the Chamberlains what purchase monies are due to this Board on the sales of Lots of Ground westward of the City and make report accordingly to this Board as soon as possible.

It is Resolved by this Board that the Marshall do immediately give notice to all person and persons whomsoever, now residing or possessing any of the Rooms or Cellars in the Hospital to give up his or their possession on or before the 22d day of August inst., and that in case of a non compliance of a refusal of this resolution the several Constables of this City do attend on the 23d of Aug<sup>t</sup> inst. in order to dispossess and remove such person or persons as shall so neglect or refuse as aforesaid.

On application of Gerrit Van Sante Esq. it is resolved that he have a Lot of Ground lying in the third ward of this City on the north of the Lot formerly granted to Sir W<sup>m</sup> Johnson, being in front and rere thirty-seven feet, for the consideration of eighty-nine pounds and if less so in proportion, and Jer<sup>h</sup> Van Renselaer be appointed to survey and draw the Deeds for the same.

It is farther ordered by this Board that John Ten Broeck, Peter W. Yates and Robert Yates be a Committee to make a Draft of an Ordinance to regulate the Elections of the different Officers of the City and that they lay the same before this Board with all convenient speed.

At a Common Council held at the House of John Knickerbacker at Schachtekook the 12th of August, 1774.

It is resolved by this Board that Harmin Quackenboss have one hundred





acres of Wood Land at Schactekook @ six pence  $\text{₥}$  acre a year, and also another piece adjoining Peter Benneway and Peter Vielen of seven or eight acres more or less, and that he is to pay the same proportion that Benneway and Velen do for theirs, and survey be made thereof previous to the execution of the Deed.

Resolved that the Mayor do execute a Deed to Dirck T. Vaghten fore one hundred and three acres of Wood Land at Schactekook at six  $\text{₥}$  acre yearly and every year, the first payment thereof to be made on the first day of January 1776, which Deed was accordingly executed. And also to execute a Deed to Jacob Fort for sixty-four acres at thirty-two shillings yearly rent, the first payment thereof to be made on the first day of January, 1776, which Deed was accordingly executed agreeable to a resolution of the second day of April last.

It is Resolved by this Board that Peter Devenport is to have the quantity of one hundred acres more or less adjoining the woods and of Harmin Quackenboss at the yearly rent of six pence  $\text{₥}$  acre and that a survey be made thereof previous to the execution of the Deed.

And it is further resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute a Deed to John W. Groesbeck for twenty-six acres three rods and fifteen perches of Wood Land at Schactekook @ six pence  $\text{₥}$  acre yearly, the first payment to be made first Jany 1776, which Deed was executed accordingly, as also for a small piece of Land there containing seven acres and one rod at the yearly rent of three Skipples of wheat, the first payment to be made January the 1st, 1776.

It is further resolved that Henry Bleecker Esq. be Attorney to this Corporation to seize, take and distrain of the Goods and Chattles of Lewis Vielen of Schactecook for fourteen pounds for nine years rent due to this Board by him, and to pursue the proper remedy for the recovery of said rent, and this shall be sufficient warrant and power for the said Henry Bleecker. Whereupon the said Vielen gave this Board his note of hand for said rent.

It is further resolved that the Mayor Execute a Deed to Nicholas Young for thirteen acres and half of Wood Land at Schactekook @ one shilling  $\text{₥}$  acre a year, which Deed was accordingly executed, the first payment to be made the first day of January, 1776.

Mr. Gerrit Van Bombele requested the Corporation to suspend his rent for one other year on account of his late loss by fire, upon which the Corporation resolved to take the same into consideration and untill a full Board be met.

It is farther resolved that the Mayor execute a Deed to Martin Winne for seventeen acres of Wood Land at Schactekook at the yearly rent of eight shillings  $\text{₥}$  year, the first payment thereof to be made on the first day of January, 1776, which Deed was accordingly executed.

August 22. An Ordinance for regulating the Election of Aldermen and Assistants in the City of Albany declaring the Qualification of the Voters.

Whereas by the Charter of Incorporation of the said City it is willed and appointed that the Aldermen and Assistants within the said City be yearly chosen on the Feast Day of St. Michael the Arch Angel forever, viz, two Aldermen and two Assistants for each respective ward, &c., and that by a majority of the Voices of the Inhabitants of each ward.

And whereas doubts and disputes have arisen in the said City respect-



ing the qualification of the Inhabitants necessary to constitute legal votes and many Elections have heretofore been drawn in question and upon a scrutiny of the Poles this Board has found great difficulty, for the preventing of which for the future and in order to ascertain who shall be entitled to and have a legal vote in consequence of the word Inhabitants mentioned in said Charter.

Be it therefore ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City in Common Council Convened, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, that from henceforth in every Election for Aldermen and Assistants for any of the wards of said City, the Inhabitants of said City within the meaning of said Charter shall be persons actually residing within the said City or the Liberties or Precinct thereof and born there.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, that every person tho not born within the said City or within the Liberty or Precinct thereof shall be entitled and have a right to vote if he is a natural born subject or made a subject of the Crown of Great Britain by an act or statute or Letters of Dinzation, provided such persons shall have actually resided in the said City or within the Liberty or Precincts thereof at least forty days previous to such Election and provided also he have obtained the Freedom of said City at any time before said Election.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid that every person who has a freehold Estate in the said City or within the Liberties or Precincts thereof, tho not born there nor having obtained the Freedom of the said City shall be entitled to and have a vote in such ward wherein his said freehold Estate lies, but shall have only one vote tho he has freehold Estate in several wards.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, that every person so qualified to vote as aforesaid shall be entitled to and have right to vote only in the ward where he has his actual residence as aforesaid, and in case any person so voting as aforesaid has removed from one ward to another for the sole purpose of voting in such latter ward his vote so given shall be void.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, that no person under the age of twenty-one years shall have a legal vote, nor an Alien, nor a Servant, nor an Apprentice, nor a Prisoner or Debtor in Goal.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, that no other person or persons whatsoever other than those qualified as before mentioned shall be entitled to or have a legal vote in any of the said Elections but every vote given contrary to this Ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be null and void.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid, that on scrutinies of the Poles of any Election where other sufficient proofs cannot be had satisfactory to this Board concerning the validity or legality of any vote in such case the person whose vote shall be questioned shall be examined on oath, and in case of a neglect or refusal his vote on such scrutiny shall be held to be null and void.

Passed the 22d of August, 1774, in Common Council, and resolved that the same be immediately published and one copy of this Ordinance be fixed up in some public place in each ward as soon as convenient by the Marchel, and that the Clerk draw said Copies for that purpose, and that this Ordinance be filed and entered on the Records of this Board.

ABR<sup>m</sup> C. CUYLER, Mayor.



August 31. Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay to John Ostrander in behalf of the Constables for Sunday service out of the Watch money the sum of £4:12.

Resolved also that the Treasurer pay to John Fish the sum of £83:6:8, deducting what he has received on his first payment.

September 22. Resolved by the Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts : Adrian Bradt £13:16; John Gansevoort 8s.

Resolved also that at the next General Election of Officers of the City, that there be an additional Constable elected in each ward.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Alban on Thursday the 29th of Sept, 1774—Present. the Mayor, John H. Ten Eyck, Esq., Recorder, Guy<sup>t</sup> G. Merselis, Robert Yates, John Ten Broeck, Thomas Hun, Henry Van Veghten, Abraham Ten Eyck, Leonard Gansevoort, Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne, Jacob Roseboom.

This day being appointed by Charter for electing Aldermen, Assistants, and Constables for this City, the same were chosen and returned as follows :

| <i>First Ward.</i>   |                                  |                                |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aldermen.            | Assistants.                      | Constables.                    |
| Peter W. Yates       | Henry Van Veghten                | James Green                    |
| Gerrit Van Sante     | Jacob Roseboom                   | Jacob Kidney.                  |
| <i>Second Ward.</i>  |                                  |                                |
| Robert Yates         | Corn <sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne | John Ostrander                 |
| Guysbert G. Marselis | Jeremiah Van Renselaer           | William Adams.                 |
| <i>Third Ward.</i>   |                                  |                                |
| John Ten Broeck      | Leonard Gansevoort               | Samuel Pruyne Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| Thomas Hun           | Abraham Ten Eyck                 | Roeleff Cole.                  |

This Board have appointed Henry Bleecker Esq. City Chamberlain, and John Ostrander Marshal for the ensuing year.

October 8. Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay to Peter Lansingh the sum of £6:3 and that the Clerk give an order for the same.

October 14. This day being appointed by Charter to qualify the several Officers of this Board, the following having taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy were also sworn to the due execution of their several offices :

Gerrit Van Sante Alderman for first ward ; Henry Van Veghten, Jacob Roseboom, Assistants.

Robert Yates, Guy<sup>t</sup> G. Merselis, Aldermen for second ward ; Jer<sup>h</sup> Van Renselaer, Assistant.

Thomas Hun, John Ten Broeck, Aldermen for third ward; Leonard Gansevoort, Assistant.

John Ostrander, High Constable ; James Green, Jacob Kidney, Sam<sup>l</sup> Pruy<sup>n</sup> Jun., Constables.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor in behalf of this Board sign Articles of Agreement with Thomas Skidmore for sweeping the Chimneys and lighting the Lamps within this City.

Resolved also that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the second payment of the Dock to Jeremiah Tomkins, deducting what has already been paid, as also the fifty pounds to William Charles.



Ordered by this Board that Guy<sup>t</sup> G. Marselis, Robert Yates and Thomas Hun be a Committe to go too Hosack in order to inspect the road next Tuesday.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: John Ostrander, Marchel, £15; the Const<sup>s</sup> for Sunday service £1:4; John Tingue 12s.; Benjamin Wallace 8s.; John T. Vischer £8:8; Michael Wagoner £3:19:6.

November 7. Abraham C. Cuyler Esq. produces a Commission appointing him Mayor of the City and Clerk of the Markets and Coroner for the City and County of Albany, who took the Oaths appointed by Law and was to the due execution of his several offices.

Cornelius Van Schelluyne and Abraham Ten Eyek were this day qualified for Assistants to this Board.

The Committee appointed by this Board to examine whether the road leading from Brattleborough in Cumberland County to Sanford could not be continued upon a straight Line to the House of Peter Limmers in Little Hosick, Report that the same is practicable and that it will curtail the distance at least thirteen miles. It is therefore Resolved by this Board that the Commissioners appointed to lay out the said Road open it from Stanford to the House of Said Limmers before the Subscription money of this Board be paid, and that the Clerk furnish Mr. Malicha Church one of the Com<sup>s</sup> with a copy of this resolve.

Resolved that the Treasurer pay the City Watch their wages due to the 30th of Oct. last, being 6 months.

Resolved also that the High Const<sup>e</sup> appoint two of the Const<sup>e</sup> of this City to attend the Ferry during the Fair.

Resolved likewise that an Election be held on Fryday next in the second ward for chosing a Constable in stead of William Adams a non resident chosen the last Election—and the like in the third ward on the same day for chosing a Constable in the stead of Rolieff Cole who has left the City.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay to Peter Lansing five pounds and that the Clerk give an order for the same.

November 19. Agreeable to a former resolve of this Board Samuel Bellus was this day returned as a Constable for the second ward duly elected by the Inhabitants thereof on Fryday last.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: John Ostrander 18s.; Jacob Cidney 18s.; Ostrander & Van Deusen 8s.; William Flansburg £1:12.

This Board have appointed John W. Wendell and William Van Sante for the first ward, Harmanus A. Wendell and Tho<sup>s</sup> Witbeck for the second ward, Obadiah Cooper and Isaac I. Truax for the third ward, fire masters for the ensuin year who are to execute said office agreeable to an Ordinance for that purpose lately made and provided.

It is resolved that the Constables of each ward or any three of them do forthwith go to the Hospital and turn out and remove out of the same any person inhabiting therein with Baggage and Goods unless they voluntarily remove them without delay.

Peter W. Yates Esq. having taken the Oaths appointed by Law was sworn to the due execution of his office as Alderman for the first ward of this City.





December 7. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Thomas Skidmore 19s. ; Staats V. Santvort £4:9:8.

This Board have agreed with Mr. Abraham Eights to release to him a Lot of ground of about 36 feet front, fronting a small street and bounded north to the Lot lately bought by Jacob Van Schaick, the length as laid out by John Bleecker, he paying therefor at the rate Jacob Van Schaick bought said Lots and perpetual annual rent of six shillings; the sum of £50 part of the consideration to be paid at the execution of the deed and the remainder within eighteen months after the date of the said Deeds, he paying for the drawing of said Deeds.

Resolved that the Treasurer let John Radliff have three Skipple of wheat on account.

December 31. Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay the following accounts and that the Clerk give orders for the same: Peter De Wandlaer £11:0:3; Johannes Flansburgh £4:12; Peter Sharp £89:16:8½.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Thursday the 5th day of January, 1775—Present, the Mayor, Robert Yates, Gerret Van Sante, John Ten Broeck, Thomas Hun, Guy<sup>r</sup> G. Marselis, Leonard Gansevoort, Abraham Ten Eyck, Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne, Jer<sup>r</sup> Van Renselaer, Jacob Roseboom.

Resolved by this Board that an Election be held in the third ward for choosing a Constable in the stead Reliff Cole who was chosen the last elec<sup>n</sup> as he is disqualified to serve in that office.

Resolved also that the Treasurer pay to John Ostrander the sum of £2:12 in behalf of the two Constables who attended 13 Sundays in the streets.

January 30. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Bazil Francis six pounds for taking care of the Town Clock one year.

This Board have agreed with John Abbot to take care of said Clock @ £6 3<sup>d</sup> annum to commence the 1st of this inst.

This Board being informed that a number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Saratoga and other adjacent parts have lately presented or do soon intend to present a petition to the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council for a Patent or Grant for incorporating that part of the country into a Borough, &c. It is resolved by this Board that as such a Grant will affect the Rights and Property of this Board, that a Caveat be entered and filed against the passing of such a Grant.

Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Tho<sup>s</sup> Skidmore £3:10:6 for lighting the Lamps and materials found for the same. Also that he pay John Radliff for one year ringing the Bell and that said Radliff have 3 Skipples of wheat on acc.

Resolved likewise that the Treasurer pay Tho<sup>s</sup> Hun £5:12 for one Barrel Oyl for the use of the Lamps.

It is also Resolved that the Treasurer pay to Malica Church the sum of £15 subscribed by this Board towards a Road lately made by said Church and others, and that the Clerk draw an order for the same.

February 6. Ebenezer Jessup this day presented a Petition with a Map annexed to this Board praying a grant for a piece of ground belonging to the Corporation, which is bounded as follows: Beginning at the



north end of Warran street and runing from thence N. 45° W. 58c. 25l. (as the Needle pointed in the year 1765) to the north Bounds of a Tract of Ground granted to the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Albany, thence along the said bounds 27° 30' E. 44c. 50l. to the eastern Corner thereof, thence farther along the said bounds S. 21° 30' W. 2c. 50l. to Queen street, thence along Queen street S. E. 14c. 80l. to Warran street, thence along the same N. E. 15c. to the place of beginning, containing about 48 acres, excepting out of the same the Lands granted to Hageman, which being taken into consideration it is resolved that the same be granted on the following conditions: That all the streets which intersect this tract as laid out by this Board in the year 1765 be reserved out of the same; that the Square in which Hageman has two Lots released to him he pay twenty shillings for each acre, but that previous to the executing Deeds for the same, it is resolved that an actual survey and return be made of the said Lands.

This appoint Gerrit Van Sante, Robert Yates and Tho<sup>s</sup> Hun to be a Committe to wait on the Supervisors of this County to request them to present to the Assembly the raising the sum of £100 to purchase a Bell for the County Court House and the expences of putting up the same.

February 11. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Bastian I. Visscher the sum of £9:1 for repairing the Schenectady Road and for waggon hire. As also an order in favour of W<sup>m</sup> Hun for 12s. 6d.

The Aldermen of the second ward return a Pole whereby it appears that Evert Evertse was duly elected Constable for said ward on the tenth of this inst. agreeable to a former resolve of this Board.

Agreeable to Advertisement the Docks were this day sold at Publick Vendue to William Pemberton for £103 untill the first day of January next for which he is to give this Board good security within a fortnight.

February 23. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Abraham I. Yates £2:1.

Ordered by this Board that a warrant be drawn by the Clerk directed to the Assessors and signed by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen or the major part of them for ordering the sum of £160 to be raised from the Inhabitants &c. of this City pursuant to an Act for that purpose made and passed the 21st of January last, and that they make return thereof to this Board the 2d day of March next.

Resolved also that a Letter be wrote and signed by the Clerk to Messrs. Ten Eyck, Schuyler and Ten Broeck desiring them to profer a Bill to the House of Assembly in order to raise the sum of £100 on the Inhabitants of the City and County of Albany for the purpose of having a Bell hung in the Court House of the said City and County.

This Board concluding it necessary that Bounds of the Patent granted to Hendrick Van Renselaer and now belonging to the Corporation of the City of Albany ought to be run out, they have therefore agreed for the above purpose that Jeremiah Van Renselaer make a survey thereof and Guy G. Marselis and Abr<sup>m</sup> Ten Eyck, two of the members of the Corporation attend on him to see the survey performed and that they make a return thereof at the next Common Council.

The above three members are also authorized and impowered to collect from their Tenants at Schactekook the Fowles which are due and in arrear



to the Corporation and that they render a just account of the number they may receive in consequence of the above power and from whom. And also that the said members take a Copy out of the Records of this Board of all those persons who have had the privilege granted them to cut Logs off of the Corporations Land at Schactekook, which persons are to render an account on Oath of the Quantity they have cut and that the said members collect the money for the same.

March 2. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following acct<sup>s</sup>: Lucas Van Veghten £2:3:2; John Van Tile 8s.; John McDonald £3:4.

The Assessors having this day returned a List of the Taxes for defraying the charges of the Night Watch in this City and lighting the Lamps in the streets thereof, It is Resolved that a Warrant be drawn directed to Henry Beasley, Collector, signed by this Board and that the City Seal be thereunto affixed in order for to collect the same, and that the said Henry Beasley give good security to the Chamberlain of this Board for the due performance thereof.

March 24. The following accounts were this day allowed and ordered to be paid by the Treasurer: Tekarias Van D Bogart 8s.; Daniel Degraaf 13s. 4d.

A Petition of Bowdewin Kip was presented to this Board praying a Lease for ever for a peice or parcel of Land adjoining Johannes Benneways Land at Schactecook. Ordered that Jer<sup>h</sup> Van Renselaer survey the same and make a return thereof to this Board, and that the prayer of the Petitioner shall be granted if this Board can agree with him for the rent.

Resolved that the Treasurer let John Ostrander and John Radliff each have three Skipples of wheat on account.

April 13. Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay the City Watch six months wages computed from the time of the last payment.

April 19. Resolved that the Treasurer pay the following acct<sup>s</sup>: Abraham Roseboom £5:14; John Ostrander and other, to be paid out of the Watch money, £2:18.

A Draft of a Letter to the Lieut Governor was brought in by Ald<sup>n</sup> Robert Yates and Marselis who were appointed a Committee for that purpose, which being approved of, Ordered that the same be fairly copied and that the Mayor sign it in behalf of this Board.

Ordered by the Board that Guy<sup>t</sup> G. Marselis, Tho<sup>s</sup> Hun and R. Yates be a Committee to confer with Doc<sup>t</sup> Van Dyck in behalf of Peter Douw, who claims ground near the Rutten Kill upon leaving the matter in controversy between this Board and him to Arbitrators and that they report by the next meeting of this Board the result of their Conference.

May 4. Volckert P. Douw, Henry Bleecker and Abraham Yates in the name of a Committee of twenty-one persons called the Committee of Correspondence, Safety and Protection, waited on this Board with a request to this Board to establish a night watch of at least fifteen persons for the better preservation of the Peace within this City at these times of publick Commotions and Disturbance, which request this Board have taken into consideration and have resolved that they do not as a Board deem it



prudent or expedient to constitute any other Night Watch than the one already established.

May 20. Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay the following accounts and that the Clerk draw orders on him for the same: John Hansen and other £1; James Green 2s. 6d.; Sander Lansing 10s. 6d.; John J<sup>r</sup> Abbot £4:12:6.

May 22. A Letter was this day shewn to the Board by Mr. Mayor from Col. Guy Johnson directed to the Corporation of the City of Albany and the Majistrates and Committee of the Township of Schenectady as also a Speech of one of the Mohawk Chiefs.

Resolved by this Board that Messrs. Peter W. Yates, Guy<sup>t</sup> G. Marselis, Jeremiah Van Renselaer and Leonard Gansevoort be a Committee to draw an Answer to said Letter as also to said Speech.

June 17. Resolved by this Board that the Mayor execute a Lease and Release to Robert McClallen for a Lot in the third ward at the river side. Also that he execute a Lease to Abraham Eights and another to Jacob Van Schaek each for a Lot in the third ward at the river side and that the Chamberlain affix the City Seal to the above Deed and Leases.

Resolved that the Board accept an assignment of a Lease of Robert Henry to Gerrit Van Sante for the sum of six shillings  $\text{p}^{\text{a}}$  annum in lieu of the annual rent which should be given for the lot sold Robert McClallen.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Thomas Skidmore the sum of £4, for lighting the Lamps three months and providing necessaries for that purpose.

June 24. Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Lease to Abraham Eights for a Lot of ground at the river side, in behalf of this Board and that the City Seal be thereunto affixed.

Resolved that the last payment due on the Dock built by Mr. Fish be paid to said Fish or order by the Treasurer.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay to Stephen De Lancey or order the sum of £127 for attending this Board as Clerk from the first day of June 1769 to the 1st of June 1775, at £16  $\text{p}^{\text{a}}$  year, providing Books, Paper, &c. for this Board at 50s.  $\text{p}^{\text{a}}$  year and drawing several Leases.

Resolved that Advertisements be put up and that the Cryer give public notice to the Inhabitants of this City that any of them may be supplied with any quantity of wheat not exceeding six Skipples at 4s. 6d, by applying to the Chamberlain before the first day of July next.

Resolved also that the Treasurer supply John Ostrander and John Radliff each with three Skipples of wheat and charge the same to their accounts.

Resolved likewise that Nicholas Marselis, Harmanus Wendell and Peter Lansingh appear before this Board at their next meeting to render account of their proceedings as Overseers of the Roads for the City of Albany.

Resolved by this Board that Treasurer pay the City watch all the wages due to them, they rendering an account upon Oath of the time they have respectively served as watchmen in the employ of the Corporation

Resolved that the members of the second ward be a Committee to have the Bridge over the Foxes Creek in said ward repaired as soon as possible.

Resolved also that Messrs. Robert Yates, Guy<sup>t</sup> G. Marselis, Gerrit Van





Sante and Thomas Hun be a Committee to report to this Board the scituation of the Bridge near Marselis's Pasture, with respect to the south west Bounds of this City.

June 26. Resolved by this Board that Messrs. Robert Yates, Gerrit Van Sante, Thomas Hun and Jer<sup>h</sup> V. Renselaer be a Committee to wait on the Grand Jury and represent to them the scituation of the Bridge near Marselises Pasture with respect to the Bounds of this City.

September 4. Resolved by this Board that the Mayor sign a Deed to John Williamson in behalf of this Board for a Lot of ground lying at the river side and that the City Seal be thereunto affixed.

Resolved that the Treasurer pay to John Ostrander and several other Constables (as mentioned in an account delivered to this Board) their respective wages for Sunday service, the whole amounting to £3:18.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor write to his Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> Tryon in behalf of the Corporation praying him to pardon the Negro Slave named Tom of the Widow Hoghan now under sentence of Death.

September 13. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: Johannis Flansburgh Jun. £4; Jacob Bogardus £29:14:6; Tho<sup>s</sup> Skidmore for lighting the Lamps &c. £4:2:4.

Resolved that the Treasurer pay to Thomas Hun Esq. £5 immediately, to be applyed to particular uses by him in behalf of this Board.

September 28. Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay to Michael Wagoner the sum of £6 which is allowed to him for repairs done to the house he formerly lived in. As also account of Dirck Hun £3:5:6; Lukas and Ab<sup>m</sup> Hooghkerk £10:8:10.

Resolved also that one additional Constable be chosen at the ensuing Election for each ward.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Fryday the 29th of Sept<sup>r</sup>, 1775—Present, the Mayor, John H. Ten Eyck, Esq., Recorder, Guysbert G. Marselis, Robert Yates, Peter W. Yates, Thomas Hun, John Ten Broeck, Henry Van Veghten, Jacob Roseboom, Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne, Leonard Gansevoort, Abraham Ten Eyck.

This day being appointed by Charter for the election of Aldermen, Assistants, and Constables for this City, the following were returned duly elected for the ensuing year:

| <i>First Ward.</i>   |                                  |                |
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| Aldermen.            | Assistants.                      | Constables.    |
| Peter W. Yates       | Jacob Roseboom                   | James Green    |
| Gerrit Van Sante     | Arie Legrange                    | Jacob Kidney.  |
| <i>Second Ward.</i>  |                                  |                |
| Guysbert G. Marselis | Corn <sup>s</sup> Van Schelluyne | John Ostrander |
| John Jacob Beeckman  | Jere <sup>h</sup> Van Renselaer  | Isachar Child. |
| <i>Third Ward.</i>   |                                  |                |
| Thomas Hun           | Abraham Schuyler                 | Isaac A. Fonda |
| John Ten Broeck      | Abraham Ten Eyck                 | William Adams. |

This Board have appointed Henry Bleecker Esq. Treasurer, and John Ostrander Marshal for the ensuing year.



October 14. This day being appointed by the Charter to qualify the Officers of this City, the following took the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, subscribed the Test, and were sworn to the due execution of their respective offices :

Peter W. Yates, Gerrit Van Sante Aldermen for first ward.

Guysbert G. Marselis, John Jacob Beeckman, Aldermen for second ward ; Cornelius Van Schelluyne, Assistant.

Thomas Hun, Alderman for third ward ; Abraham Schuyler, Abraham Ten Eyck, Assistants. John Ostrander, Marshall.

Resolved that with all convenient speed a Constable be elected in the 2d ward instead of Isacher Child.

October 24. Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer pay the Constables for Sunday service £1:4.

Aldermen Marselis and Beeckman return a Poll by which it appears that Samuel Stephenson is elected Constable for the second ward, instead of Isacher Child, who was rejected by the Board the last meeting.

November 6. The following persons were this day qualified as members of this Board and took their seats accordingly :

John Ten Broeck, Alderman ; Arie Legrange, Jacob Roseboom Assts.

This Board have appointed the following persons Fire Masters for the ensuing year : Hendrick Hogan and Ephraim Van Veghten for the first Ward ; Abraham Bogart and Peter W. Douw for the second ward ; Teunis T. Van Veghten and Abraham A. Lansing for the third ward.

Robert Lansing delivered in an acct against the Corp<sup>n</sup> of £5:10, for keeping the fire Engines in repair. Ordered that the Treasurer pay the same.

December 13. Resolved that the Mayor sign two Deeds to Ebenezer Jessup in behalf of this Board for two pieces or Tracts of Land lying near the German Church west of the City heretofore agreed to be sold to him, and that the City Seal be thereto affixed.

Resolved that an account of Alderman Van Sante be allowed and that the Clerk draw a special order on the Treasurer to pay the same immediately, the amount of which is £84:7:8.

Resolved that the Treasurer pay John Radliff the Bellringer his last years Salery, £5.

Resolved that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts, viz : William Van Wie £1:13:3 ; Tefta Stensel £2:10:3 ; John Ostrander and Jacob Kidney £1:16 ; Gerrit T. Visscher 15s. 8d ; John Gansevoort £2:4 ; Benjamin Howey £1:13 ; John Barclay £5 ; Peter Van Deusen £3:14 ; Gerrit Hallenbeck £2:8 ; Arent Van Deusen £3:18 ; Henry Van Wie £1:9:9 ; Abraham Bogart £2:5:3 ; Walter Angus and William Brooks £3.

Frederick Clute appeared before this Board and desired them to make an abatement of the rents claimed by them from him for Lands at Tionnonderoga, by reason of his having been repeatedly interrupted by the Mohawk Indians in the possession and cultivation of those Lands, and as this Board is well convinced of the truth of such representation and justness of such request, it is Resolved that an abatement be made of £20.



At a Common Councill held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Tuesday the 6th day of February, 1776.

Resolved that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following acct<sup>s</sup>: John Hall 12s; Patrick Ryan 12s.

Likewise to pay John Flansburgh £10, which sum he has advanced for the service of the Corporation. Also an order for three Schipples wheat for J. Radliff.

February 12. Resolved that the Clerk draw orders to pay the following accounts: Thomas Hun Esq. £3:18; Gerrit Whitbeck 12s.; Thomas Hilton £1:4:6.

Whereas this Board had intended this day to have exposed to sale at publick Vendue the Docks and Wharfs for the ensuing year, but on the application of some of the Skippers and by reason of the publick Confusion and the unhappy state of the Country at this time, this Board have Resolved to postpone such sale to a future day.

It is Resolved that the following Ordinances be renewed and revised. [Same as at page 261.]

March 2. Resolved by this Board that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts: John Roff £1:16; John Hall and Phil. Elsworth 16s.; Frederick Gerritse 16s; William Mackintosh 8s.

Resolved that the assise of Bread for the next ensuing three months be as follows: Flour at 16s. per hundred a Loaf of Bread at four Coppers to weigh 1lb. 13oz., and that Barent Staats Jun. be the inspector or viewer of Bread for the ensuing year.

As Mr. Jacob Van Schaick in behalf of Nicholas Brewer informs this Board that he is willing to decline the Deeds for the two Lots in this City agreed to be conveyed to said Brewer, in consideration whereof the said Brewer is willing to pay this Board £6:8. It is resolved that such proposal be accepted of. And as Mr. Stewart Dean now applies for Deeds of the same two Lots of ground on the consideration whereon the same were to be conveyed to said Brewer, it is resolved that the Clerk draw Deeds accordingly and present them to the Board at the next meeting of Com: Council in order that the same may be executed.

Resolved that the Treasurer of this Board call on Mr. Jacob Van Schaick for the above sum of £6:8 and give his receipt for the same.

March 23. Resolved that the Clerk draw orders on the Treasurer to pay the following acct<sup>s</sup>: Jacob Bleecker £2:11; John J. Bleecker £5:2; John Hood 8s.

This Board received a request from the Committee of this City which is in the following words:

Albany Committee Chamber 9th March, 1776.

This Committee last Summer from a just sense of the necessity of preserving the tranquility of this City did establish a Night Watch, by reason whereof the Corporation were eased of the Expence of maintaining the slender Guard then existing, consequently part of the money raised by Tax on the Inhabitants of this City for the professed purpose of a Watch remains in their hands undisposed of.

As this Committe have necessarily incurred an expence in repairing a Watch House and furnishing it with wood and candles, therefore Resolved



that the account of such expence hitherto accrued be laid before the Corporation and that they be requested to discharge the same out of the money raised as aforesaid.

Extract from the Minutes.

MAT VISSCHER, Secy.

Whereupon it is Resolved by this Board that the Aldermen of each respective ward do as soon as possible take the sence or opinion of the Citizens on the Subject in writing and that they make report at the next Common Council, and if in case it shall then appear that a Majority of the Citizens do consent and agree to such request of said Committee then this Board will give comply with said request and grant an order on the Treasurer for that purpose.

Resolved by this Board that the Treasurer sell the wheat belonging to the Corporation at 4s. 3 Skipple, reserving only 200 Skipple; that every person to whom this Board is indebted may have nine Skipples of wheat at the above price towards their Debt out of the said 200 Skipples.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on Monday 25 March, 1776—Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Guy<sup>t</sup> G. Marselis, Peter W. Yates, Thomas Hun, Abraham Ten Eyck, Abraham Schuyler, Aric Legrange.

This Board have agreed with Mr. Abraham J. Yates that he is to be Dock Master for the ensuing year and that he collect the Dock money agreeable to the Ordinance in that case made and provided, and that he have for said service £15, and that he give Bonds in the sum of £100 for the faithful performance.

This Board have appointed Joseph Yates inspector of Bread for the ensuing year instead of Barent Staats who declined and do allow him £5 for his trouble.

[There is a hiatus here in the Minutes, by which it would seem that the meetings of the Common Council were suspended two years. On the 17th February, 1778, the legislature passed "An act to remove doubts concerning the corporation of the city of Albany," which recites that, whereas the inhabitants did not at the proper period, owing to the confusion of the times occasioned by the calamities of the war, elect their aldermen in strict conformity with the charter, nor appoint their officers; and on account of the establishment of independency, and the change of government in this state in consequence thereof, the members of the said corporation could not take the usual oaths, by reason whereof doubts might arise, as well to the prejudice of the estates, rights, &c. of the inhabitants, as concerning the validity of the election, and the authority of the magistrates; "for the removal whereof, and to the end that all and singular the said estates, &c. may remain as good, valid and unimpeached in the law as the same were at and immediately before the 19th day of April, 1775, and that the said magistrates and other members, may exercise their several offices and functions without any legal or other let, hindrance or impediment whatsoever," the charter and all the rights of the corporation which they held on the 19th of April, 1775, were confirmed, notwithstanding nonuser or misuser between the 18th April, 1775, and the 1st March, 1778: and all the magistrates and members of the corporation were declared able to exercise their several offices, and to appoint such officers as ought to have been appointed on the anniversary day prescribed in the charter, notwithstanding the want of conformity in the election or appointments. The mayor and other officers were required as soon as possible to meet at the City Hall, or some other convenient place in the city, to qualify by taking the oaths, before entry on the exercise of their offices. It is presumed that the committee of safety exercised the functions of the common council in the mean time.]





ALBANY, 17th April, 1778.

List of the names of the Members of the Corporation of the City of Albany:

\*John Barclay, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Mayor. \*Abraham Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Recorder.

Aldermen.

\*John Roorbach,  
\*John Price,  
\*Jacob Lansing, Jun<sup>r</sup>,  
\*Abraham Cuyler,  
\*John M. Beeckman,  
Harmanus Wendell.

Assistants.

\*Abraham I. Yates,  
\*Matthew Visscher,  
\*Isaac D. Fonda,  
\*Jacob Bleecker,  
\*Cornelius Swits,  
\*Abraham Schuyler.

A number of the Members of the Corporation, in pursuance of two several Acts of the Legislature of this State, the one an Act, entitled "An Act to remove Doubts concerning the Corporation of the City of Albany," and the other an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to remove doubts concerning the Corporation of the City of Albany," met this 17th day of April 1778 at the City Hall of the said City of Albany, and being convened in the Common Council Chamber proceeded to the perusal of the said two several Acts, and after having perused the same, produced their several Credentials which were read and approved as follows:

John Barclay Esq<sup>r</sup> produced a Commission under the Great Seal of this State appointing him Mayor and Clerk of the Markets of this City and Coroner of the said City and County for the year ensuing and untill another fit person be appointed and sworn in his stead.

Abraham Yates Jun<sup>r</sup>, Esq<sup>r</sup>, produced a Commission under the said Great Seal appointing him Recorder of this City during pleasure.

Matthew Visscher Esq<sup>r</sup> produced a Commission under the said Great Seal appointing him Town Clerk and Clerk of the Mayors Court of this City and Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the said City and County and Clerk of the Peace and of the Court of Sessions of the Peace in and for the said City and County, during pleasure.

The following Polls of Elections in this City were then produced to wit.

Poll of an Election in the first ward, whereby John Price and John Roorbach Esq<sup>ts</sup> were elected Aldermen and Abraham I. Yates and Matthew Visscher Assistants for the said ward for the year ensuing.

Poll of an Election in the second ward, whereby Jacob Lansing Jun<sup>r</sup> and Abraham Cuyler Esq<sup>ts</sup> were elected Aldermen and Isaac D. Fonda and Jacob Bleecker Assistants for the said ward for the year ensuing.

Poll of an Election in the third ward, whereby John M. Beeckman and Harmanus Wendell Esq<sup>ts</sup> were elected Aldermen and Cornelius Swits and Abraham Schuyler Assistants for the said ward for the year ensuing.

The Members marked thus \* were present and took the Oath of Allegiance to this State as prescribed by Law, and also their respective Oaths of Office as prescribed by the Charter.

Matthew Visscher Esq<sup>r</sup> took also the Oath of Office as Clerk of the City and County of Albany as prescribed by Law.

April 21. Resolved that Thomas Seeger be and he is hereby appointed Marshall for the year ensuing.

April 23. Resolved that Henry Bleecker Esq<sup>r</sup> be and he is hereby appointed Chamberlain for the ensuing year.



Garret Van Bommel late of Shaghtechoche and one of the Tenants of this Board informeth them that he was indebted four years Rent at twenty-five Skipple of wheat  $\frac{1}{2}$  year, which also appearing from the Chamberlains Certificate. He also represented to the Board the Distresses that have attended him by having his Mill burnt and being drove by the Enemy from his place of abode.

The Board took the same into consideration and thereupon Resolve to acquit him of one years rent, and that the Chamberlain settle with him for the other three years and give Mr. Van Bommel an acquittance for the rent due last October.

His Worship the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter he had received from his Excellency the Governor in answer to two Letters of the Committee which said Letter is dated Poughkeepsie 18th April 1778 and is in the following words, to wit :

POUGHKEEPSIE, 18th April, 1778.

Sir : Your two Letters, both dated the 16th instant were delivered to me this Evening by General Conway : I am no less surprised than concerned to learn that all the Continental Troops, Warners Regiment excepted, are ordered from Albany, and I have this moment wrote to Gen. McDougall requesting that Creightons or Aldens Regiment or both may continue with you, representing in the strongest Terms the exposed state the Stores in your City and the northern and western Frontiers will be in, as well from the common Enemy as the hostile Indian Tribes and internal Foes should my request not be complied with. Of the seven hundred Men I was impowered to raise for the defence of this State I have ordered one Company of sixty Men including non commissioned officers to be raised in Charlotte and stationed in that quarter, two to consist each of the same number to be raised in Tryon County and stationed on its western Frontier, and one other of thirty-four in Schohary to be stationed in that Neighbourhood, which I trust you will be of opinion was doing as much for your safety as in my power. I have long since wrote my Opinion to the Commanding Officers at Albany that the British Prisoners should be removed to the Eastward, which I am happy to learn from General Conway has been done and that none but Invalids not proper to remove, now remain among you. I have also advised the removal of the principal Stores and Magazines.

The neglect of the Militia Officers in making Returns to the Council Appointment has prevented making the necessary Appointments and has left the Militia in the same bad condition it has hitherto been, by which we shall continue to be deprived of a strength by which we might defy danger on any sudden Emergency were it properly officered and arranged. You may rest assured, Sir, that I will continue attentive to your Safety and that no Means will be neglected for that Purpose.

I have the Honor to be Sir,

your most obedient and very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

The Worshipful

John Barclay, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

GEO: CLINTON.

April 24. Mr. Recorder laid before the Board the following Amendment to the first Section of the Ordinance for regulating the Ferry between the Limits of the City of Albany and Green Bush and for establishing the Rates thereof, to wit :

For transporting every person across said Ferry four pence, Provided



that a sucking child or some Remnant of Goods or other things not herein after rated which a person carries under his or her arm be free from the payment of Ferriage. For every Man and Horse Ox and Cow one shilling and four pence, for every live Calf or Hog seven pence, for every Sheep or Lamb five pence, for every dead Hog five pence, for every dead Sheep or Lamb four pence, for every Barrel of Rum, Sugar, Molasses, or other full Barrel ten pence, for every Pail of Butter two pence, for every Firkin or Tub of Butter four pence, for every Waggon and two Horses five schillings and four pence, for every full Chest or Trunk ten pence, for every empty Chest or Trunk nine pence, for every Skipple of Wheat, Flour or other Grain two pence, for every hundred weight of Lead, Pewter or other Metal seven pence and so in proportion, for every hundred weight of Beaver, Skins, Hides, or Cheese, one schilling and nine pence and so in proportion, for every Chaise or Chair and Horse four schillings, for every Saddle without a Horse three pence, for every dozen pairs of Shoes or Boots three pence and so in proportion, for every dozen of Steel Traps ten pence and so in proportion.

Resolved and ordered that the Board agree in the said amendment, and that the Ferry-man be furnished with a copy of said amendment.

Resolved that Thomas Lottridge have use and appropriate the said Ferry he having agreed to pay at the rate of £48 <sup>0</sup>/<sub>0</sub> annuum for the present year.

Resolved that the Chamberlain furnish every one of the members of this Board with a copy of Ordinances of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany.

April 25. An Ordinance for regulating Tavern Keepers in the City of Albany :

Sect. 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany in Common Council convened and is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That none but such as are duly Licensed by the Mayor of this City do presume to keep any Tavern, Ale House, Victualing House, Inn or Ordinary or sell any wine, beer, brandy, rum, cyder or other strong Liquors by retail in the said City of Albany under the Penalty for forty schillings current money of New York, for the use of the Corporation, to be recovered before the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of the said City.

Sect. 2. And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid that from and after the publication of this ordinance, no Tavernkeeper shall presume to sell any strong Liquors, other than at the rates and prices following, that is to say,

Good West India Rum, genuine French Brandy, Holland Geneva, Lisbon, Sherry, Port red and white, Mountain French Claret, common sort, French white Wine, Spanish red Wine, Rhenish at ten schillings per quart and one schilling and four pence per gill. American made Whiskey four schillings and four pence per quart and seven pence per gill. Good New England Rum, Brandy, Geneva, common Cordials and all other Spirituous Liquors not herein mentioned at six schillings and nine pence per quart, and one schilling per gill. Good Toddy of West India Rum, French Brandy, or Holland Geneva, sweetened with Loaf Sugar at three schillings per quart Bowl and so in proportion. Good Toddy of other Liquors (whiskey excepted) at two schillings per quart Bowl and so in proportion. Strong Beer and Cyder, brewed or made in the State, one



schilling per quart. For a Breakfast of comfortable and nourishing Victuals two schillings per Meal; for a Dinner equally suitable three schillings and sixpence per Dinner. For twenty-four hours or one Night good Hay and Stabling for a Horse two schillings; for Oats four pence per quart, Corn per quart sixpence and other Grain in proportion. For a good clean Bed and Bedding one Night one schilling.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid if any Tavern-keeper shall exact or receive any higher Price than is agreeable to the above establishment such Tavernkeeper shall forfeit and pay for every offence treble the Value of the Article of which the same may happen, to be recovered before the Mayor and Recorder or any one of the Aldermen.

The above Law together with the following Laws were this day published, to wit:

A Law for regulating the Ferry between Albany and Green Bush and for establishing the Rates thereof.

A Law for regulating the public Markets in the City of Albany.

April 29. It having appeared to this Board that Messrs. Stewart Dean and Abraham Eights, who stand indebted to the Corporation by Bond, have on or about the time of payment tendered the debt due to the Chamberlain which he declined receiving at that time.

Resolved therefore that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed to receive from the said Stewart Dean and Abraham Eights the debt due at the time of such tender.

Ordered that the Aldermen and Assistants of the first ward cause the Bridge over the Rutten Kill near the Luthern burying to be repaired.

Ordered that Harmanus Wendell Esq<sup>r</sup>. who is elected one of the Aldermen for the third ward of this City be and is hereby cited to appear before this Board to morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon to declare whether he will take upon him and execute the office of Alderman.

April 30. Ordered that the Chamberlain be directed to settle with Mr. John Williams in the same manner as he was directed to settle with Messrs. Stewart Dean and Abraham Eights the debt due by them to this Board.

Ordered that John Roorback, Abraham I. Yates and Matthew Vischer be a Committee to revise the ordinances of this Board and that they report their proceedings thereon with all convenient speed.

May 4. Ordered that Harmanus Wendell have leave to consider whether he will accept the office of Alderman till Saturday next.

May 12. The following ordinances were this day published, viz: An ordinance for paving and cleaning the Streets, Lanes and Alleys. and for preventing Nuisances; an ordinance for regulating Carts and Carmen; an ordinance against the Profanation of the Lords day commonly called Sunday; an ordinance for regulating Negroes, Mulattoes and other Slaves; an ordinance for the better preventing of Fire in the City of Albany.

May 15. The Troops having last Night created confusion among the Inhabitants of this City by firing of Guns and obliging the Inhabitants to put Candles before their Window Glasses.

Ordered thereupon that Mr. Mayor and Mr. Recorder be requested to wait upon General Conway and request him to give orders to prevent the like for the future. Mr. Mayor reported that himself and the Recorder





had waited upon General Conway and represented the above, and that the General had promised to give special orders to prevent the like for the future.

May 20. Harmanus Wendell Esqr, who was elected one of the Aldermen for the third ward of the City of Albany, appeared before this Board and declared that he could not take upon himself the execution of the office of Alderman.

Ordered that Mr. Alderman Beekman request the Inhabitants of the third ward of said City to elect an Alderman in the room and stead of Harmanus Wendell Esqr, and that such Election be held on Saturday next at such hour as Alderman Beekman shall appoint.

May 20, 7 o'clock P. M. The Board agreeable to Charter proceeded to pass a fine upon Harmanus Wendell Esqr for refusing to hold and execute the office of Alderman, and thereupon

Resolved that for such refusal a fine of five pounds lawful money of this State be and is hereby imposed upon the said Harmanus Wendell Esqr, and that the said fine be levied in the manner prescribed by the said Charter.

General Ten Broeck laid before the Board a Letter he had received from Brigadier General Starke informing him that the Troops were ordered from this City and requested him to order a sufficient number of men to relieve the Guards.

The Board took the same in consideration and thereupon Resolve to write a Letter upon the subject to General Starke which was done in the following words, to wit (prout).

ALBANY, 20th May, 1778.

Sir : The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany being convened in Common Council in consequence of your Honors Letter to General Ten Broeck of this date informing him that the troops are ordered from here to Fish Kill and requesting him to relieve the Guards in this City.

The Common Council beg leave to observe that they consider themselves in duty bound to inform you that from the weakness of the Militia in this City owing to the Number in public Service, it will not be safe to leave the Stores, Provisions, Hospitle, Sloops and Vessels, the Regular and other Prisoners, the latter exceeding one hundred, besides the disaffected in and about the City to so small a Number as one hundred and fifty, the whole number of Militia that are subject to military duty. For should an accident happen by means of the disaffected in destroying the Stores or in discharging the Prisoners, ten whereof are now under Sentence of Death, it would distress not only the City but the Service of the Continent in general.

The Common Council further beg leave to observe that about six weeks ago the Troops were also ordered down but upon the Committee representing to General Conway the above Matters and the necessity of having a Body of Troops in this City to succour the northern and western Frontiers in case of Attack. The General wrote upon the Subject to Major General McDougall and his Excellency the Governor who thereupon ordered the Troops to remain here. The Common Council farther beg leave to observe that in case your Honour cannot detain one of the Regiments stationed here that at least one hundred and fifty men ought to be detained and they doubt not but your Honour will concur with them in Sentiment.



The Bearers hereof, Mr. Recorder and Alderman Cuyler, members of this Board can inform your Honour of many other reasons for the detention of part of the Troops.

Ordered that Mr. Recorder and Alderman Cuyler carry the Letter to General Starke.

Ordered that a Letter be prepared to his Excellency Governor Clinton enclosing.

Ordered that a Letter on the same Subject to the Honorable Major General Gates which was done in the following words to wit (prout).

Honor Sir: The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City were last night convened in Common Council in consequence of a Letter from Brigadier General Stark to General Ten Broeck acquainting him that the Troops in this City were ordered to Fish Kills and requesting him to order a sufficient number of men to relieve the Guards. The Common Council thereupon wrote a Letter to General Stark representing to him the necessity of having a Body of Troops in this City which Letter the General intends to enclose you by express and to which the Common Council beg leave to refer you as part of the reasons why the Troops should be detained here.

The Common Council would further beg leave to observe that the many Robberies and Murders daily committed on the Inhabitants of this County by Deserters and Prisoners from Burgoyne's Army and the disaffected who are drove to desperation renders it indispensibly necessary to have a Body of Troops to go in quest of the Villains, for unless the Militia can remain this year at home and properly manage their Summer crops little or no support of Flour can the Continent derive from this part, last year more than one half destroyed and not more than half the usual quantity sowed.

These reasons together with those already assigned in the Letter to General Starke induce the Common Council to suppose that you will on the receipt hereof order at least one of the Regiments to remain here.

Ordered that a Letter be prepared to his Excellency Governor Clinton enclosing copies of the Letters wrote by this Board to General Gates and Starke, which was done in the following words to wit (prout).

Sir: The Corporation were last night informed by General Ten Broeck that the Troops now stationed in this City were ordered down to Fish Kill and that he was called upon to furnish a sufficient number of men to relieve the Guards.

The Corporation thereupon wrote to General Starke requesting him to detain one of the Regiments, a copy of which they do themselves the honor to enclose you. They have this morning wrote upon the subject to General Gates a copy of which Letter your Excellency will also find enclosed, and have directed me to request your Excellency to second their application.

I am with great respect your Excellency's

Most ob<sup>t</sup> humble Servent.

N. B. If the British Prisoners could be moved to another place it would breake up the connection which is now apprehended is kept up between them the Tories and Negroes.

May 25. Resolved that Mr. Isaac D. Fonda one of the members of this Board take to his House and repair the Fire Engin with all possible expedition.



Alderman Beekman reported that agreeable to a Resolution of the 20th instant he held an Election for one Alderman in the room and stead of Harmanus Wendell Esq<sup>r</sup> who had refused, and that the majority of votes had fallen on Doctor Samuel Stringer which also appearing from the Poll.

Doctor Samuel Stringer attending was sworn to the execution of his Office and took the Oath of Obligance to this State.

Resolved that the Aldermen and Assistants of each ward cause the Wells, Pumps and Bridges in their respective wards to be repaired in such manner as they shall think proper.

Resolved that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby required to render an account to this Board with all convenient speed of the Debts due and owing to the Corporation, and of the expenditures since the last general account.

Ordered that the Clerk make a few copies of that Section of an Ordinance of this Board which prohibits all persons from selling or retailing strong Liquors a Licence from the Mayor, and that such copies be put up in the most public places in this City.

Ordered that Advertisements be put up requesting all persons who have demands against this Board to bring them in for payment and all those that are indebted to the Board to discharge the same without delay.

Ordered that the Sheriff be requested to order the Goal to be washed and cleansed at least once a week and charge the same to the County.

An account of Andries Abel was laid before the Board amounting to £17:4 for a Bull by him sold to the Board for the public.

Ordered that the Chamberlain pay the same.

May 31. General Ten Broeck laid before the Board copy of a Letter General Stark had received from William Dietz Esq<sup>r</sup> and others, which Letter is in the following words to wit (prout).

SHOHARY, 30th May, 1778.

Hon<sup>l</sup> Sir: As part of one Regiment of Militia with the Continental Troops have been attacked by the Tories and Savage and being not able to stand them they gave way and eleven or twelve of the Continental Troops are returned, the Capt and Lieut are kill'd, how many of the Militia are missing we cannot give an exact account, but shall as soon as we are able. Cobus Kill is destroyed, we hope you will send us Reinforcement as soon as possible and some Ammunition as we are much in want of it. We have a small field Piece, I hope you will send some grape Shot for it.

And we remain your most H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

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| N. B. The Number of the Enemy }<br>as near as we can learn is about three }<br>or four hundred. } | WILLIAM DIETZ Esq.<br>THOMAS EKESON, Major.<br>JOS <sup>ph</sup> BAKER, Major. |
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One o Clock at Night.

Thereupon Resolved that General Stark be requested to send all the British Prisoners to Poughkeepsie, and to write to General Gates for his further directions.

Resolved that a Letter be prepared to his Excellency Governor Clinton enclosing copy of the Letter of Mr. Dietz which was done in the following words to wit (prout).

Sir: I am directed by the Corporation of the City of Albany in Common Council convened to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Letter of the 2d instant with its enclosures and to thank your Excellency



for the care and attention you have paid to the getting a Body of Troops to secure the Frontiers of the Norther part of our State.

Malencholy as the accounts transmitted in our former Letter were, they are now the more so by an actual invasion of Tryon County by a body of about two hundred Indians and the Ravages, an account of which will be transmitted your Excellency by General Ten Broeck by them already committed in addition to that of Cobus Kill has so struck the Militia of that County that few of them can be collected together, the principal part of them being employed to secure their Families from that Barbarity which is to be apprehended from a wanton, cruel and Savage Enemy.

We have just now received information that a party of about five hundred of the Enemy have lately landed at Gillilands Creek, and that immediately upon their landing they divided in two parties one of which is supposed to be at Sacondaga, and were the other will strike is uncertain, but it is to be feared they are gone farther westward.

The Robberies daily committed in this County and the dangers the Friends to the County apprehend from the disaffected renders the turning out of the Militia dilartery and uncertain. But we presume were your Excellency to favour this part of the State with your presence that it might revive the Spirits of the People and have good effect.

June 2. Received a Letter from Gen<sup>l</sup> Starke dated the 1st instant, which Letter is in the following words to wit (prout).

ALBANY, 1st June, 1778.

Gentlemen: As I am ordered by the Honorable Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates to send to fish kill all the Continental Troops posted at this place with the British Hospital must beg the favour of you the necessary Guards for the security of the City and the Stores in it. Your compliance with the above will much oblige  
Gentlement your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

JOHN STARKE, B. G.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Albany.

Resolved that an Answer be prepared thereto which was done in the following words to wit (prout).

Honorable Sir: Your Letter of the 1st instant requesting the Corporation to order the mounting of the necessary Guards for the security of this City and the Continental Stores, I have laid before them, and they have directed me to inform you that the Militia of the City is so weak that it is not possible for them to comply with your request. They conceive that it is not within their sphere to give any directions in military matters. But should you be of opinion that the Troops in consequence of General Gates orders must be sent down, yet as they have reason to apprehend from repeated Information obtained since we saw you that the disaffected will endeavour to request the Prisoners who are under sentence of Death and who are to be executed on Friday next and destroy the City, they would beg leave to suggest to you the propriety of detaining the Troops till at least after their execution.

Whereas it appears to this Board absolutely necessary that a watch should be regularly kept in this City for its security,

Be it therefore enacted by the Majority that a Guard of the Citizens not less than forty men shall mount every evening at the City Hall.

Resolved that such of the Citizens as shall refuse mounting Guard or do not appear shall without a reasonable excuse, suffer a Fine twenty





shillings to be recovered before Mayor, Recorder, or any one of the Aldermen of this City.

June 11. The Honorable Brigadier General Ten Broeck laid before the Board two Letters he had received from his Excellency the Governor in answer to the Letters wrote by himself, Gen<sup>l</sup> Schuyler, Mr. Dean and this Board, which were read and returned to General Ten Broeck.

June 16. Resolved that Aldermen Roorbach and Stringer and Mr. Mathew Visscher, one of the Assistants, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Letter to the Representatives of this County in Senate and Assembly respective the controverted spot of ground whereon the old Store House stands on and that the said Committee report the draft of said Letter with all convenient speed.

June 20. Resolved that all kinds of Meat be sold until farther orders at no higher rates than the following rates to wit:

Grass fed Beef at 1s. 4d. pr lb. Stall fed do. at 1s. 6d. pr do. Fresh Pork at 1s. 6d. pr do. Lamb at 1s. 4d. pr. do. Head and Pluck of a Calf 4s. H. do. of a Sheep 2s. 8d. Do. of a Lamb 1s. 4d. Mutton and Veal 1s. 4d. per lb.

The Committee appointed last meeting to prepare a Letter to the Representatives of this City and County in Senate and Assembly respecting the Right the Crown of Great Britain lately had to the Ground where the old Store House stands on brought in a Letter which being read was approved of, and is in the following words to wit (prout).

ALBANY, 20th June, 1778.

Gen<sup>t</sup>: The Corporation were lately applied to by the Quarter Master for leave to build a Store House to the south of the old Store commonly called the Kingstore. During this application it was insinuated that the Corporation had several years ago granted the same to the Crown of Great Britain led the Board to a review of their Minute from which it appeared that the Corporation in the year 1767 granted the same to the Crown in the manner and under the restrictions mentioned in the enclosed copy of the Deed.

At the time the Corporation made this grant they were in a difficult situation respecting the removal of the Store Houses and Barracks and it may with truth be said that it was forced and extorted from them, and for your farther information upon this head we refer you to Mr. A. Yates who was at that time one of the members of the Corporation. However as the matter now stands the Right of the Crown must either revert to the Corporation or to the State, and if you should be of opinion that it will go to the State, we must then most earnestly entreat you to endeavour by such ways and means as you may think proper to obtain from the State a release of its right to the Corporation, and the sooner it is done the better.

As doubts have arisen in the minds of this Board and General Ten Broeck whether they can order a Night Watch, and as it is at this time highly necessary that a regular and well instituted watch should be kept up, and as the many delinquents who go unpunished for want of authority will soon bring the present one to nothing.

We must also request you to get an act either empowering this Board or the General to order a Night Watch and empowering them punish the delinquents.



June 26. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board a Letter he had received by express from Coll. Hay, D. Q. M. General, dated 23d instant requesting this Board to procure from the Albany Shippers eight Cables for the use of the Public.

Resolved thereupon that Jacob Kidney high Constable request the Gentlemen hereafter named to part with the Cables set opposite their respective names upon the Conditions mentioned in Coll. Hays Letter to wit:

Coll. Lewis three Cables, Coll. Roseboom one do., Peter W. Douw one do., Capt. Simonds one do., Francis Winne one do., Cornelius Swits one do.

Ordered that in case the above persons refuse to give the Cables upon the Conditions aforesaid, Mr. Mayor issue his Warrant to impress them.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favour of Thomas Seeger for four pounds on account.

July 4. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favour of Robert Lansing for £19:9:6.

July 6. The Mayor informed the Board that complaint had been made to him that the Blacksmiths shop on the Middle Dock of Gerrit Witbeck obstructs the filling up of the Inlet of said Dock, and it appearing so to the Board,

Resolved that the said Gerrit Witbeck be and he is hereby directed to remove the said shop by the first day of September next.

Resolved that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed to request all persons indebted to the Board to make immediate payment.

Resolved that Messrs. Samuel Stringer, John Roorbach and Matthew Visscher be a Committee to prepare an Ordinance for the establishment of a Night Watch in this City, with all convenient speed.

July 14. Mr. Visscher from the Committee appointed to prepare an ordinance for the establishment of a Night Watch brought in the draft, which being read was agreed to and published accordingly.

July 17. A Petition of Donald McBain was laid before the Board praying that he may be favored with a small Lot of Ground sufficient for a House and Garden beyond the Powder House. Upon consideration of said Petition,

Resolved that Aldermen Cuyler and Roorbach and Messrs. Jacob Bleeker and Cornelius Swits be a Committee to view the ground above the Powder House and report to the Board with all convenient speed what ground would at present be best to be sold.

July 22. Alderman Roorbach from the Committee appointed to view the ground above the Powder House and to report what part was best to be sold at present, Reported that they had viewed the same and are of opinion that the ground lying between the Powder House and the Lot lately belonging to David Van Der Heyden deceased, the ground lying on the south side of Kings street and above the Brick-Kiln, and the three Lots lying to the north of the house of John Ostrander ought now to be sold, and that the ground first above mentioned ought to be laid out in House Lots of thirty-three foot four inches in breadth and one hundred and sixty-five foot in length.

Resolved that this Board agree with their Committee in the above report and that John R. Bleeker be requested to lay the same out with all convenient speed.



Resolved further that the said three Lots above mentioned and the lots so to be laid out be sold at public Vendue on Monday next, and that notice be given accordingly by Advertisement.

Resolved that in the sale of the Lots so to be laid out a rent of 4s. be annually reserved, and that in the sale of other three Lots a<sup>d</sup> an annual rent of be reserved.

August 3. In consequence of a former Resolution the Lots No. 1 and 2 on the south side of the Street leading to Schenectady and joining to the Street between that and the Lot formerly sold to George Wray, which was sold at public Vendue to Jacob Van Loon for £51:10, and the Lots No. 1 and 2 on the north side of said Street opposite the former Lots were sold to Paul Hoghstrasser for £48, and the Lot No. 3 on the same side was sold to Isaac A. Fonda for £20.

Ordered that Deeds be made out accordingly.

Resolved that the remainder of the Lots laid out at the places above mentioned be sold at public Vendue on Saturday next at ten o'clock, and that notice be given accordingly.

August 6. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of William Dayley for £6:12 agreeable to his account exhibited to the Board.

August 8. In pursuance of a former Resolution the Lot No. 4 was sold to James Williamson for £17:10, Lot No. 5 to John Tuyle for £14, Lots No. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to James and Mary Furnival for £158:10, Lot No. 8 to Cornelius Glen for £23, Lot No. 9 to Thomas Shipboy for £30, Lot No. 10 to Christopher Beekman for £25, Lot No. 11 to Daniel McNiff for £24:10, and Lots Nos. 12 and 13 and 14 to Myndert Roseboom for £68.

Ordered that Releases be prepared to the several purchasers accordingly.

August 19. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Isaac Lansing for £10:7:6 as <sup>p</sup> acct.

An Ordinance to prevent the killing of any kind of Meat within this City on the Lords day.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany in Common Council convened, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that no kind of Meat be killed or exposed to sale within this City on a Sunday, and that if any Butcher or other person exposing Meat to sale shall offend herein, the person so offending shall for each offence forfeit the sum of twenty shillings lawfull money of the State of New York to be recovered by Warrant under the hand and seal of the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen, the one half of which forfeitures for the use of the Poor of said City and the other half for the Informer.

September 11. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of William R. Hilton for £2:2:8 agreeable to his account laid before the Board.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of the Widow Cole for £1:17:8 agreeable to an account laid before the Board.

As also for the following accounts: Rutger Bleeker £6:16; Jeremiah Van Rensselaer £7:10; John Roseboom £3:2; William R. Hilton 12s.; Jaik Veeder £3:12; David Rottery £1:4.



Resolved unanimously that an Ordinance for regulating the Markets in this City be and is hereby suspended.

September 12. Petitions of Gerrit Winne, Peter Groesbeck and David Young were presented to the Board praying grants for small pieces of Land at Schaghtekoke and mentioned and described in said Petitions. Also a Petition of John Knickerbacker Junior, praying that the Prayer of David Youngs Petition may not be granted.

Resolved that the consideration of the several Petitions above mentioned be postponed till public affairs are a little more settled.

A Report prevailing that two thousand Troops are to be stationed in this City, and this City and its Suburbs having suffered greatly during the present War by Troops being stationed here and billeted on the Inhabitants,

Resolved that a Letter be prepared to his Excellency the Governor, which was done in these words:

Sir: A Report that two thousand Troops are to be stationed here the ensuing winter renders it our indispensable duty in behalf of the Inhabitants of this City and its Suburbs to write to your Excellency on the subject, and to request your directions in the premises, to which end we deem it necessary to observe,

That this City (from the nature of its situation) has been, during the present war, a Magazine of Stores and Provisions and the place for confinement of disaffected persons both from the northern and western parts of the State and as such was always a capital object by the enemy to be subdued. In consequence of which it has for upwards of three years past undergone innumerable distresses and inconveniences necessarily attending the operations of war. The Inhabitants of this City were some of the first who stepped forth in the cause of their Country and took an active part in the Contest. They have from time to time endeavoured to conciliate the affection of the Indians and to their utmost furnished arms, blankets, ammunition, camp equipage, intrenching tools and provisions and specie in exchange for continental currency to supply the wants and necessities of the Northern Army.

This County (exclusive of the Manor) includes a large quantity of Lands settled of late chiefly by Emigrants from Europe as well as from other American States and the southern Counties of this State. That from the Tenure under which many hold their Lands and the monies due on Mortgages from others, together with their necessitous circumstances, they have by these means been more open to Seduction by the disaffected and more readily induced to distress the well affected by robberies, plots and conspiracies against the State. Besides the well affected among us in subduing and apprehending the Tories and in rendering other public services to their Country have so wasted their time and substance, that many of them are now reduced to the most necessitous circumstances.

The Inhabitants of this City were usually supplied with many of the necessaries of life as well as food for their Cattle from small enclosed Lots of ground within the Bounds of this City the Fences whereof were last Fall and Winter burnt and destroyed by the Continental Troops, which Lots have by means thereof been thrown into Commons and have ever since lain waste; which together with the great Droughth of the Summer has greatly diminished the necessaries of life among the Citizens.





There is also a greater scarcity of Firewood here than was ever known in this City, owing to the consumption thereof by the Troops that were last Winter billeted on the Inhabitants who supplied them therewith and for which no recompence has been made.

From this state of Facts we beg leave to inform your Excellency that however willing we have always been and still are to risk our all in supporting the Freedom and Independence of our blessed Country, yet it is our earnest request (and we deem it no more than reasonable) that in the distribution of the Troops for Winter Quarters, a due respect may be had to the former distresses and present sufferings of the Inhabitants of Albany and its Suburbs. And as there are Barracks in this place which may contain about four hundred Troops exclusive of an Hospital which will contain eight hundred, tho we presume the latter will be appropriated for the use of the Sick, we would deem it equitable that no more Troops may be allotted to us than the Barracks and Hospital (if not used as such) may contain. That the strictest orders be issued against pilfering, and stealing from and insulting the Inhabitants and that the officers be enjoined in punishing the refractory and disobedient.

We have the Honor to be your

Excellency's most obed<sup>t</sup> and most humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Alderman Cuyler for £20 agreeable to his account.

Sept. 24. The Treasurer laid before the Board an account of the Debts due this Board by which it appears that there was due from sundry persons on the 10th day of August 1778, 140 Fowls, 2528 Skipples of wheat, £865:16:1, and that he had in hand £261:1:11. Thereupon resolved that the Treasurer write to all the persons mentioned on the List (except the people of Schaghtekoke) and request them to make immediate payment.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following sums or accounts, to wit: Isaac G. Van Plank £4:1; Adrian Quackenbuss £6:18; Barent Vosburgh £11:14; Matthew Watson £8.

Ordered that John J. Ratcliff be allowed for ringing the Bell at the rate of £10 pr annum.

Mr. Roorbach laid before the Board the several Decds or Releases for the Lots sold at public vendue on the third and eighth days of August last.

Ordered that the Mayor sign the same and the City Seal be affixed thereto.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on the 29th of September, 1778—Present, the Mayor, Ab<sup>m</sup> Yates Jun. Esq., Recorder, Jacob Lansing Jun., John M. Beckman, Abraham Cuyler, John Price, John Roorbach, Ab<sup>m</sup> I. Yates, Matthew Visscher, Cornelius Swits, Isaac D. Fonda, Jacob Bleeker.

This day being the Election for Aldermen, Assistants and Constables, the different Polls of the Elections were returned from which it appears that the following persons were duly elected.

*First Ward.*

**Aldermen.**  
John Price  
John Roorbach

**Assistants.**  
Abraham I. Yates  
Matthew Visscher

**Constables.**  
Jacob Kidney.  
Jonathan Hilton.



*Second Ward.*

John Ja. Beekman  
John N. Bleeker

Isaac D. Fonda  
Peter W. Douw

John De Garmo.  
Anthony Egbertse.

*Third Ward.*

John M. Beekman  
Samuel Stringer

Cornelius Swits  
Leonard Gansevoort Jun.

John Veeder  
Christiaen Nesley.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of Treasurer and Marshall agreeable to the Charter and the reuponappointed Garret Ryckman Treasurer, Thomas Seeger Marshal.

October 7. Resolved that Alderman Cuyler and Mr. Swits be a Committee to prepare a Letter to his Excellency Governor Clinton respecting the great quantities of wheat daily transported out of this State under the sanction of being purchased for the use of the French Fleet and that they bring in the Draft thereof by two o'clock this afternoon.

October 30. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Brigadier General Hand dated this day, requesting the Board to order the necessary Guards in this City, which is in the following words to wit:

ALBANY, 30th Oct. 1778.

Sir: As the Troops now in Garrison here will I believe leave the City to morrow, and not having it in my power to replace them immediately, I esteem it necessary to inform your Worship that the Guards now mounted at the City Hall and Fort must of necessity be removed, your Worship will therefore take such steps as you think proper for the security of your Prisoners.

I am Sir very respectfully yours,

The Worshipful the Mayor }  
of the City of Albany. }

EDW<sup>d</sup> HAND.

Resolved that an Answer be prepared thereto which was done in the following words to wit:

Honored Sir: In consequence of your Request of this day, we have ordered twenty men to mount Guard at the City Hall in the night time and to keep a Centinel at the Provision Store. We have also ordered the Streets to be patrolled and this Tour of Duty to commence tomorrow evening.

November 8. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay Philip Elsworth £5:8 agreeable to his account.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following account: Abraham Wendell £8.

Resolved that Aldermen's Stringer, Roorbach, John Ja. Beekman, and Common Council Men Swits and Gansevoort, or any three of them, be a Committee to examine the accounts of Henry Bleecker Esq. late Chamberlain to this Board and that they make a Report thereof with all convenient speed.

Resolved that the following Gent be and they are hereby appointed Fire Masters for the year ensuing, vizt: John G. Van Schaick and James Campbell for the first ward; James Bleecker and Nicholas Bleecker for the second ward; John De Wandelaer Jun. and Jacob H. Wendell for the third ward.

Ordered that the Clerk make out Warrants for that purpose.



November 12. Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of John J. Ratcliffe for £10 for one year Ringing the Bell.

November 26. Peter W. Douw one of the Assistants for the second ward appeared took the Oath of Allegiance to the State, the oath of office, and his seat as a member of the Board.

November 28. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts viz : Richard Van Sante immediately £26:9 ; William Daly, £6:4 ; John Bone £3:4.

December 4. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts viz : John Price £17:4 ; Benjamin Hansen £3 ; Cornelius Brower £4.

The Board were informed that divers persons in and about Schaghtekooke daily commit Trespasses on their Lands by cutting Saw Logs and other Timber, therefore Resolved that the Clerk draw up an Advertisement requiring the persons who have so committed Trespasses to render severally satisfaction for the Trespasses by them committed by the 15th instant, and in case of neglect their prosecutions will be commenced against them.

Resolved farther that the Clerk write a Letter to David Young desiring him immediately to come down and render satisfaction for the Trespasses by him committed, and in case of default that a prosecution will be commenced against him.

At a Common Council held at the House of Mr. Mayor (occasioned by his Indisposition) on the 7th day of January, 1779.

Upon reading a Resolution of the Fire Company of yesterday,

Resolved that the Honble Brigadier General Clinton be requested to issue General Orders, ordering the Barrack Master to see that the Chimnies in the Barracks and Hospital be swept at least every three weeks and that he be answerable for all Damages that may arise from foul Chimnies and that he order all Combustibles to be removed from the Barracks and Hospital. That no Officer or Soldier on any pretence obstruct the Fire Masters or Chimney Sweeps in viewing and cleaning the Chimnies, and in case of Fire that the Troops form on their parade, the Officers to attend and instantly proceed with order and regularity to assist the Inhabitants. The Guards to stand to their Arms and the whole during the Fire to obey the Directions of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this City.

David Young having some time since settled on Lands belonging to this Board without their leave and he now appearing before this Board and represents the distresses that would attend his immediate removal, there-upon Resolved that the said David Young have liberty to remain on the Lands he has now in his possession till next May a twelve month, that he also have liberty to move off all the Buildings and Fences thereon standing and being, and that he be and he is hereby forbid from clearing any more Lands.

Resolved farther that the said David Young have liberty to move off and appropriate to his own use the twenty-seven Saw Logs by him cut on said Lands. David Young being present agreed to the above Resolutions by signing his name hereto.

DAVID YOUNG.

Resolved that Mr. Recorder and Alderman Stringer be a Committee to wait upon the General with this Resolution.



Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts, viz: Abraham Wendell £8; Ryer Schermerhorn £5:11; John Price £1:4; Philip Elsworth £1:12.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare Letters to the principal Inhabitants of the Districts in this County where the most wheat is raised setting forth the Distresses of the Inhabitants of this City and requesting them to send in to this City each a small quantity of wheat for the use of such Inhabitants at as low a price as possible, notifying them of the place where to be stored. And that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to sign such Letter as the said Committee may prepare and report the Dr. thereof at the next meeting. The Committee appointed for the above purpose are Mr. Recorder, Alderman Stringer and Mr. Swits.

Resolved that Henry Bleeker Esq. late Chamberlain be and he is hereby requested to deliver to Garret Ryekman the present Chamberlain all the wheat and grain in his possession belonging to this Board, he taking a Receipt for the same.

Resolved that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed to hire at the expense of this Board a House that will contain about three thousand Skipple of wheat in as convenient a place in this City as possible.

Albany Common Council Chamber, 4 March, 1779.

The Worshipful John Barclay Esq. late Mayor of this City having departed this Life and the honorable Abraham Ten Broeck Esquire having on the 18th day of February last been appointed by the honorable Council of Appointment of this State to succeed the said John Barclay Esq. deceased in the Chief Magistracy of this City, a Commission of which Appointment he produced to the following Members of the Corporation in whose presence he took the oath appointed by Law and was sworn to the due execution of his respective offices.

Members present—John Ja. Beekman, John M. Beekman, John Price, John Roorbach, John N. Bleeker, Samuel Stringer, Abraham I. Yates, Leo. Gansevoort Jun., Isaac D. Fonda, Peter W. Douw, Cornelius Swits, Matthew Visscher.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts, viz: John Fryer £4:12; Thomas Hilton, £31:4; James Van Sante £41:4.

And also ordered that the said Treasurer deliver to the said Thomas Hilton and James Van Sante each two Skeeples of wheat, deducting the same from their accounts at and after the rate of one days work for each Skeuple of wheat.

On suggestion of the Mayor,

Resolved that no Freedom be given to a Merchant under £3:12, and a Tradesman £1:16, and that the Mayor shall and may take to his own use for each Freedom twelve shillings and that the remainder be delivered into the hands of the Chamberlain who is to have for affixing the Seal thereto one shilling and also one shilling for affixing the Seal to any other Instrument.

Resolved that no Licence be given to any Tavern keeper without the City Seal be thereto affixed for which they are to pay thirty shillings, one half whereof the Mayor is to have to his own use and the remainder to be delivered to the Chamberlain, who is ordered and directed to keep an exact account of the Monies he may receive by virtue of these two Resolutions.





Garret Ryckman appeared took the Oaths appointed by Law and was sworn to the due execution of his office as Chamberlain.

March 5. Resolved that Mr. Henry M. Roseboom keeper of the Powder Magazine be requested with all convenient speed to lay before the Board an account of the Powder that has from time to time been deposited therein and to whom the same belonged.

Resolved that Henry Bleecker Esquire late Chamberlain be and he is hereby requested to deliver to Mr. Garret Ryckman the present City Chamberlain the Seal belonging to this Board commonly called the City Seal.

Resolved that Alderman Price and Mr. Isaac D. Fonda be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to devise ways and means to get the Wharfs repaired and the necessaries for that purpose, and that before they conclude any Contract they lay the proposals or terms on which they can get the same repaired before the Board for their approbation.

Resolved that the public Cage near the City Hall be repaired and that a Pillory be erected therein.

Resolved that Aldermens Stringer and John M. Beekman and Mr. Peter W. Douw, or any two of them be a Committee to see the above Resolution carried into execution.

March 8. Resolved that an Ordinance to prevent the playing at Ball against the Churches or Houses of public Worship in this City be immediately published and that copies be put up at such Houses of Worship.

Resolved that a Committee of four be appointed to examine the Ordinances of this Board and see which of them are expired, and which ought to be revived and also what new Ordinances are necessary to be made and that they or any three of them report with all convenient speed. The Committee chosen are, Mat. Visscher, Leonard Gansevoort Junior, Peter W. Douw and John Roorbach Esquires, or any three of them.

Anthony Egberts who was chosen one of the Constables for the second ward in this City having refused to be sworn to the execution of his office,

Thereupon Resolved that an Election be held in said ward at the usual place of Election on Thursday next to chuse another Constable in his stead.

A motion being then made that Mr. Egbertse for his refusal to be sworn be fined five pounds and Debates arising thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative in manner following to wit:

For the Affirmative—Aldermen John Ja. Beekman, Mr. Abraham I. Yates, Mr. Douw, Mr. Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup>, Mr. Visscher.

For the Negative—Aldermen Stringer, J. M. Beekman, J. Roorbach, Mr. Fonda, Mr. Swits.

The votes being equal and thereupon Mr. Mayor declared himself to be for the Affirmative.

Thereupon Resolved that Anthony Egbertse for refusing to be sworn to execute the office of Constable be and he is hereby fined for such his refusal the sum of five pounds current money of this State and that the Marshall be and he is hereby required to levy the same without delay.

March 16. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Seeger and John J. Ratcliffe for each three Skipples of wheat.



The Aldermen of the second ward laid before the Board a Poll of an Election held in said ward for chusing a Constable in the room of Anthony Egbertse, by which it appeared that James Paul was duly elected.

A Petition of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Masters Lodge No. 2, in the City of Albany, was laid before the Board setting forth that in 1766 they obtained a Lease from this Board for a small Lot of ground in the second ward near the Fort under an annual Rent of four pounds per annum, which they conceived too great a discrimination of the Rent reserved on other Lots disposed of at that time, and praying an abatement of the said Rent or such other relief in the premises as to this Board shall appear meet and reasonable.

Ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed till the next meeting of this Board.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order in favor of Mary Cole for £2:8.

Mr. Visscher from the Committee appointed to examine the Ordinances of this Board and to see which of them are expired &c. Reported in the words following to wit:

Your Committee appointed to examine the Ordinances of this Board, and to see which of them are expired, which ought to be revived, and what new ones are necessary to be made, do Report, That they have examined and taken the same into consideration and upon such examination they find that the following Ordinances expire on the 25th day of April next to wit:

I. For regulating the Tavernkeepers in this City.

II. For regulating the public Markets in this City.

III. For regulating the Ferry between the City of Albany and Green Bush and for establishing the Rates thereof.

And the following expire on the 12th day of May next to wit:

I. For paving and cleaning the Streets, Lanes and Alleys, and for preventing Nuisances in this City.

II. For regulating Carts and Carmen within the City.

III. Against the Profanation of the Lords Day commonly called Sunday.

IV. For regulating Negroes, Mulattoes and other Slaves in this City.

V. For the better preventing of Fire in this City.

Your Committee are of opinion that altho' the Ordinances,

I. For regulating Tavern keepers,

II. Against the Profanation of the Lords Day,

III. For the better preventing of Fire,

IV. For regulating Negroes &c. and

V. For paving and cleaning the Streets &c are in force, yet they conceive that these Ordinances ought to be published forthwith to prevent persons who are daily guilty of Breaches of the said Ordinances from pleading in excuse their Ignorance of such Laws.

Your Committee farther report that it is their opinion, that such last of the "Ordinance for regulating the Ferry between the Limits of the City of Albany and Green Bush and for establishing the Rates thereof," as regulates the said Ferry ought to be immediately published, and that the part of the said Ordinance which establishes the Rates thereof be postponed.

That it is their opinion the said Ferry for the ensuing year ought not to be sold at public sale, but that the same ought to be hired out to the same persons who had it last year at a sum in gross, or at a certain part of



the Profits, and that the Ferrymen be strictly enjoined to be reasonable in the Rates.

Your Committee are farther of opinion that the other Ordinances mentioned in this Report ought to be postponed for consideration to a future day, and that the Ordinance for regulating the lying of Vessels at the several Docks and Wharves of this City be immediately published and that the Rates thereof be left discretionary to the Dockmaster, who is to render an account thereof under Oath to the Corporation, which said Dockmaster ought to be allowed one third part for his trouble and to be displaced in case of exacting a greater rate than shall be conceived by the Corporation to be reasonable.

Your Committee farther report that they have not augmented the Fines established in the Ordinances recommended to be published, and recommend the same to the consideration of the Board. 16th March, 1779.

Resolved that Thomas Lotteridge and the Widow Hansen use and occupy the Ferry between the Limits of the City of Albany and Green Bush for the ensuing year at sixty pounds. That the Rates of said Ferry be not established. That the said Thomas Lotteridge and the Widow Hansen be and they are hereby enjoined and required to be reasonable in the Rates of Ferriage, and that in case it should happen that the said Ferrymen should exact any unreasonable Rates, the Board reserveth to itself a Power to establish the Rates of said Ferry.

Resolved that the said Thomas Lotteridge and the Widow Hansen at their own Expencc build a Dock or Wharf at the west side of said Ferry with all convenient speed, for the conveniency of persons who shall or may cross said Ferry. Mr. Lotteridge being present agreed to the above Resolutions.

The Committee appointed to examine the late Chamberlain's Accounts, Books and Vouchers, Reported that they had examined the same and found that the Books were fairly stated, and that he had in his possession the Papers, Deeds, &c. which were lodged with him by this Board, and that the said late Chamberlain is ready to deliver the said Books, Papers, Deeds, &c. to the present Chamberlain.

Ordered thereupon that the said Committee or any three of them superintend the delivery of the said Books, Papers, Deeds, &c. to the present Chamberlain, and that they take a proper Receipt for the same from the said Chamberlain.

Ordered that the Clerk draw a proper discharge to the late Chamberlain for the said Books of Account, Papers, Deeds, &c. and that the City Seal be thereto affixed.

Ordered further that the Clerk deliver up to the said late Chamberlain the Bond by him and Surety entered into for the safe custody and redelivery of said Books of Accounts, Papers, Deeds, &c.

March 31. Ordered that the Chamberlain deliver to William Van Den Bergh and Cathalya Van Hoesen each two Skipple of wheat, they paying for each Skipple the sum of forty shillings.

A Petition of Peter Yates was laid before the Board praying a Deed for a piece of Wood Land at Schaghtekoke adjoining his Lands agreeable to a purchase by him made from this Board in 1770, for the annual rent charge of eight Skipples of wheat, which said Petition is in the following words to wit :



To the Worshipful Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany—The Petition of Peter Yates of Schachtekoke, most humbly sheweth,

That near the close of the Mayoralty of Volkert P. Douw Esquire your Petitioner purchased of your Board a certain piece of Wood Land in Schaghtekooke District adjoining other Lands of your Petitioner and for which he was to pay an annual rent charge of eight Skeeple of wheat. That in consequence of said purchase your Petitioner expected and from time to time applied for Deeds, but was told that the then Clerk of your Board Mr. De Lancey had lost or mislaid the Minutes of that Transaction, since which the Troubles of the Times have prevented your Petitioner from renewing his application.

That the late Mayors Mr. Douw and Mr. Cuyler, and Alderman Mar-selis as also the present Recorder and Alderman Roorbach are able to corroborate the Facts relative to the above purchase.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that your honorable Board will be pleased to take this matter into consideration and be graciously pleased to grant unto your Petitioner good and sufficient Deeds in the law for the Lands so purchased as aforesaid. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

PETER YATES.

Albany, 30 March, 1779.

The Board took the same into consideration and upon examining the Records of the 11th of July, 1770, find that the Board at that time sold to Mr. Yates a certain piece of Wood Land and referring for a Boundary thereof to a Map of Nanning Visscher Esquire.

Thereupon resolved that Mr. Yates be informed that Deeds will be executed to him for the said Lands as soon as the Board have examined Mr. Visschers Map, he paying twenty-four Skeeples of wheat, in full for the arrearages of Rent.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to pay the following accounts to wit: Alderman Stringer £4: Ald. Roorbach £3:12.

April 9. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board certain Articles of Agreement entered into by sundry of the Inhabitants of the City and County of Albany for the establishment of a Seminary in this City, for the promotion of Useful Knowledge and the Education of Youth, with a request from the said Inhabitants to the Board to take the same under their protection, direction and care.

The Board took the same into consideration and thereupon unanimously Resolved that the said Inhabitants be informed that this Board will most cheerfully take the said Seminary under their protection, direction and care, and that they will at all times do every thing which may tend to its support and aggrandizement.

Resolved that Mr. Mayor be requested to communicate this Resolution to the said Inhabitants.

Resolved that the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw an order on the Chamberlain for two Skipples of wheat in favor of every such Inhabitant of this City as shall produce to him a Recommendation from any two members of this Board who live and reside within the same ward with the person applying for such order.

April 17. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of the Elders and Deacons of the reformed Dutch Church in this





City for twenty-five Skipples of wheat, they paying for the same at the rate of eight Dollars per Skipple.

May 6. Resolved that Aldermen John N. Bleecker and John Ja. Beekman be a Committee to request Mr. Jacob Cuyler to purchase a couple of Bulls for the use of the City.

Resolved that this Board will on Monday next meet the Commissioners for Indian Affairs to consult respecting the taking possession of the Lands at Tiononderoga.

May 31. Resolved that a Committee of four be appointed to examine the Charter of this City and consider what Clauses, or Privileges, they will surrender and what additions they consider necessary to be applied for.

The Committee chosen are Mr. Recorder, Alderman Bleecker and Messrs. Swits and Gansevoort.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for to pay Thomas Seeger, Marshall to this Board, the sum of £20.

Resolved that the Clerk draw Deeds to John Knickerbacker Junior and Peter Yates for the Lands laid and surveyed for them at Schaghtekooke and that the yearly Rents and Reservations be the same as was agreed by the former Board except that Knickerbacker instead of paying 6d. per acre pay the Rent in wheat to wit, seven Skipples yearly.

June 5. Messrs. Christopher Yates and Henry Glen appeared before the Board, and laid before them a Plan for erecting a Colledge in the Town of Schenectady and requested the concurrence of this Board thereto.

The Board took the said plan and request into consideration, and thereupon resolved considering the unsettled state of affairs to postpone the final determination thereon to a future day.

June 14. The Board being convened in consequence of a request from Gen<sup>l</sup> Clinton to assist the Quarter Master in procuring Waggon to transport Batteaux and Provisions to the westward, the Board took the same into consideration and thereupon Resolved that the Clerk write circular Letters to the Magistrates, Field and other Officers in the respective Districts of this County on the subject.

June 22. An account of Col<sup>o</sup> Peter Van Ness for purchasing two Bulls for the use of this City and the expence of driving them up to this place, amounting in the whole to £212. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer for the same. The Bulls are marked on the right Horn D. D.

Resolved that the following accounts be paid, viz: Gerrit Van Vrankin £24; Abraham Roseboom £8.

A Petition was presented to the Board by Gerrit Winne of Schaghtekooke praying for a grant of a certain piece of Land at Schaghtekooke. Resolved that the said Petition be deferred for consideration till a future day.

A Letter from Mr. John Addison dated June 2d, 1779, was read and filed.

June 28. Mr. Visscher laid before the Board two Letters he had received since last meeting, the one from Mr. William Thompson dated Pottsgrove, 12th June, 1779, and the other from Mr. Peter Willson, dated New Barbadoes, 16 June instant, which were read and thereupon



Ordered that the said Letter be laid before the Subscribers who formed the Plan for the institution of a public School in this City, for their advice and opinion in the premises.

Ordered that the Aldermen of the respective wards in this City cause the Bridges in their respective wards to be repaired with all convenient speed, and that they also cause the public City Roads to be repaired by the Inhabitants thereof.

Resolved that the Ordinance for marking of Bread be published and that the fine be augmented to five pounds.

That the price of Bread be four shillings per pound.

July 7. The Letters which Mr. Visscher laid before the Board last meeting having been laid before the Subscribers of the public School, and they having drawn up an Answer to that of Mr. Addison, which being read was agreed to, and ordered copied and forwarded.

The first section of the Ordinance for regulating the Butchers was published.

July 9. The Ordinance for paving and cleaning the Streets was received and published.

July 26. Ordered that the Clerk send to Mr. Addison a duplicate of the Letter formerly wrote to him and request an Answer thereto.

August 10. Ordered that the Treasurer receive from Mary Furnival the consideration money for the Lots purchased by her husband, and that he give her a Receipt for the same.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an Abstract of the Privileges intended to be applied for and of the Privileges the Board intend to surrender. That three copies be made thereof and one lodged with the members of each ward for the Inhabitants to sign.

Ordered that the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain to pay the following accounts, viz: John McKensie and Angus Murray £30:16.

August 21. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the following accounts, viz: Richard Van Sante, £169:16; Abraham E. Wendell £12:8.

September 2. Ordered that Letters be wrote to Dr. Witherspoon and Mr. Thomson, which was done accordingly.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the Road Acts, make out a Rate Bill and lay the same before the Board with all convenient speed. The Committee chosen are Messrs. Conl<sup>s</sup> Swits, John Ja. Beekman and Ab<sup>m</sup> I. Yates.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Alderman Stringer £19:4.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Seeger for £10 on account.

September 4. Ordered that the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain to pay the following accounts, viz: Abraham Bogert £15:12; Gerrit Halenbeck £44:16; Wilhelmus Van Den Bergh £16:16.

Ordered that the Mayor execute the Deeds to Peter Yates and John Knickerbacker Junior, for each a piece of Wood Land at Schaghtekooke.



September 28. Whereas by the Charter of Incorporation of this City it is provided that on the 29th day of September in every year one Constable is to be elected in each ward, and whereas it has been found by experience that a greater number of Constables are necessary, therefore

Resolved that at the Election to be held on the 29th day of September instant an additional Constable be chosen in each ward.

William B. Hilton petitioned for the use of an acre of Land lying immediately west and adjoining the Lot lately belonging to John Taylor.

Thereupon Resolved that the Petition of the said Hilton be granted, and that he have the same for seven years without any rent, and in case he shall at any time during the term of seven years not want the same for his own use, that then and in that case the same shall immediately revert to the Corporation.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Thomas Seeger for ten pounds on account.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on the 29th day of September, 1779.—Present, the Mayor, John Price, John Roorbach, John Ja. Beekman, John N. Bleecker, John M. Beekman, Samuel Stringer, Ab<sup>m</sup> I. Yates, Corn<sup>ls</sup> Swits, Leo. Gansevoort Jun., Peter W. Douw, Isaac D. Fonda, Mat. Visscher.

This being the day appointed by the Charter for the election of two Aldermen two Assistants and two Constables for each ward, the Polls of the Election for that purpose were returned, from whence it appeared that the following were duly elected, viz :

*First Ward.*

| Aldermen.     | Assistants.   | Constables.         |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| John Price    | Ab. I. Yates  | Jacob Kidney        |
| John Roorbach | Mat. Visscher | John Van Sante Jun. |

*Second Ward.*

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| John Ja. Beekman | Isaac D. Fonda | James Paul   |
| John N. Bleecker | Peter W. Douw  | Thomas Auker |

*Third Ward.*

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| Samuel Stringer | Cornelius Swits         | William Fuller |
| John M. Beekman | Leonard Gansevoort Jun. | Benjamin Kip.  |

The Board then proceeded to the appointment of the Chamberlain, Marshall and High Constable, and appointed Garret Ryckman, Chamberlain; Thomas Seeger, Marshall; Jacob Kidney, High Constable.

The Board being informed that Col<sup>o</sup> Gansevoort had made Prisoners of the Indians residing at the lower Mohawk Castle, the Reversion of which Lands being in this Board, and it being of the highest importance that the Board should be informed how and upon what Principles those Indians were made Captives and removed, therefore

Resolved that Col<sup>o</sup> Gansevoort be requested to attend the Board in order to give information relative to the capture of those Indians.

Col<sup>o</sup> Gansevoort appeared and informed that pursuant to orders from the hon<sup>ble</sup> Major General Sullivan he had removed and made Prisoners of the said Indians, an Extract of which said Orders are as follows, to wit :

You will proceed by the shortest Route to the lower Mohawk Castle, destroy it and captivate if possible all the Indians that may be there;



whatever Prisoners may fall into your hands you are to proceed with to Albany and from thence with all possible despatch to Head Quarters. You are by no means to leave any of the Prisoners at Albany unless particularly directed by General Washington or Congress. These Orders were dated 20th Sept. 1779, signed

JOHN SULLIVAN, Major Gen<sup>l</sup>.

And directed to Col<sup>o</sup> Gansevoort.

This Board thereupon Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to draw a state of the claim of the Corporation to said Lands and to employ and consult with Council what steps may be necessary to be pursued in order to obtain possession of said Lands. The members chosen are Messrs. Mat. Visscher, Leonard Gansevoort Jun. and John Roorbach.

Resolved that the present and late Chamberlain furnish the said Committee or either of them with such Papers belonging to this Board as they may conceive necessary in the premises.

October 5. Mr. Visscher from the Committee appointed last meeting to draw a state of the Claim of this Board to the Lands of Tiononderoga and to take the advice of Council, thereupon reported that they had drawn a state which is in the following words to wit :

State of the Claim of the Corporation of the City of Albany to the Lands in Tryon County, called lower Mohawk Castle or Tiononderoga.

I. Governor Dungan by Charter dated 22 July, 1686, among other things did grant unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany full Liberty and Licence at their pleasure to purchase from the Indians one thousand acres of low or meadow Land lying at a place called Tiononderoga, and that the same might be in what part of Tiononderoga or the Lands adjacent on both sides of the River as the said Mayor &c. should think most convenient, and also did by the said Charter give, grant and confirm the same unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, to hold to them and their successors for ever. Yielding and paying therefore yearly forever the annual Quit Rent of a Beaver Skin on the 20th March.

II. That on the 12th day of October, 1730, the Corporation of the said City on the application of the Mohawk Indians did accept and take from them a Deed in due form of Law executed for the quantity of one thousand acres of Land at Tiononderoga aforesaid, to hold to them and successors in trust for the said Mohawk Indians so long as they should continue a Nation and be settled there, and from and immediately thereafter the remainder to the only use and behoof of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty their successors and assigns for ever, which said Deed remained in possession of John De Peyster Esq. then Mayor of the said City until the 12 Sept. 1733, when upon a Message of William Cosby, Esq., then Governor of New York, he delivered the same to him to be used at a Treaty with                      of said said Indians, at which Treaty, by the directions of the said William Cosby Esq. the said Deed was tore in pieces and consumed.

III. That previous to the execution of the said deed to wit on the 14th day of June, 1721, two of said Indians conveyed eleven Morgan of said Lands to Mr. Cuyler in fee, whose heirs afterwards on the 24 April 1769, obtained from the Corporation for the consideration of thirty pounds a Conveyance or Release for the same.

IV. That on the 7th July 1730, some of the said Indians conveyed





ten or eleven Morgan of said Lands to Peter Brower for the term of 999 years, who on the 29th November 1734, conveyed the same to the Corporation.

V. That the Corporation on the 27th April, 1749, leased the said ten or eleven morgan to the said Peter Brower for the said term of 999 years, at the annual rent of one Skipple of wheat for each morgan.

VI. That also previous to the execution of said Indian Deed, some of the said Indians had conveyed to Jan Wemp the quantity of twenty-two morgan of said Lands, who on the 13th of September, 1737, obtained from the Corporation a conveyance for the same under an annual rent.

VII. That the said Indians have from time deserted and removed from the said Lands, that for these two years last past no more than four families have remained on the same, who by virtue of an order from Gen<sup>l</sup> Sullivan are now also removed.

VIII. That the said lands are now possessed principally by refugees from Andrews Town, Cherry Valley, &c., and part of them by persons who have been settled by some of said Indians.

The Corporation want to know how and in what manner they must get possession of those Lands, some of the possessors they suppose will attorn to and take Leases under the Corporation, and others they suppose will not, and that they had taken the opinion of Peter W. Yates, Esq. upon the preceding state, which is in these words, to wit :

Gents. : Agreeable to your request I have taken into consideration the state of your claim to the Lands at Tiononderoga in Tryon County, and upon the whole I conceive it advisable for you as soon as possible to cause them to be surveyed and the boundaries properly fixed and ascertained. After which you should take into your possession all the unpossessed Lands that lie within those bounds, and lease them out for a short term on a reasonable rent. These Leases should be carefully drawn and a special Clause inserted for the Tenant peaceably to deliver up the possession at the end of the term to you or your successors.

As it is probable that you will meet with no obstruction in thus obtaining possession, it will be the most eligible mode for you now to pursue, considering at the same time the difficulty, delay and expence that would attend your bringing ejectments in which you would finally recover no more than the possession, nor would such recovery operate as a bar to another suit brought for the same Lands by those who may lay claim to them at a future day.

But with respect to such of the Lands as are possessed by persons who shall refuse to attorn or become Tenants to you, it will be necessary for you to bring ejectments against them in order to oust them of the possession. And as you are a corporate body the mode of process will differ from the ordinary course pursued in ejectment causes, for it will be necessary for you to give a Letter of Attorney empowering some person by Deed under your common Seal to enter and seal a Lease upon the Land, and if there be several parcels of Land possessed by several persons, in that case several Leases must be made as above directed and Declarations delivered to each Tenant in possession. After this the proceedings will be carried on nearly as usual in other ejectment causes.

Altho by the Charter of Incorporation you have an undoubted estate in fee simple in these Lands, and altho the Indian Deed referred to in your state cannot stricto jure be considered as part of your title (since those



Deeds are only intended to purchase Peace instead of property), yet as it may be serviceable to you in other respects at a future day I think the testimony of Mr. De Peyster relative to that Deed, may be of great service, and he being very old I recommend it to your consideration whether it not be advisable for you to file a Bill in Chancery to perpetuate his testimony. 4 Oct. 1779. PETER W. YATES.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany.

Resolved thereupon that a Committee of three be appointed to locate the said Lands and that a surveyor be appointed for that purpose.

The Committee chosen for the above purpose are Aldermen John Price, John Ja. Beekman and John Roorbach.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to draw Instructions for the Committee that are appointed to locate the Lands at Tiononderoga, and that they report thereon by next Saturday. The Committee chosen are Alderman Stringer, Mr. Visscher and Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Resolved that the last mentioned Committee be and they are hereby empowered to draw on the Chamberlain for any Deeds and papers that they may conceive necessary,

Resolved that the Committee appointed to locate the Lands at Tiononderoga be empowered to draw on the Chamberlain for £400 and that they be accountable for the same.

Resolved that the said sum of £400 be taken on Loan, and that Alderman Roorbach and Mr. Visscher procure the same and give proper security for the payment of the same in the name of the Board.

October 9. Resolved that the Committee who were appointed last meeting to locate and take possession of the Lands at the lower Mohawk Castle be informed that the Board have postponed taking possession and locating said lands.

October 13. Resolved that a piece of ground containing one hundred acres be granted to Bodewyne Kip agreeable to a Resolution of this Board passed on the 24th day of March, 1775, that the said Bodewyne Kip have the same surveyed and laid out at his own expence and make a return of such survey to this Board certified by the surveyor. and that a Lease for ever be then drawn for the same, subject to a yearly rent of twenty-five Skipples of good and merchantable winter wheat, the same to be delivered in this City and that the first payment be made on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord 1782, and that the Mayor sign the same and the City Seal be thereto affixed.

October 14. This day being appointed by the Charter for the qualification of the Aldermen, Assistants and Constables for the ensuing year, the following were sworn, viz: John Roorbach, John Ja. Beekman, John N. Bleeker, John M. Beekman. Samuel Stringer, as Aldermen; Ab<sup>m</sup> I. Yates, Isaac D. Fonda, Cornl<sup>s</sup> Swits, Leo. Gansevoort Jun., as Assistants; Jacob Kidney, Thomas Archer, James Paul, John Van Sante Jun<sup>r</sup>, as Constables.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means to raise a sum of money sufficient to pay off the Debts contracted by this Board and to defray the necessary expenditures thereof in future, and that Aldermen Bleeker and Roorbach with Mr. Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup>, be a



Committee for that purpose, and that they make a report as soon as conveniently may be.

October 19. John Price Esq. having been returned as one of the Aldermen for the first ward of this City, and not having qualified on the 14th instant he this day took the necessary Oaths.

Mr. Peter W. Douw having been returned as an Assistant for the second ward of this City, and not having qualified on the 14th instant he this day took the necessary Oaths.

October 20. The Committee appointed to devise ways and means to raise a supply of money for the present discharge of the Corporation debts and for the further contingent expences which may accrue, Report that several very considerable sums are due to that Board for Lots of ground sold some years ago, viz : from John Van Alen for a Lot. John Williams do, Volkert P. Douw do, Guysbert Merselis deceased do, Martin Myn-derse do, and others, and for raising an immediate supply of money, they are of opinion that all the ground lying from the Powder House on the north and south side of a street to be continued from the lots of Abraham Schuyler and Dr. Stringer till the said street intersects a street running nearly north and south back of the English burying ground be sold at public vendue and that the said ground be laid out into house lots of thirty-six feet front and rear and two hundred feet deep more or less as the situation of the particular allotments may happen, that a ground rent be reserved on every rent Lot ten shillings per year of gold or silver money as the same is depreciated when the said rent becomes due ; that after the present debts are discharged by the sale of the said ground the money which may remain in hands be immediately put into the Loan Office as a future fund—which being read by paragraphs and the question being put whether the ground mentioned in the foregoing Report should be disposed of it was carried in the negative in the following manner :

For the Affirmative—Mr. Bleeker, Mr. Gansevoort Jun.

For the Negative—Beekman and Roorbach, Aldermen ; Fonda and Yates, Assistants.

Resolved that Alderman Roorbach be appointed by this Board to revise the Ordinances and make report which of them it is necessary should be revived at the next meeting of this Board.

Resolved that the Ordinance for regulating the public Markets in the City of Albany be repealed.

Resolved that the Ordinance for marking of Bread be repealed.

November 18. Matthew Visscher was sworn as an Assistant for the first ward, and William Fuller as Constable for the third ward.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of Fire Masters for the ensuing year, and thereupon appoint Jeremiah Lansing and John Graham for the first ward ; Jacob I. Lansing, Anthony Egbertse for the second ward ; John I. Zabrisky, Isaac I. Truax for the third ward.

Ordered that the Clerk immediately make out the Warrants for said Fire Masters and that the Fines for each neglect or default in cleaning the Chimnies be four pounds.

Resolved that the Clerk send Advertisements to Schaghtekoke desiring the Tenants who hold under the Corporation to bring in their rent to Mr Ryekman the City Chamberlain.



The Board agreed with John Flansburgh to have the care of the public Bulls, and that for each of them he have four Skipples of wheat.

November 23. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board an extract of a Letter from the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. Witherspoon to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Westerlo, which was ordered to be read, but no Resolution made thereon.

December 3. Ordered that Mr. Gansevoort revise and amend the Ordinance of this Board for preventing of fire in this City and that he report the same with all convenient speed.

December 7. Mr. Gansevoort, who was appointed to revise and amend the Ordinance for preventing of Fire in this City, reported the Amendments which being read were agreed to, and

Ordered that the same be published, which was accordingly done.

Jeremiah Lansing and John Graham, who were on the 18th of November last appointed Fire Masters for the first ward, having refused to take upon themselves the burden of the said office, and the said John Graham having assigned sufficient reasons why he could not execute the said office, and it appearing also that the said Jeremiah could not execute the said office, whereupon the Board appointed John Boyd and Barent Roseboom Fire Masters for said ward.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on the 14th day of January in the year 1780—Present, the Mayor, Ab. Yates Jun., Recorder, John Ja. Beekman, John N. Bleeker, Samuel Stringer, John Roorbach, John Price, Mat. Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Peter W. Douw.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favor of Thomas Seeger for twelve pounds on account.

Ordered that the Chamberlain receive from Thomas Lotteridge the money due by him to this Board.

January 18. His Excellency the Governor being arrived in Town, it is Resolved that he be addressed in the following words:

May it please your Excellency: We the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany beg leave to congratulate your Excellency on your safe return to this place. It affords us the highest satisfaction that your Excellency has by the Suffrages of the People at the last general Election been continued as Chief Magistrate of the State, and we reflect with pleasure on the prospect of a continuation of those civil and religious Liberties which we in common with other our fellow citizens have enjoyed under our free Constitution and your wise administration.

While we lament the late cruel Depredations committed by a barbarous and savage Enemy on the Frontiers of this State, it gives us infinite pleasure that your Excellency (ever attentive to the preservation and protection of its Inhabitants and to punish the insolence and cruelty of the foe) has manifested a disposition and exerted your endeavour to repel their incursions, and altho unsurmountable difficulties have arisen against effecting the complete capture of their force, yet we congratulate your Excellency on their defeat at Canajoharry by the Militia and Levies under the command of Brigadier General Rensselaer, and permit us to add that our happiness is increased by the consideration that the Enemy were restrained from the completion of their purposes by the vigor-





ous pursuit of your Excellency with the Troops whereby many valuable buildings and great quantities of grain devoted to destruction in the minds of the Enemy were preserved. We wish your Excellency every happiness in public and private life, and whatever the Enemies to our peace and mankind in general may conceive from the intriguing schemes of their enterprizing Politicians we trust that good Providence which has so often protected the people of the United States of America from the secret arts and machinations of the Enemy will abate their pride and confound their devices.

In testimony of the high sense we entertain of your Excellency's zeal & fidelity to promote the public good, we beg leave to present your Excellency with the Freedom of this City.

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency with copy of the Address and request of him when and where he will be pleased to receive the Board with the same. The Committee chosen are Alderman John M. Beekman and Mr. Visscher.

February 9. Whereas it has been represented to the Board by the Inhabitants of the second ward (thro the Aldermen and Assistants of the same) that the Wells and Cisterns in the said ward are out of water, and that the same is owing to the great quantity used out of the Cistern at the Hospital thro' which those in said ward are supplied. And whereas it is absolutely necessary that the said Wells and Cisterns be supplied with water not only for the use of the Inhabitants but in case of fire. And whereas all the Wells and Cisterns in the limits of this City are under the sole direction of this Board, Therefore Resolved that after the tenth instant no person or persons do presume on any pretence whatever (except in case of fire) to draw any water out of the said Cistern at the Hospital or any other of the Wells or Cisterns in said ward until such time as the Wells and Cisterns in said second ward are supplied with water.

Resolved that every person who shall draw water out of the said Wells and Cisterns (except as aforesaid) shall for every such offence pay a fine of forty shillings to be recovered before the Mayor, Recorder or any one of the Aldermen, one half which fine to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of the poor of the City.

Resolved that Col<sup>o</sup> Van Schaick be furnished with a copy of the foregoing Resolutions and that he be requested to make the same known to those under his command.

Resolved that the Committee appointed to revise the Ordinances of this Board be dissolved.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the said Ordinances and that they report as soon as possible their revision and which they conceive necessary to be revived and what new ones are necessary to be made. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Aldermen Stringer and Price together with Mr. Visscher or any two of them.

February 17. The Board proceeded to the consideration of surrendering part of the privileges granted by the Charter to this City, and the applying for additional ones, and thereupon unanimously resolve to surrender up the said privileges to the State and to apply to the Legislature for additional privileges during their present meeting.

Resolved that in order to carry the same into execution a Committee of three be appointed to draw up the surrender and a petition for that pur-



pose. The Committee chosen are Alderman Bleeker and Messrs. Visscher and Gansevoort who are ordered to report as soon as possible.

A Petition signed by Johannis Knickerbacker Jun. in behalf of the Elders and Deacons of the reformed Dutch Church at Schaghtekoke, was laid before the Board praying a Grant of one acre of Land adjoining the Lands of Walter N. Groesbeek.

Ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed, and that Walter N. Groesbeek who claims the Lands be furnished with a copy of the said Petition in order that he may state his claim and lay before the Board an actual survey of his Lands.

February 22. Alderman Bleeker, from the Committee appointed to draw a Petition to the Legislature of this State for the purpose of obtaining additional Privileges for the said City, reported a Draft which being read by Paragraphs was unanimously agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk copy and sign the same in behalf of this Board and that the same be delivered to the members of the Senate and Assembly of this County.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favor of Thomas Seeger for twelve pounds on account.

March 15. Alderman Price and Mr. Visscher reported to the Board that they had revived the Ordinance for regulating the Ferry between the Limits of the City of Albany and Greenbush and for establishing the Rates thereof, and the same being read,

Ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed till next meeting.

March 18. This day leased to Mr. Thomas Lotteridge and Mrs. Catharine Hansen for the term of one year the Ferry between the Limits of the City of Albany and Green Bush for £660 to be paid in quarterly payments, and it is agreed between the Board and the said Lotteridge and Hansen, that the Corporation shall and may from time to time regulate the rate of ferriage as they shall think proper, and that they the said Lotteridge and Hansen shall and will pay to the Board in case of an increase of the rate of ferriage such an additional sum as is in proportion to the above sum and the rate of ferriage now established, and so in case of a decrease of the rate of ferriage.

A Petition of John Stewart, a Refugee, was read praying a House Lot next to John McDonalds near the Fort on the same terms with McDonald.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the ground prayed for and see whether the same can be granted, and that they report with all convenient speed.

March 25. The Ordinance for regulating the Ferry between the Limits of the City and Green Bush was this day published and the following section substituted instead of the first section for transporting every person across the said Ferry.

For transporting any person across said Ferry 5s. 4d (provided that a sucking child or some remnants of goods or other things not herein after rated which a person carries under his or her arm be free from the payment of ferriage). For every man and horse, ox or cow, 24s.; for every live calf or hog 10s. 8d; for every lamb or sheep 8s.; for every dead hog 8s.; for every dead sheep or Lamb 5s. 4d; for every barrel of sugar, rum,



molasses, or full barrel 16s.; for every pail of butter 2s. 8d; for every firkin or tub of butter 5s. 4d; for every waggon and two horses £4:16; for every skipple of wheat flour or other grain 2s. 8d; for every hundred weight of lead, pewter or other metal 2s. 8d, and so in proportion; for every hundred weight of beaver or skins 32s. and so in proportion; for every chaise or chair and horse 36s.; for every saddle without a horse 5s. 4d; for every dozen pairs of shoes or boots 5s. 4d, and so in proportion; for every dozen of steel traps 16s. and so in proportion.

The Committee appointed last meeting to enquire whether the prayer of the Petition of John Stewart could be granted, reported that they had received the same and that in their opinion it could be granted. Thereupon resolved that there be leased to the said John Stewart for the term of twenty-one years a piece of Ground containing in breadth in front 30 feet and in length 150 feet at the rate of 24s. in specie yearly, the first payment to be made on the first day of April 1781.

The Ordinance against the profanation of the Lords day commonly called Sunday was this day published.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favor of Thomas Seeger on Account for twenty pounds.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means to repair the Docks and Wharfs of this City and that they report the same with all speed. The Committee chosen are Mr. Visscher, Mr. Price and Mr. Fonda, or any two of them.

Resolved that the said Committee prepare an Ordinance for subjecting all persons above [?] the age of sixty years to attend the City night watch.

March 30. Mr. Mayor informed the Board that the Collector of the District of Schaghtekoke had applied to him for the amount of the Tax laid upon their Lands in said District, and requested the opinion of the Board what answer he should give said Collector.

Resolved that Mr. Mayor inform the said Collector that this Board do conceive the Lands in said District are not liable to be taxed.

The Ordinance against the profanation of the Lords day was again considered and amended.

April 8. Margret Jacobs appeared before the Board and informed them that Mrs. Van Dyck wife of Henry Van Dyck had warned her to leave the House in her possession which she held under the Board for about seven years and prayed the advice of the Board in the premises.

Ordered that she be informed and directed to hold the same till the farther order of this Board.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to draw an Ordinance against the profanation of the Lords day. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Messrs. Visscher and Gansevoort Jun.

April 10. Leonard Gansevoort Esquire appeared before this Board and produced a Commission under the great Seal of this State constituting and appointing him Recorder of the City of Albany and took the Oaths of Allegiance and Office.

April 14. Whereas this Board on the third day of May, 1761, by release granted unto the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the reformed Dutch Church in the City of Albany a certain Tract of 153 acres of Land lying northwest of the City, and did thereby reserve liberty and licence



for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of this city, or the major part of them and their successors forever, to lay out Roads and Streets thro' the above mentioned Lands as they should see most convenient, and whereas the said Minister, Alders and Deacons applied this day for leave to lay out the said lands in Lots and allow Streets and Roads in such manner as they might conceive most proper for the term of 25 years. And whereas this Board are well convinced that no inconvenience can in that time arise to this City, and thereupon Resolve to grant the request of the said Minister, Elders and Deacons, and it is hereby granted accordingly for the term aforesaid.

June 23. The Ordinance for regulating the Night Watch having been laid before the Mayor for approbation, and he having agreed to the same, was this day published.

The Letter being prepared to the Legislature being read was agreed to and ordered to be copied, signed by the Clerk and forwarded.

June 28. On application of Col. Van Schaick and Volkert P. Douw in behalf of the Oneyda Indians,

Resolved that the said Indians be informed that the Board will permit them to occupy and enjoy the Lands of this Board commonly called the Tiononderoga Flatts for and during the present war between Great Britain and America and no longer.

July 3. On motion Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to draw a Petition to the Consistory of the reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of Albany for a small piece of Ground near the Ferry for the purpose of building a House for the Ferryman, &c. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Messrs. Swits, Gansevoort Junr, and Visscher.

July 28. Whereas on the application of Col<sup>o</sup> Van Schaick, commanding officer in this Department, and Volkert P. Douw Esquire, one of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs for the said Department in behalf of the Oneyda Nation, it was Resolved by this Board to permit the said Nation to use and occupy under them the Lands of this Board situate, lying and being in Tryon County commonly called the Tiononderoga Flatts for and during the present war between Great Britain and America, and whereas an application has since been made on behalf of the said Oneida Nation to permit them to occupy the dwelling houses lately occupied by the Mohawk Indians, and whereas this Board considering the Friendship between them and the said Oneyda Nation, who by their faithful adherence to the cause of America have strong shewed the Friendship which has so long subsisted between them, and thereby gained the favor and protection of this Board.

Therefore resolved that the said Oneyda Nation be and they are hereby permitted to enter upon and take possession not only of the said Lands but of the said dwelling houses above mentioned, to hold to them the said Oneyda from and under this Board as Tenants for and during the present war between Great Britain and America.

Resolved that Major Jillis Fonda Esquire be and he is hereby empowered in behalf of this Board to put the said Oneyda Indians in possession of the premises aforesaid agreeably to the preceding Resolution, and it is hereby provided that whatever is sown and planted on said Lands shall be reaped by those who sowed or planted.





Sir: I enclose you Resolutions which have been entered into by the Corporation. It is their wish when you put the Indians in possession that you take a couple of persons with you to see that you in the name of the Board put them in possession, and it would be well if you explained to them the Resolution in a short Speech of Friendship and by that means get their answer, lest after the war is over they may pretend to remain on the Land as having been possessed by the Mohawk.

We are Sir, your humble Servants.

By order.

M. VISSCHER.

To Major Jelles Fonda.

August 15. Resolved that the Clerk furnish General Schuyler with a copy of the Plan of the proposed Seminary in this City and also copies of the Letters by this Board wrote to George Merchant at Princeton, and further that the Clerk send duplicates of said Letters and Plan to said Mr. Merchant, and that said Mr. Merchant be requested to send his answer to the care of General Schuyler, at Camp, and that in case he declines, General Schuyler transmit a copy of said Plan together with a Letter to Mr. of Philadelphia.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a Draft of a Bill agreeable to the Petition presented to the Legislature last winter respecting the Charter Rights of this City and that the same be ready by the first day of September next, and at that time be laid before the Board. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Mr. Recorder, Alderman Bleeker and Mr. Visscher.

August 29. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favor of Samuel Bagnell for wheat at the market price to the amount of two dollars.

Resolved that a piece of Ground of about an acre lying near Thomas Wilkinsons be let to Mr. Josiah Crane for the term of three years at the rate of ten shillings per year,

September 15. It being suggested to the Board that divers of the Tenants of this Board at Schaghtekoke refuse paying their rent, and that divers other matters require that the Board should go there and regulate the same, and also to enquire about the rents, therefore Resolved that a Board be opened at the House of Johannis Knickerbaker Junior at Schaghtekooke aforesaid on Wednesday the 20th instant.

Resolved that the Overseers of Highways in this City be and they are hereby directed to have the several Roads or Highways leading to this City and within the Liberty thereof repaired with all speed, and that the Clerk furnish the said Overseers with copies of this Resolution.

At a meeting of the Common Council at Schaghtekooke 21st Sept. 1780.

The Tenants being sent for to know their Reasons for non payment of the Rent due this Board appeared, and made various excuses, pretending that no Rent was due.

September 26. The Board having returned from Schaghtekooke and the Tenants having refused to pay the Rent they are in arrear for the Lands, and being desirous to take the most speedy measures for the recovery thereof, Thereupon resolved that a Committee of four be appointed to examine the Deeds and Papers of the several Tenants aforesaid, and that



they make report with all convenient speed of the conditions of the said Deeds. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Mr. Recorder, Alderman Roorbach and Messrs. Visscher and Gansevoort Junr.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to pay the following accounts: Gerardus Groesbeek for nine Skipples of wheat; Cornelius V. Deusen do; Abraham E. Wendell for £11 hard money; John R. Bleeker for £1:6 do.

Resolved that the Chamberlain furnish the Committee above appointed with all such papers and deeds as they may require they passing their receipts for the same.

Certificate to Wheeler Douglass that he has engaged to supply the market with all kinds of meat.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on the 29th of September, 1780—Present, the Mayor, Leo. Gansevoort Esq. Recorder, John Price, John Roorbach, Samuel Stringer, John M. Beekman, Cornelius Swits, Leo. Gansevoort Junr, Ab. I. Yates, Peter W. Douw, Mat. Visscher.

This being the day of Election the Aldermen of the respective wards made a return of the Polls from which it appeared that the following Gent. were elected by plurality of voices:

*First Ward.*

| Aldermen.      | Assistants.      | Constables.      |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| John Roorbach  | Matthew Visscher | Jacob Kidney.    |
| Peter W. Yates | Robert McClellan | Jacob W. Hilton. |

*Second Ward.*

|                  |                |                  |
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| John Ja. Beekman | Isaac D. Fonda | John Brower      |
| John N. Bleeker  | Peter W. Douw  | Benjamin Simmend |

*Third Ward.*

|                 |                         |                    |
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| Samuel Stringer | Leonard Gansevoort Jun. | Jacob H. Wendell   |
| John Ten Broeck | Cornelius Swits         | M. A. Lansing Jun. |

And thereupon Alderman Price suggested to the Board that he received a number of the voters who polled at the election in the first ward for John Roorbach and Peter W. Yates Esquire as Aldermen were not entitled to, or had a right to vote, and thereupon moved for a Scrutiny.

Resolved therefore that a scrutiny be granted and that the Clerk furnish the parties concerned with copies of said Poll Lists with all convenient speed and further that it be recommended to the said parties to exchange lists containing the voters names they object to together with the reasons of their exceptions by Thursday next.

Resolved that Monday the ninth day of October next be and is hereby appointed for hearing the parties in said scrutiny.

The Board then proceeded to appoint a Chamberlain and Marshall, and thereupon appointed Garret Ryckman Chamberlain and Thomas Seeger Marshall for the ensuing year.

Whereas the Ferry leading from this City to Green Bush is at present extremely inconvenient to Travellers by reason of the Corporation not having any ground near the said Ferry whereon to erect a dwelling house for the residence of the Ferryman and the accommodation of such Travel-



lers and other persons as may have occasion to make use of the same, to remedy which,

Be it Resolved that the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the reformed Protestant Dutch Church in this City be and they are hereby requested to grant to this Body a lot of ground adjoining or near the dwelling house of Barnardus Bratt, situate in the first ward of this City of such dimensions as they may conceive proper (provided nevertheless the said lot extend eastward as far as low water mark) for the purpose of erecting a dwelling house upon for the residence of such person or persons to whom this Corporation shall let the said Ferry to the end that it may be rendered as convenient as possible to such persons as may have occasion to make use of the same, and that the Corporation may be enabled to dispose of the same to advantage.

September 29. Alderman Price this day withdrew the Exceptions he had taken to the voters who polled at the last Election so far as they respect the voting for Peter W. Yates Esq.

Received a Letter from Mr. George Merchant dated the 15th day of September, 1780, informing that he had accepted the Proposals of our proposed Seminary, which said Letter is in the following words to wit :

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15, 1780.

Gentlemen : I have received your Letter bearing date the 15th of July, in which was enclosed the Plan of your proposed Seminary ; and after I had perused it and taken a short time in order to deliberate, I have tho't proper to accept your proposals. I cannot possibly state the time when I shall be at Albany as it depend in a great measure upon the success I shall have in settling my business. But I have great reason to believe that it will not exceed five weeks.

I am, Gentlemen, Your most humble Servt.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen }  
and Commonalty of the City of Albany. } GEORGE MERCHANT.

October 10. Resolved that the Committee appointed to examine the Deeds and Papers of the Tenants at Schaghtekooke employ Peter W. Yates and John Lansing Junior Esquires to commence Prosecutions against all the Tenants at Schaghtekooke for the recovery of the Rent due and that they furnish the said Council with the names of the Tenants in possession and the Rents due with all convenient speed.

The Board being met and ready to proceed to the farther hearing of the Scrutiny between Aldermen Price and Roorbach, and the parties being desired to proceed, Aldermen Price informed the Board that he would not proceed any farther therein and gave it up.

October 14. This being the day appointed by the Charter for the qualification of the Officers of this city, the following appeared in the Common Council Chamber and were sworn, viz :

John Roorbach, Peter W. Yates, Aldermen for the first ward ; Matthew Visscher, Robert McClellan, Assistants. John Ja. Beekman, Alderman for the second ward ; Isaac D. Fonda, Assistant. Samuel Stringer, Alderman for the third ward ; Leonard Gansevoort Jun., Assistant. Jacob Kidney, Constable for the first ward ; John Brower, do. for the second ward ; Thomas Seeger, do. for the third ward.



October 25. His Excellency the Governor being returned from the westward and pursuing the Enemy, and the Board having the highest opinion of his zeal and activity in promoting the general cause, and defending the Country,

Resolved that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, and that a Committee be appointed to prepare the same, y<sup>e</sup> Committee chosen are Mr. Recorder, Alderman Yates and Leo. Gansevoort Junior.

Mr. Recorder from the Committee reported the Draft of an Address, which being read was agreed to and is in the following words, viz: [The Address the same as on page 304.]

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon his Excellency, to furnish him with a copy of the said Address, and to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the same. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Mr. Recorder and Mr. McClellan.

The Committee reported that they had waited on his Excellency, and that he had been pleased to say he would receive this Board with their Address to morrow morning at eleven o'clock at the House of Mr. Hugh Denniston of this City, Innholder.

Resolved that his Excellency the Governor be presented with the Freedom of the City, and that Alderman Yates prepare the same by to morrow morning.

October 26. The Board agreeable to the appointment of yesterday proceeded to the House of Mr. Denniston and presented his Excellency the Governor with their Address and the Freedom of the City.

The Board being returned Mr. Mayor informed the Board that his Excellency had made an Answer to the Address of which he had obtained a copy, which is in the following words, viz:

Gentlemen: I thank you for this polite Address and the favorable sentiments you have been pleased to express of my reelection to the Chief Magistracy of the State.

While with you I lament the late devastations upon our Frontiers it affords me great satisfaction that by the vigorous exertions of the Country and the attack upon the Enemy at Canajoharry they were prevented from the completion of their cruel purposes and compelled to seek their safety by a disgraceful and precipitate flight.

I accept Gentlemen with pleasure the Freedom of your City, and be assured I shall always consider this act of your Corporation as a most honorable testimony that my conduct has received the approbation of my Fellow Citizens.



Geo. Clinton





November 9. As the Corporation intend that the public School shall be opened in the House in which Mr. Ryckman now lives on Monday next, Resolved therefore that Mr. Ryckman be requested to remove out of the House by Saturday next.

November 11. Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the School Room with Mr. Merchant the Rector of the public and confer with him respecting the Appointment of an English Master and that they report on Monday next.

The Committee chosen for the purpose are Aldermen Yates, Ten Broeck and Roorbach.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favor of Thomas Seegar the Marshall for six pounds in gold or silver and charge the same to his account.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favor of John J. Ratcliff the Bellringer for five pounds in gold or silver and charge the same to his account.

November 12. The Board proceeded to the appointment of Fire Masters for the ensuing year, and thereupon appointed Henry Hogan, Cornelius Douw for the first ward; Cornelius Groesbeck, John Fonda Junior for the second ward; Reynier Pruyn, Francis Harsin for the third ward.

Resolved that the Clerk furnish the above Gentlemen with Warrants with all convenient speed.

Resolved that all the Fines in the Ordinance for preventing fire in this City be increased in a double proportion to what they were in the year 1774, and that the Clerk prepare the Ordinance accordingly.

This Board taking into consideration the present state of the northern and western Frontiers of this State, it is Resolved that General James Clinton be requested to detain the continental Troops now in this Department to be posted in such parts of the Department as the General shall deem most expedient for the public safety, and that Mr. Mayor wait upon General Clinton for that purpose with a copy of this Resolution.

The Mayor informed the Board that the Subscribers to the public School had last night met, and that upon considering the necessity of having an Assistant, they had recommended to the Board, that the Board send for and examine Robert Fullerton as to his abilities, and if upon inquiry and other circumstances the Board should be of opinion that his abilities and character are sufficient that they engage him for a year.

Resolved thereupon that the Clerk write a Letter to Mr. Fullerton on the subject and request him to come to town and inform the Mayor of his arrival.

Resolved that the Clerk in behalf of this Board apply to Col<sup>o</sup> Quackenboss, D. Q. M Gen<sup>l</sup>, for an iron Stove for the use of the Seminary in this City.

A Petition of John W. Wendell was laid before the Board praying a Lot of Ground adjoining his present dwelling House in the first ward of this City.

Resolved that the prayer of the said Petition be granted, and that the Aldermen and Assistants of the first ward or any two of them be a Committee to examine and measure the said piece of ground prayed for, and to report for what term of years the said Lot now in his possession and the



adjoining Lott should be granted, and under what annual reservation, and that they report with all convenient speed.

Alderman Bleecker informed that the Minister, Elders, and Deacons of the reformed Protestant Dutch Church had taken the request of this Board into consideration and had agreed to grant the same, and requested the Board to meet on Monday next to locate the same, which was ordered accordingly.

November 20. It being suggested to the Board that Henry Hogan who was appointed one of the Fire Masters in the first ward, had lately served in that capacity, and is one of the fire Engine men and therefore declined serving, Resolved that the Reasons aforesaid are sufficient, and that Thomas Barret be and he is hereby appointed Fire Master in his stead.

Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed to locate the piece of ground applied for by this Board to the Consistory of the Dutch Church and that they report with all speed. The Committee chosen are Aldermen Yates, Beckman, Ten Broeck and Messrs. Visscher and Swits.

The Committee appointed to locate the lot of ground for the use of building the Ferry House upon, reported that they had viewed the same and are of opinion that the most convenient spot, considering its situation, is on the north side of Bratts house and lot, and recommend the same to be of the following dimensions and form, to wit, one acre bounded south by the house and lot of said Bratt, north by the Church Pasture, east by the common highway and west by the said pasture, and containing in front and rear one chain and fifty links and in length six chains and sixty-seven links, as also the piece or lot of ground lying east of the said road and opposite to the said acre and of the same breadth and in length from said road to low water mark.

November 25. Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr. Robert Fullerton and see whether he will accept or not, and also to propose an examination of him. The Committee chosen are Aldermen Bleecker and Roorbach and Mr. McClellan.

November 29. An account of John Ja. Lansing was laid before the Board amounting to £1:1:9 which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to pay the same.

The Committee appointed to locate and have the lot of ground petitioned for by John W. Wendell measured, reported thereon.

Resolved that the Lease of the said Wendell be destroyed and that a new Lease for the whole Lot as described be given to the said Wendell upon his paying the Rent due at this day.

Resolved that the said Lease be for twenty years; that an annual Rent of forty shillings be reserved and that at the end of the term the buildings thereon be appraised by three Appraisers to be appointed as follows, one by the Board, and one by said Wendell, and the other by the two Appraisers and the appraised value be paid by the Board.

Resolved that the application of Coll. Hughes, D. Q. M. Genl, for liberty to establish a Ferry for public use, be granted under such restrictions and upon such terms as the Board shall think proper.

Mr. Suel Chapin offering himself as an Usher and the Board being unacquainted with his abilities in the Languages,

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed in conjunction with



Mr. Merchant the Rector of the Seminary to examine the said Chapin and report with all convenient speed. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Aldermen Yates, Roorbach and Stringer.

November 30. The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Chapin reported that upon examination they find him of sufficient abilities for an Usher or second Master in the Seminary.

Thereupon Resolved that the said Chapin be accepted and taken as an Usher in said Seminary for the term of six months from the date, and in case either this Board or said Mr. Chapin are desirous he should serve no longer than the term aforesaid, in that case either party is to give to the other three months previous notice, otherwise he is to continue his service in said Academy for three months longer.

Mr. Chapin came into the Council Room and signified to the Board his assent to the above on his being recommended by Mr. Merchant the Rector of the Academy, who appeared personally before this Board for that purpose.

December 5. The Board received a Resolution of the Consistory of the Dutch Church in the words following, to wit :

The Consistory of the reformed Dutch Church agree to grant to the Corporation of this City a Lot of Ground adjoining the Lot of Bernard Bratt to the north in front and rear one hundred feet, and in length two hundred feet English measure, with the same breadth to low water mark. The Corporation to fence the said Lot at their expence during the time that the Pasture continues in common and to keep a sufficient water fence with a Gate on the highway to the northern of said Lot, or one acre of ground to the south of De Wandelaers Lot,

Albany, 30 Novbr, 1780. Q. I.

E. WESTERLO.

Whereupon it is resolved that the piece of ground to the northward of Bernardus Bratts be accepted by this Board, and they return the Consistory thanks for the same. That this Board however being of opinion that the piece of ground mentioned in the above Consistorial Resolution will not fully answer the purpose intended, but that it would be more conducive to the public good in case the same were as large as at first proposed.

We would therefore desire the Consistory to reconsider this matter and be pleased to grant us the quantity of ground proposed in the Resolution of this Board either by extending the bounds thereof more westward or in breadth to the northward.

December 6. John N. Groesbeek of Schaghtekooke appeared before the Board and represented that John Vielen, who claims the Lands formerly granted to Adrian Quackenboss, has lately had the said Land surveyed and by such survey lays claim to some of the Lands granted to them and prays the opinion of the Board in the premises.

Thereupon this Board recommends to the said parties, that they jointly cause the Lands claimed by each of them to be surveyed and in case they do not agree in a joint survey, that then either of the said parties cause a separate survey thereof to be made at their own expence and cause a return of such survey to be laid before this Board together with the Deeds, Papers and Evidences relative thereto, that the same may be examined



into and amicably settled. And ordered that each of the parties be furnished with a copy of this Resolution.

A Petition of Anna Cole was laid before this Board praying the grant of a small Lot of Ground upon near the Slaughter House (which is in the following words, to wit):

To the Worshipful Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants of the City of Albany in Common Council convened, The Petition of Anna Cole Humbly sheweth:

That your Petitioner is the distress'd Widow of John Cole, late Gaoler of this City and County, who by the Lenity of the Sherif hath been permitted to live in the Court House since her Husbands death; but now he having got a new Gaoler, she with her family consisting of four small children are turned out in this inclement season, and have not a place to shelter them. Your Petitioner prays that your Worships would be pleased to grant her a small Lot of Ground near the Slaughter House in this City, as several persons have promised her, if she can obtain a Lot that they will assist her in erecting a small House so that she may be enabled to do something for the support of herself and Family. Your Honors taking her distress into your wise consideration and granting her prayer will cause your Petitioner (as in duty bound) ever to pray, &c.

Albany, Dec<sup>r</sup> 6th, 1780.

ANNA COLE.

Ordered that the said Petition be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the first ward and that they or any three of them report thereon at the next meeting. And on motion Resolved that Mr. Recorder be added to said Committee.

December 12. It is resolved that whenever any of the Inhabitants shall refuse to suffer any of the Inspectors or Viewers of Chimneys to inspect the same or neglect or refuse to remove any obstructions that are necessary for inspecting or viewing the same, every Inhabitant shall for every such offence be fined the sum of six shillings of the money and to be recovered as mentioned in the Ordinance entitled an Ordinance for the better preventing of Fire in this City.

Resolved that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed immediately to collect the money due to this Board for Rent, and that he receive the same in hard money or the exchange thereof in paper money, and report to this Board within a Fortnight what progress he has made in the premises.

December 13. It is resolved that Cornelius Cuyler Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer to this Board for the special purposes of auditing and settling all the accounts and demands which may be brought against the Board for and on account of the Seminary in this City and that he from time to time receive and pay all monies which shall become due and owing from the Subscribers of the said Seminary and render an account thereof from time to time, when thereunto required by this Board.

Mr. Mayor laid before the Board the following Resolution of the Consistory of the Dutch Church in this City.

ALBANY, the 12 Dec<sup>r</sup>, 1780.

The Consistory having reconsidered the Request of the Corporation concerning a piece of Ground on the northern bounds of Barnardus Bradt, is of opinion that one acre of Ground beginning from low water mark, one hundred feet in front and rear, and extending along the bounds of Bar-





nardus Bratt shall be granted for the purpose intended, supposing that by this at least thirty or forty feet will be added to the first proposal.

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December 15. The Board took into consideration the Resolution of the Consistory of the Dutch Church in this City of the 12 instant respecting the piece of ground applied for by this Board, and thereupon resolved to accept the ground mentioned in said Resolution, and that the thanks of this Board be and is hereby given to the Consistory for the same.

Application was made by Jacob Kidney in behalf of the Widow McIntosh for the House and Lot in the possession of Margaret Jacobie.

Resolved that the Request be granted and that she hold the same during the will and pleasure of this Board.

Resolved that every person trading or using any occupation in this City and not born there be and they are hereby ordered to take their Freedoms.

December 29. The Clerk laid before the Board the Deeds for the ground in the Pasture at the Ferry, and given to this Board by the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Dutch Church, which being read,

Resolved that the counterpart thereof be signed and delivered by the Mayor and that the public Seal of this Board be thereto affixed.

It is resolved that all Merchants, Traders and Mechanics, being Inhabitants of this City who have not yet obtained the Freedom of the said City agreeable to the Charter thereof (except those who are born in the said City) do forthwith apply to the Mayor or any three of the Aldermen in order to obtain the same, under pain of not being permitted to carry on their merchandise, trade or business any longer.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on the 6th January, 1781—Present, the Mayor, John Ja. Beckman, John Roorbach, Peter W. Yates, Peter W. Douw, Leo. Gansevoort Jun., Robert McClellan, Mat. Visscher.

Ordered that Lansing be paid in Specie for the Hay of last year, and that Mr. Visscher apply to Lansing for more.

A Committee of three appointed to take into consideration the letting of the Ferries and upon what conditions. The Committee Alderman Yates, Messrs. McClellan and Fisher.

January 12. Mr. Nicholas Groesbeck one of the Tenants of this Board being at Schaghtekocke appeared before them and prayed the Board to consider the Losses he had sustained by reason of the War, and that tho' he was liable to pay the whole Rent mentioned in the Deed to Abraham De Freest, dated the 28th day of February, 1771, and assigned to him the 29th June, 1774, yet he prayed an abatement of the Rent for the reasons aforesaid.

Whereupon it is resolved that the Rent of the year 1777, to wit, ten Skipples of wheat be abated, and that he pay two years Rent this winter and the residue from time to time as he shall be able.

Resolved also that this Board will pay the costs of the suit commenced.

January 13. Messrs. Jacob Gardinier and Abraham Garrison of Tryon County appeared before them, and applied for each a Farm of the Lands of this Board lying at Tiononderoga in said County.



Resolved that the said Gardinier and Garrison be informed that this Board will send a Committee to locate and survey the said Lands, after which they will be informed whether this Board will grant them the Lands applied and upon what terms.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to confer with Col<sup>o</sup> Hughes, D. Q. M. Gen<sup>l</sup>, respecting the Application for establishing a Ferry for public uses, that they view the ground where the Boats should land and that they draw a Memorandum of the Agreement made between this Board and Col<sup>o</sup> Hughes and report the same on Monday next.

The Committee chosen for the purpose are Mr. Recorder and Common Council McClellan.

Resolved that the Clerk write a Letter to William Callon, desiring him to desist carrying away the Fences, &c.

January 22. Mr. Mayor laid before y<sup>e</sup> Board a Letter from Peter Sim, and John Johnson, dated the 20 instant. The Board took the same into consideration and Resolved thereupon that the Ferry at Bratts be sold at public Vendue to the highest bidder on Thursday the first day of May next, and that the purchasor give security to the Treasurer for the payment of the money.

Resolved that the Clerk give notice by Advertisement of the time of sale.

Resolved that Alderman Yates and Common Council Visscher be a Committee to revise the Ordinance of the Ferry and report the same on Tuesday next.

Resolved that Mr. McClellan be directed to call upon Mr. Quackenboss, D. Q. M. Gen<sup>l</sup>, requesting him to inform this Board whether he accepts of the proposals offered respecting the Ferry.

January 25. A Petition of Abraham Garrison, William B. Garrison, and Ephraim Wempel was laid before the Board praying that a Farm to each of them may be granted on the south side of the Schoharry Creek, and a Petition of Nicholas Hansen, Zephaniah Batchelor, Abraham Van Horne and Samuel Stringer, praying that a Farm may be granted to each of them on the north side of the said Creek was laid before the Board.

Ordered that the said Petitions be taken into consideration when the Board determines whether they will and on what terms lease the said Lands.

January 27. Petitions of Peter and Garret Ryekman, James Abeel and Hendrick W. Van Beuren were laid before the Board, praying that a Farm to each of them may be granted by this Board of the Lands at Tiononderoga.

Ordered that the said Petitions be taken into consideration when the Board determines whether they will and on what terms lease the said Lands.

Resolved that the Chamberlain write to every person indebted to this Board either in wheat or money (except those already prosecuted) and inform them unless they instantly pay the same that they will be prosecuted.

Resolved that the Chamberlain receive no Rent in wheat from any of the Tenants of Schaghtekocke that have been prosecuted.

Resolved that a Committe of three be appointed to locate and lay out the Lands of this Board at Tiononderoga in proper Farms in conjunction



with Robert Yates and John R. Bleeker Esqr, or either of them, Surveyors chosen and elected for the purpose, and that they cause the vacant Lands adjoining thereto to be surveyed and a Map thereof to be made. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Alderman Yates, Ten Broeck, and Common Council McCullen and Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup>, or any two of them.

Resolved that a Committe of three be appointed to search the Records and make extracts of such papers as they may conceive necessary to locate the said Lands, and that they report the same with all convenient speed.

The Committe chosen for the above purpose are Mr. Recorder, and Common Council Visscher and Swits.

The Committe to whom was referred the terms whereon Coll. Hughes, D. Q. M. Gen<sup>l</sup>, is to have leave to erect a public Ferry across the River between Green Bush and this City brought in the following report :

Gen<sup>r</sup> : Your Committee to whom was referred the Terms whereon Coll. Hugh's, D. Q. M. G. in this Department is to have leave to erect a publick Ferry across the River between green bush and this City, do report as their opinion,

I. That Licence be granted to him and to his successors for two years, commencing from the first day of February next, at the annual Rent of twenty-five pounds in Specie or the current exchange thereof in other money at the time of payment, the same to be paid in four payments, that is to say twelve pounds ten shillings at the expiration of every six months commencing the first day of August next.

II. That said Ferry is to transport across only publick stores, &c. and persons then actually in publick service, as well militia as others, under the penalty of quadruple ferriage for each offence, to be paid to any person who will prosecute for the same, together with costs.

III. That the Landing Place of the said Ferry on the west side of the River shall be between the north end of the old Store House and the Fence by the River opposite the House of Jacob I. Truax, under a like penalty for each offence to be paid and recovered as aforesaid, provided always that the said Ferry may have a Landing place between the said Fence and the north side of the Trardes Creek in case they are permitted so to do by the Corporation of the Dutch Church.

IV. That Articles of Agreement be entered into for the performance of the above. As witness our Hands the twenty-sixth day of January, 1781.

PETER W. YATES,  
ROBERT McCULLEN,  
MATTHEW VISSCHER.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and  
Commonalty of the City of  
Albany in Common Council  
convened.

February 2. Petitions of Gerrit T. Van Den Bergh, Gerrit Van Beuren and Jacob I. Van Schaick were laid before the Board praying that a Farm to each of them may be granted of the Lands of this Board at Tiononde-roga.

Ordered that the said Petitions be taken into consideration when the Board determines whether they will and on what terms lease the said Lands.

A Petition of Leonard Gansevoort Esq<sup>r</sup> in behalf of himself and Catharine Cuyler and Abraham Cuyler was laid before the Board setting forth that they are possessed of about threeth morganes of Land, part of the one



thousand acres granted to this Board by Charter, at a place called Tionon deroga situate in Tryon County and praying for such an additional quantity as will be sufficient for a Farm.

Ordered that the said Petition be taken into consideration when the Board determines whether they will and on what terms they will lease the said Lands.

An account of Peter Sharp for work done and materials found for this Board was laid before them amounting to £9:9:9 which is allowed, and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to pay the same.

February 10. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board a Resolution of the Senate and Assembly of the 9th instant relative to billeting Troops.

February 15. It is resolved that notice be given by the Clerk of this Board to the subscribers of the Academy requesting them immediately to pay to the Treasurer appointed for that purpose one Quarter's Tuition Money.

Mr. Mayor laid before the Board an Invitation of the Rector of the Academy desiring this Board to attend the public examination of the School to morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Resolved that this Board will accordingly attend.

Ordered that the Clerk forthwith transmit to Colo. Hughes, D. Q. M. Gen<sup>l</sup>, a copy of the Resolution of this Board respecting the Ferry, and also one to Mr. Quackenboss his Assistant.

February 22. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Peter Simm and John Johnson requesting the Board to lease unto them the public Ferry.

The Board took the same into consideration and thereupon Resolved that the said Ferry be sold at public Vendue to the highest bidder on Tuesday the first day of March next and that the purchaser give security to the Treasurer for the payment of the Rent.

Resolved that the Clerk give notice by Advertisement of the time of sale and that Alderman Yates and Common Council Visscher be a Committee to revise the Ordinance relating to the Ferry.

Resolved that Council McClallen be requested to call upon Major Quackenboss and desire him to inform the Board whether Colo. Hughes has accepted of the proposals made by this Board relative to the Ferry by him applied for.

✓ February 27. Petitions of Abraham Fonda, Jesse De Graff, Myndert A. Wemple, Isaac De Graff, Simon De Graff, Frederick Visscher, Christopher John Yates, Francis Winne Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Little, Myndert W. Quackenbush, Nicholas Quackenboss, Isaac Colyer, and John Colyer, praying each a Farm of the Lands of this Board at Tyononderoga in Tryon County were received.

Ordered that the said Petitions be taken into consideration when the Board determines whether they will and on what terms lease the said Lands.

Resolved that the fine mentioned in the Report of the Committee respecting the Ferry applied for by Col. Hughes be and is hereby decreed to twenty shillings and that liberty be given to land in case of badness of weather above and below the Landing of the old Ferry.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of





John Flensburgh for eight Skipples of wheat, being for one year's keeping the [Bulls].

It being suggested to the Board that the Boundries in the Lease lately given to Peter Yates contain more Lands than were intended to be granted, therefore Resolved that as soon as convenient a Surveyor be appointed to survey said Lands and make report thereof to this Board.

Resolved that the Rates of ferriage be augmented as near as may be twenty-five ¢ cent.

March 1. The Board resumed the consideration of the terms on which the Deputy Quarter Master Gen<sup>l</sup> is to have the public ferry and thereupon Resolved that instead of the fine of twenty shillings for ferrying over prohibited articles he pay a fine of four fold the rate of ferriage established by the Ordinance establishing the rate of ferriage.

This day pursuant to notice the Ferry leading from the City to Green Bush was sold to Direk Hanson for the term of one year for £123 in Specie, to be paid half yearly in Specie or the current exchange in paper money at time of payment.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to draw proper Leases for the purpose. The Committee chosen are Alderman Yates and Common Council Visscher.

Mr. Henry Van Rensselaer in behalf of his father Coll. John Van Rensselaer informed this Board that Capt. John Johnson having applied to Coll. Van Rensselaer to hire the ferry between Greenbush and the City of Albany, and offered the preference of hiring said ferry to this Board in case this Board will give the same price for it that Coll. Van Rensselaer can get from said Capt. Johnson.

On motion of Alderman Peter W. Yates it is unanimously resolved that this Board have an exclusive right to the said ferry and that the said proposals of Coll. Van Rensselaer be rejected.

It is also unanimously resolved that this Board will indemnify the person or persons who shall purchase the said ferry from this Board at vendue or at private sale.

It is also unanimously resolved that this Board will prosecute any person or persons who shall presume to exercise a right in said ferry or any part thereof.

March 3. The Committee appointed to draw the Leases for the Ferrys reported the same, which being read were respectively agreed to.

Ordered that the Mayor sign those on behalf of the Corporation and that the City Seal be thereto affixed.

Ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favor of John J. Ratcliffe for three Skipples of wheat.

Upon application of the Deputy Q. M. Gen<sup>l</sup> Resolved that he have liberty to land with the ferry boats at the old dock at the store house until the farther order of this Board.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to attend the survey of the Lands in dispute between Harmen Groesbeek and John Vielen and report the same with all convenient speed. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Alderman Ten Broeck and Common Council man Douw.

March 17. Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to prepare a Letter to Matthews as a third Teacher to the public school in this



City, and that they report the draft with all convenient speed. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Peter W. Yates Esq. and Leonard Gansevoort Jun. Esq.

It being suggested to the Board that his Excellency Gen. Washington would very shortly be in Town, therefore resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare an Address. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Mr. Recorder, Peter W. Yates Esq. and Leonard Gansevoort Jun. Esq.

Resolved that the Freedom of the City be presented unto his said Excellency.

An account of Hendrick Cook amounting to eight shillings was laid before the Board and allowed.

Resolved that an application be made to the Legislature to pass an Act awarding costs to the complainants in cases of forcible entry and detainers in this City and that instructions be given to the Representatives of this City and County accordingly.

April 2. Alderman Ten Broeck informed the Board that he had been honored by the honorable Council of Appointment of this State with the office of Sheriff for the City and County of Albany; and as by the Constitution he could hold no other office, he prayed leave to resign his office as one of the Aldermen of the third ward.

Resolved that the resignation of Alderman Ten Broeck be and is hereby accepted.

On motion Resolved that the consideration of ordering a new election for an Alderman in the room and stead of Alderman Ten Broeck be postponed until to morrow.

April 3. The Board resumed the consideration of ordering a new Election for an Alderman in the third ward of the City of Albany in the room and stead of Alderman Ten Broeck who has resigned, and thereupon Resolved that a new Election be held at the usual place of election in the said ward on Monday the ninth day of April instant, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing an Alderman in the stead of Alderman Ten Broeck, and that Alderman Stringer and one or more of the Assistants of said ward superintend the said Election. And ordered that the Clerk give notice of the time and place of election.

John Ten Broeck Esquire produced a Commission from the Governor and Council of Appointment for Sheriff of the City and County of Albany. Mr. Recorder then moved and was seconded by Alderman Stringer, that Mr. Ten Broeck be qualified in that office by the Board. Debates arose and the Question being put it was carried in the negative in manner following:

For the Affirmative—Mr. Recorder, Samuel Stringer, Leo. Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup>, Isaac D. Fonda.

For the Negative—Peter W. Yates, John N. Bleeker, John Roorbach, Robert McClellan, Peter W. Douw, Cornelius Swits, Matthew Visscher.

April 4. An account of Mr. Marte Myndertse was laid before the Board for iron work made for the use of the Docks, &c., amounting to £55:8 which is allowed, and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to pay the balance due after deducting the amount of the



Corporation account against him for a Lot of Ground and Rent due thereon.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favor of Thomas Seeger for four Skipples of wheat on account.

Resolved that the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain to pay the following accounts, to wit: Isaac Hoogkerk £3:18; Anna Fryer £1:14; William Van Wie £1; Philip Elsworth 9s.; Rykert Van Sante £3.

Resolved the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain for the following quantities of wheat on account at 4s. 6d <sup>per</sup> Skipple, to wit:

Widow of William Hilton six Skipples; John A. Lansing six do; Rykert Van Sante six do; Isaac Hooghkerk six do; Anna Fryer six do; William Van Wie four and a half do; Philip Elsworth two do.

Messrs. Thomas Lotteridge and Dirck Hansen appeared before the Board, and informed that they were inclined to leave the Ferry and the Lot of Ground near the same for a number of years, and to build a house on the said Lot, provided they could agree with the Board on the terms.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to take the same into consideration, and report with all convenient speed whether and on what terms the said Ferry and Lot of Ground should be let.

The Committee chosen for the purpose are Peter W. Yates Esq., Matthew Visscher and Isaac D. Fonda.

Resolved that the Lot late Comfort Seevers's be leased unto Peter Sharp for the term of three years at forty shillings per annum.

April 12. Alderman Stringer returned a Poll of an Election held in the third ward of this City for one Alderman in the room and stead of John Ten Broeck Esquire who has resigned, and by inspecting the said Poll it appears that Thomas Hun has the majority of votes, in consequence of which the necessary Oaths were administred to him and he took his seat.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Garret Van Vranken for six Skipples of wheat and that the same be placed to his account.

Resolved that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John James Abbot for six Skipples of wheat to be delivered to Neal Shaw for a rope purchased of the said Neal Shaw for the use of the Town Clock.

Resolved that Docks be sold at public Vendue on Monday the day of April instant, and that the Clerk give public notice thereof by public Advertisements.

Resolved that Jacob Gardinier be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take into his charge all that tract or parcel of Land commonly called Tiononderoga in Tryon County, belonging to this Board, that he superintend the whole and see that the fences and builings thereon be not wantonly destroyed, that he contract with the several persons improving the said Lands for the rent of one bushel per morgan, that he apportion the said Lands among such persons as are settled upon the same in such manner as he shall deem just and equitable having a proper regard to the political characters of persons applying to him, and their respective necessities and sufferings, that he take all possible means to secure to this Board the rents above specified, and that he do all other things necessary and expedient, and that he be allowed the use of ten morgans of the said Land for his trouble without any reservation pro-



vided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the said Jacob Gardinier to contract any debts for or on account of this Board.

Resolved that the above powers and authorities as also the use of the ten morgans of Land to the said Jacob Gardinier continue only for the present year.

Ordered that the Clerk furnish Mr. Gardinier with a certified copy of the above Resolutions.

May 7. A Letter dated the 4 May ins', signed by Hugh Mitchell, Abraham Wempel; Abraham Fonda, Henry Glen and Myndert M. Wempel of Schenectady, setting forth the expediency of having Scouts to observe the approach of the Enemy from Canada and requesting a meeting on the subject.

Resolved that this Board will meet the said Gentlemen or any of them to devise ways and means for the purpose aforesaid, as the safety of this City and the Town of Schenectady requires a measure of that nature to be pursued.

Resolved therefore that the said Gentlemen be desired to meet this Board at this City as soon as possible.

Whereas it is deemed necessary for the public safety and the safety of this City that the fort in this City should be immediately repaired,

Resolved that application be made to General James Clinton and a Committee he appointed to confer with him on the subject.

Resolved that Mr. Recorder, Mr. Visscher, Mr. Fonda and Mr. Swits be a Committee for that purpose.

Upon application of Mr. Peter Sharp and considering the debt due by this Board to the said Sharp,

Resolved that the Lot late Comfort Seevers's be sold to the said Peter Sharp for the same consideration and same annual reservation as the same was heretofore sold to said Seever's.

May 11. Resolved that there be a vacancy of the Academy and that the same continue for the space of three weeks from Tuesday the 15th instant.

Hugh Mitchell, Abraham Outhoudt and Myndert W. Wemple Esquires appeared before the Board on the subject mentioned in their Letter of the 4th instant, and after some consideration

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to take the same into consideration and report a plan how and in what manner Scouts shall be employed, and in what manner the money necessary for their support is most expedient to be raised. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Mr. Recorder, Alderman Yates and Mr. Fonda, or any two of them.

An account of John A. Lansing was laid before the Board amounting to four pounds which was allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the same, and that he deduct therefrom the wheat he has received.

May 12. Received a Letter dated 26 April last, signed Gerrit Putman and others respecting the Lands of Tiononderoga.

Resolved that the Clerk write Letters to Jacob Gardinier and Gerrit Putman and others requesting the said Jacob Gardinier, the said Gerrit Putman or any two of the subscribers to come down with all possible speed, and that he also inform them, that it is the intention of the Board not to exact any rent from them for the present year.





Whereas it has been suggested to the Board that Col<sup>o</sup> John Van Rensselaer has leased the right of ferriage from Greenbush to this City, to which this Board claim an exclusive right and it is apprehended that the Corporation will be reduced in consequence thereof to the necessity of instituting suits at Law, to defend their right to the said Ferry if Col<sup>o</sup> Van Rensselaer shall persist in his claim.

Therefore resolved that Egbert Benson, Peter W. Yates, Stephen Lush, John McKesson and John Lansing Junior, Esquires, be retained as attorneys to manage all disputes and controversies that may arise respecting the same.

Resolved that the Clerk inclose copy of the said Resolution to each of the Gentlemen named therein and request them to inform the Board whether they accept of the retainer.

Mr. Recorder from the Committee appointed to confer with Gen. James Clinton on the expediency of repairing the fort in this City, reported that in obedience to the order of this Board they had waited upon Gen<sup>l</sup> Clinton and that upon conferring with the Gen<sup>l</sup> upon the subject, he concurred with this Board in opinion, that the Fort ought to be repaired and that he would afford all the assistance in his power to compleat the business.

The Committee also reported the quantity of Timber necessary to repair the same in such manner as to make it defensible against small arms, and to compleat the houses therein for the reception of such Officers as may be stationed in this City. The Report of Committee on file.

Resolved that this Board agree with their Committee in the report, and thereupon

Resolved that every taxable person in this City be and they are hereby requested to furnish one days labor of a man towards the repairs necessary to be done to the said Fort. That the rotation of the persons to render the said labor be according to the tax Lists last formed by the Assessor, and that the persons to perform said labor be taken alternately from the three wards in this City.

Resolved that Isaac D. Fonda and Peter Sharp be and they are hereby appointed to superintend the said work and that they cause the Marshall of this Board to notify so many of the said persons as they shall conceive necessary from time to time to be employed in the said business.

Resolved that the Clerk write to General Schuyler requesting him to furnish this Board with three hundred inch and a half plank and three hundred two inch plank for the repairs of the Fort and Bridges in this City.

Resolved that the persons appointed to superintend this work do from time to time call upon General Clinton for all the iron work and nails that shall be wanted about the work.

Alderman Yates from the Committee to whom were referred the manner of employing Scouts to gain intelligence, and to propose a method of procuring money for the payment of the said Scouts.

Whereas the present exposed condition of the northern and western Frontiers of this State renders it absolutely necessary immediately to set on foot a Scout in order to obtain intelligence of the approach and motions of the Enemy from the northward and westward, that the Inhabitants in the Frontiers may be duly notified and the militia called out in due season to repel the Enemy. And whereas no method but that by voluntary subscription can be at present adopted in order to raise monies for



the purposes aforesaid nor until provision be made in the premises by the Legislature, which will it is expected undoubtedly refund to the subscribers by way of tax the monies which shall be subscribed for the purposes aforesaid and to which end application will be made to the Legislature at their next meeting.

And whereas it is intended that the Commissioners of conspiracy residing in the township of Schenectady are to procure six white men and four Indians to scout as aforesaid and are to have the superintendance and direction of the said Scout.

We the subscribers do therefore promise to pay to the said Commissioners on demand the sum opposite to our respective names. Dated this 12 May, 1781.

Resolved that the Board agree with their Committee in the said report.

May 15. Whereas there has for a long time a dispute subsisted between the heirs of Peter Douw deceased and this Board relative to a piece of Ground now in the possession of Geertruy McIntosh, and it being suggested to the Board that the said heirs were anxious to have the same determined,

Therefore resolved that this Board will submit the same to the determination of Robert Yates and John R. Blecker Esq<sup>rs</sup> and Mr. Jacob Roseboom or any two of them, and that both parties enter into bonds to abide the determination of the said Robert Yates, John R. Blecker and Jacob Roseboom, or any two of them.

Resolved that Aldermen Yates and Hun and Mr. Visscher be a Committee to draw the bonds of arbitration and to manage the said dispute on behalf of this Board.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for regulating the running at large of swine within the limits therein mentioned," was this day published.

Ordered that the Clerk send copies of the subscription to the several districts in this County enclosed in a Letter to the Supervisor thereof.

An account of Anna Fryer was laid before the Board amounting to £1:14 which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Also an account of Isaac Fryer amounting to £1:6.

May 28 Messrs. Van Sant, Quackenboss, Jacob Seeber and William Colon appeared before the Board in consequence of the Letter of the Clerk to them, and severally complained of the partiality shown by Jacob Gardinier in parceling out the Lands at Tiononderoga and threatening to take away such as had been sowed by them.

Resolved that as Jacob Gardinier is not present that they be informed the Board will give them their determination in the matter as soon as they have heard the said Jacob Gardinier.

July 7. It being suggested to this Board that in the general orders issued yesterday by General Clinton, illiberal reflections were cast upon the Inhabitants of this City, whereupon Mr. Recorder moved and was seconded that application be made by Letter to General Clinton for a copy of said orders, which was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved that Mr. Recorder prepare the said Letter. Mr. Recorder brought in the said Letter, which being read was agreed to and is in the following words, to wit:

Sir: It has been represented to the Corporation that the general orders



of yesterday are replete with reflections on the Inhabitants of this City ; conscious that they do not merit a treatment which may have a tendency to alienate the affections of the Troops of the United States (and especially of this State) from them, we esteem it an indispensable duty to remove any impressions which those orders may have made and beg for that purpose to be furnished with a copy of them.

Resolved that the several Docks belonging to this Board be sold at public vendue on Tuesday next, and that the Clerk put up Advertisements notifying the sale.

An account of Leonard Gansevoort Esquire amounting to eleven shillings was laid before the Board which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Also the following accounts which were allowed: Jacobus Van Sante £3:4; Thomas Hilton £2:16.

It being suggested that Messrs. Gerrit Staats, Henry Van Vechten, James Caldwell and Volkert A. Douw, could give the Board information respecting General Clintons casting reflections on the Inhabitants of this City.

Thereupon resolved that the said Gerrit Staats, Henry Van Vechten, James Caldwell and Volkert A. Douw be requested to attend the Board on the ninth instant.

July 9. The Clerk laid before the Board the Letter he had received from General Clinton's Aid de camp with copy of general orders of the 7th instant inclosed, which were respectively read and are as follows :

ALBANY, July 7, 1782 [1 ?]

Sir: I am directed by the General to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this days date, containing the requisition of the Corporation and to present them, thro' you, with a literal copy of the orders of yesterday, with his thanks for the opportunity they have given him of removing any prejudices, which illiberal and disaffected minds may be disposed to excite.

The General is very sorry that any of the virtuous part of this community, for whom he has ever entertained the highest esteem, should feel themselves injured by the severities of expression, dictated by an honest zeal, and pointed only at those persons whose secret desires have already reduced this seemingly devoted State to its present distressed situation. That such characters not only exist but are even fostered in the bosom of our Country, is too well known to be denied.

Should any further Explanation be tho't necessary on the occasion, the General is disposed to give it when called upon.

This Letter with its enclosures would not have been so long detain'd, but the original orders were in the hands of the Adjutant, who omitted returning them previous to his embarking with the Troops.

By order of the General.

W. POPHAM.

Aid de Camp.

Head Quarters, July 7th, 1781.

Nothing can equal the Generals surprise and astonishment at the un-military conduct of the Troops, but his resentment and abhorrence of the infamous disaffected incendiaries who under the pretence of acting as friends to the Soldier have industriously endeavoured to prompt him to a line of conduct which so far from producing them redress will eternally fix an indellible stain and reproach on his character.

He requests the Troops to take a view of their conduct and the conse-



quence they are to expect from it. They have refused to march because they want money. But what can they promise themselves by staying? do they expect to get money here where there is none? Can they expect provision when there is scarcely enough to take them down if they were to set out immediately? Or can they hope assistance from those Traitors to their Country, those enemies to mankind who not content with sowing sedition amongst them, have even dismantled the boats of their sails and furniture which were impressed for the more easy and commodious conveyance of them down the river to the army.

On the other hand what must be the opinion of the army on their conduct, when they refuse to attend the call of their brother Soldiers for their assistance, to put a period to the war at one blow.

Will the present want of cash or the conveniences incident to a military life be able to wipe away the stain of Cowardice—and can troops who have so often distinguished themselves during the course of six campaigns tamely submit to the imputation of Coward? and take the rascal by the hand who has written the character in his forehead? Forbid it Liberty.

It is with a peculiar degree of pain the General reflects that it is not in his power to supply all the just wants of the men; if it was he assures them of his disposition to do it. He however informs them that the Legislature have resolved that they shall receive a sum on account as soon as matters are in train to pay them; and the troops may be assured, that he will never cease to represent their situation until full and ample redress is obtained for them.

After Orders, July 7th.

A Subaltern's guard will mount this evening at Roll call of picked men, they will patrol the streets every hour and examine every suspected house where soldiers are entertained, and confine not only the soldiers but the person in whose [house] he may be found after the hours of 9 o'clock.

The General entreats the officers of all ranks to exert themselves in apprehending and confining all such persons as they may find in a disorderly in town after 9 o'clock.

The Inhabitants are strictly forbidden to sell any Liquor to the Soldiers on pain of the severest treatment.

Resolved that Mr. Recorder, Alderman Yates and Common Council McClallen be a Committee to prepare an answer thereto, and that they report with all speed.

Messrs. Gerrit Staats, Henry Van Veghten, James Caldwell and Volkert A. Douw, agreeable to the order of yesterday, respectively appeared and were examined under oath respecting the general orders aforementioned which said examinations are on file.

The Committee appointed to prepare an answer to General Clintons Letter brought in the draft thereof, which being read and amended was agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk copy said Letter, sign the same in behalf of this Board and with copies of the above examinations send the same to General Clinton.

July 18. Alderman Yates laid before the Board the following accounts to wit: William Van Wie £1; Nicholas Jeroleman £1, which were allowed and ordered to be paid.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to prepare an Ordinance





for regulating the Docks and wharfage and that they report the same by the next meeting. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Alderman Roorbeck and Common Council Swits.

It being represented to the Board that the fire Engines get out of repair on account of the situation of the Engine House,

Therefore resolved that the Aldermen of the first ward cause the said Engine House to be removed to the north side of the English Church.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the Ordinance for regulating the firemen in this City; and that they report the same with all convenient speed. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Mr. Recorder, Alderman Roorbach and Common Council Swits.

Resolved that the Resolution heretofore entered into directing the Chamberlain to receive the new emission for rents and debts due to this Board be and is hereby repealed, and the said Chamberlain is directed to receive the said rents and debts in specie.

July 19. Resolved that the thanks of this Board be given to Colo<sup>o</sup> Marinus Willett and the officers and troops under his command for their bravery, intrepidity and military conduct in the action on the 10th inst. near Turlogh in Tryon County, who with an inferior force defeated and put to flight the Enemy under the command of Brant and Frey.

Resolved also that the Freedom of this City be presented to Colo. Willett in testimony of the high sense this Board entertains of his patriotism and distinguished merit.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to present Colo. Willett with the preceding resolution. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Aldermen Yates and Roorbeck.

July 27. Resolved that it be recommended to the Mayor not to carry into execution the clause in the Charter referred to in the Resolution of last meeting against Refugees, during the war.

An account of Ivie Chambers was laid before the Board amounting to £2:5 which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to revise the ordinance for regulating the markets in this City.

August 11. Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to examine the Records and collect all Evidence they possibly can respecting the piece of ground lying to the west of Luykas Hooghkerks and claimed by the Miss Douw's and that they report with all convenient speed.

The Committee chosen for the purpose are Alderman Roorbeck and Common Council Visscher.

Resolved that a Committee heretofore appointed to revise the Ordinance for regulating the fire men in this City be discharged and that Common Council McClallen and Visscher be a Committee for the purpose.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to devise ways and means to get the market in this City supplied with meat kind at reasonable rates. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Mr. Recorder Alderman Beekman and Mr. Douw.

August 21. A Petition of Alexander Campbell (with a recommendation) was laid before the Board praying the lease of a lot of ground adjoining Gregor Grant's.



Resolved that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that he have a Lot of the same dimensions, and render the same rents and for the same term that the Lot was leased to said Grant.

The Board took into consideration the information received respecting the designs of the Enemy to destroy this City by fire, and thereupon Resolved that a Letter be written to his Excellency the Governor on the subject, requesting him to apply to General Heath to direct General Starke to keep and detain one hundred men in this City. That Alderman Yates prepare said Letter, that the same be signed by the Mayor and General Gansevoort, and forwarded by Express.

Resolved that the Mayor pay the said Express and charge the same to this Board.

September 5. The Board again resumed the consideration of the information which had been received of the designs of the Enemy to destroy this City by fire, and after some consideration General Gansevoort and the field officers were desired to attend the Board for their advice in the premises. They accordingly attended and upon consideration of the premises, Resolved that the Militia of this City with the associated exempts be called out for the purpose of informing them of the designs of the Enemy, and that General Gansevoort address them on the occasion.

Resolved that Alderman Yates and Mr. Visscher be a Committee to assist the General in preparing said Address.

September 21. Resolved that at the ensuing Election for Aldermen, Assistants and Constables, an additional Constable be elected in each ward for the year ensuing.

Col<sup>o</sup> Cuyler appeared before the Board and informed them that unless another room was provided for the watch, he would be obliged to remove the same from the south west corner of the town.

Therefore Resolved that the house in the possession of Geertruy McIntosh be appropriated for that purpose, and that the Marshal give Mrs. McIntosh notice to leave the same within eight days from this date.

An account of Neal Shaw was laid before the Board amounting to £4:12:6, which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on Mr. Mayor to pay the same and charge the amount thereof to the account of this Board.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Mayor to grant the freedom of this City to such Inhabitants of this City who have freeholds there upon paying two shillings for the same, to wit, one shilling to the Mayor and one to the Chamberlain for the Seal.

Alderman Hun laid before the Board the following to wit: Peter De Wandelaer, twenty shillings, which were allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to pay the same.

Resolved that Mr. Recorder, Alderman Yates and Mr. Visscher be a Committee to prepare a Petition to the Legislature, praying that a Law may be passed empowering this Board to get the City stockaded and that they report with all convenient speed.

September 22. Mr. Mayor presented to the Board a Letter from his Excellency the Governor, date the 17th inst., requesting his attendance at a Council of appointment to be held at Poughkeepsy on Friday the 28th inst. and submitted to the Board the expediency of his attendance in said





*Peter Gannswort*



Council on that day as the annual Election for Aldermen, Assistants and Chamberlain is to be held the next day to wit, the 29th inst., when it may be necessary to call a Common Council to elect a new Chamberlain.

Whereupon it is Resolved that it is the opinion of this Board that the Mayor's presence on that day can be dispenced with and therefore he is recommended to attend the said Council of appointment, but at all events if possible return again to this City so as to convene a Common Council on the 14 day of October next, being the day appointed by the Charter for the qualification of the members of this Board.

September 24. Application was made on behalf of Mrs. Geertruy McIntosh for liberty to build a small house upon a piece of ground lying east of the pasture ground of Abraham E. Wendell and bounded on the south to the street leading to the Gallows Hill.

Thereupon resolved that liberty be given accordingly. That the same be located by the members of the first ward, and that she hold the same during the pleasure of this Board.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on the 1st day of October, 1781—Present, Leo. Gansevoort Esq. Recorder, Samuel Stringer, John N. Bleeker, Thomas Hun, Peter W. Yates, John Roorbach, Robert McClellan, Cornelius Swits, Peter W. Douw, Matthew Visscher, Leo. Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup>.

The Mayor being out of Town and the Polls being closed so late on the 29th September last, that the members would not convene at that day, the Aldermen of the several wards returned the Poll Lists by them taken on the 29th September, from which it appeared that the following Gentlemen were elected :

*First Ward.*

| Aldermen.                      | Assistants.                          | Constables.                  |
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| Peter W. Yates,<br>John Price, | Matthew Visscher<br>Robert McClellan | Jacob Kidney.<br>James Green |

*Second Ward.*

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| John Ja. Beekman<br>John Hansen | Isaac D. Fonda<br>Peter W. Douw | Lewis Barrington<br>John McGurgee. |
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*Third Ward.*

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| Thomas Hun<br>Abraham Schuyler | Leonard Gansevoort Jun.<br>Jacob G. Lansing. |
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Abraham Fonda and Jacobus Van Schoonhoven and Nicholas Van Den Bogert have each an equal number of votes.

Mr. Cornelius Cuyler appeared at the return of the poll of the first ward and prayed a scrutiny of the Pollers at said Election so far as they respected the voting of John Price Esq<sup>r</sup> for Alderman, and that a time may be appointed to hear him in objection to such of the Pollers for the said John Price as he may think proper to except against.

October 14. This being the day appointed by the Charter for qualifying the Charter Officers of this City, whereupon the following Gent appeared in the Council Chamber and pursuant to their election took severally the Oath of Alligiance to this State and Oath of office.





Peter W. Yates, Aldermen, Matthew Visscher, Rober McClallen, Assistants for first ward.

John Ja. Beckman, John Hansen, Aldermen, Peter W. Douw, Isaac D. Fonda, Assistants, for second ward.

Thomas Hun, Alderman, Leonard Gansevoort Junr, Jacob G. Lansing, Assistants, for third ward.

In consequence of the application of Mr. Cornelius Cuyler for a scrutiny of the Pollers at the late Election for Aldermen in the first ward so far as they respected the voting of John Price Esqr for Alderman, ordered that the Clerk furnish the said Mr. Cornelius Cuyler and John Price Esqr respectively with copy of the said Poll List, and that they be prepared and do exchange lists of their exceptions to the voters by eleven o'clock in the morning in the Council Chamber.

October 15. Upon inspecting the Poll List for the third ward it appeared that there were an equal numbers of voters for Jacobus Van Seconhoover and Nicholas Van Den Bogert as Constables.

Thereupon Resolved that an Election be held in said ward at the usual place of Election in said ward at nine o'clock to morrow morning for electing a Constable in addition to Abraham Fonda, who appears to be duly elected, and that Alderman Hun give notice to the Inhabitants of said ward and make return accordingly.

John McGurgie having been elected a Constable for the second ward, and it appeared that at the time of election and still is under age in said ward, thereupon Resolved that an Election be held in said ward at the usual place of election in said ward at nine o'clock in the forenoon for electing a Constable in the room and stead of the said John McGurgie and that the Aldermen of the said ward cause notice to be given to the Inhabitants thereof and make return of such Election.

Resolved that Coll. Cuyler be requested to cause the different Guards in this City to be held for the future at the following places to wit, one at Paul Hoghstrassers House near the German Church, one at the Hospital, one at the Fort, one at the Corporation House at the Rutten Kill, one at the City Hall and one at the House of Jacob I. Truax.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment, 2 o'clock P. M. 15th October, 1781.

The Board proceeded to hear the proofs offered in objection to the voters excepted against in the controverted election between John Price Esqr and Mr. Cornelius Cuyler.

James Denniston objected against as being under age. Admitted by Mr. Cuyler.

Lyman Hitchcock objected against as being a non residenter. Major Hitchcock sworn says that he resides at the house of Mr. Wheeler Douglass in the first ward and that he came to live there in May last and that he has resided in Town since the Fall 1779, that he looks upon himself as a Lodger and this place as his residence since that time, has no family and that he has paid Taxes, but since his appointment in three years service which was the 28th April last no taxes have been called upon him for. That the Taxes first mentioned he paid in company with Douglass and Crane with whome he has been in partnership in trade and looks upon this City as his place of abode.



Matthew Potan objected against as being an alien and of right no vote. Mr. Potan says he was in the West Indies or at sea on the 4th of July, 1776, was born in Brest and came to this State in the month of October, 1776. That he was never naturalized.

James Barbasot objected against as being an alien and non residenter and no right to vote. James Barbasot being duly sworn saith that he was born in Switzerland, that he came to this Country in 1754, and came to this City last October, that he lodges in the Blacksmith shop and there, that he was naturalized in Pennsylvania and has never paid any taxes. That he is hired in the Quarter Masters department by the year, that he is a Refugee from Tryon County, that he has lived in the first ward and since May last, that he has been a member of the Committee for Tryon County and has a Freehold there.

Edmund Kingsland as being a Continental Soldier and left here on furlough by his Excellency Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington, and Edmund Kingsland being sworn says that he is a Soldier in the Continental army and has never obtained his discharge. That he lives in the house of Old De Garmo and has a family, that he has not paid any taxes as yet, that he pays house rent and was liable to pay the taxes as he had agreed to do it with his landlord, that he lived in the Manor of Livingston when he enlisted in the Continental army and was born in the Jersey and has lived for several years in New York were he has served seven years apprenticeship, that he is sent here to work as a Carpenter in the Hospital and cannot work for any private persons without permission from the Quarter Measter.

Lewis Dempsey as having voted after the Pold was closed. Peter W. Yates Esq<sup>r</sup> sworn says that in the evening of the Election the votes coming in late it was suggested to fix a time for closing, that Seeger made proclamation to close the Poll and after the expiration of the time fixed Dempsey came and offered to vote, that after Dempseys vote had been taken together with Alderman Roorbach sign the closing of the Poll, that previous to taking the vote he suggested to Alderman Roorbach the propriety of taking his vote, Theo<sup>s</sup> Van Wyck Graham that he had no directions to close the Poll when he took Dempseys vote but that the time fixed for closing the Poll had already expired. That Alderman Yates suggested to Mr. Roorbach the propriety of entering Dempseys vote as the time fixed for closing the Poll had already expired.

The Board upon considering the legality of the votes objected to by John Price Esq<sup>r</sup> and Mr. Cornelius Cuyler are of opinion that James Denniston, Matthew Potan, Jambes Barbasot and Edmund Kingsland have no legal votes, and that Lyman Hitchcock and Lewis Dempsey have legal votes, and it appearing that there is an equality of votes,

Therefore Resolved that there be a new election held at the usual place of election in the first ward of the City of Albany to morrow at two o'clock in the afternoon for an Alderman for the said ward.

October 17. Alderman Hun returned the Poll for electing a Constable in third ward from which it appeared that Nicholas Van Den Bogert is elected

Alderman Hansen returned the Poll for electing a Constable in the second ward from which it appears that Buckredge Webb is elected.

Alderman Yates returned the Poll for electing an Alderman in the first ward from which it appears that Cornelius Cuyler is elected. Mr. Cuyler



appeared and took the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of office and took his seat.

James Green was appointed High Constable. An acc<sup>t</sup> of Sam<sup>l</sup> Bagnel for repairs to the Town Clock amounting to £2:2, which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

October 22. Buckeridge Webb, a Constable of the second ward, on account of his poverty and being a Refugee, petitions to be excused from serving.

It is Resolved that the Alderman and Assistants of said ward be a Committee to take the same into consideration and make report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Jacob Hilton applies to the Board for a Lot of ground on the Gallows Hill to take the same on Lease under an annual Rent.

Resolved that Alderman Yates and Assist. McClallen be a Committee to view the premises and make report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Mr. Abraham Schuyler in Council took the Oath of Abjuration and of Allegiance to the State as also his Oath of office as one of the Aldermen of this City.

Resolved that a Letter of thanks be sent to Magor General Heath for his affording the competen and support to oppose the Enemy on the late alarm on the northern Frontiers of this State and that the Mayor sign and forward the same.

October 29. The Board proceeded to the appointment of Chimney Viewers and thereupon appointed Harmanus Ten Eyck, Ephraim Van Veghten for the first ward; David Fonda, William DeWitt for the second ward; Rynier I. Van Iveren, Jacob Cuyler Jun<sup>r</sup> for the third ward.

Alderman Hun laid before the Board the following account to wit: Gerrit Van Vrank £2; Barent Vosbargh £1:16.

The Ordinance for the better preventing of Fire in this City was this day renewed and a clause added. Ordered that the Clerk publish the new added clause

Ordered that the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain to pay Thomas Seeger £6 on account of his salary as Marshall, and also to pay John J. Rateliffe £6 on account of his salary for ringing the Bell.

October 30. Whereas divers and repeated complaints have been lately made to the members of this Corporation by the Inhabitants of Nistegaune, Niscutha and other places contiguous to this City who came with there Waggons to Town in order to supply the Citizens and Market with Grain and Vegetables and are impressid on their way or in Town to ride Stores, &c. for the unequally and partially made,

It is therefore unanimously resolved by this Board that it be recommended to the Quarter Master to remedy such evils for the future as much as possible.

Mr. Quackenbush A. D. Quarter Master being sent for appeared before this Board and promised to observe the above recommendation.

On reading a Letter from Magor General Lord Stirling, dated the 29th inst., Resolved that the Ferry man do not ferry over from the west side of the River any Continental Soldier or Militia man in actual service without a proper permit.



November 1. Whereas this Board is informed that the Militia of this City are ordered to march forthwith to Saratoga, and whereas from late repeated information it is evident that the Enemy by their Emissaries intend to burn and destroy this City, for the protection whereof this Board conceive it necessary and expedient that the Militia of this City should be detained.

Resolved therefore that Gen<sup>l</sup> Gansevoort be requested to detain the Militia of this City until Gen<sup>l</sup> Lord Sterlings answer be received to a Letter sent by this Board to his Lordship on the subject.

Resolved that a Letter be immediately wrot and forwarded to Gen<sup>l</sup> Sterling in the words following to wit :

My Lord : We have of late received repeated information that the Enemy from Canada intend to burn and destroy this City, and that they have sent out their Emissaries to accomplish their wicked purposes, relative to which matter we beg leave to refer your Lordship to Gen<sup>l</sup> Schuyler for full and satisfactory information. In consequence of this intelligence we beg to suffer the Militia of this City to remain here for its protection.

We have requested Gen<sup>l</sup> Gansevoort to detain the Militia of this Town until your Lordships answer be received to our request. We would also beg leave to suggest to your Lordship the propriety of leaving the Con Schohary and Schenectady militia at home to protect their Frontiers on the present alarm as it seems probable to us that a descent of a detachment of the Enemy from the Wester and may prove of serious Consequences to these places in case the Militia from thence should be ordered to march to Saratoga.

November 2. Resolved that Mr. Mayor give his note to Henry Hart for the payment of thirty gallons of Rum payable in six months and that this Board will repay Mr. Mayor within that time.

November 21. An application of Mr. Abraham Garrison in writing was laid before the Board for a piece of meadow Land at Fort Hunter on the terms therein contained.

Resolved that as the Corporation intend to locate and lay out Lands the application cannot now be granted.

November 21, 4 o'clock P. M. Resolved that a Letter be prepared to his Excellency Governor Livingston of New Jersey requesting him to recommend a proper person as a third Teacher in the Academy, which was done accordingly.

Resolved that Mr. Merchant the Rector of the Academy be and he is hereby requested from time to time to report to this Board such Students as shall be guilty of wantonly breaking any pains of Glass or other things belonging to the Academy.

Mr. Mayor laid before the Board the following Resolution of the Subscribers of the Academy viz :

Resolved that it be recommended to the Corporation to present a Petition to the Corporation of the Dutch Church for a grant of a Lot ground at the Old Fort for the purpose of erecting a building for the Academy, but to revert again in case the same shall be no longer appropriated to that use.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a Petition agreeable to the above Resolution. The Committee chosen for the pur-





pose are Alderman Yates and Hansen and Assistant Visscher, and who are to report at the next meeting.

Resolved that the Chamberlain pay to John J. Ratcliffe, Philip Hoffman and George Friday each the sum of 16s.

Resolved that the Chamberlain pay Alderman Peter W. Yates the sum of £15:11:5 in full for his account.

November 22. An account of William J. Hilton was laid before the Board amounting to £4:8 which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

November 23. Mr. Quackenbush the D. Quarter Master represented to this Board the present necessitous condition of the sick in the Hospital for the want of fire wood and that there is none in the Magazine to supply them, and requested the Corporation to afford some immediate relief.

Whereupon it is Resolved that Mr. Nicholas Quackenbush be authorized to purchase loads of wood for the purpose aforesaid to be delivered at the Hospital, that this Board will pay for the same on or before the 20th day of December next.

It is also recommended to the Quarter Master immediately to collect the public Stoves and fix them in the Hospital as soon as possible to diminish the future consumption of public wood as much as possible.

December 6. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board a Letter Major Genl<sup>l</sup> Heath, dated the 16th ult. in answer to the Letter of this Board of the 22d October last. Resolved that the said Letter be published.

A Petition of Abraham Jacob Fort of Schaghtekocke praying for a grant of the Mill place lately possessed by Mess. Ten Broeck and Vielen.

Ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed.

The following accounts were laid before the Board, to wit: Casparus Hewson £4:12; Richard Van Sante £6:11; John Elles £1:18.

Ordered that the above accounts be allowed and that the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain to pay the same.

Mr. Jacob Gardineir to whom was granted the letting and care of the Lands of this Board at Teonondroge appeared and informed the Board that Gerrit Putman, Gerrit G. Newkerk and William Snoeck have severally committed Trespasses on the said Lands, the two former in breaking down and carrying away each a house and the latter in breaking down and carrying away a barn.

Thereupon Resolved that the Clerk write Letters to the said persons above mentioned and enform them that unless they immediately come down and settle with this Board for the Trespasses by them committed, that prosecutions will be commenced against them.

Resolved that this Board will not let any of their Lands at Tionondroge to persons who have committed any waste or trespasses on the said Lands.

December 11. An account of Gerrit Van Vranken amounting to £1:3 was laid before the Board which was allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to pay the same.

December 28. Resolved that the Treasurer of the Academy be and he is hereby directed to prepare his accounts without delay and to lay the same before the Board at the next Quarterly Meeting of the said Academy.



At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany 12 January 1782—Present, the Mayor, Leonard Gansevort Esq. Recorder, Cornelius Cuyler, John Hausen, John J. Beekman, Thomas Hun, Abraham Schuyler, Matthew Visscher, Robert McClallen, Peter W. Douw, Isaac De Fonda, Leonard Gansevort, Jun.

An account of John Tillman Jun<sup>r</sup> for going Express to Gen<sup>l</sup> Clinton and Gen<sup>l</sup> Heath, amounting to £9:12 was laid before Board. Resolved that the same be paid.

Mr. Mayor informed the Board that a difficulty had arisen with respect to several Freeholders who have taken Freedoms and paid for them, and who in consequence of a Resolution of this Board for exempting Freeholders from taking their Freedom, requesting that the money paid by them for their Freedom may be refunded them. Resolved that the consideration thereof be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Recorder, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to make enquiry into the nature of the Testimony of John De Peyster Esq. respecting the Corporation Lands in Tryon County and report at the next meeting of the Board what steps are necessary to perpetuate Mr. De Peyster testimony. The Committee appointed are Mr. Recorder, Alderman Yates and Mr. Visscher.

February 8. Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration what privileges granted by Charter ought to be surrendered to the People of the State of New York and what privileges and rights ought to be applied for, and that the said Committee or any two of them report a draft of a surrender of such privileges and also draft of an act for such additional privileges. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Alderman Yates, Mr. Visscher and Mr. Gansevort Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Upon the application of Messrs. Thomas and Dirck Hansen, Resolved that the Ferry from the City of Albany to Green Bush and the Lot of ground for the term of three years at such an annual rent as the Board and they can agree upon and that the rate of ferriage shall from time to time be established by the Board, but the rate of ferriage shall never be lower than the year 1774.

February 15. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board an account of Henry Hart amounting to £22:10 which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on Messrs. Thomas Lotteridge and Dirck Hansen to pay the same, and that the said amount shall be discounted from the rent there by them to this Board for the Ferry.

Resolved that it be recommended to Coll<sup>o</sup> Cuyler to establish without delay a night watch for the safety and well being of this City under such regulations as he may think proper, agreeable to a former Resolution.

This day agreed with Messrs. Thomas Lotteridge and Dirck Hansen for the rent of the Ferry and Lot of ground to be paid quarterly at one hundred pounds  $\text{p}$  annum, and it is further agreed that the said Thomas Lotteridge and Dirck Hansen shall and may have liberty to build a House in the said Lot and in case this Board at the end of the term cannot agree about the value of the said House that then it shall and may be lawful for the said Thomas Lotteridge and Dirck Hansen to take down and remove the said House. This Board reserving out of this agreement the Ferry let to the public.



As a Mayors Court is to be held on Tuesday the fifth day of March next and no such Court can be held without the Mayor or Recorder—and as the Recorder is gone to Philadelphia and it is probable that he will not return in due time to hold the same Court, and as the Mayor deems it his duty to attend the Legislature in the present session which it apprehended will not rise before the said fifth day of March next, when the said Court is to be held, it is therefore unanimously resolved that the Mayor do at all events return from Pokeepsy so as to be here to hold the said Court on the said fifth day of March next, and in case the Legislature previously pass a Law inacting that in case of the sickness, death, or absence of the Mayor and Recorder the said Court may be held by any three or more of the Aldermen, that the Mayor immediately inform this Board thereof by Express.

The Committee to whom was referred what Priviledges granted to this City by Charter might be surrendered to the State and what additional Rights and Priviledges ought to be applied for and are necessary, and also to draw a surrender and act for the purpose, reported the Drafts thereof, which after being read and considered were respectively approved of and ordered to be engrossed by the Clerk.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a Petition to the Legislature for the vacant land adjoining the Lands of this Board at Tiononderoge in Tryon County and that they or any two of them report the Draft with all convenient speed. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Aldermen Yates and Hun and Mr. Visscher.

An account of John Tunnicliff amounting to £14 was laid before the Board which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

February 18. Mr. Arent Bratt appeared before the Board and applied for the lease of a small Lot of ground lying to the north of the Lodge House in the second ward of this City under such an annual rent and for such term of years as this Board might think proper.

Resolved that the application of the said Arent Bratt be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the second ward and that they or any two of them report with all convenient speed whether the said application be granted.

The Clerk laid before the Board the engrossed [deed] of surrender to the people of this State mentioned in the Resolution of the 15th instant, which being read, Resolved that the Mayor sign the same in behalf of this Board, and that the public seal of this Board be thereto affixed.

The Clerk also laid before the Board the engrossed Act mentioned in the said Resolution of the 15th instant which was also read.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Petition to the Legislature for the vacant land adjoining the Lands of this Board at Tiononderga in Tryon County, reported the Draft thereof, which being read was agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk copy and sign the same in behalf of this Board.

Ordered that the said Deed of Surrender, Act and Petition, together with one of the printed Charter, be delivered to the Mayor which was done accordingly.

March 2. The Aldermen and Assistants of the second ward to whom was referred the application of Arent Bratt for a Lot of ground to build upon, reported that the application be granted and that he have a Lot near



the Lodge House upon such terme and conditions as shall hereafter be agreed upon.

Resolved that this Board agree with their Committee in the said report.

Upon the petition and application of Thomas Mulhinch,

Resolved that a small Lot of ground adjoining the House of John Ostrander be granted to the said Thomas Mulhinch and that he hold the same during the will and pleasure of this Board and that he may at the end of his time take and carry away all such buildings as he may make on said Lot of ground.

March . Mr. Mayor being returned from the Legislature informed the Board that he had laid before the Legislature the surrender made by this Board to the people of this State and had also applied for the Act therein set forth, that some progress had been made by the Legislature in the business and an informal question had been put on the last providing and enacting clause in the said Act, in the Senate and that upon such question majority of the Senate were against it and proposed an amendment thereto. The Board took the same into consideration and thereupon

Resolved to make a new surrender which being drawn, read and agreed to, Ordered that the Clerk engross the same with all convenient speed.

March 5. The Clerk agreeable to the order of yesterday laid before the Board the engrossed Deed of surrender to the people of this State.

Resolved that the public Seal be thereto affixed and that the Mayor sign the same.

April . Resolved that the Board locate all the vacant land adjoining to the Lands of this Board at Tiononderoga in the County of Tryon and that for that purpose Certificates of Location be purchased and that a person be agreed with to purchase the same on account of this Board.

The Board agreed with Mr. Recorder to purchase the Certificates necessary for that purpose and that for his trouble in purchasing the said Certificates and his advancing the money untill October next he be allowed £125.

May 23. Resolved that the Ordinance for regulating the running at large of Swine be published.

Whereas in and by the Ordinance directing the Inhabitants of the City of Albany therein mentioned to make a drain, canal or conduit, it is declared that the same be made and compleated on or before the first day of June next, and whereas on account of the late rains it is impracticable that the said Inhabitants can compleat the same on or before the first day of June aforesaid, therefore Resolved that a farther day be and is hereby given to the said Inhabitants to compleat the said drain, canal or conduit, untill the first day of July next.

Resolved that the Docks or Wharfs of this City be sold at public Vendue on Saturday next and that notice be given accordingly.

May 23. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board two Letters of the 16 instant, one from Coll. John Taylor and the other from Mr. John Bogert respectively declining to accept the offers made by the Board to have the superintendence of the Academy in this City.

Mr. Dirck T. Van Veghten appeared before the Board and informed them that he was about selling fifteen morgans of his Land to Wynant





Van Den Bergh for the sum of £200 and agreeable to the Covenant in his Deed he now offered the refusal thereof to this Board. The Board took the same into consideration and thereupon Resolved not to accept of the same.

Resolved that the several Docks and Wharfs be sold at the highest price that shall be bid for part of the profits arising therefrom. The said Docks were accordingly sold to Mr. Isaac D. Fonda at one half of the profits, being the highest bidder. Therefore Resolved that the said Isaac D. Fonda be and he is hereby appointed Dock Master of this City until 1 February next.

May 27. Resolved that Mr. Mayor pay Thomas Seager forty shillings on account.

June 3. Resolved that Cornelius Cuyler Esq<sup>r</sup> the Treasurer of the Academy be directed to notify the subscribers who are in arrear to the Academy that they immediately pay the same, and in case of neglect that they be prosecuted.

Resolved that the Clerk furnish Mr. Cuyler with a copy of this Resolution.

June 8. An account of Mr. Gerrit Van Vranken for work done for this Board amounting to £1:9:6 was laid before the Board, allowed and ordered to be paid. Also an account of Alderman Hun amounting to £1:4 which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Resolved that Mr. Mayor pay the above accounts and charge the same to this Board.

This day agree with John Knickerbacker Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> for the Rents due and to become due of his Farm at Schaghtekocke for £351; £300 thereof to be paid in cash and to execute a Bond for the residue payable the first day of May next.

Resolved that the Clerk draw the release of the said Rents and Bond.

June 12. The Clerk laid before the Board the assignment for the Rents of the Land at Schahtekocke lately belonging to Maria Bratt and Dirck Van Veghten to Cornelius Van Veghten, which being read was agreed to. Ordered that the Mayor sign the same and that the City Seal be affixed thereto.

Mr. Van Veghten having paid Leonard Gansevoort Esq. £190:18 on account of a debt this Board owes to the said Gansevoort,

Resolved that Mr. Van Veghten bonds be accepted for the residue to wit, £125; £80, part thereof, payable the first day of August next and £45 on the first day of May next, which said bonds were delivered to the Chamberlain.

June 14. Upon reading a Petition of Abraham Quackenbus and others respecting the improper letting of the Lands of this Board at Tyononderoga by the Agent thereto appointed.

Resolved that one of the Petitioners and Gerrit Putmen, Barent Hansen and William Van Der Werken the Agents attend this Board on Friday the 21 instant at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and that the said Agents bring with them the Lease lately sent them by the Board.

An account of John J<sup>s</sup> Abbot for repairing the Town Clock amounting to £18 was laid before the Board, which was allowed and ordered to be paid.



June 19. The Board received a Letter from Mr. Taylor, dated New Brunswick 12 June inst., delivered by Mr. Gansevoort, wherein he informs this Board that he and Mr. Bogart decline accepting the Rectorship and Mastership of the Academy on account of a prior engagement in New Jersey.

Resolved that a Letter be wrot to Mr. Merchant requesting him to hold himself in readiness when called upon by this Board to return again to resume the Rectorship and that Mr. Yates draw and forward said Letter.

Resolved that the Subscribers of the Academy be convened to morrow evining.

June 21. Agreeable to the Resolution of the 14th instant the gentlemen mentioned in said Resolution appeared before the Board and having been severally heard, Resolved that the proceedings of the agents of this Board for the letting of the Lands at Tiononderoga be and are hereby confirmed.

June 22. Resolved that the public Seal be affixed to a Deed of this Board to John Knickerbacker Jun<sup>r</sup> for the acquittance of an annual rent.

Also that the Deed from this Board to John Knickerbacker be executed in like manner for an annual rent of            and that the said several Deeds be entered on Record.

State of the consideration money for which the above Deeds were executed :

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| 1. John Knickerbacker Jun <sup>r</sup> | £322:1 |
| 2. John Knickerbacker Sen.             | 70:4   |

which was settled as follows, to wit :

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| Leonard Gansevort gave us C <sup>r</sup> on Bond for | 392:5 | £240:6:0 |
| The Treasurer received this day                      |       | 22:1:6   |

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| Knickerbacker Jun <sup>r</sup> gave his obligation pay 1 August next, for | 262: 7:6 | 78:12:6 |
| Also for £51 pay 1 May next   |          | 51: 0:0 |

£392: 0:0

June 27. The Board resolved unanimously that an Address of Congratulation be presented to his Excellency General Washington upon his arrival into this City together with the Freedom of the City in a Gold Box ; that an invitation be given to his Excellency the General and his Suit to dine with this Board on Friday the 28th instant.

Aldermen Yates and Cuyler are appointed to wait on his Excellency General Washington and apprize him of the Resolution of this Board and to know when and where his Excellency will be pleased to except of the Address.

Aldermen Yates and Cuyler report that they have waited on his Excellency General Washington who proposes to receive the Address at 6 o'clock this afternoon.

Resolved unanimously that all the Church Bell of this City begin to ring at 6 o'clock and continue to ring until 8 o'clock when the commanding officer in this Department (Coll Reed) is to be requested that 13 Cannon be discharged at the fort.



Resolved that the City be illuminated this evening and that the Crier notify the Inhabitants thereof by public proclamation.

July 4. This day being the Anniversary of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States of America.

Resolved that the Crier notify the Inhabitants to illuminate the Windows of their respective Dwellings.

August 5. Aldermen Yates reports that agreeable to the Resolution of this Board of the 21 June last he went to New Haven and there has engaged two Teachers for the Academy to wit, Simon Baldoun and John Lovett.

Resolved unanimously that Aldermen Yates conduct and the contract he has entered into with the said Teachers be and is hereby approved of and that he be thanked for his services.

Mr. Mayor laid before the Board a letter he has received by Aldermen Yates from the Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles, President of Yale Colledge, dated 5 July last which is on file.

Mr. Mayor also laid before the Board a Letter had received from Mr. George Merchant, dated Princetoun the 11 July last, which is on file.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to cause the Academy to be brought in proper repair with all possible dispatch. The Committee chosen for the purpose Mr. McClallen and Visscher.

August 6. The Clerk laid before the Board the Lease and counterpart thereof of the Ferry leading from this City to Green Bush to Thomas Lotteridge and Dirck Hansen, which being read were agreed to and ordered that the Mayor sign the said Lease in behalf of this Board and that the City Seal be affixed thereto and that the same bear date as of the 15 February last, being the day the said Ferry was let to the said Hansen and Lotteridge.

August 7. Resolved that it be a standing Rule of this Board that all Conveyances and other instrument of writing made by this Board be made and drawn at the costs and charges of the person to whom the same may be made and given.

An account of Jacob G. Lansing for making a Gold Box was laid before the Board amounting to £11:16 which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Resolved that the following addition be made to the Ordinance entitled an Ordinance for regulating the Ferry between the limits of the City of Albany and Green Bush and for establishing the Rates thereof. And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid that the Ferry men shall have and keep at least two Boats and a Scow, two whereof are to be employed at the said Ferry by four able hands that Travellers and other may be dispatchfully transported across, and that if the same be not complied with within one month the said Ferry shall be sold to others agreeable to the sixth section of this Ordinance.

August 12. Mr. Mayor laid before the Board a Letter he had received from Messrs. Baldwin and Lovett, the Teachers of the Academy, dated this day and which is on file.

Petition of the Elders, Deacons and others, members of the Reformed German Congregation of the City of Albany was presented to the Board and which is on file.



Resolved that the same be referred to Mr. Visscher and that he report thereon with all convenient speed.

A Petition of Andrew Abel was laid before the Board praying a piece of ground lying to the east of Coll. Jacob Lansings lot in the second ward.

Resolved that the prayer of the said Petition be not granted.

An account of Leonard Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq. was laid before the Board for his expences in going down to New Jersey for the purpose of procuring Teachers for the Academy amounting to £12:19 which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer of the Academy to pay the same.

Resolved that the Resolution of this Board directing the Mayor not to require Freeholders to take their Freedoms be and is hereby rescinded.

Resolved that there be allowed unto Samuel Begnell the sum of six pounds for attending and cleaning the Town Clock for the term of one year past and that Mr. Bagnell be directed to clean and repair the same as soon as possible.

Upon the application of Mr. Ephraim Van Veghten, Resolved that he have the preference in purchasing or the leasing of the Lot of ground whereas the Academy stands provided he will pay as much or give as great rent as any other for the same when the same shall not be any longer used as an Academy and the Board resolve to sell or lease the same.

August 28. Mr. John Groesbeeck appeared before the Board and informed them that he was ejected by John Vielen for a piece of Land he had purchased from the Board and requested the Board to aid and assist him in defending said suit and to bear the costs thereof.

Resolved that this Board will not bear the said costs but will give him all the information in their power. From a Map which the said John Groesbeeck laid before the Board it appears that the said John Vielen has in possession more Lands than are contained in his Deed.

On motion Resolved that the said John Vielen be ejected for the said Lands and that Mr. Yates bring the same.

Resolved that all the Lands of this Board at Schaghtekock be surveyed with all convenient speed and that Judge Yates and Mr. John R. Bleecker or either of them be requested to survey the same under the inspection of the Board or a Committee thereof.

Resolved that Mr. Recorder and Ald<sup>n</sup> Yates be a Committee to wait upon Judge Yates and John R. Bleecker and to ask them whether they will and to survey the said Lands.

September 2. The Board informed that the Widow Sarah Visscher was busy building a House in the second ward adjoining the street leading across the Foxes Creek near Coll. Lansings.

On motion Resolved that the Ald<sup>n</sup> and Assistants of the second ward or any two of them be a Committee to confer with Mrs. Visscher on the subject of the said Lot of ground and to endeavour to make an exchange for the Lot she claims and that they inform her not to build on the said Lot and that the Board are determined to keep the said ground as an addition to the street.

Resolved that the Alderman and Assistants of the second ward or any two of them be a Committee to confer with Mr. Sharp on the subject of getting his Lot adjoining Peter Lansing lot and the street leading to the





River as an addition to the said street, and also to confer with Casper Huyck on the subject of getting his Lot adjoining said street as an addition thereto. And ordered that the said Committees report with all convenient speed.

Resolved that an answer to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Ezra Stiles Letter of the 2 August last and that Alderman Yates and Mr. Visscher prepare the same and that Mr. Mayor sign the same.

September 3. Aldermen Yates and Mr. Visscher, the Committee appointed to prepare an answer to the Letter of Rev<sup>d</sup> Stiles of the 2 August last, Reported a Draft thereof which being read was agreed to and ordered that the Clerk copy the same and that the same be signed by the Mayor.

Aldermen Hansen from the Committee appointed to confer with Mrs. Sarah Visscher reported that they had a conference with her on the subject of the Lot of ground adjoining the street leading across the Foxes Creek near Coll. Lansings, that she declared her willingness to part with the said Lot for a street provided the Corporation could obtain for her a Lot of the same bigness adjoining the said street and belonging to John N. Bleecker and others; that they had confirmed also with Mr. Bleecker on the subject of exchanging the ground Mrs. Visscher applied for, for ground of this Board adjoining John Ostrand's Lot, that Mr. Bleecker demanded in exchange from this Board for his ground two foot for one.

Resolved that the demand of Mr. Bleecker is unreasonable and that the said Committee be directed to confer with Mr. Bleecker farther on the subject, and to propose a mode for the purpose of ascertaining the value of the ground and what ought to be given in exchange.

Aldermen Cuyler from the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Peter Sharp reported that they had a conference with him on the subject of obtaining his Lot near the Church for a public highway and that the said Sharp positively declared he would not let the Corporation have the said Lot for the purpose aforesaid.

September 10. Upon the application of the Tenants of this Board being at Schaghtekocke and upon their representation of the losses and distresses that have attended them for these several years past,

Resolved That an abatement of two years and one quarters rent be made to them upon their paying all the costs that has accrued in the several suits commenced against them and upon their paying annually double rent untill the arrears of rent are paid.

Resolved that Bonds for the payment of the rent now due be accepted of such Tenants as can make it appear to the satisfaction of the Board that they are at present unable to pay their rent, and that this Resolution be extended to such of the said Tenants as not sued.

September 21. Mr. Peter Vielen appeared before the Board and applied for a piece of Land adjoining the Lands of Jacob Veilin at Schaghtekocke and which Lands he said was given to his Father by his Grand Father and that the said Lands are vacant and not comprehended within the bounds of the Land of Jacob Vielen.

Therefore Resolved that Thursday next be assigned to enquire into and determine the said application, and that the said Peter and Jacob Vielen be requested to attend at that time with their papers and witnesses.



Resolved that Cornelius Wendell be and he is hereby appointed one of the Fire men of this City and ordered that the Clerk register him as such.

September 26. An account of Abraham Cuyler was laid before the Board amounting to £1:8 for Waggon Hire and which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Resolved that at the ensuing annual Election to wit, on the 29th Sept. insant, an additional Constable be chosen in each of the wards of this City.

Messrs. Jacob Vielin and Peter Vielin appeared before the Board in pursuance of the Resolution of the 21st inst. and the Board having heard and considered the claims of the said parties do Resolve that they can not at present determine the same and therefore cannot grant the application of the said Peter Vielin.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on the 29th Sept. 1782—Present, the Mayor, Leonard Gansevoort, Recorder, Peter W. Yates, Cornelius Cuyler, John Ja. Beeckman, John Hansen, Thomas Hun, Abraham Schuyler, Robert McClallen, Matthew Visscher, Isaac De Fonda, Jacob G. Lansing, Leonard Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup>.

This being day appointed by the Charter for the Election of Aldermen, Assistants and Constables, the Aldermen of the several wards returned the Polls of the Elections in their respective wards from which it appeared that the following persons were duly elected :

*First Ward.*

| Aldermen.        | Assistants.      | Constables.   |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Cornelius Cuyler | Robert McClallen | Jacob Kidney  |
| Peter W. Yates   | Matthew Visscher | David Gibson. |

*Second Ward.*

|                        |                |                |
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| John Ja. Beeckmen      | Isaac D. Fonda | William McGill |
| Phillip Van Rensselaer | Richard Lush   | John Banker.   |

*Third Ward.*

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| Thomas Hun       | Jacob G. Lansing                  | Henry Evertse            |
| Abraham Schuyler | Leonard Gansevoort J <sup>r</sup> | Jacobus Van Schoonhover. |

The Board then proceeded to the appointment of a Chamberlain, Marshall and high Constable for the ensuing year, and thereupon appointed Gerret Ryckman, Chamberlain ; Thomas Seeger, Marshall ; Jacob Kidney, high Constable.

October 14. The question being put whether Mr. Peter W. Douw was legally chosen Chamberlain on the 29th September last, it was resolved in the negative. For the negative, Peter W. Yates, Cornelius Cuyler, John Ja. Beeckman, Abraham Schuyler, Robert McClallen, Matthew Visscher, Thomas Hun, John Hansen, Isaac D. Fonda, Jacob G. Lansing, Leonard Gansevoort Jun.

This being the day appointed by the Charter for the qualification of the officers of this Board, the following appeared in Common Council and agreeable to their election were sworn to the due execution of their respective offices to wit :

Peter W. Yates, Cornelius Cuyler, Aldermen ; Robert McClallen, Matthew Visscher, Assistants ; Jacob Kidney, David Gibson, Constables, for the first ward.



John Ja. Beeckman, Philip Van Rensselaer, Aldermen; Isaac D. Fonda, Richard Lush, Assistants; Lewis Barrington, Solomon Johnston, Constables, for the second ward.

Thomas Hun, Abraham Schuyler, Aldermen; Leonard Gansevoort Jun., Jacob G. Lansing, Assistants, for the third ward.

Thomas Seeger, Marshall.

Mr. Henry Wendell appeared before the Board and produced a Commission under the great Seal of this State appointing him Sheriff of the City and County of Albany, dated 29 Sept. 1782, and passed the Secretarys office the 4th October inst. and requested that he might be qualified agreeable to the Charter, whereupon John Ten Broeck Esq. produced a Commission under the like Seal appointing him Sheriff, dated the 1 day of March last and passed the Secretarys office the 2 April last, to hold the said office from 22th March last to 22 March 1783, and thereupon Mr. Wendell was qualified of his office of Sheriff.

November 2. Resolved that the several Docks belonging to this City be repaired in the course of next Summer and that materials be prepared for the purpose the next Winter.

Resolved that Mr. Isaac D. Fonda have the superintendance of the reparation of the said Docks and the procuring the materials necessary, and that for that purpose he view the said Docks and enter into contract in behalf of the Board with any one or more of the Tenants at Schagtekocke for the procuring and delivery of the Timber which may be requisite.

Resolved unanimously that the Lots in the first ward belonging to Peter Sharp and Casper Huyck be laid out as a public highway agreeable to the Act of the Legislature in that case made and provided.

Resolved that Aldermen Yates and Assistants Visscher and Gansevoort be a Committee examine the Law for regulating the highways and report at the next meeting of this Board the steps necessary to be taken to lay the said Lots into a public highway.

Resolved that the following Gent be and are hereby appointed Viewers of Chimneys for the ensuing year to wit:

Barent Roseboom, Isaac G. Lansing, for the first ward.

Jacob F. Pruyn, Andreis Abel, for the second ward.

Peter Dox, Coenradt Sharp, for the third ward.

Resolved that the Clerk write to Cornelius Van Veghten and John Knickerbacker Jun<sup>r</sup> and request them immediately to com and pay the amount of their notes which became due first day of August last.

Resolved that the Ordinance for preventing the inoculation of the small Pox in this City be and is hereby repealed.

Resolved that Mr. Mayor pay John Waters and Abraham A. Lansing each the sum of £2:8 for work done by them with Waggon and Horses to Schagtekocke.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain in favour of Robert Lansing for £12.

Resolved that the Clerk also draw an order on the Chamberlain for the following sums to wit: Thomas Seeger £8; John J. Ratcliffe £6.

December 20. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Mayor in favour of Stephen Bell for £3:10 for furnishing this Board with wood for Common Council and Mayors Court.



Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Ferry men in favour of Samuel Bagnell for £6, and that the said Clerk previous to giving said order cause the order formerly given for the said sum on the Chamberlain to be destroyed.

December 23. Resolved that a Petition be presented to the Legislature praying that a College may be established in this City.

That as an encouragement to have the same established in this City an offer be made to grant to the said Colledge, the Hospital with the ground adjoining thereto between the Hospital and the Powder House to the north of the Road and to the south the edge or summit of the Hill. The one half of the low Lands at Tyononderoga together with one half of the up Lands adjoining and lately located by this Board.

Resolved that Mr. Recorder and Aldermen Beeckman and Cuyler be a Committee to confer with the Inhabitants of Schenectady and to endeavour by all the means and arguments in their power to prevail on them to relinquish their Petition presented to the Legislature to have a College established in the Town of Schenectady.

Resolved that Aldermen Hun and Common Council Fonda be a Committee to examine the state of the Hospital and report to the Board at their next meeting what repairs are necessary and what sum of money will be necessary to have the same repaired.

Resolved that Alderman Yates and Common Council Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup> be a Committee to prepare the Petition to the Legislature.

December 28. The Committee appointed to prepare a Petition to the Legislature on the subject of having a College established in this City, reported the Draft thereof, which being read and amended was agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk engross and sign the same in behalf of this Board and that the Mayor be requested to lay the same before the Legislature.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the City of Albany on the 9th January, 1783—Present, the Mayor, Peter W. Yates, Abraham Schuyler, Thomas Hun, John Ja. Beeckman, Philip Van Rensselaer, Robert McClallen, Leonard Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jacob G. Lausing, Matthew Vischer.

The Chimney of the Celler Kitchen of John L. Ratcliffe having been on fire a second time in the course of a year and it appearing that the said Chimney is in a ruinous situation, therefore ordered that the said John L. Ratcliffe be and he is hereby directed to suffer no fire to be kept in said Chimney.

Ordered that the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain to pay the following accounts to wit: Jacob I. Van Woert £3; Wilhelmus Van Den Bergh £2:6; Edward Cumpston £4:12; Jesse Fairchild £39:15:11.

An account of Ald<sup>r</sup> Beeckman was laid before the Board amounting to £4:18 which is allowed, and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on Messrs Lotteridge and Hansen the Ferry men to pay the same.

An account of Aldermen Peter W. Yates for monies paid for repairing Wells, Bridges, &c. in the first ward of this City, amounting to £53:16:8, which is allowed and ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to pay the same.





The Mayor laid before the Board an account of the monies by him received during his Mayoralty for Licences and Freedoms by him granted, and also an account of monies by him paid for the use of the Board, by which said accounts a ballance is due to this Board of £36:4:5.

Resolved that the said account be and is hereby approved of.

February 5. A Letter from Messrs. Baldwin and Lovett, Teachers of the Academy, was laid before the Board informing that the second quarter will end on the 7th inst. and requesting the Board that they will be pleased to appoint a day for the examination of the Students.

Resolved that Saturday next be assigned for the examination of the Students and that the Clerk inform Messrs. Baldwin and Lovett accordingly.

Resolved that the Cryer be directed by Proclamation to notify such of the Inhabitants of this City as have demands against the Board to bring in their accounts by Friday morning next.

February 10. Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine with the Clerk the accounts against this Board and that they be and hereby are empowered to direct the Clerk to draw an order on the Chamberlain for the payment of the whole or any part of the said accounts in wheat at 5s. <sup>per</sup> Skipple provided that the wheat to be issued in pursuance of this Resolution do not exceed the quantity of 500 Skipples, and that it be recommended to the said Committee in the first instance to allow the small accounts and then to make an allowance of the other accounts in proportion. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Ald<sup>n</sup> Cuyler, Schuyler and Assistants Lush.

February 21. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to deliver Peter W. Yates Esq. twenty-five Skipple of wheat on account.

Resolved also that the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain for the following quantities of wheat on account: John Ostrander 15 Skipples of wheat, John Roorbach 12 do.

Resolved that the Aldermen and Assistants of the second ward be and they are hereby directed to cause a pump to be made in the said ward at the Hospital.

March 27. Mr. Recorder laid before the Board a Letter he had received by express from his Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> announcing that a general Peace was concluded at Paris, which Letter was dated 26 inst.

Ordered that the Cryer by Proclamation for that purpose request the Inhabitants of the City to convene at the City Hall and that the said Letter be there read to them.

Ordered that the Messenger who brought said Letter be presented with five pounds as a reward for his assiduity and dispatch in conveying said Letter and that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain accordingly. Also ordered that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain for thirty-two shillings for Mr. Ephraim Van Veghten the express to Saratoga, &ca.

April 2. An account of Thomas McMurray for work done to the wells amounting to £1:2:6 which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

An account of John J. Abbot was laid before the Board amounting to £1:1:10 which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed a Draft of an Ordinance for regulating the



Markets and establishing the prices. The Committee chosen are Mr. Recorder and Messrs. McClallen and Lush.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain pay Mr. Robert McClallen £6:12 in wheat, being the amount of the sum by him paid to the Express from the Governor and the express to Saratoga.

The Ordinance regulating the Ferry between the Limits of the City of Albany and Green Bush was this day published and ordered that the same be published in the Newspaper for three weeks.

April 4. The Ordinance regulating the prices thereof was this day published and ordered that the same be published in the News paper three weeks.

Resolved that the Clerk draw orders on Maus R. Van Vranken to pay the sums of money to wit, in favour of Evert Van Den Bergh for £20; Ezekiel Roberts £20.

The Ordinance for marking Bread was this day published and the assize ordered to be published in the News paper.

April 12. Jacob Vedder of Nistigaone applied for a Farm at Tyonnonderoga.

Resolved that a Committie of four be appointed to take into consideration and report a plan for the purpose of entering upon and taking possession and seesen of the Lands belonging to this Board at Tionnonderoga in Tryon County. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Aldermen Yates, Hun and Beeckman and Mr. Visscher.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with Coll. Cuyler on the subject of establishing a night watch in this City. The Committee chosen for the purpose are Assistants McClallen, Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup> and Fonda.

Resolved that the Clerk draw orders on the Chamberlain for the following quantities of wheat on account to wit: Jonathan Brooks 6 Skipple; Thomas Seeger 3 do; John J<sup>s</sup> Abbot 12 do; John L. Bratt 6 do.

April 16. Resolved that the Clerk write Letters to Corn<sup>s</sup> Van Veghten and John Knickerbacker Jun<sup>r</sup> to pay the amount of their respective obligations by the first day of May next.

The Board this day agreed with Casper Huyek for the purchas of the one half of the Lot belonging to him lying, being and adjoining the house and lot of Lewis Footye for the sum of £125.

Resolved that the Deeds be executed and that in part payment of the said purchase the said Casper Huyek be paid £20 and that a Bond be executed for the residue payable first day of May next.

May 14. Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on the Chamberlain to deliver the following quantities of wheat: Edward Conner 1½ Skipple of wheat; Peter Dox 1½ do; Arent Van Deusen 1½ do; William Van Deusen 1½ do; John J. Ratcliffe 1½ do; Philip Hoffman 1½ do; George Friday 1½ do.

June 10. Resolved that the several Docks belonging to this City be repaired without delay and that Mr. Isaac De Fonda have the care, direction and management of the said Repairation and that he be and is hereby empowered to employ such and so many persons to compleat the business



as he may think proper, and that this Board will as soon as may be pay and discharge the charges attending said Reparation.

The following ordinances were this day published: Ordinance for paving and cleaning the streets; for regulating the lying of Vessels at the Docks; for regulating Carts and Carmen &c.; against the profanation of the Lords day; for better securing the City of Albany from the danger of Gun Powder; for regulating Negroes; for the better preventing of Fire; to prevent accidents by fast and immoderate Riding; to prevent Raffling; to regulate Tavernkeepers; to regulate office of Chamberlain; for a sworn Surveyor; for regulating Fences.

Resolved that Volkert A. Douw be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Weights and Measures in this City.

Resolved that Henry I. Bogert be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of this City.

Resolved that the several Docks be sold at public Vandue on Saturday the 14th inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon and that the Clerk give notice by Advertisement of the sale.

Resolved that an ordinance be prepared for regulating the Vanding of Goods, Wares and by public Auction, and that Ad<sup>n</sup> Yates and McClallen and Gansevoort prepare and bring in the same

Resolved unanimously Mr. Robert McClallen be Vendue Master. Mr. McClallen withdrew previous to the passing of the last Resolution.

June 30. Pursuant to a Resolution of the 10 the several Docks belonging to this Board were on the 14 instant sold at public Vandue to Isaac D. Fonda for the sum of £55, being the highest sum that was bid for the same.

Mr. Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Mr. Baldwin one of the Teachers of the Academy dated the 24 inst.

Resolved that the Clerk furnish Coll. Cuyler the President of the Subscribers to the Academy with copy of said Letter.

Resolved that Aldermen Cuyler be requested immediately to remove the Engine House to the north side of the English Church and that he make such necessary reparation thereto as he may think proper.

Resolved that the Chamberlain deliver to Ald<sup>n</sup> Yates all the papers relative to the Lands formerly leased to Dox and now possessed or claimed by John Knickerbacker Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq., and that Mr. Yates proceed with all convenient dispatch for the recovery of said Lands or the rents.

Resolved that Alderman Yates be requested again to writ to John Knickerbacker Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq. requesting him to pay the money due to this Board.

Resolved that the Clerk draw an order on Messrs. Lotteridge and Hansen to pay Ald<sup>n</sup> Yates all the money due to this Board for the Ferry.

Resolved that Aldermen Yates and Common Council Visscher be a Committie to call upon Nicholas Quackenboss for the rent of the Ferry and that they be a Committie to settle the ballance yet due.

July 15. Resolved that Alderman Cuyler prepare a Table of the assize of Bread upon the ratio was fixed by the Board last April, and that the assize be weekly published in the News Paper.

An account of Aldermen Cuyler was laid before the Board amounting to £25:1:10 which is allowed and ordered to be paid.

An account of Stephen Bell was laid before the Board for furnishing



the Common Council Room with firewood, amounting to £3:10. The Board took the same into consideration and ordered forty shillings thereof to be paid, and that in full.

Resolved that a Committie be appointed to request Mr. Isaac De Fonda to have the Docks repaired with all convenient speed, and that in case Mr. Fonda should be unable to proceed with the same that they agree with some other person to take charge of the repairing the said Docks and that Aldermen Schuyler and Hun be a Committie for that purpose.

Ordered that the Clerk draw and order on the Chamberlain for three Skipplles of wheat in favor of Thomas Seeger.

July 18. The Board were informed that their Excellencys Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington and Governor Clinton would be in Town to morrow morning.

Resolved that they respectively be presented with an Address. That Ald<sup>n</sup> Yates and Mr. Visscher prepare the same.

Resolved that Ald<sup>n</sup> Schuyler and Mr. Gansevoort Jun<sup>r</sup> be a Committie to repair to the Hogebergh and there wait the arrival of their Excellency and to inform them of the intention of this Board and to ask when and where they will be pleased to receive the Address and also to give information as to the time of their arrival.

Resolved that the said Committie invite their Excellencys to a public Dinner.

Ald<sup>n</sup> Yates and Mr. Visscher the Committie appointed to prepare the addresses to their Excellencys General Washington and Governor Clinton reported the Draft thereof, which on being read were agreed to and are in the following words to wit :

To his Excellency George Washington Esq., General &c. of the Army of the United States.

We the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany with the sincerest pleasure avail ourselves of this opportunity to offer your Excellency our most cordial Congratulations on the formal Recognition of the Independence of the United States by that Power which has so long anxiously laboured to subvert it, the Citizens of America and their Posterity will ever have abundant reason to commemorate the day when your Excellency was appointed to the chief Command of her Forces, in the faithful discharge of which you have sacrificed your private ease and interest to the public weal and evinced to the world that you have been the faithful guardian of the Liberties of your Country.

Under the Smiles of Providence, with a brave and victorious Army aided by a great and generous Ally you have sav'd America from Bondage, restored to her the peaceable enjoyment of her civil Rights and laid a solid Foundation for the Freedom and Independence of the United States. Receive Sir our sincere wish that you may in the Bosom of your Country enjoy the Tranquility which your Toils have purchased and look forward with patriotic Pleasure to those ages of Prosperity which we may reasonably hope will be confirmed in endless succession by the Wisdom and Harmony of her Councils.

To his Excellency George Clinton Esquire, Governor of the State of New York, General and Commander in chief of all the Militia and Admiral of the Navy of the same.

We the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany congratulate your Excellency on the establishment of the Independence of





the United States. We cannot refrain from expressing our gratitude on this occasion to you Sir, who have both as a Citizen and a Soldier so eminently contributed to produce it. The Citizens of this State at an early period (in the midst of dangers and difficulties) called your Excellency to the exalted station which you have ever since so worthily filled, and it affords us a pleasing reflection that your being reelected is a proof of their uniform sentiments in your favor the distinguished services you have rendered the State manifest the wisdom of continuing the reins of Government in your hands and afford us reason to expect the happiest consequences from your future administration.

July 19. The Committee appointed to wait on their Excellencies General Washington and Governor Clinton reported that they had waited on their Excellencies and informed them of the intentions of the Board, and had invited them to a public Dinner this day, that their Excellencies had accepted of the invitation and had declared they would receive the Board with their Address at 11 o'clock at the House of Mr. Hugh Denniston.

The Board according to appointment waited upon their Excellencies and delivered Addresses prepared yesterday; that his Excellency General Washington was pleased to return the following answer to the Address presented to him:

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany.

Gentlemen: I accept with heart felt satisfaction your affectionate congratulations on the restoration of Peace and the formal recognition of the Independence of the United States. We may indeed ascribe these most happy and glorious Events to the smiles of Providence and the virtue of our Citizens and the bravery of our Troops aided by the powerful interposition of our magnanimous and illustrious ally.

For the favorable sentiments you are pleased to express of my agency in this Revolution and for your benevolent wishes for my personal felicity, I intreat you Gentlemen to receive my warmest acknowledgements.

While I contemplate with inexpressible pleasure the future tranquillity and glory of our common Country I cannot but take a particular interest in the anticipation of the encrease in prosperity and greatness of this antient and respectable City of Albany from whose Citizens I have received such distinguished tokens of their approbation and affection.

Albany 4th Augi, 1783.

GO. WASHINGTON.

That his Excellency the Governor was pleased to return the following answer the Address presented to him:

Gentlemen: I receive with the highest satisfaction your congratulations on the return of the blessings of peace and the final establishment of our Independence.

It gives me the most sensible pleasure that my general conduct in the station which my Country has been pleased to continue me meets with your approbation.

The generous sentiments you express in my favor demand my warmest acknowledgements and it shall be my first wish and endeavor to answer the expectation of my Constituents in my future administration.

Albany, 4th August, 1783.

GEO: CLINTON.

August 13. Resolved that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed immediately to take effectual measures either by suit at Law or otherwise for the recovery of all debts due to this Board.



August 15. Upon the application of Coll. Van Schaick, Gerrit W. Schaick, Resolved that they have liberty to appropriate to their use ten feet to the east of the north east corner of their Lot and so running southward with a direct course to the south bounds of their Lot.

August 18. Upon the application of Gerrit W. Van Schaick for liberty to make his Dock on the north of his Lot two foot in the street. Resolved that Mr. Van Schaicks request be not granted.

Alderman John J. Beeckman laid before the Board a Commission under the Great Seal of this State, dated the 27 June and passed the Secretary office the 17th July last receiting that the offices of Mayor and Clerk of the Market of this City and County, Coroner of the City and County of Albany were became vacant by the resignation of Abraham Ten Broeck Esquire and appointing him the said John J. Beeckman to the respective offices aforesaid.

Alderman Beeckman was accordingly qualified to the execution of his respective offices.

August 21. The Board were informed that a Dock which Mr. Gerrit W. Van Schaick is making in the rear of his Lot would incommode the street adjoining the said Dock to the rear. The Board on viewing the Premises come to the following agreement with said Van Schaick that he should range his Dock with his Dwelling House, that for so much of the ground which belonged to him on the north of the said range a compensation should be made at the same rate as the Board permitted and sold to him the ground in the rear of his Lot.

That Mr. Van Schaick be permitted to lay his Dock in the said street two feet and a half provided he does not carry the said two feet and a half highth then three feet from the ground.

Resolved that the Lands of this Board in Tryon County be surveyed, that a Committie of three be appointed to cause the same to be done under their immediate inspection, that the said Committie enter upon the said Lands and take ceizen thereof and that they also lease the same to such persons as they may think proper. The Committie chosen for the purpose are Aldermen Cuyler, Schuyler and Common Council Visscher, or any two of them.

Resolved that a Letter of Attorney be prepared for the said Committie to execute the above business and that Mr. Visscher prepare the same.

Resolved that Judge Yates be requested to survey or superintend the survey of the said Lands.

Aug. 25. Resolved that the sum of £400 be taken on interest from any person or persons and that proper security be given for the repayment of the same.

Mr. Visscher laid before [the Board] draft of a Letter of Attorney to the Committie appointed to cause the Lands of this Board in Tryon County to be surveyed, which being read was agreed to.

Ordered that the Clerk copy the same, that the Mayor sign and that the Seal be affixed thereto.

September 6. Mr. Mayor informed the Board that Peter Benneway had lodged with him six pounds in lien of twenty Skipples of wheat which he fell in an arrear of the payment he was to have made last winter.

Resolved that the said sum be accepted and that Mr. Mayor pay the same to the Chamberlain.



September 23. The Board received a Letter from Mr. Baldwin one of the Teachers in their Academy. Ordered that their Treasurer Mr. Ten Eyck collect monies for him with all convenient speed.

A Petition received of Mr. Peter Schuyler, the prayer of it being to have or purchase one hundred acres of Low land at Tiononderoga in Tryon County and two hundred acres of wood land lying in the rear of said Low lands. The said Petition ordered to be filed and attended. A similar Petition received of Mr. Philip P. Schuyler; ordered the like.

Proposed by the Mayor and carried unanimously that the Stones of a part of the Dock at the Stores be appropriated to complete the City Hall Dock and the next northern Dock to wit, the south pier of the said Dock called Kibbys Dock.

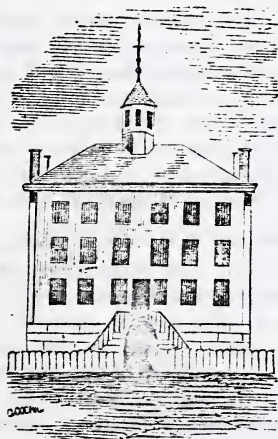
Resolved that no Sloop or vessel be hereafter built, framed or rebuilt between the south side of the most northern Dock and the northern side of the most southern or Kibbys Dock without leave previously obtained of this Board and that the Clerk advertise the Ship Carpenters hereof.

Resolved that one Constable be added to each ward of this City at the next Election of City officers.

September 25. Resolved that the Resolution of yesterday to appropriate the Stone of the Lower pier of Kibbys Dock to compleat the City Hall and Middle Dock be and is hereby repealed.

The Board were informed that a report prevails in New York that the City of Baltimore in Maryland is infected with the plague and a vessel being in the North River on its passage from the latter place to this City addressed to Messrs. Cuyler, Gansevoort in Co.

Resolved that the said Messrs. Cuyler, Gansevoort in Co. be requested to direct the master thereof not to come up the said River within the bounds of this County untill permission shall be granted for that purpose.

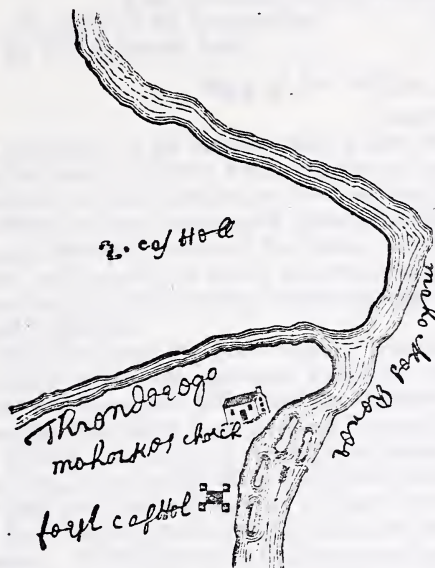


City Hall in which the Common Council met, corner of Hudson street and Broadway.



## THE PATENT OF TIONONDEROGA.

The Charter of Gov. Dongan, granted in July 1686, gave the corporation of the city permission to purchase from the Indians one thousand acres of land on the Mohawk, above Schenectady, to be held as a municipal investment. In October of the same year the common council sent commissioners to locate the grant,



who selected a tract on the south side of the Mohawk, 56 miles from Albany, since known as Fort Hunter, in Montgomery county, perfecting their business in the manner customary at that time. A diagram of the locality drawn in 1712, is here given from the *Documentary History*, III, 902. In August of the next year the corporation resolved to sell the land thus acquired. Sales or leases were accordingly made to citizens of Albany and Schenectady (See *Annals of Albany*, vol II.). In 1714 and in 1725 further measures were taken to perfect their title, and it would seem that either the first or a more satisfactory Deed from the Indians was obtained in 1730 (*Annals*, IX, 72-3), under Gov. Montgome-

rie, which was destroyed three years after by Gov. Cosby. Gov. Cosby's statement of the matter in controversy may be found in the *Colonial History*, v, 960. The Board took effective measures to remedy this act of Gov. Cosby (*Annals*, x), and continued to execute leases till 1773, when the subject was again disturbed by Gov. Tryon, who recommended the legislature to pass a law securing these lands to the Mohawks (*Ante*, p. 243). On the 4th Dec. 1773 the clerk by order of the common council addressed the following letter to Sir William Johnson (*Council Minutes*, IX, 33).

### *Letter to Sir William Johnson.*

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir: We have understood that the Mohawk Indians residing in the lower Castle or Village are much disquieted on account of the claim which we under the Charter of this City have to the quantity of one thousand acres at Tionoderoge now in their possession, and as we are sensible that no act of ours can have given any just or reasonable foundation to occasion their uneasiness, we are therefore much concerned that any jealousy or suspicion from an apprehension that this Board would unjustly usurp or encroach on their right should be harbored by them against us, we have therefore resolved to address your Honour as their





*The Patent of Tiononderoga.*

Superintendent to request the favour of you that you will be pleased at any time when it may suit your convenience within a fortnight (if possible) to assemble those Indians together so that we or a Committee of this Board may in your presence lay before your Honor and them a just representation of our Proceedings and Claim relative to those lands, and at the same time to offer them such assurances as may tend to dispel and remove any apprehensions they may entertain against this Board. Should this proposal meet your Honors approbation you will be pleased to acquaint us of the time and place of such meeting. We are Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Your most humble and Obedient Servents.

By order of the Corporation. STEP<sup>n</sup> DE LANCEY, Clerk.  
To Sir W<sup>m</sup> Johnson, Bar.

*Reply of Sir William Johnson.*

JOHNSON HALL, Dec. 9th, 1773.

Gentlemen: I am favoured with a Letter signed by your order respecting the lower Mohawks whose uneasiness concerning the Claim they understood you laid to their Lands have been of long standing, tho' I have at different times taken much pains to assure them that they need not be uneasy especially as one of the former Mayors of your City declined such claim and assured me that it was the opinion of Gentlemen learned in the Law that the Claim of the Corporation was defective, of which I have also sundry opinions.

His Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> when at Albany apprised you fully of his resolutions in case his generous Proposals were not excepted of, and the affair has since been laid before the Assembly, notwithstanding which to manifest how much I am disposed to gratify the desire of the Corporation of Albany I am ready to appoint a day without loss of time for the purpose you require, provided there is any prospect of your offering such proposals as they may probably approve without encreasing their uneasiness and that of their Confederates who have for some time expected the decision of this matter. If therefore you think you can give them satisfaction therein, I shall on receipt of your answer fix upon Monday the 20th of this inst. when I shall be glad to meet the Gentlemen you appoint at this place.

I am with esteem Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servent.

W. JOHNSON.

*Answer of the Common Council.*

ALBANY, Dec. 14, 1773.

Hon Sir: We have received your favour of the 9th inst. in answer to ours of a former date. Were we not well assured in our minds that our intended offer will be satisfactory to those Indians we should not have troubled your Honour with our proposals. We shall therefore attend for the said purpose on your Honour at the time and place fixed on.

We are Hon. Sir, &c.

The Board thereupon appointed Abraham Cuyler, mayor, John H. Ten Eyck, recorder, Gerrit Van Sante, Robert Yates, John Ten Broeck, aldermen, Henry Van Vechten, Cornelius Van Schelluyne and Leonard Gansevoort, assistants, a committee to attend the conference, and directed a deed to be drawn up and signed by the mayor, conveying to the Indians at



Tiononderoga the lands in question, to hold as long as they continued a nation and to be settled there.

The committee met the Indians at the Lower Castle, on the 20th December, and in presence of their superintendent, Sir Wm. Johnson, delivered the following speech (*Ibid*, 37).

*Speech to the Mohawks.*

Friends and Brethren of the Mohawk Nation of the Lower Castle or Village.

We have requested from Sir William Johnson your attendance here that we might have an opportunity to lay before you a detail of our Claim and Proceedings respecting the Lands of Tiononderoge and that we may also offer you our best assurances to secure those Lands upon the Basis of your former agreements with us and others, and by means whereof endeavour to remove the supposed wrongs and injuries you pretend to have received from us.

It is not unknown to you that our Ancestors the Dutch and English upon their first arrival in this Country were the first white people with whom you entered into an Alliance of Friendship which has remained inviolate from its commencement to this day.

The Inhabitants of the City of Albany the nearest and chief Christian Settlement to you have always cultivated your Friendship and deemed their preservation and interest to be inseparably connected with yours against the Perfedy and Encroachments of the French and their Indian Allies, and as our danger from that quarter was equal we acted in every Emergency like Friends and Brethren by giving and receiving aid and protection of and to each other against the common Enemy.

About eighty-six years ago, while we lived with you on this friendly footing, the Inhabitants of Albany obtained from Thomas Dungan the then Governor over this Province under James the Second, King of England, by Letters Patent or Charter of Incorporation the liberty and licence at their pleasure to purchase from you the quantity of one thousand acres of low or meadow Land at Tiononderoge, which said quantity of one thousand acres the said Thomas Dungan thereby in behalf of his Majesty give, grant and confirm to the said Inhabitants of Albany by the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty and their successors forever.

Brethren, Under this grant the Inhabitants of Albany never have or intend to encroach on, or usurp your Lands. but on the contrary always deemed it a happiness as well to them as you that Individuals of your Nation were deprived by this grant from selling Parcels of those Lands to white people and thus your property in those Lands was rendered safe to you and your posterity while a Nation and so long as you continue in possession thereof, yet not long thereafter several of your Nation from motives of interest or otherwise proceeded to sale of divers parcels of those Lands to white men. Here is a Deed by which Tenegwanegie one of your ancestors about 52 years ago sold a piece of this Land to Abraham Cuyler. Here is also a Deed by which Aaron Segehowanie and Colliam about 33 years ago sold to him another parcell of these Lands.

Here is also a certified copy of another Deed whereby Daniel, Gideon, Jacob, Cannestagio, Jacomyne and Senina sold another tract of those Lands about 43 years ago to Peter Brower for the term of 999 years.

And tho we have not at present the Deed in our possession, yet we know and if necessary will prove it that some of your Nation also about



the same time sold another parcel of those Lands to Jan Wiemp. We have also heard that several of your Nation were about the same time in contract to sell other parts of those Lands.

Brethren, Your wise men and Sachems being thereupon justly alarmed, convinced the continuance of those bargains would of course break up your Settlement and consequently that your power, influence and very existence would dwindle away, therefore deputed three of their number to apply to us who complaining of those proceedings earnestly requested us in their name to come up to receive from them a Deed for the whole of the said Lands.

Upon this invitation the City of Albany sent John De Peyster, Mayor; Dirk Ten Broeck, Recorder; Ryer Gerritse, Jacob Lansing and Cornelius Cuyler, Aldermen; and John Visscher Jun., Assistant, to your Castle for that purpose. There your Ancestors unanimously executed a Deed for those Lands to us. In trust nevertheless for you the said Mohawk Indians so long as you should be a Nation and be there settled, and from and immediately after the remainder to the City for ever. Thus you devised and put into execution the only expedient which has preserved to you ever since the free use and enjoyment of the residue of those Lands.

The persons who had before bought from you part of those Lands, well knowing that their Title was imperfect unless confirmed by the Kings Grant or Letters Patent and as the City had already such a grant from the Crown, they therefore applied to us by your consent and approbation and voluntarily became and attained Tenants under us for those Lands by accepting and taking from us Deeds for the same.

Brethren, After we had received your Deed we deposited the same in the hand of said John Depyster who about three years after the same was intrusted into his custody was requested by William Cosby, our then Governor, who was then in Albany in Treaty with the five Nations to attend on him with the said Deed which he accordingly did, and the said Governor gave it to one Arie an Indian with signs and directions to destroy it, who accordingly tore the Deed in pieces and threw the same into the fire. In this manner against our consent and by the contrivance of a designing Governor and one single Indian we lost a Deed executed by your whole Castle.

Brethren, Tho Governor Cosby pretended to act for your interest in destroying this Deed yet we know full well and are able to prove it if necessary that he had in this transaction his own particular interest at heart as we know that he was then in Treaty with you to buy those very same Lands for his own use and the use of his particular friends and therefore contrived the destruction of the Deed, whose existence he conceived the chief obstacle to his design in completing such self interested designs.

Since which time the heirs of Jan Wiemp have by our order been arrested for refusing or delaying to pay us the rent he had by deed promised to pay.

Thus have we given you a faithfull account of the proceedings of our Ancestors and do hereupon declare we are much at a loss to know from what particular transaction of ours your discontent and jealousy doth arise.

It cannot justly proceed from the right we have to compell those white people to perform their voluntary engagements because no injury can arise to you whether they do or do not pay us those rents.

Nor can it arise from their continuing in possession of those Lands, for



we cannot imagin that you are men who when you have once sold Land without any condition would claim them again, nor do we conceive that you can be injured if those people who bought from you do not return you those Lands.

Nor can it be any just cause of jealousy or discontent to you that they have by agreement thus obligated themselves to us, they were not your servents or slaves, they were free men and could without any injury to you become our Tenants.

Respecting the remainder of the Lands at Tionnonderoge which your whole Village conveyed to us in the manner we have mentioned before, have we ever presumed to take any possession of it or have we placed any Tenants on it. Surely not, and if we had we would have done wrong because those Lands are yours so long as you remain a Nation and are there settled, and we do declare before you and the whole world that we have no right or pretention to it untill after your removal or extinction as a Nation.

But least you should be doubtfull to trust to this solemn Declaration in order wholly to cure your minds we shall give you more substantial proofs of our sincerity. Here we offer you a Deed by us executed for that purpose.

That at the close of the said Speech they offered to the said Indians the Deed heretofore by order of this Board executed, which said Deed is of the following contents :

**To all to whom** these Presents shall come, we the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany send Greeting. **Whereas** Thomas Dungan Esquire, formerly Lieutenant Governor of this Province under his Majesty King James the Second did by Charter or Letters of Incorporation to the City of Albany under the great Seal of the said Province, bearing date the twenty-second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and eighty-six, among other things therein contained grant unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Albany the full Liberty and Licence at their Pleasure to Purchase from the Indians the Quantity of one thousand Acres of Low or Meadow Land lying at a certain Place called or known by the name of Tionondoroge, which quantity of one thousand Acres of low or meadow Land should or might be in what part of Tionondoroge or the Lands adjacent on both sides of the River as the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Albany should think most convenient, which said parcel of low or meadow Land he the said Thomas Dungan in behalf of his said Majesty, his heirs and successors did give, grant and confirm unto the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany aforesaid, to be and remain to the use and behooff of them and there successors for ever. To have and hold all and singular the said Premises to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Albany and their successors forever, **Rendingg & Paying** therefore unto his most sacred Majesty, his heirs, successors and assigns, or to such officer or receiver as shall be appointed to receive the same yearly forever thereafter the annual quit rent or acknowledgment of one Beaver skin in Albany on the five and twentieth day of March forever. **And whereas** after the grant of the said Letters Patent or Charter of Incorporation the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty on the application and at the request of the Mohawks Indians





residing at the Lower Village or Castle did accept and take from them a Deed in due form of Law executed and bearing Date the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty for the said quantity of one thousand Acres scituate at Tionondoroge aforesaid, which was then within the County of Albany but now is part of the County of Tryon. By which said Deed the Lands were granted to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty and their successors. In trust nevertheless for the said Mohawks Indians so long as they shall continue a Nation and be settled on the said Lands, and from and immediately thereafter the remainder to the only proper use and behoof to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, their successors and assigns for ever. **And whereas** after the execution of the said Deed it was intrusted to the care and custody of John Depeyster, the then Mayor of the City of Albany, who remained the possessor thereof untill the twelfth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three, when upon a Message he received from his Excellency William Cosby Esq., then Governor of this Province, requiring his attendance on him with the said Indian Deed he delivered the same into his hands for the purpose of communicating its contents to the Indians with whom his said Excellency was then in treaty at the City of Albany. **And whereas** the said William Cosby after having examined the said Deed gave it to Lauranee Clase the sworn Indian Interpreter with directions to interpret the same to the Indians who were then about six or seven in number present. **And whereas** after the interpretation thereof the said William Cosby advised with the said Indians what should be done with the said Deed, who thereupon declared that if he thought proper he might keep the same, and upon his declining to take the charge thereof thereupon requested the said William Cosby to return the said Deed to the said John Depeyster to remain in his custody and care, requiring at the same time a copy thereof to preserve among themselves. The said John De Peyster readily promised the said Indians that they should be favoured with a copy, wherewith the said Indians appeared satisfied. **And whereas** notwithstanding the said agreement of the said Mayor and Indians the said William Cosby tho' repeatedly urged by the said John De Peyster to have the Deed redelivered to him refused complying, but instead thereof delivered the said Deed to one of the said Indians named Arie with signs and directions to have the same destroyed, who thereupon tore the said Deed into pieces and threw the same into the fire. **And whereas** previous to the execution of the said Indian Deed to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to wit, on the fourteenth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-one, two of the said Mohawk Indians had conveyed the quantity of eleven morgans, part of the said one thousand Acres to Abraham Cuyler in fee, whose heirs afterwards to wit, the twenty-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, obtained from the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty for the consideration of thirty pounds an absolute release and conveyance for the same, recourse being had to the said Indian Deed and conveyance may more fully and at large appear. **And whereas** also previous to the execution of the said Indian Deed to us the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to wit, on the seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty, some of the Sachims of the said Mohawks Indians had conveyed the quantity of ten or eleven morgan more or less of low or meadow Land, part of the said



one thousand acres, to Peter Brower for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, who afterwards to wit, the twenty-ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-four, by indenture of release did for the consideration therein mentioned sell, assign and set over the said quantity of ten or eleven morgans to us the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty and our successors the said term yet unexpired as may more fully and at large appear by the said Indian Deed and assignment relation being thereunto had. **And whereas** the said Peter Brower afterwards to wit, the twenty-seventh day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine applied to us and obtained from the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty a Lease for the said quantity of ten or eleven morgans for the said term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years under an annual rent of one Skipple of wheat for each morgan as may more fully and at large appear by the counterpart of the said lease. **And whereas** also previous to the execution of the said Indian Deed to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty the said Mohawk Indians or some of them had conveyed to Jan Wemp the quantity of twenty-two morgan, part of the said one thousand Acres. **And whereas** the said Jan Wemp afterwards to wit, on the thirteenth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven applied to and obtained from the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty a Deed or conveyance for the said quantity of twenty-two morgan under an annual rent, as may more fully and at large appear by the counterpart of the said Deed executed by the said Jan Wemp recourse being thereunto had. **And whereas** divers uneasinesses have since arisen in the minds of the said Indians residing on the said Land who conveyed the said premises as abovesaid and their descendants from a supposition that we the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty would take the benefit and advantage of the grant mentioned in the said Charter or Letters of Incorporation and by virtue thereof eject or oust the present said Indian possessors from their possession of the Premises as aforesaid. For the purpose therefore of quieting the minds of the said Indians and for securing to them the use of the said Lands agreeable to the Reservation or Trust expressed in the said Indian purchase except the quantity of morgans the said Indians had conveyed to others as above said and also to evince the equitable conduct of us the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty for and towards the said Indians, **Know ye**, that we the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty have hereby for and in consideration of the premises surrendered, assigned and set over, and by these Presents do grant, bargain, assign and set over unto the said Indians, dwelling and residing at the said Lower Mohawk Village or Castle and their descendants all the estate, right, title, interest, benefit, claim and demand whatsoever, which we the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty have or may have or claim of, in or to the said quantity of one thousand acres, scituate and described as above said, granted to us as aforesaid, excepting as abovesaid, **To have and to hold** the same excepting as aforesaid unto the said Indians dwelling or residing at the said Lower Village or Castle and to their descendants so long as they shall continue a Nation and be settled on the said Lands, remainder to the use of us the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Albany and our successors for ever. So that neither we the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty or our successors or assigns at any time hereafter so long, they the said Indians shall continue a Nation and be settled on the said Lands, shall or



will ask, demand, claim or challenge any Intres, Benefit or Prevedge in any respect or manner whatsoever in or to the said above surrendered and assigned Premises or any part thereof excepting as aforesaid by reason, couler or means of the said in part recited Charter or Letters of Incorporation or Indian purchase or any Clause, Grant, Matter or Thing therein contained or otherwise howsoever during the time last aforesaid, but thereof and therefrom, and of and from all actions, suits and demands whatsoever which we, our successors or assigns may have concerning the same shall be wholly and intirely barret during the time last above mentioned.



City Seal.

**In Testimony** whereof for and on behalf of us the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, the said Mayor hath hereunto set his hand and caused the publick seal of the City of Albany to be hereunto affixed pursuant to a Resolve of Common Council made and entered this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three.

ABR<sup>m</sup> C. CUYLER, Mayor.

Sign'd Seal'd and Delivered )  
in the presence of  
Henry Bleecker,  
W. Mancius. )

That the said Indians then took the said Deed and informed the said Committee that they would on the day following give in their answer.

That the said Committee on the next day pursuant to Sir Williams invitation again waited on him and the said Indians and then received the following answer :

Johnson Hall, Dec<sup>r</sup> 21st, 1773.—Present, Sir William Johnson, Bar<sup>t</sup>; Coll. Claus, Coll. Guy Johnson, Coll. John Butler, Interpreter.

Indians Present.—Abraham, Arent, White Hans, Isaac, Harmes Canadagaye, Lowrance, Seth, David, Peter, Abr<sup>m</sup> Hans's Son Cornelius.

One Abraham, an Indian Sachem of the lower Mohawk Castle, answered our Speech we delivered yesterday in the following manner :

We have considered of your Speech of yesterday and are now a going to answer it.

1st. I do not pretend to enter into the first part of your Speech in relation to friendship, the wars and so forth.

2d. You said that in regard to the lands at Tionondoroge that they were sold and parcelled out by pieces by some of us to white people. It was not then as it is now when we went or sent to the City of Albany to give a Deed to you when one or two could give a Deed and not a whole Castle.

3d. You said that the people of Albany came up and complied with our request and took a Deed from us in trust for us and out of friendship.

4th. In regard to the Deed you took then there was then as much love on our part as on yours, the friendship was mutual.

5th. We have been much more generous and grateful to you than you have been to us, we have given away to you the Lands at Albany at



Schenectady for nothing, and we have by presents and gifts made several several amongst you rich.

6th. We have also given away for nothing the Lands above Schenectady particularly to Hansen and several other persons to whom we had been gratefull.

7th That notwithstanding the friendship and regard you say you have for us you will take from us the little spot which never cost you any thing, is this friendship? Why have you sued Wemple? Last war I have been myself with the army to fight the French with others of my nation in hopes to preserve our Lands, while you in Albany stayed home; and is this friendship now to take them away? While we were at war many settled on our Lands.

8th. The wars you had with the French we have always joined you and in so doing we have lost a great many of our men which at present reduces us to an inconsiderable number and we could not expect from our Brethren that after we had rendered them such services in those wars that you would take our Lands from us. From this treatment we cannot see the love and friendship you say you have for us. Where is it gone? Is it lost?

You say that our Deed was given to you in trust to us as long as we remain a Nation. What is meant by it, would you turn us of those Lands when we have only about 12 houses. And tho' we are inconsiderable by ourselves yet our friends are jealous of your claim, and if you take away this Land it may be the reason of a fire to break out of which you would be the occasion and we know the trouble Sir William has already had to keep them quiet.

Lands have often been the occasion of quarrels, a representation from that motive was made to the King, and to prevent futer disputes a meeting of several Nations of Indians was called together at Fort Stanwix when a Boundary Line was fixed between us and the white people. We mentioned it then in publick that as we lived within that Line and that our Lands should be secured to us, to which all the nations assented and agreed, since which time his Majesty has been pleased to confirm the proceedings of that Congress and so we thought our possession still more sure.

I shall not pretend to go thro' the whole of your Speech, yet we must tell you that when the English were at war with the Tuscaroras, they yet purchased from them Lands, and you who never quarreled with us and who were always your friends want to take away our Lands for nothing.

Our uneasiness of our minds arises from the Lands and we want you to give up your claim to them entirely; we will have our Lands again absolutely.

In regard to the Deed you have offered us we know nothing about, we leave that to Sir William.

This all we have to say, we do not chuse to repeat the whole. But you must not be in a hurry, for you have had a long time to consider and we have had but a short time and it will be for the intrest of us both that this thing is amicably settled.

That at the close of the said Answer they redelivered to this Board in the presence of their Superintendant the said Deed by us given to them.

That thereupon the said Committee gave them the following reply:

Brethren: We have heard and considered your answer to our Speech or Proposal of yesterday; we are extremely sorry that you seem dissatis-





fied with our generous offer of a Deed executed by us and delivered to you in order totally to pacify your minds respecting the Lands at Tionondoroge, and as you mention that you conceive it will be for the intrest of us both to have the matter settled if you should hereafter have any thing to propose on the subject we shall at all times be willing and ready to hear you and take the same into consideration.

By which representation of the said Committee of their negotiation with the said Mohawk Indians as above mentioned it appears that the said Indians were not fully satisfied with the offer made them by the order of this Board, and being informed by the said Committee that their Superintendent Sir William Johnson, Bart, had honored their meeting with his presence, it is Resolved that the thanks of this Board should be given him for the trouble and pains he has taken in that affair and that the same be transmitted to him accordingly by Mr. Mayor.

JOHNSON HALL, Decr 28th, 1773.

Sir: I judge it an act of Justice and Friendship to acquaint you that the Mohawks continued in Council for above an hour after the departure of the Committee the other day, when they sent a message to me expressing their surprize that the Gentlemen had set out for Albany, observing that when you left them in the room they had expected you retired some where to deliberate more seriously on their Speech and the matter before you as they had desired. That as the offers you had made did not appear to them to be any additional security or satisfaction they hoped to see you disposed to enter into a Treaty the result of which might prove more favourable to their interest, but as they were informed you had actually set out for Albany they requested to speak to me in publick previously to their departure accordingly I went into the room attended by the Gentlemen here where we had a short Conference of which I herewith send you a copy.

I have only to remark that the Indians who are sencible that they are ignorant of Law and the operation of Conveyances &c. were naturally inclined and really ment to have my advice and such as I could procure before they proceeded farther and that they were fully persuaded you would have been more explicit on the material point of the duration of their possession previous to their saying any thing farther. I must therefore request that you will communicate this with the inclosed to the Corporation that I may with all convenient speed be enabled to tell the Indians whether you will enter into any Treaty with them that may lead to the amicable settlement of this matter and the determining on that material point. If so I shall readily afford you all the friendship I can consistently offer, persuaded that the Mohawks will listen to reason and join their proposals for an amicable settlement, otherwise I must (altho very disagreeable) be compelled to endeavour to procure them satisfaction without delay agreeable to the mode they have proposed. I am Sir, with much esteem,

Your most humble Servant.

To Abraham C. Cuyler Esq.

W. JOHNSON.

P. S. Since writing the foregoing (there being no opportunity of getting over the River) I was favoured with your Letter inclosing the Resolutions of the Board. I take this opportunity of returning them my best thanks for their polite mention of me as well as to you Sir for the manner in which you transmitted them.



Extract from the Proceedings at a meeting with the Committee of the Corporation of the City of Albany and the Mohawk Indians held at Johnson Hall on the 21st and 22d of December, 1773—Present, Sir Wm. Johnson, Bart., Superintendent; Dan<sup>l</sup> Claus, Guy Johnson, Esq<sup>s</sup>, Dep<sup>y</sup> Ag<sup>ts</sup>; John Butler, Esq., Interp<sup>r</sup>; Alexander White, Esq., High Sheriff of Tryon County; Joseph Chew, Esq.; John Deas, Esq.; Mr. Daly.

At 4 P. M. the Mohawks sent to Sir W<sup>m</sup> Johnson to acquaint him that they were surprized the Committee had retired so abruptly and that they had a few words to mention to him previous to their going home, and being assembled, Abraham arose and addressed Sir William as follows:

Brother: We requested to speak a few words to you before we depart.

Brother: When you first acquainted us that the Albany Committee desired to settle matters amicably here with us we agreed to attend with the same disposition, but we find from the proceeding, particularly from their last speech and abrupt departure that they had not the inclination they professed.

Nevertheless to show our generous inclination we are disposed to wait a few days to hear whether they have further considered the matter according to our desire and whether they acquaint us of their Resolutions. But should they neglect to do this, then it is our particular request that you will lay our case immediately before the great King and request the assistance of the Governor of New York that we may receive Justice. We rely on you Brother, that you will do this, for we are fully convinced seeing they have taken no notice of our preference to you that we have no other hopes of redress or means of preventing the evil consequences that may ensue.

To which Sir William answered:

Brothers: I have heard you with attention and am concerned that the Gentlemen of the Committee withdrew without offering any thing further on the subject of their coming to this place.

I shall agreeable to your desire wait a reasonable time to hear the issue of their farther deliberation but should nothing favourable to your desires be offered by the Corporation you may rest assured that I shall lay the state of your affair before his Majesty and request the coöperation of his Excellency the Governor. In the mean time I desire you will rest satisfied with the readiness of Government to afford you all the Justice your cause shall appear to deserve.

A True Copy Ex<sup>d</sup> by

G. JOHNSON, D. A., as Secy.

Resolved by this Board that the following answer be signed by the Clerk and sent to Sir William by the Post.

ALBANY, Jan<sup>y</sup> 8th, 1774.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir: Mr. Mayor has this day communicated to this Board your favour of the 28th ultimo together with an extract of the subsequent Conference the Mohawk Indians had with your Honour upon the subject matter of what the Committee had offered them on the preceding day relative to the Lands at Tionondoroge, which being taken into our most serious consideration we observe to your Honour that as this Board entertained no doubt but that their offer of the Deed declaring anew the uses whereon formerly the ancestors of those Indians had divested themselves of those Lands would have fully answered the purpose of given compleat satisfac-



tion to them. From a firm persuasion of its producing those salutary effects our Committee had nothing farther in charge than the offer of that Deed together with the Speech preceding that offer.

They appear however dissatisfied with the Committees abrupt departure and thereupon insinuate as if this Board were disinclined to enter into an amicable settlement of this dispute. The contrary whereof we conceive we have manifested by offering a Deed or security superior as to authenticity to the uses reserved in the Deed their ancestors formerly at their own earnest request executed to this Board nor could they justly charge the Committee with abruptness in leaving them, when it appears from their answer that nothing would satisfy them but an absolute reconveyance of those Lands, which the Committee had no power to do, nor could they complain of the unexpectedness of their departure as the Committee in their reply to the Indians told them they were sorry that their generous offer was not complied with and in case they should at any time thereafter have any thing farther to propose to the Corporation on the subject we should at all times be willing to hear them and take the same into consideration. Upon which the said Committee in a formal manner took leave of those Indians.

This Board readily agrees that the Indians are ignorant of the operation of the Law upon Deeds and Conveyances and of course that they are diffident of their own Judgment in matters beyond their abilities to determine upon but the Committee had conceived that as the Indians had this Deed with them for a day, during which time they could avail themselves of your Honours opinion thereon together with the advice of Council then present, that they therefore returned the Deed in consequence of your Honours disapprobation of its contents. But should this be misapprehended we have no objection that your Honour may be furnished with a copy of the same for your future consideration.

In their answer to the Speech they required from the Committee an explicit definition of the term "Nation," for the purpose of knowing from them what idea this Board had of the duration of their Possessions which depends upon their existance as a People by that distinction. To which we must observe that as the Ancestors of those Indians were pleased to part with their Lands and only reserve the use thereof as long as they were a Nation and settled thereon, this Board do not call their Title any ways in question untill their removal or extincion as a Nation, and therefore they conceive it improper they should be called upon to give an explanation of terms which are not in dispute at present. And should those terms be at any future time unfortunately drawn in question it is well known that this Board as a body intrested in its determination cannot be Judges, and consequently their explanation now or at any future time can not affect the rights of the Natives. This Board also from a cautious regard on the one hand to the rights of the natives and on the other hand to the sacred trust reposed in them by the City under a Royal Charter, would chuse to avoid as far as possible the sensure of both the natives and Citizens which a presumptuous or inconsiderate explanation might entail on us.

Notwithstanding these our sentiments we readily would embrace your Honours offer of entering into a farther Treaty with the Natives in order to come to final settlement, and while we acknowledge with gratitude your



Honours goodness in offering us your friendship towards procuring an amicable settlement upon consistent terms we humbly conceive as we have already made a generous offer of a Deed with which the natives refused to comply, if they are sincerely inclined to treat with us any farther on the subject they ought to make their said proposals to this Board for that purpose and we'll take the same into our consideration.

Signed by order of the Corporation.      STEP<sup>n</sup> DE LANCEY, Clerk.

*Letter of Sir William Johnson.*

JOHNSON HALL, Feby 16th, 1774.

Gentlemen: I some time since was favoured with y<sup>r</sup> Letter of the 8th ult<sup>o</sup> on the subject of my last concerning y<sup>e</sup> Mohaw Indians, whom I assembled as soon after as I could, communicated to them what you had farther offered on the matter recommending it to them to consider of some proposal to be made on their parts towards settling the dispute without carrying it farther. The Indians observed that they thought the explanation of the term Nation a very just and reasonable request, that it might as well be determined now as at any other period, and they are intirely of opinion that none of their Ancestors had this term explained to them when that Deed was executed and that it is more than probable they did not know its real contents especially as there is no proof that it was fully explained, interpreted and understood, as was, and is, customary in transactions of y<sup>t</sup> sort. However at my repeated desire they took it into farther consideration and acquainted me that in consequence of my advice and to manifest their hearty inclination to determine the matter in an amicable way they proposed that a Deed should be given to them for the Land in dispute, to hold so long as three Families remained in that place, and that should these incline to relinquish the possession they should receive gratuity for so doing, and also that situation of the 1000 Acres of Low Land be particularly described. They at the same time declare that they did not make this offer from any doubt within themselves of the justness of their case, but purely to shew their love for Peace and their regard for my advice, and that as they thought it a very fair one it was the only one they would ever make.

I therefore now transmit you this their offer, requesting to know as quick as possible whether you will enter into a Treaty upon this offer or not. And I flatter myself you must join me in opinion that it is in honour and conscience highly reasonable to come to an early explanation of the vague term that must ultimately be explained and that the Deed they require is not unfavourable to you; should you think differently I shall be necessitated with all possible dispatch to lay the whole of the matter before his Majesty which must give much trouble to all Parties, and when probably it will not be viewed in the same favourable light in which it appears to you. It will give me great pleasure to find that this matter is settled as proposed, because I am Gentlemen

Your Real wellwisher & Humble Servant.

W. JOHNSON.

Thereupon the Board resolved to appoint Robert Yates, Peter W. Yates and Leonard Gansevoort as a Committee to draw an Answer, which is as follows:





*Reply of the Board to Sir William Johnson.*

ALBANY, March 2d, 1774.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir : We have received your favour of the 16th ult<sup>o</sup> in answer to ours of a former date.

The trouble your Honour receives on account of the dispute the Indians have commenced against us relative to the Lands at Tionondoroge gives us a sensible concern and we cannot sufficiently acknowledge our gratitude for the pains you have taken to obtain a final settlement thereof.

We cannot agree with the Indians that (previous to any agreement with them) it would be necessary for us to explain to them the term "Nation," for the reasons already assigned in ours of a former date. And tho the Indians may be ever so clear of opinion that at the time of the execution of the Deed, their Ancestors were strangers to the contents thereof, and particularly that the term Nation was not explained to them. Yet this Board entertains no doubt but that they are able (should they unfortunately be driven to that issue) to prove that the whole Deed was interpreted to them and explained by Council of their own chosen. Besides the term Nation is neither a technical term in our language or such a word to which theirs doth not affix a certain determinate idea, an explanation therefore at its execution was even rendered unnecessary or at least superfluous. This remark is evinced in our opinion upon the consideration that they and when their Allies are mentioned by them or us they are usually distinguished by way of pre-eminence by the term of five or six Nations; it must therefore follow that they fully understood the propriety of the term when applyed to a People or a collective body of Men, and whenever they cease to be such they must know when the term doth also cease to be proper.

Notwithstanding these remarks we are well pleased that the Indians in compliment to your Honours advise appear disposed to settle amicably with us, but the offer they make in consequence thereof we conceive an insufficient basis to ground a settlement on as it is more than probable if agreed to instead of determining a controvesy would hereafter be the means of creating a new subject for litigation. For by their offer to us to accept a Deed whereby their Lands may be secured to them as long as three "Families" remain thereon, the term Family would probably hereafter be conceived a more indefinite and vague term than that of Nation by your Honour. For example it may be construed to signify a whole Tribe originated from a common ancestor, a man and wife with their immediate descendants, and even a single person settled and transacting his own business and concerns. For these reasons we decline acceding to their proposals.

But in order to shew how sincerely we are inclined to make an amicable settlement with them we would willingly agree on the following terms :

1st. That an exact survey be made of one thousand Acres of the Flatts by a Surveyor or Surveyors mutually agreed on by this Board and the Indians.

2d. That such Surveyor or Surveyors shall then in their presence and pursuant to such directions as are made and agreed to amongst the said Indians survey and lay out their respective Farms, Claims or Shares.

3d. That then such Surveyor or Surveyors make exact maps of such survey and divisions, one whereof to be subscribed by the said Surveyors



and this Board to be delivered to the said Indians and another to be also signed by the said Surveyors and the Indians and to be delivered to us.

4th. That the three several Tracts heretofore by the Indians sold to Cuyler, Brower and Wemple be also separately surveyed and laid out on such Map and that they or their heirs or assigns in severalty shall hold the same as Tenants under this Board according to the Deed to them executed by this Board.

5th. That there be also noted on such Maps the number of the Indian proprietors now residing and occupying the premises together with an account of their Children who also reside there.

6th. That this Board agree to execute a Deed to these Indians thereby releasing to each family or person and his and their descendants, his farm, claim or share in severalty for so long a time as they and their descendants do respectively remain settled thereon and are the actual occupiers thereof, provided nevertheless that the several farms, claims and shares revert to this Board from time to time as each of those Families shall become extinct or remove therefrom. And provided also that this Board shall have the exclusive right to buy their farms whenever the Indians before the contingency takes place should be inclined to sell all or any part of those Lands upon such reasonable terms as can be agreed on.

7th. That the said Indians execute to this Board a counterpart of such Deed.

These are only the out lines of our proposals which we are willing to alter or amend wherever it shall appear that some parts thereof are exceptionable or where any improvement can be suggested.

But should the Indians disapprove this mode of settlement we then instead thereof are willing to agree with them on the following terms :

That an exact survey be made of the 1000 Acres as above and that we are then willing to release to them in fee our claim to a part thereof, provided they on their parts release in fee to this Board as a body corporate, the remainder, including the three Tracts beforementioned. But we leave it to them to offer us how much of those Lands upon these terms they are willing to release and if we find their offer reasonable we will close with it. Nevertheless should those Indians appear averse to a settlement on either of these proposals we must observe to your Honour that we in such case adhere to the Deed of settlement we have already tendered, because we are fully convinced that the same is consonant to and squares with the Deed the Indians executed to this Board and we do therefore declare that the above offers are made from a sincere of peace, but not from any diffidence of the justness of our claim.

We are Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir, &c.

Signed by order of Common Council.

STEP<sup>n</sup> DE LANCEY, Clerk.

To Sir William Johnson, Bart,  
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.



## GUY JOHNSON AND THE MAGISTRATES OF ALBANY.

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Col. Guy Johnson, who succeeded Sir William Johnson as superintendent of Indian affairs, at the beginning of the Revolution, apprehending some danger, surrounded himself by his Indian allies, whom he persuaded it was the intention of the citizens and authorities of Albany and others, to deprive of their homes and liberties. Finding it necessary to offer some pretext for such a proceeding he wrote the following letter directed to the corporation of the city of Albany, and the magistrates and committee of the township of Schenectady, and sent it by a deputation of Indians, among whom was a Mohawk chief, named Little Abraham, an orator of his nation, commissioned to make a speech on the subject. Messrs. Peter W. Yates, Guy G. Marselis, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer and Leonard Gansevoort were appointed a committee to answer the letter over the signature of the clerk of the board.

### *Letter of Col. Guy Johnson.*

Gentlemen : As the peace and happiness of the Country are objects that every good man should have at heart, I think it highly necessary to acquaint you that for a few days I have been put to the great trouble and expence of fortifying my House and keeping a large body of Men for the defence of my person &c. having received repeated accounts that either the New Englanders or some persons in or about the City of Albany or Town of Schenectady are coming up to a considerable number to seize and imprison me on a ridiculous and malicious report that I intend to make the Indians destroy the Inhabitants or to that effect. The absurdity of this apprehension may easily be seen by men of sence, but as many credulous and ignorant persons may be led astray and inclined to believe it, and as they have already sent down accounts examinations, &c. from busy people here that I can prove to be totally devoid of all foundation. It is become the duty of all those who have authority or influence to disabuse the publick and prevent consequences which I foresee with very great concern and most cordially which may be timely prevented. Any difference in polittical ideas can never justify such extravagant opinions and I little immagined that they should have gained belief amongst any order of people who knew my character, station, the large property I have in the Country and the duties of my office which are to preserve tranquillity amongst the Indians, hear their grievances &c. and prevent them from falling upon the trade and frontiers. These last were greatly threatened by the Indians on account of the disturbances last year between Virginians and Shawanase during which my endeavours prevented the six nations from taking a part that would have sensibly affected the publick, and I appointed (last fall) that the 6 nations should come to me this month in order to receive amongst other things final satisfaction concerning the Lands said to be invaded by the Virginians who have now sent me their answer; in the discharge of this duty I likewise essentially serve the publick. But should I neglect myself and tamely be made prisoner, it is clear to all who know any thing



of Indians that they will not sit down and see their Council fire extinguished and Superintendant driven from his duty, but will come upon the frontiers in revenge with a power sufficient to commit horrid devastation. It is therefore become as necessary to the publick as myself that my person should be defended, but as the measures I am necessitated to take for that purpose may occasion the propagation of additional falsehoods and may at last appear to the Indians in a light that is not for the benefit of the publick, I should heartily wish Gentlemen that you would take such measures for removing these apprehensions as may enable me to discharge my duties (which do not interfere with the publick) without the protection of armed men and the apprehension of insult, and as the publick are much interested in this I must beg to have your answer as soon as possible.

I am Gentlemen your most Humble Servent.

G. JOHNSON.

*Reply to Col. Johnson.*

ALBANY, 22d May, 1775.

Sir: We this day received yours without a date directed to the Magistrates and Committe of Schenectady and to the Mayor and Corporation &c. of Albany, wherein you write that you have received repeated accounts that either the New Englanders or some persons in or about this City or Town of Schenectady are coming up to a considerable number to seize and imprison you on a ridiculous and malicious report that you intend to make the Indians destroy the Inhabitants, or to that effect; and that you in consequence thereof have been put to the great trouble and expense of fortifying your house and keeping a large body of men for the defence of your person, &c. You proceed and say that the absurdity of this apprehension may easily be seen by men of sence, but that as many credulous and ignorant persons may be led astray and inclined to believe it &c. it is become the duty of all those who have authority or influence to disabuse the publick and prevent consequences which you foresee with very great concern.

We are very sorry to learn from you that any groundless reports should have arisen and propagated to your prejudice, considering your character, station and the large property you have in the Country, and we trust that you are so well acquainted with the nature and duties of your office that you will pursue the dictates of an honest heart, and study the interest, peace and welfare of your Country, in which case we presume you need not be apprehensive of any injury in your person or property; neither can we learn or conceive that there either is or has been any intention of taking you captive or offering you any indignity whatsoever, either by the New England people or any of the Inhabitants of this City or any one else, and we have but too much reason to think that these groundless reports have been raised and industriously propagated in your own phraseology by some busy people in your County to rouse up the Indians from their peacefull habitations and take up arms against such of our American brethren as are engaged on the part of America in the unhappy contest between Great Britain and her Colonies. As we conceive this to be the case from the best intelligence we can collect, and as we are of opinion with you, that the absurdity of any apprehensions of your setting up the Indians to destroy the Inhabitants is very apparent and the report groundless, we hope that you may peaceably continue in the duties of your





important station without the necessity of continuing to fortify your house or keeping a large body of armed men for your defence, which we conceive absolutely needless; nor do we conceive that a mere difference in political ideas would have occasioned such extravagant reports, and as you conceive it as necessary to the publick as to yourself that your person should be defended and therefore pray us to remove such ill grounded apprehensions, we can at present only observe that we shall not at any time be wanting in our duty in our respective stations to preserve peace and order in our proper districts. And in consequence of an Address by Little Abraham an Indian Chief in behalf of the Mohawks, interpreted by Sam<sup>l</sup> Kirkland, Missionary, and this day delivered to us in writing, we have given them an answer (of which we inclose you a copy) assuring them they need apprehend no danger to you or to themselves from these public commotions, as the contest occasioning these confusions throughout America is between Great Britain and her American subjects, in which none of the Indians of whatever Nation or Tribe are or can be concerned. As it appears from your Letter that you conceive the station wherein you are placed as Superintendent of Indian affairs to be of the highest importance to the publick, we hope that you will use all possible means in your power to restore peace and tranquillity amongst the Indians and assure them that the report propagated prejudicial to you or them is totally groundless of any just foundation, and that nothing will afford his Majesties subjects in general a greater satisfaction than to be and continue with them on the strictest terms of peace and friendship. A Letter from you to us on a subject of this nature was by us very unexpected and we conceive improper as we are of another County a corporate body and six of the members of this Board not Majestrates, however we hope this our interposition may be of service to you and to the country in general.

We are your Humble Servents, The Mayor, Aldermen  
and Common Council of the City of Albany.  
STEP<sup>N</sup> DE LANCEY, Clerk.

To Col<sup>l</sup> Guy Johnson Esq.,  
Superintendant of Indian Affairs.

*Speech of Little Abraham.*

A Speech of the Mohawks to the Magistrates and Committee of the Town of Schenectady, and Mayor, Corporation and Committee of the City of Albany, &c., delivered by Little Abraham.

Brothers: Our present situation is very disagreeable and alarming, what we never expected, wherefore desire to know what is designed by the reports that are spread amongst us; we hear that Companies and Troops are coming from one quarter to another to molest us, particularly that a large body are hourly expected from New England to apprehend and take away by violence our Superintendant and extinguish our Council fire, for what reason we know not.

Brothers: We desire you would inform us if you know of any such design on foot either by the New England people or in your vicinity and not deceive us in this matter for the consequence will be important and extencive.

Brothers: We shall support and defend our Superintendant and not see our Council fire extinguished. We have no inclination or purpose of



interfering in the dispute between Old England and Boston, the white people may settle their own quarrels between themselves we shall never meddle in these matters or be the aggressors, if we are let alone, we have for a long time lived in great peace with one another and desire ever to continue so. But should our Superintendant be taken from us we dread the consequences; the whole confederacy would resent it and all their allies, and as reports now are we should not know where to find our enemies, the innocent might fall with the guilty. We are so desirous of maintaining peace that we are unwilling the Six Nations should know the bad reports spread amongst us, and threats given out.

Brothers, we desire you will satisfy us as to your knowledge of the foundation of these reports and what your views are, and not deceive us in a matter of so much importance.

ABRAHAM, Chief.

Interpreted by Sam<sup>l</sup> Kirkland, Missy, May 20, 1775.

*Reply to Little Abraham.*

The Answer of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany to a Speech of the Mohawks delivered by one of their Chiefs, called Little Abraham :

Brethren, we are very sorry to hear that any reports are spread abroad amongst you to make you uneasy.

The companies of Troops you mention coming from one quarter to another are by no means intended to molest you, you need apprehend no such design, these reports are groundless; nor have the New England people any intention that we know of or can learn to injure you in the least, they are your friends not your enemies, nor will they apprehend and take away your Superintendant and attempt to extinguish your Council fire. These are false reports and we suppose raised and propagated in your parts, we know of no such intention nor would we suffer it if in our power to prevent. The cause of all this uneasiness in North America is a dispute between Old England and all her Colonies here, not Boston alone but it is a general dispute.

We have always been on great terms of Friendship with your fathers and grand fathers and wish to continue so with you, and hope even yours and our children may live together in peace.



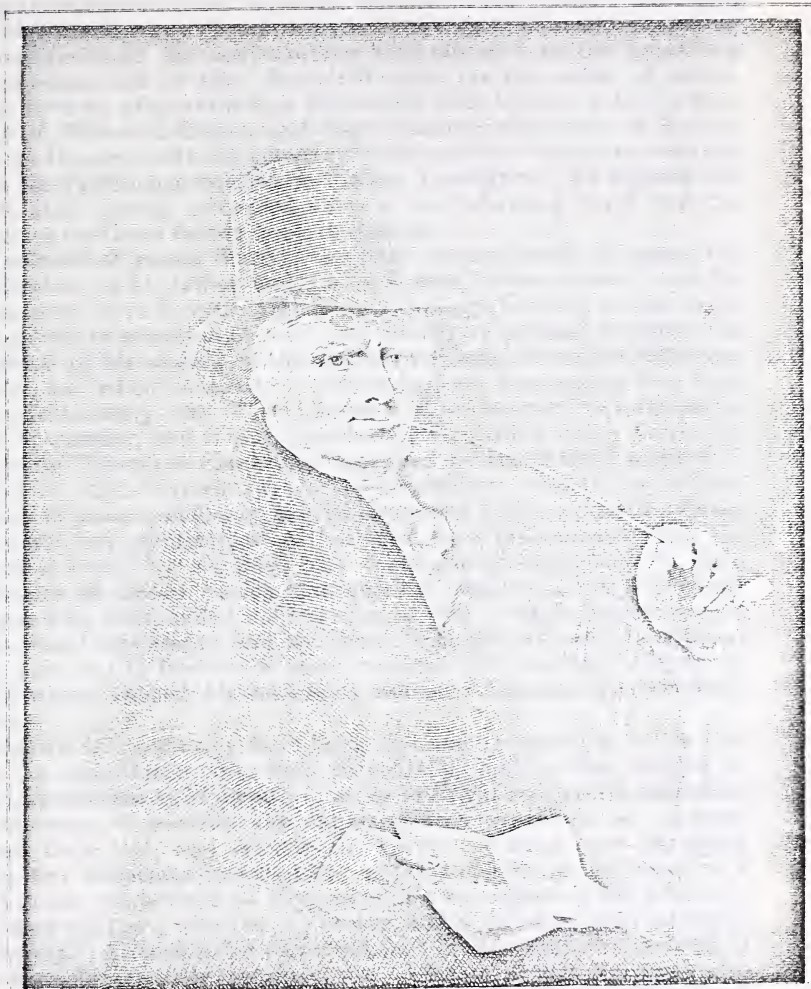
## MEMOIR OF ELKANAH WATSON.

Elkanah Watson was the sixth in descent from Robert Watson, who came to Plymouth in 1623. He was born 22d of January, 1758, at Plymouth. He was descended, in the sixth generation on his mother's side from Edward Winslow, third governor of the colony. His father and nearly all his relatives were zealous whigs and joined heartily by personal prowess and pecuniary contributions in the great struggle for national independence. He remained till the age of fourteen at the ordinary common school in his native town. His teachers were Alexander Scammell and Peleg Wadsworth, both afterwards distinguished officers in the army. They, in common with other patriotic spirits, saw the gathering clouds, and not far distant the Revolutionary tempest. They studied military tactics intently. They formed the boys in their school into a military company which soon gave it the air of an arsenal, with their wooden guns and tin bayonets suspended around the walls. "Piping times of peace" have since intervened for many years. Divines and moralists of all denominations and shades have preached absolute peace and non-resistance; and, if they have preached vengeance at all, have dealt it most heavily upon the head of him who should teach the art of war, or convince that it could ever again be required in our country.

Children should not even be indulged with military playthings, and the song of the Shepherd Boy in Sir Philip Sidney's *Arcadia*, "piping as though he never should be old," seemed literally a true picture of our peaceful lot and was presumed to be eternal. But with less prophetic vision and less preparation than even at that period, the cry "to arms" is now again rung in our ears, and almost precisely the same scenes are reënacted at the present day. The children have their military playthings, the boys their wooden guns, our teachers march out their scholars as Scammell and Wadsworth did in 1776—the shepherd boy's song is hushed, and he, in common with others of all professions and trades, is thoroughly trained in all the arts of war. The love of our country has convinced us that it is our duty to fight; our souls are fired for battle, while the afflictions and bereavements which are the consequence, weigh heavily on our hearts.

Young Watson imbibed the spirit of his day. He learned his lesson well, and at the age of fifteen, in September, 1773, he left Plymouth for Providence, to become an apprentice with John Brown, a benefactor of Brown University, and then one of the most enterprising merchants in our country. In that year the tea was destroyed at Boston, and the difficulties with England were assuming a very serious aspect. The young men of Providence formed themselves into military associations, and often met to drill. He enrolled himself in the Cadet company commanded by Col. Nightingale. The uniform was a scarlet coat faced with yellow. The five companies formed in Providence were reviewed by the celebrated Gen. Lee in





Engraved by J. H. Smith.

## ELKANAH WATSON.

*Printer of the New York Canals and Agricultural Societies.*





the autumn of 1774, and received from him the highest encomiums. "On the intelligence of the march upon Lexington, the five Providence companies flew to arms" says Mr. Watson in his journal. He spent the night with many of the company running bullets and preparing ammunition, and the next morning they marched, notwithstanding the proclamation of Gov. Joseph Wanton, for the scene of action. Capt. Greene, afterwards the celebrated Gen. Greene, with his company of Warwick Greens, and Capt. Varnum, afterwards a Revolutionary General, with his company of Greenwich Volunteers, marched with the Providence companies toward Lexington. An express met them, after having advanced a few miles, informing them that the regulars had been driven back to Boston.

The mind of young Watson was fixed upon entering the army, but application to his father and to Mr. Brown, to be released from his indentures, were in vain. Mr. Brown, finding the army almost destitute of every munition of war, particularly of powder, directed the captains of his vessels on their return voyages, to freight with that article, and when the army at Boston had not four rounds to a man, most fortunately, one of Mr. Brown's ships brought in a ton and a half of powder, and it was immediately forwarded under the charge of young Watson to Cambridge, attended by six or eight recruits to guard it. Mr. Watson says: "I delivered my letter to Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington in person, and was deeply impressed with an emotion I cannot describe in contemplating that great man, his august person, his majestic mein, his dignified and commanding deportment." Soon after this Mr. Brown having contracted to supply the army of Washington with flour, sailed for Providence with a cargo from Newport. This vessel was seized, and Mr. Brown was himself made a prisoner, and was sent to Boston in irons, charged with heading a party, in 1772, which burned his majesty's schooner *Gaspée*, in Providence river.

The whole community were indignant and exasperated at his seizure. A consultation was held immediately and it was decided to send an express to Plymouth in order to fit out two armed schooners to intercept, if possible, the captured flour vessel, in her passage round Cape Cod, and release Mr. Brown. Watson was entrusted with that important mission, and with his musket at his back, on a fleet horse, he arrived at Plymouth at two o'clock in the morning, alarmed the town with the cry of fire, and aroused up the committee of safety. At sunrise he was awakened by the beat of the drum to muster volunteers for the enterprise. By two o'clock the same day, he with sixty to eighty others embarked on board two dilapidated fishing schooners equipped with two old cannon each, and with powder loose in barrels. They sailed reckless of consequences, determined to secure Mr. Brown. They had no commission, and had they been captured, would probably have been hung as pirates with little formality. They cruised ten days east of Cape Cod without success, and being pursued by a twenty gun ship, finally escaped into Plymouth. Thus young Watson sailed at the age of seventeen from the place of his nativity, in probably the first vessel that opposed the British flag, and but a few rods from the rock upon which our forefathers landed, one hundred and fifty-five years before, in the asser-



tion of that liberty which was then bravely defended by their descendants. Mr. Brown was soon after released through the interposition of his brother, Moses Brown, the conspicuous and eminent Quaker of Providence.

The commerce of Providence was prostrated by the war, and in August, 1777, Mr. Brown and his brother Nicholas proposed to Mr. Watson to take charge of about fifty thousand dollars to carry on horseback to South Carolina, and deposit in the hands of agents for investment in cargoes for European markets. He started on the 4th of September, with a good horse under him, a hanger at his side and a pair of pistols in his holsters, passing through Virginia, via Fredericksburg, Williamsburgh, Jamestown, Suffolk, Edenton near Pamlico sound, through Newbern, Wilmington, Georgetown, N. C., and other places we now so often see in our papers as being in the track, the din and jargon of our present war, arriving at Charleston, S. C., after two and a half months travel, on the 18th of November. Here he delivered the funds which he had carried the entire journey in the quilted lining of his coat. On the 15th of January, 1788, a large portion of Charleston was accidentally burnt, while he was yet tarrying there.

Mr. Watson left Charleston January 29th, and continued his journey to Port Royal. He says of Port Royal Island: "Here are a few rice plantations—the staple is indigo—and some cotton is cultivated for domestic purposes, but as it is difficult to disentangle the fibre from the seed, its extensive culture is not attempted, although it eminently flourishes in this climate and is a most important article. Every evening we noticed the Negroes, old and young, clustered in their huts around their pine knot fires, plucking the obstinate seed from the cotton." This was of course before the great invention of the cotton gin by the celebrated Eli Whitney. Mr. Watson states that Beaufort contained about seventy houses besides public buildings at that time. He says "mutual antipathies and prejudices predominated at the south previous to the Revolution; and we had every reason to apprehend that, if not allayed by wise and prudent measures, they would have resulted in a dismemberment of the confederacy."

Gen. John Winslow, Mr. Watson's mother's uncle, a noble, generous and accomplished man, a distinguished officer in the French war, was from the first of our Revolutionary difficulties, an assertor and defender of the rights and prerogatives of royalty, and subsequently held some judicial position in Plymouth colony. Mr. Watson speaks of remembering to have seen him "going in procession as a member of the Court, from his quarters to the Court-house. The Judges were clothed in robes of scarlet, and the clerk bore before them some formidable insignia of their power, the high sheriff with a drawn sword, and the deputies and constables with their staves, making up the escort." The jury were also in the procession. "This was the pomp and etiquette," says Mr. W., "royalty reflected at that period upon every department of the colonial government."

On the 22d of January, 1779, Mr. Watson having attained the age of twenty-one, and having been deeply disappointed by the effects of the war in his expectations of establishment in life, was



induced to accept proposals made to him by Mr. Brown, with whom he had served his time, and others, to proceed to France in association with them, and sailed August 4, 1779, in the *Mercury*, Capt. Simeon Sampson (one of the most efficient naval commanders in the Revolution). He had for fellow passengers Maj. Knox, brother to Gen. Knox and others. The French frigate *La Sensible*, from Brest, having on board John Adams, and the first French Ambassador to our young republic, Mr. Gérard, had dropped anchor about an hour before, and Mr. Watson and others went on board to receive their commands for France. The *Mercury* arrived off the coast of France and dropped anchor abreast the walls of St. Martin, a city of the Ile de Rhé. The American Consul, Mr. Craig, came on board with several officers. The captain and Maj. Knox received them in full U. S. uniform, and as they landed on the quay, it was thronged with the populace to see (as they esteemed the passengers), "the North American savages." They had despatches of the utmost importance to the French government, and to our Ambassador, Dr. Franklin, then at Passy, whither they proceeded by land. Our insurrection having broken out in Boston, the French population confounded the whole nation with our city, and as Mr. Watson, Maj. Knox and the Consul mounted their mules and trotted briskly over the pavements of St. Martin, they were followed by a crowd, and their ears were constantly assailed with the cry of "Voilà les braves Bostonnes" (there go the brave Bostonians).

Mr. Watson visited La Rochelle, the stronghold of the Huguenots of France, from whom have since sprung, in our own country, some of the best and truest citizens of our republic. La Vendée, Nantes, Angers, Versailles, Paris, and other places, were visited by Mr. Watson, and noticed in short but comprehensive descriptions in his journal. His first interview with Dr. Franklin, of whom he had heard familiarly from his cradle, was at Passy. He says, his image was vividly pictured on his mind, and is well delineated in Trumbull's picture of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. W. dined with Dr. Franklin soon after, and his description of the party, the ceremony, &c., is very interesting. He says: "Few foreigners have been presented to the Court of St. Cloud, who have acquired so much influence and popularity as Dr. Franklin. I have seen the populace attend his carriage in the manner they followed the king's."

Mr. Watson left Paris on the 20th of October, 1781, upon a tour through the western provinces of France and the Netherlands. He visited Peronné, Lisle, Ostend, Brussels, and Bruges, noticing particularly the canals of the latter place—the information thus obtained being afterwards of great value to him as a strong and intelligent advocate of the great canals since made in western New York, and other parts of our country.

Mr. Watson called upon Hon. Silas Deane at Ghent, of whom he speaks with some remarks, in accordance with the prejudices of interested individuals, but in the publication of Mr. Watson's *Men and Times of the Revolution*, he says: "I owe it to truth and justice, to record his vindication from these strictures by a potent pen," and there inserts a letter from John Trumbull, the brilliant author of



McFingal, to whose criticism Mr. Watson had submitted his manuscripts.<sup>1</sup>

In 1782, Mr. Watson obtained a passport from Dr. Franklin and went over to England. Dr. F. also furnished him with letters to some of the most eminent philosophers and statesmen of England, among them Drs. Priestly and Price, and Hon. Edmund Burke. He went directly from Dover to London, and afterwards visited Birmingham, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath, Bristol, Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, and other places. He met at Birmingham the celebrated loyalist, Chief Justice Oliver, conspicuous in the early days of the American Revolution, and also a son of Gov. Hutchinson. He there saw Dr. Priestly, Mr. Watt, the inventor of the steam-engine, and other distinguished characters. He was much interested in the canals at Birmingham. Mr. Watson says in his journal: "With Dr. Franklin, always kind and familiar, I could hold converse as with a venerated father; but Burke seemed a being of another sphere."

Soon after Mr. W.'s arrival in England, he dined with Copley, the distinguished painter, a Bostonian by birth, and came to the conclusion to expend a hundred guineas which he had just easily obtained for a splendid portrait of himself by that celebrated artist.

"The painting was finished," says Mr. W. in his journal, "in most admirable style, except the back ground, which Copley and I designed to represent a ship, bearing to America the acknowledgment of independence, with a sun just rising upon the stripes of the Union streaming from her gaff. All was complete save the flag, which Copley did not deem prudent to hoist under present circumstances, as his gallery is a constant resort of the royal family and the nobility. I dined with the artist on the glorious 5th of December, 1782, after listening with him to the speech of the king, formally recognizing the United States of America as in the rank of nations. Previous to dining, and immediately after our return from the house of lords, he invited me into his studio, and there, with a bold hand, a master's touch, and I believe an American heart, attached to the ship the *stars and stripes*. This was, I imagine, *the first American flag hoisted in Old England*."

Mr. Watson was conducted to the house of lords by the Earl of Ferriers, who on leaving him at the door whispered in his ears: "Get as near the throne as you can; fear nothing." He found himself elbow to elbow with the celebrated Lord Admiral Howe. He there met both Copley and West (the artist), with some American ladies. The king's speech, in which the colonies were allowed to be free and independent, was delivered at that time. When the following passage was delivered by the king, "I have pointed all my views and measures in Europe, as in North America, to an entire and cordial reconciliation with the colonies. Finding it indispensable to the attainment of this object, I did not hesitate to go the full length of the powers invested in me, and offer to declare them"—"Here," says Mr. Watson, "he paused, and was in evident agitation; either embarrassed in reading his speech by the darkness of the room, or op-

<sup>1</sup> See page 152 of *Men and Times of the Revolution*, to which volume we are indebted for most of the facts in this memoir relative to Mr. Watson.





pressed by a *natural emotion*. In a moment he resumed—"and offer to declare them *free and independent states*," &c. "George III," Mr. W. says, "was celebrated for reading his speeches in a distinct, free and impressive manner."

On the 26th of May, 1784, Mr. Watson left London for Holland, by way of Harwich. He visited Rotterdam, Delft Haven, the Hague, Leyden, Haarlem, Amsterdam, Antwerp, and other places, and of all, gives intelligent notices and descriptions in his journal. He returned to London in a few months, and spent an evening just previous to his departure for home in company with Surgeon Sharp in his capacious library at the house of his brother, the well known philanthropist, Granville Sharp. Dr. Sharp entrusted to him two bundles of books, embracing his entire publications on emancipation and other congenial topics, directed to Gen. Washington.

Mr. W. had previously noticed in that library of Dr. Sharp, the *Memoirs and Letters of Ignatius Sancho*, an educated African. It riveted his attention, caused him to buy the work and to seek the humble residence of his widow, of whom the letters in the memoir written by Ignatius, spoke with so much affection. On the 21st of August, 1784, he embarked on board the *George Washington*, Capt. Smith on his return to America, arriving, after an absence of five years, at Providence, early in October, being so much changed by time and travel, that he was not at first recognized by Mr. Brown.

On the 3d of December, he embarked in a sloop packet for New York with Rufus King, Elbridge Gerry and Judge Sullivan on their way to Congress. Mr. W. remained in New York, about a month in the family of his uncle John Sloss Hobart, from thence he went to Philadelphia, Maryland, Delaware and Mount Vernon, where he delivered to Washington the books in his charge from Dr. Sharp. Mr. Watson says: "I remained alone in the society of Washington for two days, the richest of my life." Much of the conversation of Washington, was upon the interior of the country, and in regard to improving the navigation of the Potomac by canals and locks, in which he was deeply absorbed. He allowed Mr. Watson to take minutes from his journals on the subject. At this period, Mr. Watson became greatly occupied in plans for internal navigation and improvements, and to him afterwards, in a very great measure, was New York indebted for her splendid chain of internal communication; and to no one, excepting Gov. De Witt Clinton, does that state owe more of its material prosperity previous to the new impetus of rail roads.

While Mr. Watson was in England, he contributed to the relief of Col. Silas Talbot, a native of Dighton, Mass., one of the bravest commanders of our Revolution, who was captured by the British, first imprisoned in the Jersey prison ship, afterwards in the Old Sugar House in New York, and finally in Mill Prison, near Plymouth, Eng. In 1788, Mr. W. made a tour from Providence, to the western part of Massachusetts and New York state, calling at Johnson Hall, Johnson-town, N. Y., formerly the seat of Sir Wm. Johnson, and then owned and occupied by Colonel or Commodore Silas Talbot, whom he had aided while in prison in England, as before stated.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See the *Life of Silas Talbot, a Commodore in the Navy of the United States*. By H. T. Tuckerman. New York: J. C. Riker. 1850.



It was from this tour of observation that Mr. Watson was induced in 1789 to remove from Providence to Albany. At this time, not more than five New England families were residents in Albany. Mr. Watson, by the power of his pen in the public journals and his personal efforts, effected numerous local improvements in that city.

While visiting Philadelphia in 1792, Mr. Watson visited the grave of Franklin, and mentions in his journal that his last interview with Franklin, who was then eighty years of age, occurred in 1786, at which interview Dr. Franklin observed, soon after entering the room, that "all his own friends were dead, and he found himself alone in the midst of a new generation; and he added, a remark alike characteristic of the man and the philosopher, he was in their way, and it was time he were off the stage; yet he delighted a circle of young people, the whole evening, with pleasing anecdotes and interesting stories; for, in his old age he was a most interesting companion of youth."

In 1791 Mr. Watson took a tour through the interior of New York state in company with Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Gen. Philip Van Cortlandt and Stephen N. Bayard, Esq., the object being to scrutinise opinions on the subject of an inland navigation, which had been suggested by his former investigations.

By his efforts in promotion of internal improvements, Mr. Watson became intimately acquainted with Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, and with many other eminent and conspicuous men of the state.

In June, 1807, Mr. Watson retired from the city, and purchased a farm, on which was an elegant mansion, near the beautiful village of Pittsfield, Mass., where, at the age of fifty, he adopted the pursuit of agriculture, remarking that "he had embraced it at too late a period of life—after his habits and feelings had been moulded by a long residence in cities."

Here he resided nine or ten years, in which his most effective and valuable labors were exercised in the promotion of agriculture and manufactures. He procured the first pair of Merino sheep that had been introduced into Berkshire county.<sup>1</sup> "I was induced," he says, in the *History of the Berkshire Agricultural Society*, published in 1820, "to notify an exhibition under the lofty elm tree, on the public square in Pittsfield, of my two Merino sheep," which attracted many farmers and others. From this he was induced to effect a display of different animals in larger numbers, and thus was initiated the first agricultural fairs and cattle shows in the country. The wool of the two sheep referred to was manufactured into cloth with great pains, and far excelled any woollen fabric that had yet appeared in our country. It was spoken of in the papers of the day, and samples of it were exhibited in the principal cities. This was the origin of woollen factories in Berkshire county. At the winter session of the Legislature in 1808, the Berkshire Agricultural Society was

<sup>1</sup> The first pair of Merino sheep imported into this country was brought by Wm. Foster, Esq., of Boston, in 1793. In 1802, Gen. David Humphreys of Connecticut, when minister to Spain under Mr. Jefferson, imported 200. Chancellor Livingston imported a few in 1809-10; the late Hon. Wm. Jarvis of Weathersfield, Vt., imported very largely, and to him more than to any other man, is due the rapid advance in the manufactures of fine wool. See *Patent Office Report on Agriculture*, 1861, p. 259.



incorporated, and the autumn of the same year an exhibition was held at Pittsfield. In a procession on the occasion, which was novel and imposing, "were sixty-nine oxen connected by chains, drawing a plough held by the oldest man in the county, and each member of the society was decorated with a badge of wheat in his hat. A platform upon wheels followed drawn by oxen, bearing a broadcloth loom and spinning jenny, both in operation by English artists, as the stage moved along," &c., &c.

In February, 1816, Mr. Watson returned to his former residence in Albany, abandoning rural scenes, flocks and herds. At that time the Agricultural society passed a vote that a premium be offered annually for the best blooded merino buck produced at the fair, in the form of a silver cup, of the value of \$12, on which should be engraved the "Watson Cup."

Mr. Watson, for several succeeding years, in an extensive and voluminous correspondence in the United States and in Europe, aided the formation of agricultural societies, and advanced the general cause of agriculture, by diffusing the results of his own experience. Among Mr. Watson's correspondents were Jefferson, John and John Quincy Adams, and Madison.

Mr. Watson, in 1828, removed from Albany to Port Kent, on Lake Champlain—a village which had been formed chiefly by himself—a position favorably situated as a depot for the vast manufacturing products of the Au Sable river, and of unsurpassed beauty. The place received its name from Chancellor Kent.

Mr. Watson delivered an address or speech at Montpelier, Vt., at an agricultural meeting in 1830; at Keeseville, N. Y., in 1833, on Temperance, and frequently was he called from his retirement at Port Kent to join in the festivals of various agricultural societies, of all which he may be said to be the father; and finally by particular solicitation, he attended, in October, 1837, the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Berkshire society, at the venerable age of seventy-nine, and upon this occasion he delivered his last address before the society. "It was his valedictory," as his son remarks, "to all these associations; and here appropriately terminated his public course." The closing paragraph of his address was in the following words: "Permit me, gentlemen, bending under the weight of years, once more to bid you an affectionate—a final adieu. That the Eternal may continue to shower his benedictions on your heads, and inspire your hearts and those of your descendants in process of time, to uphold and sustain the society in all its original purity, through many generations, is my earnest prayer: once more, a long, long farewell."

The remaining five years of the life of Mr. Watson were spent at Port Kent, where, as his physical powers gradually failed, attended at times with severe suffering and prostration, he prepared in calmness and resignation for his departure. His intellectual powers remained unimpaired, and his mental industry unabated. His pen was his solace, and his last thoughts clung to those themes to which his life had been consecrated. His devotedness to public concerns impaired his private fortune, while it attested the purity and disinterestedness of his motives. He died at Port Kent, Dec. 5,



1842, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. A plain and simple obelisk bearing an appropriate inscription, marks his grave.

Elkanah Watson published among others the following works:

*History of Agricultural Societies on the Modern Berkshire System.* 8vo. Albany, 1820.

*History of the Rise and Progress, and Existing Condition of the Western Canals in the State of New York, 1788-1819.* 8vo. Albany, 1820.

*The Rise and Progress and Existing State of Modern Agricultural Societies.* 8vo. Albany, 1820.

*A Tour in Holland in 1784.* By an American. 8vo. Worcester, 1790.

*History of Canals.*

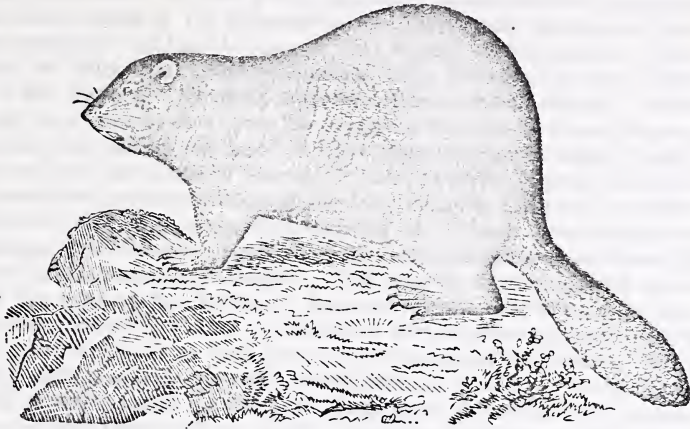


DUTCH HOUSE, ERECTED 1710.  
Corner of North Pearl and Columbia Streets.





## THE BEAVER.

CASTOR—*Linnaeus*.

**Description.** Body thick and clumsy, enlarging gradually from the head backwards. Head broad and conical, flattened above. Nose large and obtuse, divided, furnished with strong whiskers. Eyes small and black. Ears short, rounded, and almost concealed in the fur. Neck short and thick. Fore feet small and short, with separate toes; the five claws stout and compressed, the central one longest, the outer and inner shortest. Hind feet with elongated soles; the toes connected throughout their whole length by a stout membrane. Tail broad, flattened, rather pointed at the end, and (except at its origin, where it is furnished for some distance with short hair), it is covered with sub-hexagonal scales, not imbricated, with a few scattering hairs in the interstices. Incisors very robust, smooth, flat and yellowish in front, rounded and white behind. Molars above directed backward and outward; of the lower jaw, forward and inward. The surfaces of the molars represent elliptical and irregular figures, caused by the foldings of the enamel; they are almost impossible to describe except by figures, and must change with age and continued trituration. The fur consists of two sorts; one composed of long, stiff and elastic hairs, the other of a fine soft down. Glandular sacs containing castoreum, or a strong musky grease or unctuous substance, near the anus.

**Color.** The long and coarse hair chestnut brown; the downy fur beneath, light plumbeous or silver grey. There are occasional varieties, entirely black, or wholly black or mottled. Length of head and body 24 to 36 inches; of tail 8 to 12 inches.—*Nat. Hist. of New York*.

The Beaver is a fur-bearing amphibious animal, of the order *rodentia*, or gnawers. They are common to the northern and north temperate latitudes both of Europe and America; but are very rare in the middle latitudes, and are unknown in the south, even of Europe. They formerly abounded in England so far south as Berkshire, and some persons suppose that oral tradition still survives relating to their existence in that island. Whether this be the case or not, which is open to doubt, it is certain that their bones are found in great numbers, in some districts, in the accumulations



of peat in the fens, and on marshy river borders. Within a very recent period, beavers were abundant in all that country which constitutes the northern, middle, and western states of the United States; as the large number of their dams, and of the beautiful level beaver meadows, caused by the accumulation of soil and filling up their ponds by alluvial matter, sufficiently indicates. In New York, especially in the western portion of the state, these relics of the industrious and intelligent *rodentia* are particularly numerous; and in the map of that region in Pinkerton's Atlas, published in 1815, the country between Lake Oswegatchie and Lake Oneida is laid down as "a marshy tract full of beavers and otters;" nor is it, indeed, very certain, that some few scattered families of these interesting *amphibia* may not be yet found in that singular region, which is still almost as wild as the northern shores of Lake Superior, among the Adirondac mountains, and the sources of the Hudson river. Recent scientific observers have also seen what they believed to be fresh beaver signs on the Mushannon, in Centre county, Pa., and assert the present existence of the animal in Tennessee and Georgia. The gradual clearing up and cultivation of the country has, however, banished them, mile after mile; and day after day, from the haunts of intrusive and encroaching man, until they are now scarcely to be found, at all, on this side of the streams which have their springs among the roots of the Rocky mountains. Even there, also, such unwearied war do the wild trappers of the various fur companies wage against them, and so largely tempting to white cupidity have been the sums paid for their spoils, that they are rapidly decreasing, and will, it is probable, ere long become extinct. It has been said, however, that the application of silk to the manufacture of hats, and the large use which has been made in late years of plain felt of different qualities, by causing a very material fall in the price of beaver, has procured them such a respite—the trappers no longer caring to labor so assiduously for the decreasing compensation—that they are again becoming numerous in places where they were a few years since almost extinct.—*New American Cyclopedia*, III, 30.

The skins of this animal formed the most important article of commerce with the colonists from the earliest period in the history of the country. In 1624, 400 beaver skins were exported, and it is stated by Mr. De Kay in the *Natural History*, I, 73, that in 1635, 14,891 were exported, and that the whole number in ten years was 80,183. Adrian Vander Donck says full eighty thousand were annually shipped to Europe; and Governor Dongan, writing at a later period, says, that the annual export to England alone was from thirty-five to forty thousand, which in 1687 had decreased to nine thousand. The activity of the trade necessarily resulted in their extermination within the borders of this state, where they seem most to have abounded; insomuch that the curators of the Collection of Natural History in the Geological Rooms at Albany, sought a long time for this animal within the state, and finally obtained two, which may be considered very inferior and degenerated specimens of their order.

Beaver skins and wampum for many years formed the currency of the country. The price fluctuated no doubt, for there would necessarily be a lack of stability in such a currency, which renders it difficult now to reconcile discrepancies in prices stated two centuries ago. The price of beaver skins in 1641 was 8 gilders, which should be nearly \$3.20; in



1683, 2 pieces of 8, which should be \$2. The latter may have been a specie price. They are sometimes reckoned as low as 2 shillings 6 pence, perhaps for poor ones; also at 6 skipplis of wheat, which was 12s. (\$1.50). In 1642, beaver skins which measured an ell square were sold for six fathoms of wampum, and rose to 10 fathoms in the following year. The accounts of the Dutch church indicate that a gilder in wampum was equivalent to 12½ cents in specie. It therefore may be difficult to bring the prices of beaver skins, as stated in the accounts of the seventeenth century, to a specie standard, or to get a just idea of their value in a modern currency.

The engraving at the head of this article is copied from the volume of the Natural History of New York on Mammalia. The specimens which have passed through the hands of the taxidermist, and are deposited in the Geological Rooms, would hardly be recognized as belonging to the same order of animals. If they properly represent the shape of the beaver, the artist has drawn a good deal upon fancy for this *design*; for it is hardly possible to find among the animals distended with straw in that collection, a more unattractive one than the beaver, and the visitor has all the admiration which he has gathered from the books of his habits and exploits taken away at a glance, and turns from him with disappointment, if not with disgust. It is doubtful if the same ingenuity and skill which has been displayed in giving graceful postures to the other animals in the collection, has been extended to these descendants of an ill-fated race.

The descriptions which are given of this animal, are various, and modern writers allude with severity to the romance which has been indulged in by the older historians and travelers.

The account below is taken from *Sansom's Travels*, and is as reliable, perhaps, as any of the popular descriptions which are given of the habits of this interesting animal:

That sagacious and persevering animal, the Beaver, is the proper emblem of republican America, and was so adopted by Franklin, in his design for the continental bills. He is a pattern of conjugal fidelity and paternal care. Laborious, thrifty, frugal, watchful, and ingenious. He submits to government in the republican form for the benefits of political association; but is never known, in the most powerful communities, to make depredations upon his weaker neighbors.

On the first arrival of Europeans in Canada, the beaver was found of the size of four feet in length, and the weight of fifty or sixty pounds; but all animals, hunted for their furs, or skins, have become much less, or rather have been prevented from becoming so large, as they were before the approach of civilized man. He is now rarely met with of a greater length than three feet, or a greater weight than twenty-five to thirty pounds.

The back of this remarkable animal rises like an arc. His teeth are long, broad, strong, and sharp. Four of these, two above and two below, are called incisors. These teeth project one or two inches, and are curved like a gouge. The toes of his fore-feet are separated, as if designed to answer the purpose of fingers. His hind-feet are fitted with webs, adapted to the purpose of swimming. His tail is a foot long, an inch thick, and five or six inches broad: it accordingly serves the purpose of a trowel in plastering his dam.

Wherever a number of these animals come together, they immediately combine, in society, to perform the common business of constructing their



habitations; apparently acting under the most intelligent design. Though there is no appearance indicating the authority of a chief or leader, yet no contention or disagreement is ever observed among them.

When a sufficient number of them is collected to form a town, the public business is first attended to: and, as they are amphibious animals, provision is to be made for spending their time, occasionally, both in and out of the water. In conformity to this law of their nature, they seek a situation which is adapted to both these purposes.

With this view, a lake or pond, sometimes a running stream, is pitched upon. If it be a lake or pond, the water in it is always deep enough to admit of their swimming under the ice. If it be a stream, it is always such a stream as will form a pond that shall be every way convenient for their purpose; and such is their forecast, that they never fix upon a situation that will not eventually answer their views.

Their next business is to construct a dam. This is always placed in the most convenient part of the stream; the form of it is either straight, rounding, or angular, as the peculiarities of the situation require; and no human ingenuity could improve their labors in these respects.

The materials they use, are wood and earth. They choose a tree on the river-side which will readily fall across the stream; and some of them apply themselves with diligence to cut it through with their teeth. Others cut down smaller trees, which they divide into equal and convenient lengths. Some drag these pieces to the brink of the river, and others swim with them to the spot where the dam is forming.

As many as can find room are engaged in sinking one end of these stakes; and as many more in raising, fixing, and securing the other ends of them. Others are employed at the same time in carrying on the plastering part of the work. The earth is brought in their mouths, formed into a kind of mortar with their feet and tails; and this is spread over the intervals between the stakes, saplings and twigs being occasionally interwoven with the mud and slime.

Where two or three hundred beavers are united, these dams are from six to twelve feet thick at the bottom; at the top, not more than two or three. In that part of the dam which is opposed to the current, the stakes are placed obliquely; but on that side where the water is to fall over, they are placed in a perpendicular direction.

These dams are sometimes a hundred feet in length, and always of the exact height which will answer their purposes.

The ponds thus formed, sometimes cover five or six hundred acres. They generally spread over grounds abounding with trees and bushes of the softest wood, maple, birch, poplar, willow, &c., and, to preserve the dams against inundation, the beaver always leaves sluices near the middle, for the redundant water to pass off.

When the public works are completed, the beavers separate into small companies, to build cabins or houses for themselves. These are built upon piles, along the borders of the pond. They are of an oval construction, resembling a bee-hive; and they vary from four to ten feet in diameter, according to the number of families they are to accommodate.

These dwellings are never less than two stories high, generally three; and sometimes they contain four apartments. The walls of these are from two to three feet thick, formed of the same materials with the dams. On the inside they are made smooth, but left rough without, being rendered





impenetrable to rain. The lower story is about two feet high, the second is formed by a floor of sticks covered with mud, and the upper apartment terminates with an arched roof. Through each floor there is a passage, and the uppermost floor is always above the level of the water.

Each of these huts has two doors, one on the land-side, to admit of their going out and seeking provision that way; another under the water and below where it freezes, to preserve their communication with the pond.

No association of people can possibly appear more happy, or be better regulated than the tribe of beavers. The male and female always pair. In September they lay up their winter's stock, which consists of bark, and the tender twigs of trees. Then commences the season of love and repose; and during the winter they remain within, every one enjoying the fruits of his own labor, without pilfering from any other.

Towards spring the females bring forth their young, to the number of three or four. Soon after, the male retires to gather firs and vegetables, as the spring opens; but the dam remains at home, to nurse and rear up their young. The male occasionally returns home, but not to tarry, until the end of the year; yet, if any injury should happen to their works, the whole society are soon collected by some unknown means, and they join all their forces to repair the injury which has been sustained.

Whenever an enemy approaches their village, the beaver who first perceives the unwelcome stranger, strikes on the water with his tail, to give notice of the approaching danger; and the whole careful tribe instantly plunge into the water.

The fur of this wonderful animal, which is so much prized in commerce, is an interior coat, there being a double growth of it over all parts of the body; the outer and longer being of an inferior quality, while the inner, being thus preserved from air and injury, is thick, fine, and as soft as silk. The sacks which contain the precious oil, used in medicine under the name of castoreum, lie concealed behind the kidneys.

They vary very much in color. The most esteemed shade is black, and they have been found perfectly white; but the general color of the species is a chestnut-brown.

In a state of nature undisturbed by barbarous and selfish man, this provident animal lives fifteen or twenty years, and prepares the way for several generations, adapting his dwellings to the increase of his family.



## ST. PETER'S CHURCH AND OTHER MATTERS.

This church had its origin in the efforts of the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, which began to employ missionaries in this quarter about the year 1700. The Rev. Thomas Barelay was chaplain to the fort in 1708. He was a zealous and persevering missionary, possessing more shrewdness and energy than his predecessors, which led him to acquire the language of the people, and to preach to them in Dutch. We learn from his report to the society in 1710, that shunning all controversies, he taught such fundamental doctrines as were necessary and tended most to promote piety and a good life. He says that he used all moderation towards dissenters in this country, that he lived in entire friendship with Dominie Lydius, the Dutch Reformed minister, who sent his own children to him to be catechised, and that he had brought over one Quaker, and christened him on the first of January. The Dutch appreciated the advantages which their children would derive from a knowledge of the English language, and he had a considerable number who could distinctly say the catechism and make the responses at prayers in that language. With a steady eye to the advantages to be gained by this policy, he says that he used all possible methods to engage the children to their duty, both by the giving of small presents to the most forward and diligent and by frequently visiting their schools; and for encouraging the school-masters he gave them what charity was collected in his church, obliging them in return to bring their scholars to public prayers.

He was indebted to the Lutherans during seven years for the use of their chapel. This was situated on the ground now occupied by the Centre Market, and their burial-ground adjoined it on the south, bounded by the Rutten kil, then a considerable stream, now a sewer. The Lutherans purchased the lot as early as 1680, and had a church and parsonage on it at that time. It was probably the third edifice erected in this city for religious purposes; the first having been built in the vicinity of Fort Orange about 1642, at a cost of \$32. This primitive edifice was 34 feet long by 19 wide; its furniture consisted of a pulpit ornamented with a canopy, pews for the magistrates and the deacons, and nine benches for the congregation. The progress of church architecture here during two centuries may be estimated with exactness from this humble beginning. The second church was erected at the foot of State street, at its intersection with Broadway, and was also built of wood, in 1656. The Dutch Reformed tolerated no other mode of worship at this time. There were a few Lutherans in the city, who after a sturdy contest for the Augsburg Confession, applied to Gov. Stuyvesant in October of this year (1656) for religious privileges; and it being found that they could not by any means be brought into the Calvinistic fold, they finally obtained permission to worship in their own houses. At length the English dynasty brought with it full permission to the Lutherans to practice their mode of worship, and put an end to contentions which at times were exceedingly fierce between two denominations that now fraternize with the utmost harmony.



In 1669 it is supposed that they erected their first church, the one that Mr. Barclay held his services in, and which he complains that he could have the use of only at unseasonable hours. He, therefore, in 1714 applied to Gov. Hunter, who in May of that year granted a lot in Jonker street, now State, near its intersection with Pearl, 45 by 60 feet. In October following Mr. Barclay desired to have the location changed, preferring to have it nearer the fort, where the street was wider, and more convenient for a church and cemetery. The petition was granted, for a lot 60 feet broad, and 90 feet long from east to west, opposite to what is now Chapel street. The governor supplied all the stone and lime necessary for the building, and it is said that the garrison furnished £600, and the city presented £200. If so, it must have been by private subscriptions, for no such donation appears on the council minutes. On the contrary the board of alderman opposed the building in the street with the utmost determination of preventing it. At a meeting of the board on the 8th of November it is recorded, that whereas this meeting is credibly informed that the Rev. Thomas Barclay, Col. Peter Mathews and John Dunbar have this day laid out some ground on the west end of Jonker street in this city for erecting and building a church without having any title from the city, it is, therefore, resolved, that they be advised to delay that work until the mayor shall be here. On the 3d of March following, they addressed a letter to the governor, setting forth that since he had been pleased to grant a certain piece of ground on the west end of Jonker street for the erection of a church, upon which a part of the foundation had been laid, with deference to his excellency they were humbly of opinion that the said lot belonged to the city, and was included in their charter, and that the act of the builders appeared to them either an encroachment on the rights of the city, or a disregard of the commonalty. However, to show that they were not inimical to the pious design of erecting a church, but rather desirous of promoting it, they had offered a more convenient lot, and were still willing to grant it, although its acceptance had been refused. In order to prevent further trouble, they now applied to his excellency to devise a way by which the difficulty could be reasonably accommodated. The governor being inexorable, they resolved on the 8th of April, to maintain and defend their rights and liberties, and to proceed to the extremity of the law. On the 14th of the same month, they resolved to *send an express with a canoe* to New York, at the expense of the city, for the advice of two eminent counsellors concerning the trespass. In the meantime they forbade the workmen that were engaged in laying the foundation to go on with the work, and on their disregarding the injunction two masons were imprisoned for contempt. But they were admitted to bail or liberated by the governor, and the work went on to completion. It was a stone building, 42 by 58 feet without a tower, and was opened for service in November, 1716. In the meantime the Dutch Reformed, finding it useless to attempt any longer to arrest the progress of the English church, set about a much wiser enterprise. The common council enlarged the area of their plot in State street, and they began the erection of a new church of stone on an enlarged scale. Such was the zeal and alacrity with which they pursued the work, that it has been a subject of admiration to all succeeding generations. The foundations of the new church were laid around the old one, and the walls carried up and enclosed before the other was taken down, so that the customary



services were interrupted only three sabbaths, and they occupied it before the English had completed theirs. It stood until 1805, a period of 90 years; and is recorded in one of the Dutch Bibles now in the possession of Dr. Thomas Hun, that the first person baptised in this church was Elizabeth Vinhagen, afterwards wife of Jonas Oathout, and that the church bell was tolled for the last time at her burial, she having died in her 92d year.

State street, or as it was then called, Jonker street, was now occupied by the Dutch church at the foot, a market house below Pearl street, the English church above Pearl, and on a line with the upper side of Lodge street, the battlements of Fort Frederick stood upon a lofty eminence overlooking the city, and stretching nearly across the street, the road to Schenectady winding around its southern angles. The city was surrounded by a wooden barrier, consisting of stockades constructed of pine logs one foot in diameter, and thirteen feet long, inserted into the ground by being sharpened at one end, and fastened together near the top by dowels, or wooden pins. Blockhouses were erected at the gates on the north, west, and south sides, which were defended by cannon. The stockade at this time extended no further south than Hudson street, and was limited on the north by Steuben street; the fort formed the western barrier, and the river the eastern. Within these narrow limits there was a population of about 3,000, and a garrison of 300 more.

About 1751 the appendage of a tower was added to the English church, on its western end, at which time a bell was procured in England that continued to be used until 1858. This first Episcopal church was taken down in 1802. The last rector that officiated in it was the Rev. Thomas Ellison. The edifice which succeeded it is on the corner of State and Chapel streets. It was erected upon what had once been the site of the north-east angle of Fort Frederick. It was completed in 1803, and consecrated on the 4th of October in that year. The Rev. William Beasley was the first rector installed in it. He was succeeded among others by Rev. Timothy Clowes, Rev. Wm. B. Lacy, and Rev. Horatio Potter. The latter completed the twenty-second year of his rectorate in 1855, on which occasion he announced that an effort would be made towards raising the necessary amount of funds for the erection of a new church edifice. The congregation continued to worship in this edifice until the 3d of October, 1858, when the rector, the Rev. Thomas C. Pitkin, announced that the state of the ceiling was such that it was no longer safe to hold service in it. After which the congregation worshipped for a time in the lecture room of the State Agricultural Society. The work of demolition was begun on the 23d of February, 1859. The dismantling of the tower attracted crowds to witness it, to not a few of whom it is a work of melancholy interest. Although it stood but little more than half a century, there were but two church edifices then in use as such, that claimed a greater age. The Congregational church was completed in 1796, and the North Dutch church in 1798. Several interesting memorials of this church are preserved. Besides its ancient bell, its sacramental vessels are of considerable antiquity, having been a present from Queen Anne. A tradition prevailed to a considerable extent that the remains of the Lord Howe who was killed in Abercrombie's expedition in 1758, were buried under the St. Peter's church recently demolished. There seems to have been no authority for it whatever. There is





another tradition that he was buried under the old Dutch church, and his remains afterwards removed to England. The supposition of his removal may have come from the fact that Massachusetts conferred upon him a monument in Westminster Abbey. The best authenticated account of the final destiny of these remains, is given by Winslow C. Watson, Esq., in his *Survey of Essex County*, upon the authority of Mrs. Cochrane, a daughter of Col. Schuyler. See *N. Y. S. Ag. Trans.*, 1852 p. 676.

“His body borne in state, even amid the excitement and disasters of defeat, was conveyed to Albany, and buried within the walls of a church, his vault marked by heraldic insignia, and his obsequies performed with every pomp of military display, and all the solemnities of religious rituals. Forty-four years had elapsed, and in the progress of improvement that edifice was demolished, and the grave of Howe exposed. The decayed coffin of rich mahogany was revealed, that contained the ashes of the gallant and noble dead, enshrouded in habiliments of gorgeous silk, the hair dressed in the fashion of the age, and still stiffened by its appliances; the ribbon that bound it yet black and glossy. All, on exposure, shrunk into dust, and the relics of the high bred and gifted noble were conveyed by vulgar hands to the common charnel house, and mingled with the promiscuous dead.”

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Since the foregoing was written, a new edifice has been erected upon the site of the one demolished in 1859, which will form the subject of a future article.



## THE PYE ROBBERY.

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On a cold and snowy day in January, of the year 1808, about two in the afternoon, there alighted at the door of the old tavern, once standing in Green street, Albany, then kept by Whitmore, but has been removed, to give place to the more magnificent buildings of Delavan; a dark complexioned, but elegant stranger, and evidently of southern origin. He stepped to the narrow hall of that ancient house of entertainment, and while shaking from a richly furred mantle, the snow which had profusely fallen that day; he desired, if convenient, the ostler to dismantle his remarkably elegant horse of its riding caparisons, and to convey it to the warmest stall the stables afforded; when himself hastened to the cheering and sociable strangers' home, the ample bar-room of that well ordered establishment. Having passed within, he cast about the room a glance of his daring but cultivated eye, to ascertain the character of his host and of such as were present. In return, his manly tall and athletic form received the gaze of all present, for a brief moment, but in such a manner as assured him that he was respected, a sensation of unspeakable delight to the stranger's heart, as all who have travelled can witness, and have valued the defence of mankind.

He now addressed the keeper of the Inn, who had courteously advanced toward him, to ascertain his wishes; whether it was agreeable to entertain him a few days, which was assented to on the part of his host, in the most complacent manner. On further acquaintance, it was found that this first appearance of the genteel stranger was not deceptive; as he proved a gentleman of the first order, prepossessing in manners, agreeable and diffuse in conversation, as he was extremely well informed in the lore of literature, as well of any and all parts of the globe, the governments of the different nations, the bearing of universal politics, and the balance of power, between the different nations of Christendom.

There was, however, not wanting in his manners some strange singularities, as he was often observed to be extremely taciturn and abstracted; and at such times seemed to watch the conversation of such as visited the inn, and now and then to ask a brief question, in solution of that which he did not exactly understand, and then again to resume his silence. This trait of his manners however added much to his dignity, and seemed to check all impertinent questions, which no doubt was a prime object with him, till he could mature his plans, as in the course of this story will be developed. A city of all other places is the most adapted to seclusion and retirement, if such a course is chosen, on account of the extremely desultory nature of conversation and miscellaneous acquaintance, a circumstance entirely favorable to the dark and fatal cogitations of a highwayman.

A few days had now transpired of his stay at the inn, when he was observed cleaning a richly ornamented pair of heavy pistols, a little before nightfall; which, when accomplished, and being placed in their holsters, he called for and paid his bill of charges, caparisoned his horse, took leave of the house, and departed on his journey to the north, as he stated that region to be his destination.



There are but few persons who do not remember the ancient and celebrated inn, owned and kept by *Pye the Englishman*, on the road between the cities of Albany and Troy. This man had become rich in his avocation, consequently had always more or less of gold, silver and bank notes in his possession; the very species of goods the most coveted by such a man as was the hero of our story, the outlaw. Of this circumstance, the robber had become informed, in his rides here and there about the country; and more especially by frequently visiting this house, and by lodging there. At such times he had stated his name to be *Johnson*, and that he was looking about the country to find him a residence, and to purchase it. However, all this would have been forgotten, had not the tragedy of this account have taken place; but as it did, each little circumstance was afterwards remembered, which served to illustrate the premeditated plans of the robber. He had also visited the inns of other tavern keepers, in the neighborhood of Albany, in the same way he had the inn of *Pye*; by which means he had become acquainted with the amount of business done by them, and the exact situation of the rooms of the houses he intended to make his attempts upon, and especially that of the old Englishman's. As he had several times tarried at this house all night, he therefore knew every part of it sufficiently well for his purpose, as also the amount of money generally taken at the *bar*.

On the night succeeding the afternoon on which he took leave of the inn in Green street, it appeared that he made an attempt to rob the toll-gate on the road two miles below Albany. But from the presence of mind displayed by the woman who at that time kept the gate, who was a Mrs. Baker, he failed to obtain his purpose. The woman seeing a horseman riding very fast on the highway, stood ready to open the gate; but the rider on coming up sprang from his horse, which stood still without being fastened, and immediately entered the room; the woman following after, wondering in herself what he wanted, when he demanded of her the money of the toll-gate. But as it happened, the toll-money was at that time all put up in a small bag kept for the purpose, which on the instant of the robber's demand, Mrs. Baker being nearer the door than he was, contrived to cast it under the front stoop of the house so quickly, as to elude the vigilance of the highwayman's notice; while she alleged with great earnestness and *womanish simplicity*, that her husband had that very afternoon carried all the money to the city, to pay over to the agent of the company. Accordingly, after the robber had examined the place where the toll-money was kept, and finding but a few shillings there, he left the room, mounted his horse, and was soon out of sight, as he sped his way on full jump towards the city, from whence he had but a few minutes before departed.

The next that was heard of him was at Gibbons Ville, or as it is now called *West Troy*, on the same day late in the evening, or toward midnight, where he undertook to enter the tavern of one *Goewey*, for the purpose of robbing the landlord, of whose condition he had before informed himself, as well as of the situation of the rooms of his house, but failed here also of obtaining his object, on the account of several dogs, owned by *Goewey*, whose barking and fierce out-cry made about the premises, deterred him from the attempt, and occasioned his immediate flight.

From this place he now made haste to undertake a like enterprise on the house and money of the honest hearted and industrious old English-



man, *John Pye*. It had now become as late as midnight, when he arrived at this place, but on seeing lights in the house, occasioned by the late stay of company, he passed by without halting his pace, till having ridden a few rods, he discovered a hay-stack, a short distance from the road, when he sprang his horse over the fence at a bound, and passing round, to the side hidden from the road, he fastened his horse there, and remained till the lights had disappeared and till all was still in the inn. This being ascertained, he now left his only companion, his horse, to enjoy the comforts of feeding, while his master should go on the more perilous enterprise of robbery and death.

The doors of the house being locked and bolted, as was the habit of the owner, on retiring to rest each night, the robber repaired to a window, which opened into a back room, the place he had before selected, as his entrance, as he knew the house was always thus fastened. This he lifted, and fastening it up by placing a splinter between the sash and the casing, made his entry so silent and noiseless, that no inmates of the building, were in the least aroused or wakened. Now that he found himself within the house, without harm or hindrance; his first move was, after lighting his own dark lantern, to extinguish the fire which the careful housekeeper had buried in the embers, for the next morning's convenience, by pouring a part of a pail of water which he found in the room upon it. He next went to the *bar-room*, and finding fire on the hearth of that room, he also performed the same ceremony there, which was done in both rooms to render it impossible for any one in the house to procure a light, when the fray should begin.

The fearful hour had now come, when a struggle for the gold of the landlord must take place, as also the decisive and dangerous incidents to which both parties must inevitably become exposed, as tampering and parley seldom take place between the robber and the robbed. He now silently ascended the stair-way that led to the sleeping room of Pye and his wife, the latter of whom had scarcely fallen asleep, as she had retired to rest much later than her husband, on account of her company, when she was roused from her brief sleep by the low voice of some one calling her companion, as if to awake him. She now rose from her recumbent posture, and from thence at a spring leaped upon the floor, and stood beside the robber in her night dress, wishing to know what he wanted at that late hour of the night, and in a place where he had no business. He now looked upon her and replied silently, it is your husband and not his wife to whom my business is addressed. At this juncture of the affair, Mrs. Pye knew his voice as well as his face, but dared not let him know this; but she knew he was the man who had often been at the house, and called himself Johnson. By this time Pye had awoke, and in a half alarmed and half peevish manner, demanded to know who he was, and what he wanted at such a time as that. To this the robber replied. It is your *money* or your *life* that I must have, and that immediately. The old man not exactly comprehending the full amount of this alarming language, as he supposed it to have been made by some waggish young man from the adjacent city, with the intention of merely trying to frighten him, replied: It is damned little money that you'll get out of me, my lad, as the thing is but indifferently plenty with me at all sir. To this the highwayman rejoined: Sir, there's no jesting in this matter, I am in earnest, and am not to be tampered with;—Sir, your money, or here is that which





can make its own terms, when he showed Pye, within an inch of his breast, a pistol loaded for the death.

Pye now was silent, but arose in a moment, and went with the robber, as he was in his night dress, down the stairs to the bar of his tavern, with the intention of giving him what money there was in the drawer. But on arriving there, they found that the door was locked, when it occurred to Pye that his wife always kept the keys of the bar, as well as the keys of all the other rooms of the house. That they would be compelled to return for the one which would unlock the bar had crossed the mind of Mrs. Pye; as if they should not, they would have to break down the door ere they could enter, which she thought they would not do, as by the use of the key, were much the easier as well as the stiller way. It now recurred also to her mind, that possibly she could improve this short space of time, in passing across the room, to the sleeping apartment of two travellers, who had put up there that night, and request their aid in her distress. But on finding them in a deep sleep, she seized the one who lay on the fore side of the bed, by one arm, and being a woman of superior strength, brought him in her terror at one jerk from his couch to the floor; by which means he now awoke in a fright, but was in a moment soothed by her voice, when she stated, that the house was beset by a highwayman, and desired their help in the best way they could afford it.

This said, she sprang back to the spot where she stood when Pye and the robber left her, as she did not wish him to know that she had moved from the place, lest his suspicions might have been awakened, and led to believe he was in danger of an ambush in the house—and thus increase the peril of her own condition. By this time they were ascending the stair together, in order to obtain the key, which, as soon as Pye saw his wife he requested of her, saying, we are beset by a robber, and the money must be given up, or we may lose our lives. But to this his intrepid and heroic wife replied, "*I will give the keys to thee nor no man else.*" But said he beseechingly, thee *must* do it, or worse may happen to us both. "*I will not,*" was her instant reply. "*I will give the keys to thee nor no man living, I tell thee,*" and at the same moment, she sprang toward the corner of the room, where was a loaded gun, which was always thus in readiness and standing in that place, with the intention of shooting the robber herself, or of causing her husband to do so.

This motion of Mrs. Pye, did not elude the keen glance of the highwayman, who seemed from what now followed, to have comprehended in some measure, her intention, as in an instant he levelled and fired his pistol at the bosom of her husband, which took effect in his left side, on the ribs, and also by wounding severely his arm, the ball passing on very near the person of Mrs. Pye; one of which entered the wall of the room near the bed, while the other was found on the floor, having been deadened of its force, as it passed through the side and clothes of its victim and thus was arrested. This done, Mrs. Pye nothing daunted by the fearful shot of the pistol, by that time had brought the loaded gun to her wounded husband, to whom she said as she cocked the piece, "*Pye, fire,* or he will kill thee, for he is now feeling in his bosom for another pistol, or he is reloading the one just fired." But to this he replied that he was badly wounded in his side and arm, and therefore could not hold the gun up, as his arm was disabled entirely. His wife, however, was not thus to be baffled of her intentions, for she instantly seized the wounded arm, and



raising it up, she placed the gun therein, holding her own hands beneath the gun to support it, when Pye, with his right hand, pulled the trigger, while they both together directed the muzzle toward their enemy, and fired.

The shot took effect, as they saw the robber fall; and in falling he crushed his lanthorn, as he pitched forward over it, extinguishing the light, which involved them in total darkness, in the midst of their confusion, and the reëchoing of the report of the gun in the rooms. Her first consideration, therefore, was now to procure a light, as Pye was wounded, but how badly was yet unknown; and whether the robber was dead could be determined only by a light. Accordingly Mrs. Pye commenced groping her way to the door which led to the bar-room, but in her confusion stumbled over the body of the robber, who still lay where he had fallen, ere she could find it. But soon succeeding in this, she hastened to the hearth of the fire-place to light her lamp, but found, as we before have noticed, that the fire she expected to find buried there, had been extinguished. Her next move was to examine the hearth of the back room for the same purpose, but was still unsuccessful as the fire in that place had shared the same fate as the other. She now felt exceedingly perplexed, for how to procure light was difficult to be conceived, as the tinder box in country houses is not much in use, even now; the inmates depending entirely on the fiery embers of the buried coals to rekindle their hearths. But while in this perplexity, it came suddenly to her recollection that there had been a fire in her parlor the past evening, for the accommodation of company, which did not very often happen. Thither she now groped her way, and coming to the fire-place dashed her naked foot deep into the ashes, when there appeared coals of fire, at which she now lit her lamp, and hastened back to ascertain the extent of mischief done in the fracas. On arriving at the scene of action, she found that her husband had fainted, and was fallen on the bed, near which he stood when he received the shot of the robber. But the outlaw had disappeared, as he was merely stunned by a severe contusion in the back part of his head, occasioned by the bullet of Pye's gun.

The reader will recollect that we have mentioned the alarm given by Mrs. Pye to her guests in a bed-room nigh at hand. These men had been deterred from taking part in the fight by the robber, on his return from the bar-room, in company with Pye, after the key; as they were about to rush to the battle, but were driven back to their rest by the fearful muzzle of a loaded pistol, and the *low death curse* of its owner, who threatened instant annihilation if they attempted to interfere in the struggle of the moment. But when the light of Mrs. Pye's lamp had shed its rays on the scene of action, these knights of the bed-room now came forth to render their services. On finding that the robber had disappeared, they commenced a search, not knowing but he might have hid himself in some part of the house, and they might still be in danger of his further depredations. But not finding him, they soon perceived on the spot where he had fallen considerable blood, and that blood was on the wall, occasioned by his feeling his way to the stair, with his bloody hands, having crimsoned them by the wound of his head. There was blood also on the stairway as he seemed to have descended to the bar-room by sliding down in a sitting posture, on account of weakness, and then again on the walls of that room, as he groped around to find the door to the back room. By



these signs, they traced him to the door that led into the yard, which he had opened, and thus he escaped. The pistol he left where he had fallen, having let go his hold of it, in receiving the shot of Pye's gun, and which it is likely he could not find in the dark, or from the mazy state of his mind, had forgotten it. It was now evident that he had fled, as no traces other than his blood in the rooms could be found on the premises.

The two knights of the bed room, now offered to run to the city, which was Albany, to alarm the people, and to thereby instigate a pursuit of the robber. But they had scarcely commenced their journey, when coming opposite the hay-stack, before mentioned, which was but a short distance from the highway, they saw the robber rolling on the snow, as if trying to staunch the flowing blood of his wound by its coldness. Here they might easily have captured him, as they were two to one, but still fearing the muzzle of another pistol, they chose to leave him where they saw him, and to pursue their way to Albany, seeming to believe strongly in the old but excellent maxim that "*there is safety in a multitude of counsel.*" They soon arrived opposite the inn lately kept by *Payn*, in the Colonie, in the north part of Albany, where they began the *hue and cry*, "*a robber, a robber.*" To this the watch of the city soon lent an ear; when the sound of their bludgeons or night clubs, were heard to grate fiercely on the pavements, which was soon answered in all directions over the city; when they came running to the point from whence the signal first proceeded, to learn the reason of the free use of this token or word of alarm, which had at this time been more loudly and rapidly resorted to than was usual. The two men, knights of the bedroom, now explained their meaning, by relating the account of the robber, and of the death of Pye, as it was not then known that Pye's wound was not mortal. This understood, the uproar became much increased, and on account of its being sometime before daylight, was so much the more terrific, to the sleeping inhabitants of that part of the city; for the cry a *robber, a robber*, rang louder and louder, as the multitude came running together from all quarters.

WILLIAM WINNE, an intrepid and active man, then in the vigor and prime of manhood, who is still known and esteemed as a worthy old citizen of Albany, was at that time captain of the watch, who addressed his *troop* and the citizens present by saying, "Gentlemen of the Watch and citizens of Albany, who among you all is willing to take part in the pursuit and apprehension of the robber; if there are any such, let them follow me; who had no sooner thus spoken, than he commenced the route. But at that interesting moment of patriotism and confusion, there came a sound of the fleet springs of a horseman from the north; which occasioned a universal halt of the moving mass. Silence gentleman, cried Captain Winne, the sound of such fierce riding, comes not from the careful ostler-ship of any citizen or farmer at *this* time of the night; it is the robber, silence men; silence. All was now hushed, save the broad breathing of the excited multitude, while the sound came on louder and fiercer, when in a moment or two, there was seen through the gloom of the night, the form of a horse and its rider, on full speed, as if chased by all the terrors the guilty can dread. He was without a hat, which he had somehow lost, and seemed to have his head bound up with a handkerchief, as from his speed and the darkness of the time, it was not easy exactly to distinguish his apparel.

This seen, in a moment there arose a shout, "*the robber, the robber.*"



as it was evident the rider had no intention of reigning up, and therefore it must be him. Now there was a rush to stop the speed of his horse, which seemed to fly, rather than to run in the ordinary way; as if he were inspired with the horror of his master's situation, and panted to set him free from his sorrows. But in the attempt, the multitude were unsuccessful; as no man was found willing to breast the force of a distracted horse and rider, yet one of the number, who happened to be within reach, made a stroke at him with a heavy cane, with the view of bringing him down, but missed his aim; as the robber eluded the blow, by bending his tall form quick, yet gracefully down to the neck of his horse, and thus escaped; but not however, without an attempt to be revenged for the *intention* of that blow, for at the instant he drew from its rest a pistol, and made a back shot at the man who had struck at him, but in this attempt he lost his grip of the instrument, which fell to the ground, and was afterwards picked up and saved. The shot also proved vagrant, as it flew off on its harmless course, through the mist of the night, far above the heads of the multitude, which was known by the *hiss* of the passing bullet.

In a moment or two he had passed the throng, who, as he came rushing on, had parted to the right and left, so that a clear course was opened before him; and arrived at Columbia street, when as if he knew not, or cared not whither he was flying, turned the corner of North-Market and pursued the former direct to the dock. But here we shall stay a moment in the narrative, to enquire, why the robber took the dangerous road of Albany in his flight, as it could not but have been known to him that the *police* of the city, would by some means soon be aroused to pursue and apprehend him; when if he had fled to the north, from the place where he attempted to commit the robbery, he would in all probability have escaped, or at least would have secured a better *chance* of escape. We can answer this, only by supposing that some friend of his to the south, and perhaps his father's house, was his aim; where if wounded to death he might arrive and die. This supposition will be thought as probable when we come to relate, toward the close of the story, the enquiries of certain strangers from the south, after this same person, the robber. But when he found that the news of what he had done at the house of Pye, had reached the city before him, and that the mob through which he had just passed, and from which he had not yet entirely escaped, had come together on his account, and therefore, the thought glanced across his mind at that instant, that he would now make for the river, and plunge into it, and at once end the tragedy respecting himself.

This, we imagine, was the reason why he so suddenly turned from a direct course down North-Market street, and rode full speed to the bank of the Hudson; where, no doubt, he meant to finish his unfortunate course, together with that of his only friend, his beautiful horse, beneath the waters of the river, and of the ice, which then covered its surface. But in this he was disappointed, for when he arrived at the dock, where no doubt he had hoped to have put an end to his sorrows, and to the anguish of the still bleeding wound on his head, and had made as he supposed, the fatal spring, on a full run, his horse struck firm and upright on the ice, which unexpectedly supported both the horse and the rider, although the perpendicular descent was all of eight feet, and the lateral distance from the top of the dock to where he struck, full twenty feet. He now bounded forward, with the same object in view, not doubting but





in a few leaps more to be able to break through the ice, and to descend to the bottom of the river. But each successive spring still proved the ice too strong for his purpose, till at length he found himself borne swiftly over the firm ground of the island opposite the city of Albany. Hope now sprang in his heart that possibly he might escape with his life, now that the ice had refused to open to him its bosom of death; but this hope was scarcely formed in his mind, when he came to the shore of a part of the Hudson enclosing an island, which he did not know to be an island till his horse had struck again on the ice which covered this, as the parent stream. A few leaps however, of his matchless steed cleared this islet, even sooner than a revival of the desire to be plunged to the bottom of the river could again be formed in his tortured mind, when his horse struck again on firm ground, with the free country full before him. He now scaled the bank, which in the place where he went up was very steep, and dashed forward reckless of life or limb, sprung the road, which he might have followed down the river toward New-York, but seemed rather to choose a straight forward course over fence and field, as if he still sought his own destruction, by the mishaps of so wild a ride, till he reached the woods east of Greenbush. Here he halted to give breath to his panting, but not exhausted steed, and to listen whether he were pursued; when, to his dismay, the sound of the raging multitude came on the dismal wind; who had seen the dreadful leap he had made, from the foot of Columbia street to the ice of the Hudson, and that he had gone safely and almost miraculously over.

This ascertained, hundreds of the citizens were in a moment in pursuit over the ice, the noise of whose running and voices he now heard booming on the ominous winds, which fell on his ear as the cry of a pack of blood-hounds, who had scented a wounded deer; such they seemed to *him*, though in truth, the object of the pursuers was a right object. He now again set forward, but not in so reckless a manner as before, as he aimed at finding some road, which could afford him a less interrupted way, and accordingly soon came out on the one leading by the Aikins mills, back of Greenbush. At this point, however, as if doomed to be baffled in all his attempts to escape, one of the number of his pursuers, who having out-rode all the rest in the fierceness of his courage, not doubting but himself alone could easily enough captivate, subdue and bring the robber safely and tamely to the city; came up at the very moment the wretched fugitive approached the road, breathless, and in a foam, with a drawn dagger in his hand, the point of which appeared as a gleam of fire in the gray twilight of the morning.

Now had come the time to try the firmness of this fierce rider, when he might have won a name "*and slept in glory*," had he have done as he had no doubt he could do; but the "*tug of war*," showed that he had reckoned without his host:—for no sooner than his astonished eyes beheld the blood bespattered face and garments of the robber, his foaming steed, the bright blade of the dagger, the fearful size of his opponent's frame, his fierce and scowling visage, than he wheeled his horse, and spent his fury and courage together, in descending in a glorious flight down the hill, till he met others riding that way, on the same errand. By this incident however, it was now ascertained where the robber was, and what directions he had taken, so that the pursuit and its event became more certain than before. Our riding hero now that he felt himself recruited



by numbers, found with all that, his courage was coming again, wheeled and was instantly on full jump after the robber. But the poor fugitive on meeting this pursuer, whose exploit we have just described, did not on that account pursue the road but a short distance, when on coming to a favorable place struck into the woods again, although the snow was of some depth.

The woods which he now entered, appeared to him in the uncertain gleam of the opening morning, of considerable extent, and therefore seemed to afford him a new hope of escape, on which account he again dashed forward as fast as was possible, impeded as he was at every leap by the brush and snags of the forest. His particular aim was to reach a part of the woods, which in the distance seemed much more dense and dark, than any other part of it, whither he soon now arrived. But what was his consternation when having entered it but a leap or two, he found it was a *swamp*, and so slightly frozen over in places as not to bear the weight of his horse, which now foundered and fell, casting his rider some distance over his head, bruised and astonished and in a maze, as there then passed on his mind, an appalling presage that his end was come; for the yell of the multitude was still on the wind, escape was impossible as his horse, his only friend, lay floundering in the mire.

That part of his pursuers who were on horseback, having come to the place where he left the road, thought it best now to dismount, as on horseback did not appear the best or safest mode of pursuit through the snow and woods, and further, it was imagined, as the robber was nowhere in sight that he had escaped too far to be then overtaken, and therefore waited till a greater number of the multitude should arrive, which, however, was but a few minutes. But as foremost of such as were on foot came CAPT. WINNE, who as before stated commanded the watch of the city. This man on finding the track of the robber's horse in the snow, did not wait to hold a consultation, but in an instant, sprang off after him on a full run, as he was heard to exclaim to himself in good old Dutch and English mixed together:—"Mine Cot! vat leeps de horse has mate, vull twenty veets. Dunder and bliksem! he's been de duyfel vor running." By this means Captain Winne, the same who is now *Penny Post* of the city, got the start of all other pursuers, of the poor wounded wretch, as Winne was an uncommon active man, which his sprightly step still evinces, even now in his old age, and had performed many a feat, both in pursuit of and in flight from the Indians in the time of the Revolution. This man sped on with almost incredible velocity on the track of the horse in the snow, the leaps of which still astonished him, as on coming to any place where the bushes were not as thick as elsewhere, they were found at frightful distances from each other, leading toward a thick low wood which lay in the distance before him. He had not however reached the beginning of this thicker part of the woods, when he descried through the twilight, the robber lying on the snow among the bog-grass of the swamp, and his horse sunk to the breast in the mud. Now I shall have him, said the Captain involuntarily to himself, and the glory will be mine exclusively. This had scarcely passed his mind, when he had come within a few feet of his victim, who on hearing the crush of the snow under the tread of some one near, arose from his dreamy and extended posture, presenting a fearful dagger, in token of battle if molested. But nothing daunted at the sight of steel, Winne soon struck a blow with his staff of



office, which knocked the dagger from the hand of the owner, when it flew he knew not where, though it was found in the spring after the snow had disappeared. A grapple now ensued, and the robber finding himself disarmed by the blow of the staff, at a fortunate spring seized it, and being much more powerful than Winne, soon succeeded in wrenching it from the Captain's hand, when in a moment, having got an opportunity in the chances of the scuffle, gave his enemy a half blow, having him too near to give him a full one; dashed nearly all his front upper teeth into his mouth, which he afterward took out at his leisure. The Captain now finding himself disarmed, in his turn had recourse to such means of victory as presented, lest another blow of the staff, and perhaps from its heaviest end, might send him to the spirit land of his fathers; seized the handkerchief which had been bound about the wound of his head, but had slipped down on his neck, and twisting it about his throat, soon choked him down a helpless conquered victim of justice.

At this juncture, while held down by Winne, the multitude came rushing on, who had not been more than a minute or two behind, the foremost of whom had partially seen the scuffle between Winne and the robber, when the former loosed his clench of the handkerchief, lest he might strangle him to death. This done he soon breathed more freely, and seeing himself seized upon on all sides, yielded himself a prisoner without further resistance, or uttering a word, seeming not to notice, in the least degree, any of his captors.

The horse, a most beautiful animal, was now by the united power of so many hands, rescued from the mire, and together with his master led to the city as trophies of the victorious arm and courage of the captain of the watch—aided by his adventurous band of knight-errants in this latter service, but not in the capture, as this was effected by Winne alone. By the time they had arrived at Greenbush, a great multitude had assembled, although as yet it was scarcely sunrise, as the whole transaction of the capture had taken place during the twilight of the morning. From hence he was still led on across the ice, where on entering the city at the lower ferry, a still greater concourse had come together, through the midst of which he still proceeded without bestowing the least attention. From a thousand windows, he was viewed by thousands of pitying women, whose hearts never fail to throb at sights of horror, such as his, covered with blood, his hands bound behind him, without a hat, his head naked and covered with gore, with all his garments of the same hue down to his feet. It was a sight sufficient to shock humanity, though altogether of his own procuring, as no one was blameable but himself, and the causes which had impelled him to so disastrous a course.

Thus attended, he made his way toward the metropolitan jail, through the city, where he was handed over to the sheriff of the county, by whom he was then committed to the care of the *turnkey*, and by him placed in the murderer's room, a state criminal, to await his trial at the bar of a jury of his country.

Very heavy irons were now brought and put upon him; more so than was usual, on account of what he said at the sight of the irons, which was this, "*Iron me as you will they can hold me but a short time.*" By this it was supposed, that he meant to escape, let them do what they might to prevent it. But this was not his meaning, he felt that he could live but a short time, and therefore he made the remark. There was a strong



band of iron put about his waist, to which was attached a chain, which was locked to a distant staple in the floor of the prison. About each ancle also were bands of iron, to which were riveted chains, which reached other staples some ways apart from each other, and locked in as the chain about his waist. At sight of all this iron preparation, and most undoubtedly unnecessary, he was heard to utter the only words of complaint, from the time of his capture to his death — which were, “*Gentlemen, do have a little mercy.*” They had prepared also an iron collar for his neck, with a chain, to reach to some distant part of the room; but this was not put on, when they came to discover that he was horribly wounded on the back part of his head, and so low down, that had they put the iron on, it would by its upper edge have rested exactly in the wound, and given him much unnecessary pain. This wound had not been examined, as the hurry of his capture had not given time to ascertain the source of the blood, which had tinged all his garments. After having done this, and extended his chains to their respective staples, he was left in solitude till a physician was called, who on examination pronounced the wound a dangerous one and past all cure.

On examining the wound after his death, the *brain* was found to the depth of three inches, to have become black, which had been produced by the jar of the bullet which struck him in a slanting direction, on the back of his head.

Soon after the apprehension and incarceration of this highwayman, Mrs. Pye, the heroic defender of her own rights in her own house, called to see him in his prison, with the view of reproaching him for the baseness of his conduct. But on entering his apartment where he lay in irons, which rattled horribly in her ears whenever he moved in any direction, so wrought upon her sympathies, that she found it impossible to utter a word of reproach. She found him lying on his face on the bare floor, as that position was the easiest one he could put himself in, on account of his irons. But on the approach of some one toward him, he raised himself up to a sitting posture, and as this visitor was a woman, a circumstance quite uncommon in a prison, and that of the murderer’s room; he waited for the lady to commence the conversation, if it was him that she wished to speak to. She now after having gazed upon him some time, said, “*Johnson don’t you know me?*” he replied, “*Assuredly madam I do not.*” What! said Mrs. Pye, don’t you know the woman whose apartment you entered a few evenings since, and demanded our money, and have shot my husband, who, I fear will yet die of the wound. O my God! he replied—is he not dead; I thought I had killed him on the spot, a thing I had not intended to have done, except in my own defence, as I imagined I was then doing. And are you the woman who I have so much injured, and whose courage and address was shown on that fearful and detested night, so far beyond what is common to your sex? I greatly deplore that night’s adventure, as it has cost me my life, for I feel that I can live but a short time, the wound received from the shot of your gun, though done in righteousness, is dreadful.

Although Mrs. Pye was of a heroic turn of mind, and prompted by this disposition, had desired to confront the bold highwayman to his face, yet at sight of so much sorrow and so much penitence, the *sympathies* of her softer nature, the common grace and embellishment of woman’s soul, yielded to pity his condition, for her voice trembled, and ere she was





aware, tears were falling. She now after gazing awhile upon him, enquired if he had every thing for his comfort, so far as his condition would allow, in relation to food, drink, &c.—for, said she, if you have them not, I will cause them to be sent to you. The robber now covered his face with his hands, and was heard to sob; but soon replied, *Dear madam*, this is *too* much. I have injured you deeply and basely, yet in my distress you offer me comfort, and would be my benefactor; which most certainly I would accept in token of my own penitence, yet I have need of nothing. knowing that in a few days I must die, my thoughts are not occupied about what I shall eat or what I shall drink. At this point of the conversation, he informed her that *Johnson* was not his name, as he had taken this merely to answer his evil purposes, and was entirely fictitious; yet he continued, it can answer no good purpose to any one to know who I am, or from whence I came. I have therefore, hitherto concealed it as well as the family I am of, which is of the most respectable order, and shall conceal it still, as I will not distress nor disgrace them, by having it known that I died in prison, awaiting my trial for attempted robbery and murder, of which, thank God, I have not been permitted actually to be guilty of. From this conversation, we discover that his moral condition and state of feeling and his manners, indicated a well-bred and educated man, instead of a base born, low bred, bloody villain, and do not therefore hesitate to express our opinion that his evil course was superinduced by some unbearable misfortune, and as appeared to him, could not be retrieved but by the dreadful way he had taken. Mrs. Pye now took leave of him, but as she went, Johnson, as he called himself, besought her to come again to his prison, as he wished much to know whether Pye was likely to recover from the danger of his wounds. This she conditionally promised to do, but did not fulfill, as the wound in his head terminated his life in a few days after her visit, and before she again had business in the city. There were many who visited the robber while in prison, who had the curiosity to see him, to converse with him, and if possible to find out his name. On this subject the Sheriff pressed him very hard when near his end, saying it could do him no injury when dead and gone, but he remained firm and would not disclose it. From this part of our narrative, we discover that the wife of Pye who is still living and is a picture of healthy maturity, was generous in an exalted degree, as also that she was a truly courageous woman, or her house would have been robbed, and perhaps in the rage of the moment, both herself and husband would have descended to an untimely grave, although the latter had not been the original intention of the highwayman. But the dreaded moment of his dissolution now drew nigh, in which the outlaw was to leave the world, attended in that sad hour by no kindred blood, or one individual of the human race who cared whether he lived or died. He felt that his brain was reeling in the mists of death, when there came the bright phantoms of youth and early manhood, in his native place, attended with its thousand charms and secret springs of happiness, the tints and dyes of which, no pen can gather up, nor tongue discourse: tis *memory* alone can read the pages of that book. Then came a mazy blank—the mists of death deepening into darkness, through which no ray of common light could shine: this he knew to be the vale which skirts the mount of Eternity. Then, when the film of mortal sight was falling off, celestial rays were twinkling round the base: when lo! the angel of mercy to the *penitent*, came gliding down from its viewless top,



and whispered the cheering hope in his heart, of salvation beyond the grave, and smiled his soul away to endless rest.

His death took place rather suddenly, as his irons had been taken off but a short time before his dissolution, which the officers of the prison would have done sooner, had they been fully aware how rapidly he was failing. It was awful to witness the clink of the smith's hammer in unriveting his irons, and the sound of the keys and padlocks in getting the chains and manacles from his emaciated body—once a beautiful, athletic and powerful man, who went whithersoever he would, but now was laid on his dying couch, and soon to be laid on a place of all others the most horrible to the living, and that is a *dissecting table*. This was done under cover of the law of the country, which gives the bodies of all executed persons to the surgeon's knife; but in this case it ought not to have been so; as he had not been tried, condemned, nor executed. Had he recovered from his wound, he never could have been condemned to capital punishment, as he had neither robbed nor murdered; for Pye, whom he shot, recovered of his wound. State prison, and that only for a term of years, after all, could have been his only punishment. It would appear, from circumstances which we have elicited, that there was a strife between the physicians of Troy and Albany, about his body, which of necessity, must have been in a measure agitated before his decease, or the surgeons of the former could not have prevailed, as it appears they did, but by what peculiar means we are not informed. In this affair the officers of the prison are not to be blamed, as it was altogether the work of surgeons, who were eager to advance in the science by a *new subject*, and no doubt misled their minds by some sophistry or other, in relation to the dissection of the prisoner's body; it is likely, and we believe it was the fact, that under the pretence of more thoroughly examining his head and the wound in it, that they were allowed to take away the body, not in the least suspecting they would otherwise molest his person, by a universal dissection which we have been told took place. But his frame was reduced to a skeleton, to adorn the hidden corner of some anatomist's office, which we are informed is the condition of this man's bones now in the city of Troy.

Thus we have passed through the history of this man so far as concerned the last acts of his life; the attempted robbery of Pye's house, &c. But as to his true name, parentage, or particular place of residence, there is nothing which can be known as certain, as it appears through the whole of his conduct, from the time of his alighting at the old stone tavern in Green street, till his death in the jail of Albany, most studiously to have concealed whatever related thereto. From this circumstance it is inferred, that his condition in society at home was at least without a tarnish, if not of the first order, or so much care under such trying circumstances, would not have been resorted to by him to conceal it. The same appears from another feature of this affair, which we will now relate, and in our opinion adds much to the interest of the account.

About three weeks preceding his attempted robbery, three gentlemen of southern complexion and manners, called at this inn to refresh themselves, who as it appeared, from the few remarks they made, were traveling to the north, as rapidly as possible on horse-back, but for what purpose was not understood. In about ten days, the same persons returned in the same manner, and called at the same tavern, where, as before, they refreshed themselves; but were observed to be even more unsocial and taciturn



than before. There seemed to be a settled gloom on their countenances, denoting grief of the most hopeless character. One of these gentlemen was considerably advanced in age, while the other two were much younger; though equally sad and mournful, they finished their repast and passed on to the south. But in about four weeks after the death of the robber, two of those men came to the house of Pye; when the oldest man, after having rested a short space, requested of Mrs. Pye, a minute detail and particular account of the attempted robbery of her house, of the person of the robber, his manners, his wound, his apprehension, his death, &c. This she did in all its minutiae, while they listened in silent attention, tears flowing at the same time freely from the eyes of the old man, who, at the same time, frequently during the narrative, cast anxious and meaning looks at the other, who seemed to acquiesce in these mute, but powerful expressions. After she had finished the story and had gone into the sick room of Pye, to enquire respecting his wound, they took their leave, seemingly in great grief, especially the elder, who, on leaving the house, was heard to say, "*It is the last time.*" Mrs. Pye had no doubt, as she afterwards informed the writer of this account, that the eldest man was the robber's father, while the other was a brother. This conclusion she drew from the very near likeness they had to each other, as well as from the great tenderness of feeling, manifested in his inquires about the poor unfortunate. The last words of the old man, who said, "*It is the last time,*" showed plainly that they were in search of him, and that, as he was then dead there could be no use in coming again to this part of the country. By some means, it is likely they had found out, or supposed, that he had gone to Canada, which we shall show directly was the fact, and that in their first journey, they had hoped, if possible, to have fallen in with him, and to have saved him from his desperate course. But their *last* journey was to ascertain, from the lips of the woman, who, with her husband, had encountered him in their own bedchamber, the news of which, no doubt, they had derived from the public prints at the time, as well as of his apprehension and death. By the same means, the public prints, the owner of the horse ascertained where he was, which was Albany, who came, claimed, proved his ownership, and took him away. The horse was extremely elegant, and had been trained in a very peculiar way, one trait of which was, that he would come at the whistle of his owner like a dog, and no fence common to the country, or ordinary obstacle, could prevent or turn him from a straight course to his master. This horse had been noticed by the robber in the state of Virginia, where it belonged, as a boy was riding it along the highway; and it seemed to suit his views, having heard of its peculiar qualifications from the landlord, where he then was, became determined to make it his own, and future companion of his adventures, without the consent of its owner, which he carried into effect the following night. He now fled towards Upper Canada, the common resort of persons of his character in the States, when wishing to avoid justice; and was soon traced thither by the owner of the horse, who on getting into the province, soon lost all further traces of him, and returned to his home in Virginia, despairing of its recovery, and which to the owner was an animal of great value. But it afterwards appeared, that he had barely passed through a part of the province and then returned by the way of Lake Champlain, and onward to Albany; where, as



shown before, he rested awhile, at the old stone tavern in Green street, the place the story commences at.

Were we now able, that we have finished the story, to solve the mystery of this man's real name, place of residence, parentage, the reasons of his desperate course, &c., we should doubtless gratify as many as may chance to read this account; who doubtless have heard long ago, of the attempt to rob the inn of Pye, the Englishman, and of the heroism of his wife; but never before were acquainted with the details of that frightful affair.

At the very moment when the robber stood by the side of the bed of Pye and his wife, speaking in the low and suppressed tones of his voice, that he must awake and give up his money, there lay at his very feet, just under his bed, a small box containing five hundred dollars in specie, and near by in the same room, were five hundred more in bank bills. Had the robber known this, he might have took it and departed in silence; but so he was not permitted to do, as he seemed to have no knowledge of any money in the house more than what was then in the bar, which in attempting to secure, he lost his life, as we have related. But as to the cause of his having taken so dangerous and so wicked a way, were we to conjecture, we should at once determine that he had been ruined at the gaming table, a place where most of all, if unfortunate, the most horrid and dreadful resolves are engendered and acted upon.

Possibly the reader may enquire why this story should be published so long after it took place; the answer to which is, that at the time, the papers did not *detail* the account, publishing only the solitary fact of the attempted robbery and that he died in prison; while we have given in this pamphlet, the whole affair, and handed it down to posterity, as a warning to wayward youth; and trust that we have gratified the laudable curiosity of such as may choose to read it.

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The robbery here narrated took place on the 21st Dec., 1808. The city then numbered a little more than eight thousand inhabitants, and lying almost entirely upon the margin of the river, the affair was soon known, and created great excitement. The name of the robber was Robert Johnson, and he is remembered by persons still living, who saw him before the robbery. He came down through the Colonie, as that portion of Broadway was then called which lies above Clinton avenue, and which was sparsely dotted with Dutch houses, mostly with their gables to the street, and many of them but one story in height, surmounted by a peaked roof. John Pye survived his wound a good many years, and acquired property. After his death the widow married her bar tender, William Nutt, whom she survived, notwithstanding the remarkable disparity of their ages. He died on the 13th January, 1833, aged 48; she died 27th October, 1843, aged 97. She was a woman of extraordinary intelligence and business energy. The house in which this robbery was committed is still standing on the Watervliet turnpike, a short distance south of the entrance to the Cemetery, and has been long known as Gil Crane's Hotel. It was built before Pye came to this country and is still occupied as a public house. The robber was attended by Dr. William Bay, who has just deceased, fifty-seven years after the event.





The foregoing account of the Pye robbery, as it has always been called, is taken nearly verbatim from a pamphlet published by Josiah Priest in 1836, entitled *The Robber, or a Narrative of Pye and the Highwayman*; being a detailed and particular account of an attempted robbery of the Inn of John Pye, between the cities of Albany and Troy, N. Y., in 1808, and of the outlaw's final Capture and End; as related by Mrs. Pye herself, and Others who were most intimately acquainted with the whole Tragical Affair—Albany, Stone & Munsell, 1836, 8°. pp 18. Mr. Priest gathered his facts from every available source, and though they are somewhat amplified in his peculiar style, it is the only account we have of that extraordinary event, which was so much of a wonder as to remain in vivid recollection for more than a quarter of a century. Wm. B. Winne, who secured the robber, was still the city penny post, when the narrative was written, and almost daily rehearsed his exploit to those who were willing to listen to it.



## STATE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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During the winter of 1857-8, the project of building a Presbyterian church in the western part of the city, first began to be agitated. A very widespread interest was manifested at that time in the subject of religion, and it was hoped that a church founded at such a time and under such an impulse, might prove successful and extensively useful. The friends of the enterprise were so far sanguine in their hopes, that after a consultation on the subject, held at Mr. Joel Rathbone's office, they authorized Mr. Rathbone to see on what terms a lot might be obtained. Unexpected obstacles prevented the consummation of this plan, and finally it was dropped. During the summer of 1859, however, the plan was again revived, and, after mature deliberation, began to take the form of action.

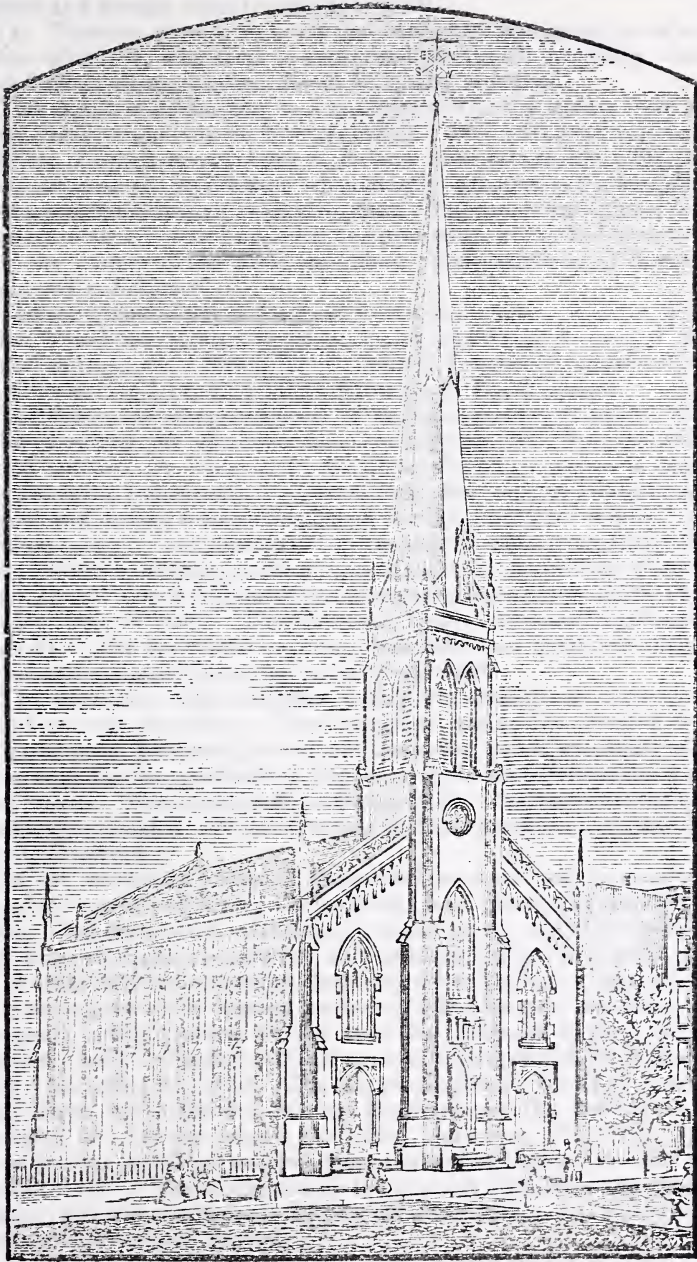
A meeting of those in the Second Presbyterian church who were favorable to an enterprise of this kind, was called at the lecture room on Saturday afternoon, November 5, 1859. Rev. Dr. Sprague was present and presided. The subject was freely and fully discussed, and the demand for additional church accommodations was set forth. A committee was appointed to act in connection with similar committees from the churches of the same ecclesiastical connection, to take into consideration the expediency of building a new Presbyterian church, and to submit the results of their deliberations and investigations to a meeting of the friends of the enterprise.

The committee named on behalf of the second Presbyterian church was Thomas Olcott, Archibald McClure, jr., and David Murray. Rev. Dr. Campbell, the pastor of the first Presbyterian church, named as a committee from that congregation to act with the preceding, William Wendell, Richard M. Strong, and Henry March. Rev. Dr. Halley in like manner named from the third Presbyterian church, Austin H. Wells, John Rogers, and John F. Prentice. This committee of nine adopted a report setting forth the necessity for the enterprise, and the claims which it had upon the benevolence of the Christians of Albany. It stated that the ninth and tenth wards of Albany contained about 18,500 inhabitants, and was increasing more rapidly than any other portion of the city. That to accommodate this large population only four small protestant churches were located in those wards, affording seats for about 1,900 persons. That it was preëminently the duty of the Presbyterian churches to fill this deficiency, because they were large and able, and because while other denominations had all been extending their church accommodations, the Presbyterian churches had not added to theirs in thirty years. The report therefore submitted as a plan of operations:

(1.) That a suitable lot be secured immediately, situated between State street and Hudson, and between Swan and Lark.

(2.) That a subscription be taken up for a sum of money not less than \$30,000; and that the subscriptions be binding only when \$20,000 of the whole sum be subscribed.





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(3). That an edifice capable of containing 1000 persons, with a suitable lecture and Sunday school room, be erected.

(4). That the provisions be carried out under the direction of a committee of fifteen, who shall be authorized to take all necessary steps till such time as a congregation should be legally organized.

This report was submitted to a meeting held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church, Nov. 21, 1859. Joel Rathbone presided, and William Tillinghast and John S. Putnam were secretaries. The recommendations of the report were unanimously adopted, and a committee of fifteen appointed to carry them into effect. The report was ordered printed, together with a letter of approval and sympathy, which had been received from the pastors of the three churches. The committee of fifteen were appointed as follows :

Thomas Olcott, John S. Putnam, Robert L. Johnson, William Wendell, Adam Van Allen, George B. Hoyt, Austin H. Wells, Richard J. Grant, Jonathan R. Herrick, Henry March, John F. Prentice, Archibald McClure, jr., Charles G. Clark, Richard M. Strong, and David Murray.

The report and the proceedings of the committee were printed and distributed among the churches on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 24, 1859, on which occasion Dr. Sprague, in his discourse, took occasion to commend the enterprise to his people. Immediately after this the subscription was begun, and carried forward from time to time during the winter and succeeding spring. The friends of the enterprise were exceedingly liberal, and gave their encouragement and their aid. If required many months of labor, however, to bring the subscription up to the point at which it became binding, viz : \$20,000. This, however, by the strenuous exertions of the member of the committee on whom this work was chiefly devolved, was at last accomplished about the last of July, 1860.

The committee took measures during the summer to secure a lot on which to erect the edifice. Their attention was at first directed to a site on Swan street between Chesnut and Lancaster, but it was finally decided to arrange for the purchase of the lot on State street where the building now stands. They secured from James Dexter, the agent for the Banyer estate, the refusal of 110 feet fronting on State street, and extending 181½ feet to Chestnut.

In the meantime several of the committee were busy visiting and examining church edifices, and ascertaining facts concerning the anticipated cost. Architects were requested to submit plans, and that presented by Mr. Wm. Hodgens was selected, and he himself appointed architect.

In order that the enterprise thus initiated might have a legal existence, and be empowered to appoint trustees to take charge of its affairs, it was necessary under the laws of the state that religious services should be regularly held. The first of such services was appointed for Sabbath evening, September 23, 1860. The German Lutheran church on State street near Swan, was hired for Sunday evenings, and the lecture room also engaged for Sunday school and other purposes. Rev. Dr. Sprague preached the opening discourse from the text, "Despise not the day of small things." The clergymen of the city and elsewhere were invited to preach, and the enterprise is largely indebted during its infancy to their ready and gratuitous services.

In accordance with notice legally given, a meeting was held on Monday evening, Oct. 16, 1860, to elect trustees. The following gentlemen were





elected, and a complete list of those who have held this office will be found in a table at the end of this sketch :

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| Thomas Olecott,    | Archibald McClure, jr. |
| Robert L. Johnson, | Richard M. Strong,     |
| John S. Putnam,    | Charles G. Clark,      |
| James Williamson,  | Richard J. Grant.      |

David Murray.

At the same meeting a resolution was adopted assuming as the name and designation of the church, "The State Street Presbyterian Church in Albany." The board of trustees organized by appointing

Robert L. Johnson, President,  
Archibald McClure, jr., Treasurer,  
Richard M. Strong, Secretary.

The board thus legally organized at once consummated the arrangements to purchase the lot on State street, and also after receiving proposals from various mechanics, awarded the contract for the erection of the building to James W. Eaton, mason, and to John N. Parker, carpenter. According to these contracts, the building was to have been completed by October 1st, 1861. The foundation was begun in April, 1861, and was so far completed that the corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies July 18, 1861. Rev. Dr. Halley made an address on the occasion, and Rev. Drs. Seelye and Palmer took part in the exercises.

Thus far the congregation had formed no ecclesiastical connection, and was not fully organized. A petition was laid before the Albany Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, at their meeting held February 12, 1861, asking to be received under their charge. A committee of that body was therefore appointed with power to organize the church, and to ordain the proper officers. This committee consisted of

Rev. Dr. Sprague, and Archibald McClure.  
Rev. Dr. Campbell, and James P. Boyd.  
Rev. Dr. Halley, and Mr. Ferguson.

The ceremony was held Thursday evening, March 28, 1861, at which Dr. Sprague presided and preached a sermon. Forty-two persons presented certificates of membership from other churches, and were, at their desire, organized into a church. Of this number *three* were from the first Presbyterian church, *thirty-six* from the second Presbyterian, and *three* from the third Presbyterian church. Walter R. Bush, Austin H. Wells, and David Murray were ordained as elders, and James H. McClure, deacon.

A desire to secure a pastor for this new congregation was very generally manifested at this time, and some correspondence had been held with reference to this end with Rev. Dr. Westbrook, Secretary of the American Sunday School Union. A strong sentiment was manifested in his favor, and a meeting was held at which it was resolved to extend to him a call. But before any action had been taken in the matter, and entirely for reasons personal to Dr. Westbrook, the negotiation was broken off. The pulpit continued to be supplied during the succeeding summer and autumn and winter by the occasional services of such clergymen as could be obtained. The first communion service was held in the church on the first Sabbath of October 1861. The service was conducted by Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, then of Troy, now of New York. To the forty-two who constituted the original membership, ten others were added at this time.

The completion of the building was delayed much beyond the original design and contract. Instead of being completed on the first of October,



1861, it really was completed about that time in 1862. But the basement of the church was completed and occupied at an earlier day. To furnish the lecture room and audience room when finished, the ladies of the church held a fair during the second week in December, 1861. They used the most strenuous exertions and met with the most commendable liberality at the hands of the ladies in other churches, who aided them by their contributions and their services. The amount realized was 1,252 dollars. This sum was exclusive of a subscription which was raised by the ladies for furnishing the church, and amounted to \$1,470.36 more. In addition to this, the church was at this time the recipient of its present beautiful communion service of solid silver, the gift of Mrs. William Wendell.

The lecture room in the basement of the church was ready for occupation February 23d, 1862, on which occasion Rev. A. S. Twombly, of Cherry Valley, preached. Up to this time the services of the church had consisted of one service on each Sunday evening. From this time the morning and evening services were regularly held. On a subsequent occasion the same clergyman preached, and his services were so acceptable that steps were at once taken to secure his permanent settlement. A call was made out for him and accepted April 17, 1862. His duties as pastor began on the first Sabbath of June, and his installation by a committee of the Presbytery took place June 21, 1862. Rev. Dr. Halley preached a sermon, Rev. Dr. Goodale, of Amsterdam, gave the charge to the people, and Rev. Dr. Sprague the charge to the pastor. Rev. B. H. Pitman presided and constituted the relationship of pastor and people.

The church building was at last completed and dedicated October 12, 1862. A sermon on the occasion was preached by the pastor, and the exercises were participated in by Rev. Drs. Campbell, Halley, Seelye and Palmer. The building answered to the expectations formed of it, in being a beautiful, convenient and solemn house of worship. It is in the style of architecture usually denominated perpendicular Gothic, which prevailed in England from the fourteenth to the sixteenth centuries. The building is 111 by 69 feet over all, exclusive of a semi-octagonal apsis in the rear, containing in the basement the Sunday school library, entrance to the lecture room and staircase to main floor, and above a pastor's study and organ room. The audience room of the church is 84 by 60 feet in the clear, and with the galleries will seat 1000 persons. In the basement are a large lecture room, infant school room, trustees room, furnace and coal cellar.

The gallery is in the form of a horse shoe, and is supported on light cast iron columns, with open floriated brackets, hatched shafts and rich foliated capitals. The gallery front is of open iron tracery of medieval pattern. The ceiling is groined in three bays, the centre ribs terminating in ornamental pendants.

One of the chief novelties of the building is the mode of lighting. The principal burners are placed in parabolic reflectors in the ceiling, occupying the places of bosses in the plaster work. A hemispherical screen of ground glass protects the eyes from the intense reflected light, and diffuses it in softened masses over the floor of the church. The effect is very beautiful and agreeable, and has the additional advantage of displaying the ornamental ceiling in an unusual degree. The idea of thus lighting the building was borrowed from a church in Washington, said to have been suggested by Gen. Meigs,—and was elaborated and improved in arrangements and details by the architect and others.



The organ loft in the arrangement of the building is placed behind the pulpit, as being the appropriate position for an instrument to guide the praises of a congregation. The pipes are located in a loft higher than the pulpit, and the sound is heard through tracery of wooden work. The key board is located at one side of the pulpit, and faces the audience. The organ was built by William Johnson, of Westfield, Mass., at a cost of \$2,600. The committee of the church who had this subject in hand, and who labored assiduously for securing this noble instrument, were Messrs. Charles H. Strong and Charles D. Rathbone.

On Monday and Tuesday evening immediately succeeding the dedication, the trustees met those who desired to purchase or rent pews. Quite a large number were sold, and nearly all the remaining desirable pews were rented. The title for the pews sold did not differ materially from that usually given, except that the trustees specially reserved to themselves the right to alter the ground-rent assessed upon the pews when the expenses of the church demanded it—binding themselves, however, to alter all the ground rents in the church in equal proportion.

When the building was sufficiently advanced for the purpose, a committee was appointed to procure a bell. This committee consisted of James M. Horton, Charles D. Rathbone and Jesse Buel. They applied to the Common Council for aid, on the ground that this portion of the city was entirely destitute of any adequate fire-alarm. The Common Council granted them \$500 towards the project. A sum equal to this was raised by subscription, and the present bell purchased from Meneely of West Troy. It weighs about 3,200 pounds, and was hung June 28, 1862. The beautiful wind-vane now on the spire of the church was the suggestion of A. M. Strong, Esq., who, with William Wendell, Esq., supplied the means for its erection. In mentioning special donations, the beautiful baptismal font must not be omitted. It is the gift of Thomas Olcott, Esq., and executed after designs furnished by E. D. Palmer, Esq. The elegant carved wooden chairs for the pulpit were executed by Mr. Ware, of Boston, and were the gift of Robert L. Johnson, Esq.

The cost of the edifice and its principal equipments may be put down as follows:

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| Lot, 110 ft. front by 181½ ft. deep..... | \$11,000.00 |
| Building, complete,.....                 | 41,049.62   |
| Furnishing church and lecture room.....  | 3,976.51    |
| Organ, by Johnson, of Westfield,.....    | 2,600.00    |
| Bell, by Meneely, of West Troy,.....     | 1,000.00    |
| Total.....                               | \$59,626.13 |

Of this amount the church has already paid all except the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, which is secured by bond and mortgage upon the lot and building. No floating debt or other incumbrance remains, and the income of the church is amply sufficient to meet the current expenses. For this prosperous condition of its finances, the church is indebted to the energy of its board of trustees, responded to by the most hearty liberality from the members of the congregation and its friends. It would be unjust in this connection to omit special mention of the generous liberality shown to this new church enterprise by the members of Dr. Sprague's congregation. From its first incipience it received the most cordial sympathy and the most substantial aid from pastor and people. The larger part of the



first subscription for erecting the edifice was obtained among them, and in every subsequent step nothing was wanting that could be done to give it permanence and success.

In November, 1862, the Tenth Regiment, N. Y. State National Guards, volunteered for nine months of service, was accepted and sent to New Orleans. In this regiment went a large number of the members of the church and congregation, among whom were three members of the board of trustees, viz: Charles D. Rathbone, Richard M. Strong and James Williamson—who volunteered as officers in the regiment.

In addition to these, several others who were members of the Sunday School volunteered, among whom was almost the entire class of Lieut. Strong.

The regiment was encamped for a long time at Bonnet Carré near New Orleans, and much sickness prevailed. At this place, Richard M. Strong, the adjutant of the regiment, died of fever May 12th, 1863. No man could have been more lamented in his regiment and at home. He was universally beloved and esteemed. He was the idol of the regiment, looking after their interests, physical and spiritual, as long as life and health lasted. He had been connected with the church enterprise from its beginning, and at the first election of trustees was elected to and held that office at the time of his death.

Lieut. James Williamson, another of the trustees of the church, was killed at the storming of the fortifications of Port Hudson, May 26, 1863, while he was gallantly leading his company. He, too, had been connected with the board of trustees of the church from its commencement. He was most devoted to its interest, and with great intelligence and good judgment, and with the most undeviating alacrity labored for the advancement of its interests.

The loss of these beloved and useful men was deeply felt in the church, and impressed upon all the feeling that there is no interest or body which is not made in some bitter way to feel the sad results of this terrible civil war.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sabbath School connected with this church was organized April 7th, 1861. Notice of its opening had been given from the pulpit, and also distributed among the families in the vicinity. 125 teachers and scholars were present at the opening. It was held in the basement of the German Lutheran church each Sunday afternoon. The following officers were appointed: David Murray, superintendent, Robert L. Johnson, librarian, William J. White, treasurer, and William G. Rogers, secretary. A library of 200 volumes was obtained by purchase, and a donation of Bibles was obtained from the Albany branch of the American Bible Society. An infant department was organized after a few months, which at first was under the care of Miss Wygant, and afterwards of Miss Strong and Miss Bush.

As soon as the basement of the church building was completed, the school was removed to its present commodious quarters. This took place February 23, 1862. The first of a series of annual Sunday school festivals was held February 27th, 1862. During the first year 350 new volumes had been added to the library, and the average attendance had risen to 199.





The first anniversary of the school was celebrated April 13, 1862. Rev. John Todd, D. D., of Pittsfield, delivered an address.

During the ensuing year, the school still continued rapidly to increase. This increase made necessary an enlargement and division of the library. A girls' library was therefore organized separate from the boys', in order to give greater facilities for drawing books.

A considerable number of the teachers and students of the school enlisted during this second year in various regiments which were being raised for the war. A complete list of these is given in the appendix, so far as they are known. Each one of the scholars on the occasion of their departure for the seat of war, was presented with a Bible and an India rubber blanket. The school also presented to the 177th regiment, in which many of their number were enlisted, 1000 of the army hymn books.

The second annual festival was held January 21, 1863.

The second anniversary was celebrated April 12, 1863, addressed by Rev. Dr. Clark, of Albany, and Charles A. Holmes, Esq., of Troy. At the beginning of the third year of the school, James M. Horton was elected superintendent in place of Mr. Murray, resigned.

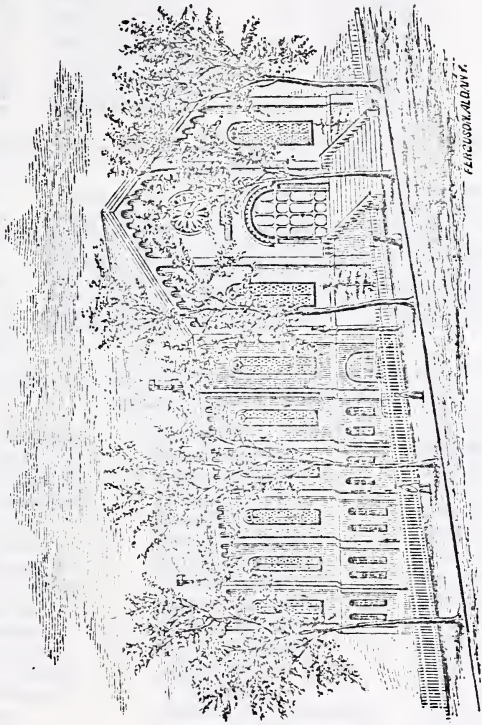
The gradual and continuous growth of the school during the year succeeding this, will be seen from the tables in the appendix. The whole history of the school has been a continuous healthy growth. It has been earnestly and faithfully maintained, and has proved the chief source of the additions made to the church on profession of faith.

#### *Conclusion.*

The brief sketch above given may serve to give some idea of the steps which have resulted in the establishment of this church. The object aimed at in entering upon this enterprise, was to supply the large and populous region comprising the ninth and tenth wards of the city with some addition to their church accommodations. It was to fill a sensible want, to supply a palpable deficiency, that the church was projected. The readiness with which the pews have been taken, the unprecedented prosperity of the sabbath school, the number of families who for the first time have held church relations of any kind, all demonstrate the correctness of the estimate in regard to the want of such a church. A kind providence has smiled upon it. Without any prolonged or painful struggle, it has assumed an important and useful position. It has gathered in those who never had a home in a Christian church before. Nearly all its pews are occupied. Its sabbath school furnishes five hundred children with instruction in the way of life. Let these benevolent designs continue to be kept in view, and the members and officers continue to labor as zealously as heretofore for its prosperity and advancement, and the complete object of its establishment cannot fail to be realized.

Appended to this account will be found various items arranged in tabular form for easy reference, which may be matters of interest.





UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
Lancaster Street, near Eagle.



Trustees of the State Street Presbyterian Church.

| Term of office began. | Names.                       | Term Ended.       | Remarks.                |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | Charles G. Clark,.....       | 1861, Oct. 16. .  |                         |
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | Richard M. Strong.....       | 1861, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | James Williamson,.....       | 1861, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | Robert L. Johnson,.....      | 1862, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | Archibald McClure, jr.,..... | 1862, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | Thomas Olcott,.....          | 1862, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | Richard J. Grant,.....       | 1863, Oct. 16.... | Resigned Oct. 1861.     |
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | David Murray,.....           | 1863, Oct. 16.... | Resigned Sep. 11, 1863. |
| 1860, Oct. 16.        | John S. Putnam,.....         | 1863, Oct. 16.... | Resigned Oct. 1862.     |
| 1861, Oct. 16.        | Charles G. Clark,.....       | 1864, Oct. 16.... | Resigned Sep. 10, 1863. |
| 1861, Oct. 16.        | Richard M. Strong,.....      | 1864, Oct. 16.... | Died May 12, 1863.      |
| 1861, Oct. 16.        | James Williamson,.....       | 1864, Oct. 16.... | Killed May 27, 1863.    |
| 1861, Oct. 16.        | Charles D. Rathbone,.....    | 1863, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1862, Oct. 16.        | Robert L. Johnson,.....      | 1865, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1862, Oct. 16.        | Archibald McClure, jr.,..... | 1865, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1862, Oct. 16.        | Thomas Olcott,.....          | 1865, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1862, Oct. 16.        | Jacob Van Derzee,.....       | 1863, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1863, Oct. 16.        | John C. McClure,.....        | 1866, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1863, Oct. 16.        | William J. White,.....       | 1866, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1863, Oct. 16.        | Jacob Van Derzee,.....       | 1866, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1863, Oct. 16.        | Albert M. Brunningham,.....  | 1864, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1863, Oct. 16.        | Charles H. Strong,.....      | 1864, Oct. 16.... |                         |
| 1863, Oct. 16.        | James Wilson,.....           | 1864, Oct. 16.... |                         |

Officers of the State Street Presbyterian Church Sunday School from the Organization.

|                      | 1861 and '62.       | 1862 and '63.      | 1863 and '64.      | 1864 and '66.      |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Superintendent,      | David Murray.       | David Murray,      | James M. Horton.   | James M. Horton.   |
| Asst. Superintend't, | Arch'd. M. Gibson,  | Arch'd. M. Gibson, | Arch'd. M. Gibson, | Arch'd M. Gibson,  |
| Secretary,           | William G. Rodgers, | Wm. H. McClure,    | Levi S. Gates,     | W. G. Snow,        |
| Treasurer,           | William J. White,   | William J. White,  | William J. White,  | William J. White,  |
| Asst. Treasurer,     | Fred. W. Brown,     | Fred. W. Brown,    | Fred. W. Brown,    | Fred. W. Brown,    |
| Librarian,           | Robert L. Johnson,  | Robert L. Johnson, | Robert L. Johnson, | Robert L. Johnson, |
| Asst. Librarian,     | Edmund Winne,       | Edmund Winne,      | Ernest J. Miller,  | Ernest J. Miller,  |
| Asst. Librarian,     | Wm. H. McClure,     | Nicholas Groat,    | Nicholas Groat,    | Nicholas Groat,    |
| Asst. Librarian,     |                     |                    |                    | Levi S. Gates.     |

List of Persons who have served as Teachers in the State Street Presbyterian Church Sunday School.

|                         |                        |                       |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Charles H. Anthony,     | Frederick W. Munson, — | Mrs. Alex. Davidson,  |
| I. P. S. Briant,        | David Murray,          | Mrs. H. L. Dickerman, |
| George C. Benedict,     | Matthew Noyes,         | Miss Frisbe,          |
| William H. Bowman,      | Thomas Olcott,         | Mrs. L. S. Gates,     |
| A. H. Bronson,          | Peter Simmons,         | Miss Gladding,        |
| Walter R. Bush,         | Joseph L. Snow,        | Miss Gompf,           |
| Walter R. Bush, jr.     | Phillip Spencer,       | Miss Hand,            |
| William B. Church,      | S. E. Stimson,         | Mrs. H. J. Hastings,  |
| Edgar Cottrell,         | Richard M. Strong,     | Miss Henry,           |
| Ezra Dickerman,         | R. W. Thatcher,        | Mrs. James M. Horton, |
| H. L. Dickerman,        | W. T. Valentine,       | Miss Malcolm,         |
| Edward P. Durant,       | James A. Van Buren,    | Mrs. Merchant,        |
| H. R. Flansburgh,       | A. Waldron,            | Mrs. A. McClure, jr., |
| Levi S. Gates,          | Edward P. Waterbury,   | Mrs. J. H. McClure,   |
| Joseph Gavit,           | Jeremiah Whitehead,    | Miss Emma McClure,    |
| Ralph S. Goodwin,       | W. S. Whitney,         | Mrs. John Phillips,   |
| Alfred Gorham,          | James Williamson,      | Mrs. W. A. Rice,      |
| James M. Horton,        | Miss Kitty Batchelder, | Miss J. Skerritt,     |
| Ten Eyck LaMour, jr.,   | Miss Briant,           | Mrs. Smith,           |
| Harvey D. Leonard,      | Mrs. Brown,            | Mrs. W. T. Valentine, |
| William H. Malcolm,     | Miss Fannie Bush,      | Mrs. R. W. Thatcher,  |
| Archibald McClure,      | Miss Carrie Bush,      | Miss Van Zandt,       |
| Archibald McClure, jr., | Miss Chambers,         | Miss Annie Wilson,    |
| John C. McClure,        | Miss Cook,             | Miss L. Wilson,       |
| James H. McClure,       | Miss Cotrell,          | Miss M. Wilson,       |
| Ernest J. Miller,       | Mrs. James Cruikshank, | Miss Bella White.     |



*Attendance and Collections of the State Street Presbyterian Church  
Sabbath School.*

|                    | Average<br>Attendance | Greatest<br>Attendance | Least<br>Attendance | Average<br>Collection | Amount<br>Collected |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1861-2             |                       |                        |                     |                       |                     |
| April, May, June,  | 172                   | 197                    | 115                 | 5.69                  | 73.93               |
| July, Aug., Sept., | 165                   | 211                    | 68                  | 4.80                  | 62.29               |
| Oct., Nov., Dec.,  | 195                   | 237                    | 145                 | 5.69                  | 73.91               |
| Jan., Feb., March, | 259                   | 303                    | 185                 | 7.06                  | 98.89               |
| First Year,        | 199                   | 303                    | 68                  | 5.83                  | 309.02              |
| 1862-3             |                       |                        |                     |                       |                     |
| April, May, June,  | 287                   | 336                    | 202                 | 11.60                 | 140.81              |
| July, Aug., Sept., | 273                   | 344                    | 101                 | 15.12                 | 196.45              |
| Oct., Nov., Dec.,  | 370                   | 442                    | 206                 | 12.10                 | 157.31              |
| Jan., Feb., March, | 447                   | 518                    | 344                 | 11.25                 | 226.22              |
| Second Year,       | 344                   | 518                    | 101                 | 12.25                 | 720.79              |
| 1863-4             |                       |                        |                     |                       |                     |
| April, May, June,  | 460                   | 537                    | 342                 | 14.69                 | 176.34              |
| July, Aug., Sept., | 320                   | 436                    | 63                  | 24.77                 | 291.24              |
| Oct., Nov., Dec.,  | 423                   | 506                    | 246                 | 17.23                 | 224.00              |
| Jan., Feb., March, | 470                   | 573                    | 278                 | 15.63                 | 218.78              |
| Third Year,        | 427                   | 573                    | 63                  | 17.98                 | 916.86              |

*Members of the State Street Presbyterian Congregation or Sunday School  
who have Volunteered for the Defence of our Government.*

Capt. W. Crouse, Lieut. Wm. Diamond, Capt. E. H. Merrihew, Capt. Charles D. Rathbone, Quartermaster, Lt. A. H. Bronson, Lt. Brooke, Major C. G. Clark, Dr. Boulware, Asst. Surgeon, Lt. W. G. Rogers, Lt. Richard M. Strong (dead), Lt. James Williamson (dead), Lt. Theo. S. Bailey (dead), Joseph Bradley, John Brown (dead,) Charles Gomph (dead), Daniel D. Grovesteen, James Gurley, Charles E. Hungerford, Samuel Jackson, Joseph T. Kane, Edward Lindsey (dead), Herman Loper, Dusenbury Rancour, Henry Rehl, John A. Van Loeven, Austin Wadley.





## THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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The first steps toward the organization of this church, of which we have any record, were taken at a business meeting held at Wendell's tavern, October 4, 1800. Of this meeting John Kirk was chairman, and George Pearson, clerk. It is probable, however, that the matter had been under consideration previously, and that meetings less formal had already been held, as this is called a "meeting of the members of this society." Dr. William McClelland was at this time appointed "stated president of this association," John Grant stated secretary, and Donald McLeod treasurer. At this meeting it was agreed that as soon as twenty-five persons should sign "our association," two hundred copies should be printed and circulated among the members. James Angus, George Embrie, John Kirk and Joseph Caldwell, were appointed a committee of arrangement to procure a suitable place of meeting for public worship, and to obtain supply of preaching as often as possible. The above names, together with that of John Cumming, are all that appear on record at this time; and these persons, together with one or two others, may, therefore, be regarded as the founders of this congregation, viz: John Kirk, George Pearson, Dr. William McClelland, John Grant, Donald McLeod, James Angus, George Embrie, Joseph Caldwell, John Cumming, and James Chesney. The next meeting was held on the 15th of the same month, at which time it was reported that thirty-three persons had signed the articles of the association as members. This meeting was held at Joseph Caldwell's school house, which stood on what is now the south-east corner of Maiden Lane and Chapel streets. Here, also, many of the meetings of the board of trustees were afterwards held.

About this time efforts were made to secure the services of Rev. John McDonald, as the pastor of this infant society; or rather, it was in the expectation of obtaining his services that the effort was first put forth toward establishing a new congregation. Mr. McDonald, the father of the late Mrs. Archibald McIntyre, of this city, was a man of considerable ability as a preacher — earnest and laborious as a pastor, and a man of great tenderness and affection in his manner, and having a peculiar gift of attaching to him warm personal friends. He had been formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city. But in the year 1795, his relation to that congregation and to the Presbytery of Albany was dissolved, owing to an unhappy event, which it is not necessary to mention here. He then removed to Canada, where he remained for some time; and on the 15th of September, 1800, he was restored to the office of the ministry by the Presbytery of Montreal. It was very soon after this that he returned to Albany, and began his labors in this new field. It was through his efforts and influence that the congregation was established, the nucleus of the church being composed of his former parishioners



who adhered to him, partly through personal attachment, and partly because they had a high regard for his ability as a minister.

In some informal manner, a call or invitation had been extended to Mr. McDonald to take the pastoral oversight of this infant society. For, at a meeting, held January 6, 1801, we find a committee making report that Mr. McDonald had accepted the call which had been given him. At this same meeting steps were taken to put the congregation on a permanent footing by the election of a board of trustees. And on the 31st of the same month the first election was held, and the following persons were duly chosen members of the board, viz: Joseph Caldwell, James Angus, John Kirk, Alexander Cumming, Alexander Watson, John Van Ness Yates, John Grant, George Klinck, and George Pearson. At this meeting it was resolved that the congregation be known in future as

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF THE CITY OF ALBANY.

The congregation met for public worship for five and a half months in James Angus's Long-room, in North Pearl street, and afterwards in James Caldwell's store in State street. But soon after Mr. McDonald signified his acceptance of the call extended to him, and entered upon his labors in the congregation, steps were taken to procure lots and proceed to the erection of a church edifice. For this purpose a certificate of incorporation was delivered to the corporation of the city, and a lot of ground 80 feet square, on the corner of Fox (now Canal) street, and Barrack (now Chapel) street, was donated to them. An additional piece of ground lying west of this, 40 feet in width, was afterward purchased from the city authorities for \$80. And a few months afterward a donation of the ground now lying south of these lots to Oak (now Columbia) street, was donated by the city authorities. A letter of thanks for their generous donation was sent to the mayor and aldermen of the city by order of the board of trustees. The congregation was not strong either in numbers or means, and it was a serious matter for them to undertake so great a work. But assistance was obtained from other congregations in the city and vicinity; and their efforts were so far successful that the corner stone of the new edifice on the corner of Chapel and Canal streets was laid October, 5, 1801, just one year after the first formal meeting of the society was held, and nine months after Mr. McDonald began his labors among them. This building was a substantial brick building, fronting on Chapel street, 60 feet in length, by 50 feet in width, with a projection for a vestibule 15 feet in width. The windows were arched. It contained a gallery on both sides and end. But the end gallery was afterwards enclosed and used for a lecture room and sabbath school room. The building is still standing, but it is no longer used for a church. At this date it may be interesting to read the account of the laying of the corner stone, taken from an old manuscript, written, it would seem, for the *Albany Sentinel*.<sup>1</sup>

"On Wednesday, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the corner stone of the foundation of the United Presbyterian church in this city was laid by the Rev. John McDonald, in presence of the trustees and ecclesiastical officers of that congregation. After the stone was fixed, accompanied with three strokes of the hammer, these words were added: 'In the

<sup>1</sup>This paper is endorsed "For the *Centinel*," and appears somewhat like the handwriting of John Grant.



name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the church, we solemnly place this stone, the corner foundation of a sacred edifice for the public worship of God, an expression of the piety of the United Presbyterian church in Albany. Amidst considerable opposition from some, and encouraged by the generous liberality of others, this infant society, though neither distinguished for their numbers nor their wealth, has undertaken this expensive work with full dependence on God. United in faith and affection, in pursuit and prospect, they look to God for success. They wait with confidence.

“On this spot may a gospel temple speedily rise, which God in mercy, in grace, and in love, may visit! Here may Christians weekly assemble with pious views and more than fraternal affection and harmony! Here may the gospel table be constantly supplied with the provisions of the covenant of grace in their season! Here may the spirit of Christ descend on the worshippers, to enliven, to sanctify, and to fill them with wisdom and consolation! May this place remain for ages consecrated to God, and may thousands of this and of the generations to come say, *here we also were born from above.*”

“Smile, thou Father of Light, on these thy servants; enable them to accomplish their desires in completing this house; grant them the necessary supplies of thy indulgent providence, with hearts disposed to offer willingly; and graciously accept of them, of their children, and their free will offering, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Although Mr. McDonald was reported to the society about the beginning of the year as having accepted their call, yet, we find, that another meeting was held on the 6th of June, requesting him to continue with them on the same terms as before, (that is, at the rate of \$600.00 per annum.) And on the 13th of the same month he is reported to the board of trustees as agreeing to remain six months longer, according to the request of the congregation.

Though the church edifice was not fully completed, yet the work was carried forward so rapidly that the building was occupied for public worship on the first sabbath of January, 1802,—temporary seats being used on that occasion. Soon afterward, the board purchased the pews of the old Presbyterian church for \$125, by which means the church was comfortably seated in an economical manner.

As the congregation had become considerably embarrassed by their heavy undertaking, the board of trustees agreed, in order to obtain the means of liquidating the debt incurred by the erection of their house of worship, to issue “thirty scrips at \$100.00 each, on which to borrow money, redeemable in eighteen months.”

In October, 1802, the congregation held their first meeting for the sale and letting of pews. Twelve pews were sold at prices ranging from \$26 to \$127, subject to an annual rent of \$4.50 to \$11.00. Thirty-two pews were rented at prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per annum. The whole amount realized from the sale of pews was \$1,024. And the yearly revenue arising from both sources was \$380. The following are the names of the persons recorded as having purchased pews:

|                     |                    |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Joseph Caldwell,    | James Lloyd,       | Archibald McIntyre, |
| Samuel J. McGinnis, | W. Smith,          | John Grant,         |
| James Chesney,      | Daniel Cumming,    | Donald McLeod,      |
| James Lloyd,        | Alexander Forsyth, | George Klink.       |



The following are the names of those who rented pews for the year :

|                     |                       |                  |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| John M. Pearson,    | Walter Stuart,        | John Kirk,       |
| James Angus,        | Alexander Cumming,    | William Cumming, |
| John Cumming,       | James Lloyd,          | James Stevenson, |
| Robert Todd,        | Alexander Forsyth,    | George Pearson,  |
| John Oliver,        | John Frazer, (elder,) | George Kinnear,  |
| James Kinnear,      | Medad Candey,         | George Imbrie,   |
| James Scott,        | Richard White,        | David Bromley,   |
| John McHarg, jr.,   | John Frazer,          | Joseph Welsh     |
| Dr. William Wilson, | Wm. W. Williams,      | Thomas Andrew,   |
| James Brown,        | John Thompson.        | Donald Ross,     |
| Peter McDougall,    | Donald McDonald,      | A. Hoffman,      |
| Alexander Watson.   |                       |                  |

The congregation has been from the beginning generally known in the community as the Scotch church, not only because the first pastor was from Scotland, and most of those who composed the congregation at first were emigrants from the same country; but also because the doctrinal standards adopted, and the forms of worship observed, were the same as those in use in the church of Scotland. The congregation was therefore Presbyterian in name and principle; yet owing to the somewhat anomalous circumstances under which it originated, and the distance of the Presbytery by which Mr. McDonald was restored to the ministry, the church was practically Congregational or Independent rather than Presbyterian. And though there was some kind of allegiance acknowledged to the Presbytery of Montreal, in Canada, yet this connection seems to have been rather nominal than real; as the congregation did, in fact, adopt their own creed, and exercised the power of tendering a call to a minister, and again of accepting his resignation, without the intervention of a Presbytery. At a meeting of the congregation held Jan. 3, 1803, Rev. Mr. McDonald acting as moderator of the meeting, the following constitution or creed was adopted, and ordered to be inserted in the records of the board of trustees:

“ We, the members of the United Presbyterian congregation in the city of Albany, in order to engage ourselves to each other, adopt and establish the following articles, as containing the principles on which our society is founded :

“ 1. We profess that on mature deliberation we withdrew from our former ecclesiastical connections, because we apprehended that they were forsaking some of the great principles in doctrine and discipline, in worship and government, which the church of Scotland held in her purest times; and that we might enjoy the public ordinances of religion with increasing benefit to our own souls and to the souls of our families. Those of us who did not withdraw under these apprehensions, joined the society from a conviction that we were promoting our own edification.

“ 2. We, therefore, solemnly declare that we embrace the scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the sole foundation of our faith and hope, and the unerring rule of our manners and worship.

“ 3. We unanimously adopt the Confession of Faith, with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, composed by an assembly of British divines, held at Westminster, in the year one thousand six hundred and forty-three, as a summary of the doctrines of the gospel for the public instruction of





our youth, and as a standard and exposition of our faith in the peculiar principles of our holy religion.

"4. We engage to maintain the form of public worship, of discipline and government, presented by the above-mentioned Assembly, being the same as now used in our congregation.

"5. In order to prevent innovations, we establish the version of Psalms allowed by the church of Scotland in her congregations, and which is now sung in ours, agreeably to a resolution of our members at our first establishment as a church.

"6. We declare ourselves at present under the ecclesiastical inspection of the Presbytery of Montreal, in Canada, but with power to withdraw ourselves when Providence shall present another connection with which our principles may permit us to unite with more convenience.

"7. We maintain that all whose religious principles correspond to these articles, and whose life and conversation is agreeable to the gospel, have a right, on producing satisfactory evidence of these to the Congregational Session, to all the spiritual privileges of the church; provided, that if their dwellings and ability permit, they contribute to the support of these institutions, as this is an indispensable precept of the gospel.

"8. We deem it inexpedient that the office of elder or deacon, and that of a trustee, should be held by the same person at one time; and that, therefore, should a member of the board of trustees be elected, and accept the office of either elder or deacon, his seat shall be vacated in the board of trustees.

"9. We further decree, that no person shall be entitled to a seat either in the church session or in the board of trustees, unless publicly elected by the congregation assembled for that purpose by a previous regular notification.

"10. We pledge ourselves to a faithful observation and firm support of these articles, and that no alteration shall be made in them, or any infringement offered by minister or session, without a full concurrence of the society. A copy of these is hereby ordered to be inserted as a perpetual evidence, both on the records of the board of trustees and the books of the church session."

"Done at a congregational meeting held in their church, in Barrack street, on the third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and three.  
Attested by

JO. McDONALD,

"Moderator of the meeting."

From any records known to be in existence, it cannot be ascertained how large the congregation had at this time become, but it was with considerable difficulty and by unwearied effort that they were able to meet the expense necessary in a self-sustaining congregation. They were still burdened with a considerable debt, incurred by the erection of their church edifice. To provide the means of liquidating this debt, it was agreed, in 1807, to sell several lots adjoining the ground on which the church building stood. Eight several lots were accordingly sold, at prices ranging from \$200 to \$810. The whole amount thus realized was \$2,910, — which, it is believed, enabled the congregation to pay off all their indebtedness.

In the year 1814, another lot was donated to the congregation by the city authorities, on which it was agreed to raise by mortgage \$1000, to enable them to build a church steeple, and complete the gallery. But



this project was never fully carried out. At least the steeple was never fully completed.

In 1815, it was agreed to raise the salary of the minister to \$1000. But, about two years afterward, it was found impossible to raise this amount; the congregation being considerably weakened by a number of removals from the city, as well as other causes.

Early in the year 1819, the health of Mr. McDonald began seriously to fail, and in the expectation that his illness would be only temporary, the board of trustees (who seem to have had the principal oversight of the congregation in spiritual matters, as well as temporal,) appointed a committee to wait on Rev. Joseph Shaw, D. D., professor of languages in the Albany Academy, with a view of obtaining his services during Mr. McDonald's illness. Dr. Shaw supplied the pulpit stately for some months, from January 26, 1819. On the 26th of March, Mr. McDonald notified the board of trustees of his intention to resign his pastoral charge on account of continued indisposition. And at the call of the board a meeting of the congregation was held on the 5th of April, to devise such measures as might be thought necessary under the circumstances. At this meeting, of which Mr. Peter McHench was chairman, and Mr. Archibald Campbell clerk, the written resignation of Mr. McDonald was read, and accepted by the congregation. It may be interesting to read the affectionate words in which the aged pastor takes his leave of the people of his charge:

"I have for several weeks cherished the hope of being able again to address my beloved people in person; continued indisposition and increasing infirmities admonish me, however, that it may be long before I can realize that comfort, if ever. Hence I deem it a sacred duty to resign in this way my pastoral charge, which I hereby do, that the congregation may without delay take such measures as they may think proper for continuing the regular preaching of the gospel with them, and for promoting their spiritual comfort.

"I earnestly desired that I might be permitted once more to address you in person, to give you my advice, my blessing, and to join you in earnest prayer for your future comfort and growth in grace. But Providence, who directs all things aright, denies for the present my prayers. Allow me, however, in this way to entreat, that in all your measures you display that unanimity, that unity of action, that Christian and brotherly affection, that has enabled you hitherto to struggle cheerfully and successfully against many, very many, trials and difficulties; and I beseech that Almighty God who hath hitherto graciously supported you may continue that support, and lead your measures to the promotion of his glory and your own spiritual comfort and peace.

"I have long labored with you, and I trust not altogether in vain. You are endeared to my heart by many ties, and I shall not fail to pour out my earnest prayer for you as long as I have breath, and I trust that I shall be comforted by your prayers.

"May the blessing of the great Shepherd of the flock rest on and remain with you, is the fervent supplication of your affectionate

"JOHN McDONALD.

"ALBANY, March 28th, 1819."



The same meeting which accepted Mr. McDonald's resignation —

“Resolved, unanimously, that we consider it a duty to remain together as a distinct congregation, and that a subscription be raised for the purpose of paying such supplies as may occasionally preach for us, for the term of one year.”

It was also “Resolved, that a committee, consisting of Peter Milheneh, Hamilton Boyd, John Fraser, Archibald McIntyre, and Robert Dunlop, be appointed to invite supplies, and generally to take into consideration the interests of the church, and to report at future meetings of the congregation their opinion of what measures ought to be adopted for promoting the interests of our church.”

The proceedings of this meeting of the congregation being laid before the board of trustees, they appointed a committee to confer with Rev. James R. Willson, D. D., of Newburgh, with a view of calling him as their pastor. Though he belonged to a different denomination, they cherished the hope that he would be “able to yield conscientiously the few peculiar tenets of his church, to which they cannot subscribe, and that prevents their union.” But this measure did not succeed, though Dr. Willson was afterward settled in this city as pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church, commonly called Covenanters.

The congregation having become vacant by the death of their pastor, and somewhat disorganized, and not being under the special oversight of any Presbytery, the time seemed now to have providentially arrived when they should seek some other church connection. This was in accordance with their constitution adopted soon after their organization as a congregation, claiming the power, as they then declared, to withdraw themselves from the Presbytery of Montreal, “when Providence shall present another connection with which our principles may permit us to unite with more convenience.”

It was, probably, in some measure through the advice and influence of Rev. Dr. Shaw, and with the known wish of Mr. McDonald, that the congregation requested to be taken under the ecclesiastical inspection of the Presbytery of Cambridge, in connection with the Associate Presbyterian church. Dr. Shaw was a member of that Presbytery; and the doctrines and usages of the congregation harmonized more nearly with the principles of that branch of the church than any other in this country. Accordingly, supply of preaching was asked from that Presbytery as early as June, 1819, and Rev. Robert Laing, Dr. Shaw, and perhaps others, were appointed to preach for them.

On 3d May, 1820, a formal petition was laid before the Associate Presbytery of Cambridge, asking that they might be regularly organized and received into the fellowship of the Associate church. This petition is signed by twenty-eight names as follows:

|       |                      |                     |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------|
|       | William Beatty,      | Archibald McIntyre, |
|       | Archibald Robertson, | James Wilson,       |
|       | James Maxwell,       | John Kirk,          |
|       | Wm. H. Dey Ermand,   | Peter McNab,        |
| Widow | Janet McHarg,        | John Hamilton,      |
|       | Robert Anderson,     | Robert Lawther,     |
| Widow | Eleanor McElroy,     | James Walker,       |
|       | Andrew Kirk,         | Samuel Edgar,       |
|       | Thomas Greer,        | William Milroy,     |
|       | Andrew Greer,        | Francis Sim,        |



Daniel Carmichael,  
Archibald McNab,  
David Chambers,  
Robert Cameron,

Thomas White,  
John White,  
D. McKercher,  
James Chesney.

This petition was favorably received by the Presbytery of Cambridge. The present Rev. Thomas Beveridge, D. D., was first appointed to supply the pulpit after the reception of this petition. And the late Rev. Alexander Bullions, D. D., was appointed to preach next and organize the congregation.

The congregation now looked to the Presbytery of Cambridge for supply of preaching. And among the different ministers who occupied the pulpit from time to time, are found names familiar to many persons still living, such as these: Rev. Drs. Joseph Shaw, Thomas Beveridge, Alexander Bullions, Peter Bullions, Andrew Stark, Andrew Heron, Rev. Messrs. Robert Laing, Peter Campbell, James Millar, Thomas Ferrier, Andrew Isaac, Archibald White. But it does not appear that any further steps were taken toward choosing a pastor until the fall of 1822.

The late Rev. James Martin, D. D., was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Cambridge, September 2, 1822, and was appointed to supply the pulpit of this congregation the two following sabbaths and two sabbaths in October. His services were so acceptable to the congregation that steps were soon taken toward giving him a call. At a meeting of the board of trustees, November 4, a committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Martin, and endeavor to obtain his consent to supply the pulpit for one year, at a salary of \$600. The committee reported to the board that they had waited on Mr. Martin, and that he seemed to entertain the proposition favorably, on condition that his Presbytery would consent to this arrangement; but that he could not enter on such labor at once, as there remained one term of his theological course to be completed at the seminary in Philadelphia. But he encouraged them to expect his services on his return from the seminary in March, 1823, provided the congregation still adhered to their request, and the Presbytery should so direct. The board resolved to wait till the month of March accordingly. Dr. Shaw was appointed by the Presbytery to supply the pulpit in Mr. Martin's absence.

That this arrangement might be made in a presbyterial manner, the congregation was called together by the board of trustees on the 12th of December, to prepare a petition to the Presbytery for the labors of Mr. Martin among them. And on the 26th of December, the petition of the congregation was laid before the Presbytery of Cambridge, asking for the services of Mr. Martin as stated supply for one year. This petition was granted, and Mr. Martin entered on his labors about the 1st of April following.

While Mr. Martin was laboring here as stated supply, a paper was laid before the board of trustees, October 20, 1823, in which "a considerable portion of the congregation express their satisfaction with the abilities and character of the Rev. Mr. Martin, and their desire that measures might be taken to have him established as their pastor." It was accordingly resolved by the board "that a meeting of the congregation be called at the church on Monday evening next (October 27,) with a view of obtaining a more general expression of their sentiments on that subject." The meeting was held accordingly, Mr. William Bruce being appointed chairman, and Mr. Archibald Robertson secretary. The object of the





meeting, as stated, was "to obtain an expression of the sentiments of the congregation with regard to the propriety of petitioning the Presbytery to which we stand connected, to have the Rev. James Martin settled among us as our pastor." And the question having been put, it was "unanimously agreed that the meeting were in favor of that measure." This action of the congregation being reported to the board of trustees, they called a meeting of the congregation to be held December 2, "for the purpose of petitioning the Presbytery to moderate a call for the Rev. Mr. Martin." The meeting of the congregation having been held accordingly, their petition for the moderation of a call was laid before the Presbytery of Cambridge, Jan. 7, 1824. The salary promised was \$600. The petition of the congregation was granted by the Presbytery, and Rev. Dr. Shaw was appointed to carry it into effect. The call having been moderated in due time was laid before the Presbytery, February 11. And being sustained by Presbytery, and presented to Mr. Martin, and by him accepted, his ordination and installation as pastor of the congregation took place according to appointment of Presbytery, on the 19th of May following. The sermon on the occasion of Mr. Martin's ordination was preached by Rev. Peter Campbell, from Col. i, 28. The charges to the pastor and congregation were delivered by Rev. Joseph Shaw, D. D.

Although Mr. Martin had preached here as stated supply during the previous year, yet his pastoral labors in the congregation may be said to have commenced with the date of his ordination, May 19, 1824. Here he continued his labors until May 1842, a period of 18 years, when he was elected professor of Hebrew and Didactic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Associate Presbyterian church at Canonsburgh, Pa. In consequence of this call to a more important field of labor, he resigned the pastoral charge of the congregation, July 13, 1842. His death took place June 15, 1846.

Owing to various causes, the congregation had become somewhat scattered and considerably reduced in numbers, after the resignation of Mr. McDonald. At the time of Mr. Martin's ordination the congregation numbered only 60 members. Their names are as follows:

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| James Chesney,        | Isabella Sim,       |
| Mrs. Chesney,         | Mrs. McGlashen,     |
| John Fraser,          | Margaret McIntosh,  |
| Jean Fraser,          | James Maxwell,      |
| Mrs. McIntosh,        | Mrs. Winton,        |
| Mrs. McIntosh,        | Janet Winton,       |
| Samuel Edgar,         | Margaret Winton,    |
| Mrs. Edgar,           | Margaret Dow,       |
| John Kirk,            | Daniel Crabb,       |
| Mrs. Kirk,            | Mrs. Crabb,         |
| Mrs. Lawder,          | Mrs. Long,          |
| James Scott,          | Mrs. Malcolm,       |
| Mrs. Scott,           | Mrs. Anderson,      |
| Mrs. Dey Ermand,      | Mrs. Cochran,       |
| Henry Berril,         | Margaret Burns,     |
| Mrs. Berrill,         | Elizabeth Thompson, |
| Mrs. Elizabeth White, | Mrs. McHarg,        |
| John White,           | Mrs. Turner         |
| Mrs. White,           | Anna Beatty,        |



Mary White,  
 Thomas White,  
 Mrs. Colburn,  
 Mrs. Oliver,  
 Mrs. McPherson,  
 Mrs. McPherson,  
 Mrs. Wilson,  
 James Wilson,  
 Mrs. Mary Wilson,  
 Mrs. McGreachy,  
 Janet McLeod,

Mrs. Robertson,  
 James Walker,  
 Mrs. Walker,  
 William Milroy,  
 Robert Cameron,  
 Mrs. Smith,  
 Mrs. Stewart,  
 Jane Stewart,  
 John Turnbull,  
 Mrs. Newton,  
 George Greer.

Of these it is believed that not more than eight or nine are now living, and only two are now members of this church.

During the ministry of Rev. Dr. Martin, 316 persons were admitted to membership in the church. The greatest number of members received during any one year was thirty-four in the year 1826. The next greatest was in the year 1836, when thirty were received. The least number received during any one year was eight, in the year 1841. The next least was nine, in the year 1824.

The following is the number of members received during the several years of his ministry:

|         |            |          |    |         |            |          |    |
|---------|------------|----------|----|---------|------------|----------|----|
| In 1824 | there were | received | 9  | In 1834 | there were | received | 15 |
| " 1825  | "          | "        | 21 | " 1835  | "          | "        | 28 |
| " 1826  | "          | "        | 34 | " 1836  | "          | "        | 20 |
| " 1827  | "          | "        | 24 | " 1837  | "          | "        | 19 |
| " 1828  | "          | "        | 17 | " 1838  | "          | "        | 10 |
| " 1829  | "          | "        | 14 | " 1839  | "          | "        | 11 |
| " 1830  | "          | "        | 11 | " 1840  | "          | "        | 10 |
| " 1831  | "          | "        | 13 | " 1841  | "          | "        | 8  |
| " 1832  | "          | "        | 17 | " 1842  | "          | "        | 5  |
| " 1833  | "          | "        | 30 |         |            |          |    |

The congregation having become vacant in July, 1842, a call was extended to Rev. R. J. Hammond in May, 1843. This call having been accepted, Mr. Hammond was ordained and installed pastor of the congregation, Nov. 9, 1843. But this pastoral relation did not continue long, Mr. Hammond resigning his charge on the 13th of September, 1844, and the congregation being again declared vacant.

In the spring of 1845 the congregation extended a call to Rev. J. R. Doig, D. D., now president of Washington College, Iowa, to become their pastor, but this call was declined.

In the fall of the same year, the congregation extended a call to Rev. S. F. Morrow, which was accepted November 25, 1845. On the 8th of July following he was ordained and installed pastor of the congregation, and the relation then constituted still continues. At the time of his settlement the congregation numbered one hundred and twenty-five members, of whom only fifty-three are now on the roll, thirty-nine have since died, seventeen have been regularly dismissed, and about fourteen have left without certificates. Since the ordination of the present incumbent, four hundred and twenty-five members have been admitted to the fellowship of the church, as follows, viz:



|         |                     |    |         |                     |    |
|---------|---------------------|----|---------|---------------------|----|
| In 1846 | there were received | 8  | In 1856 | there were received | 23 |
| " 1847  | " "                 | 25 | " 1857  | " "                 | 15 |
| " 1848  | " "                 | 20 | " 1858  | " "                 | 26 |
| " 1849  | " "                 | 37 | " 1859  | " "                 | 10 |
| " 1850  | " "                 | 34 | " 1860  | " "                 | 13 |
| " 1851  | " "                 | 39 | " 1861  | " "                 | 9  |
| " 1852  | " "                 | 23 | " 1862  | " "                 | 21 |
| " 1853  | " "                 | 43 | " 1863  | " "                 | 9  |
| " 1854  | " "                 | 37 | " 1864  | " "                 | 10 |
| " 1855  | " "                 | 32 |         |                     |    |

The greatest number admitted during any one year was in the year 1853, when forty-three were admitted. The least number admitted during any one year previous to the present, and subsequent to the year of settlement, was nine in the year 1863. Of those received to the fellowship of the church since July, 1846, twenty-eight have died, one hundred and twenty have been regularly dismissed, and seventy-six have left without certificate. There are at present two hundred and thirty-one members on the roll.

*New Church Edifice.*

As early as the year 1839, an effort was made by the board of trustees to remove from Canal street and erect a new building in a more eligible location. Lots were purchased on North Pearl street, nearly opposite Van Tromp, and some of the materials for the foundation were procured. But for some reason the project was abandoned for the time.

But another and more successful effort was made in the year 1859. Lots were procured on Lancaster street, west of Eagle, and measures were in operation for commencing the work at once. But difficulties arising which were not removed until the season was far advanced, the work was postponed until the spring and summer of 1860, when it was commenced and carried forward to completion. The building is of the Romanesque style of architecture, with groined ceiling and tinted windows. The extreme length is eighty-one feet four inches, and the width fifty eight feet. It contains a vestibule and end gallery, with stairs leading to the lecture room in the basement, which is fifty feet by fifty-four. There are one hundred and twenty pews on the main floor capable of seating five hundred persons. The whole cost of the building, including plumbing, gas, heaters, cushions and carpets, together with the lots was about \$20,000. The new building was so far completed that the lecture room was occupied by the congregation for public worship on the first sabbath of January, 1861, just sixty years from the settlement of Rev. John McDonald, the first pastor of the congregation, and just fifty-nine years after the old church was first occupied. The main audience room was opened for public worship on the second sabbath of April following.

*Name.*

It is not known why the name "United Presbyterian" was first given to this church, as it is believed there was not at that time either in the United States, Canada, or Scotland, any branch of the Presbyterian church bearing that name. But it is a somewhat singular coincidence that the corporate name of the church, first assumed and never altered, (though the ecclesiastical name was afterward the "Associate Presbyterian Church,") is now the ecclesiastical name also. In the year 1858, after



several years of negotiation, a union was formed between the Associate Presbyterian and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches of North America; the united body assuming the name of the "United Presbyterian church of North America"—the former names being merged in this. And thus the ecclesiastical name of this congregation has become the same with its original corporate name.

#### Officers.

In some unaccountable way the sessional records of the church during the pastorate of Rev. McDonald, have been lost beyond recovery. At least no trace of them has thus far been found. It is therefore impossible to ascertain the names of the members of the church during that period. But the records of the board of trustees, which have been kept with great accuracy, contain the names of the original pew holders, and we can by this means approximate the names of the original members. Nor is it possible, for the same reason, to ascertain even the names of the elders and deacons during this period. Some of them can be easily ascertained, but respecting some there is doubt. There is no person known to be living who can remember the names of the original elders. But partly from the records of the board of trustees, where some of these names are found, and partly from the recollection of persons still living, we have ascertained the names of most of the elders during that time, though the list may not be perfect. They were not all, however, in office from the first organization of the church. But the following are the names, so far as known, of those who held the office of ruling elder previous to the year 1824:

|                |                |                 |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| James Chesney, | Hamilton Boyd, | John Fraser,    |
| Peter McHench, | James Rogers,  | Robert Lawther, |
| Donald McLeod, | George Klinck, | John Thompson.  |
| James Elliott. |                |                 |

The following are the names of those who have been elected to the office of ruling elder since the pastorate of Mr. McDonald, together with the date of their ordination:

1823—James Maxwell.

1827—Robert Martin, Elisha Putnam.

1834—John Davidson.

1837—James Gellan, Dr. David Martin.

1849—William Don, Alexander Trainor.

1851—George Davidson, James McKie, Joseph Strain.

1862—James Kingsbury, John Templeton, Samuel Templeton.

The present elders are James Maxwell, James Gellan, James McKie, William Don, James Kingsbury, John Templeton, Samuel Templeton.

The following are the names of those who have been members of the board of trustees, together with the date of their election and the expiration of their term of service:

|                          |            |                  |                        |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Joseph Caldwell,         | 1801, 1815 | William Beatty,  | 1828, 1832             |
| Alexander Watson,        | 1801, 1805 | James Braidwood, | 1828, 1831             |
| George Pearson,          | 1801, 1817 | James Stewart,   | 1828, 1830             |
| James Angus, 1801, 1803, | 1804, 1807 | John Davidson,   | 1828, 1832, 1833, 1834 |
| John Kirk,               | 1801, 1826 | Thomas Thyne,    | 1828, 1829             |
| George Klinck,           | 1801, 1803 | John Outwin,     | 1824, 1831             |
| Alexander Cumming,       | 1801, 1807 | John Burgess,    | 1829, 1831             |
| John Van Ness Yates,     | 1801, 1804 | William Orr,     | 1831, 1849             |





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|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| John Grant,               | 1801, 1803 | William Patton,    | 1831, 1833             |
| James Lloyd,              | 1803, 1806 | James Risk,        | 1831, 1833             |
| Andrew Hoffman,           | 1803, 1804 | D. J. McArthur,    | 1831, 1832             |
| David Bromley,            | 1804, 1814 | Andrew White,      | 1832, 1833, 1836, 1844 |
| John D. Cunningham,       | 1804, 1805 | John Waddell,      | 1832, 1837             |
| Archibald McIntyre,       | 1805, 1823 | George Kerr,       | 1832, 1833             |
| James Maxwell,            | 1806, 1807 | James Maxwell,     | 1833, 1851             |
| John Cumming,             | 1807, 1810 | James McChord,     | 1833, 1839             |
| Josiah Kerr,              | 1807, 1819 | D. McAllister,     | 1833, 1838             |
| Daniel McBride,           | 1807, 1813 | William Campbell,  | 1833, 1834             |
| James Mitchell,           | 1810, 1815 | James Reed,        | 1834, 1865             |
| Archibald Campbell,       | 1813, 1817 | James McMahan,     | 1834, 1835             |
| James Scrymser,           | 1813, 1818 | Peter McElroy,     | 1835, 1846             |
| George A. McLeash,        | 1814, 1818 | Dr. David Martin,  | 1837, 1850             |
| Robert Dunlop,            | 1815, 1822 | Samuel Hamilton,   | 1838, 1844             |
| Peter McNab,              | 1815, 1824 | John Smith,        | 1839, 1840             |
| James Wilson, 1817, 1824, | 1830, 1841 | Lithan Algie,      | 1842, 1845             |
| Peter McIntosh,           | 1817, 1826 | Robert Stevenson,  | 1842, 1845             |
| Henry Birrell,            | 1819, 1825 | James Waddell,     | 1844, 1850             |
| Lachlan Stewart,          | 1819, 1824 | William Brooksby,  | 1844, 1865             |
| John Hamilton,            | 1819, 1824 | John Patton,       | 1845, 1851, 1854, 1857 |
| Nath'l. Miller,           | 1822, 1826 | James Gellan,      | 1845, 1852             |
| William Dey Ermand,       | 1823, 1826 | John Hillis,       | 1846, 1855, 1857, 1859 |
| Francis Sims,             | 1824, 1828 | James D. Jones,    | 1849, 1850             |
| John Campbell,            | 1824, 1825 | James Kingsbury,   | 1850, 1865             |
| Samuel Edgar,             | 1824, 1825 | John McKie,        | 1850, 1853             |
| Andrew Kirk,              | 1824, 1826 | Sidney Shaw,       | 1855, 1855             |
| James Walker, 1825, 1826, | 1830, 1836 | Samuel Templeton,  | 1851, 1854             |
| Robert Cameron,           | 1825, 1826 | William Kingsbury, | 1851, 1857             |
| Hugh Fraser,              | 1825, 1826 | John Hamilton,     | 1853, 1859             |
| William Bruce,            | 1825, 1826 | John Templeton,    | 1855, 1864             |
| Rev. P. Bullions, D. D.,  | 1827, 1829 | William Jones,     | 1855, 1865             |
| James Rodgers,            | 1827, 1828 | James C. Jones,    | 1858, 1865             |
| William Kennedy,          | 1827, 1833 | Robert Mc Haffie,  | 1859, 1860             |
| John G. White,            | 1827, 1831 | John R. Patton,    | 1859, 1860             |
| William White,            | 1827, 1828 | William McCracken, | 1860, 1862             |
| J. Turnbull,              | 1827, 1828 | Richard Brown,     | 1861, 1865             |
| E. Putnam,                | 1827, 1828 | Hugh Watt,         | 1862, 1865             |
| Luke F. Newland,          | 1827, 1830 | John Imrie,        | 1863, 1865             |

The present members of the board are Wm. Brooksby, James Kingsbury, James Reed, William Jones, James C. Jones, Richard Brown, Hugh Watt, John Imrie, John Kingsbury.



## NOTES FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.<sup>1</sup>

1859.

Jan. 1. Edwin D. Morgan inaugurated governor of the state of New York. Promptly at 12 o'clock, Gov. King, escorted by Company B. Captain Van Vechten, and Gov. Morgan, escorted by the Burgesses Corps Capt. Spelman, reached the Capitol, and after being joined in the executive chamber by the other state officers, marched into the assembly chamber, through the open ranks of the Burgesses Corps, in the following order: Governors King and Morgan, Lieutenant-Governors Selden and Campbell, Private Secretaries Seaman and Bliss, the state officers, Adjutant-General Townsend and the governor's staff, the staff officers of the Burgesses Corps, Schreiber's Band, the Burgesses Corps, members of the senate and assembly, followed by the *sovereign people* in such numbers as to fill the Chamber.

Jan. 2. Fire in the store of S. T. & A. M. Smith, 49 Washington avenue, an apothecary and patent medicine establishment. Samuel T. Smith, one of the owners, was arrested on suspicion of arson, tried and committed.

Jan. 3. Martha, wife of B. Coggle, died, aged 73.....The astronomers under the direction of the Coast Survey, having charge of the Dudley Observatory, were ejected by a police force, and the institution taken possession of by the trustees.

Jan. 4. The legislature met.....James McCrossen died, aged 29. At the time of his death he was captain of the Worth Guards, (of which company he was the originator and successful organizer) and assistant engineer of the fire department. As a token of respect to the deceased, the flag of the 25th Regiment was suspended at half mast to-day.

Jan. 5. Sarah Meadon Van Antwerp died, aged 60; widow of D. L. Van Antwerp.....Robert Kerwin died, aged 31.

Jan. 7. Elizabeth V. B., daughter of the late James M. French, died, aged 16.....Joseph Garnyou died, aged 53.....Miss C. A. Ball died, aged 39.

Jan. 10. Temperature 20° below zero. It was only necessary to look into State street to know that it was cold. The market was almost deserted, and only here and there was a human being to be seen, not walking but moving on a run over the pavement, with his hands over his ears. It was hurrying times for all, and none appeared desirous of trafficking in the street. Many a red nose and frozen ear was seen this morning, and many a human being will long remember the bitter cold weather of last night and this morning. On Arbor Hill at 7 o'clock this morning, the thermometer is reported to have been twenty-two degrees below zero.

<sup>1</sup>This record of the events of the years 1859 and 1860, was gathered almost entirely from the columns of the *Evening Journal* by Mr. Wm. J. Gibson



Jan. 11. Helen, J., wife of J. L. Young, died.....Bridget Darby died aged 28.....Clara, wife of Thomas H. Neville, died at New York, aged 33.

Jan. 12. E. Maxwell Leal died of apoplexy. Mr. L. removed to this city from Walton, Delaware county. He had formerly been associated with the press as an editor, in Chenango county, and had also occupied a desk in the post office department at Washington. He was an able and estimable man.....Bayard Van Rensselaer, second son of Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer, died at Pau, Pyrennes, France, aged 26. During the last summer and autumn his failing health, and the increasing indications of pulmonary disease, excited the most serious apprehensions; and in October he sailed with his family for Europe, in hopes of deriving benefit from a sea voyage and a winter's residence in a more genial climate.

Jan. 14. Teunis Van Veechten, jr., died.

Jan. 18. Anna, wife of Edwin Wemple, and daughter of Isaac Banker, died in Schenectady.....A correspondent of the *Journal* called attention to the legislative prayer meetings held each morning from 9 to 10 o'clock in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association.....Col. Levi Shaw, formerly member of the legislature and President of the County Agricultural Society, and an active member of the Episcopal church, died at Rensselaerville, aged 62.

Jan. 19. The 25th regiment, under the command of Col. Bryan, and a portion of the 75th, paraded in the evening, and attended the closing meeting at the Capitol of the State Military Association. The Worth Guards, under command of Lieut. Crough, headed by the Drum Corps of the 25th, acted as escort to the Association.....Died in New York, Margaret, widow of the late James Clark of Albany, aged 71.

Jan. 20. Very suddenly, at the house of H. H. Huntington, Alexander Fitch, of Hartford, Ct. Mr. Fitch was a most estimable man, and had been for many years traveling agent for the *Evening Journal* and other papers.....One of the span of fine dappled greys, owned by W. F. Slauson, the livery keeper, was killed this evening. The Rev. Dr. Pohlman and Mr. Woolverton, and their families, started for Troy in a four horse sleigh driven by one of Mr. Slauson's men. As the road was in bad condition they took the canal; but when just opposite the Empire House, both of the leaders were plunged into a hole in the centre of the canal, made by a cooper to soak hoop poles. One of the animals was rescued, but the most valuable one was drowned.

Jan. 21. Freshet in the Hudson threatening a break up. The rail road bridge at Stockport was overflowed, and the evening train from New York was detained all night at Hudson.

Jan. 22. Eleazer F. Backus, long a prominent and esteemed citizen of Albany, died at Philadelphia. Mr. Backus came to this city about the beginning of the century, and was for many years engaged in the book-selling and publishing trade, in which he laid the foundation of an ample fortune. When he retired from the business, he sold out to W. C. Little & Co., and subsequently removed to Philadelphia. This was about thirty years ago. He has since resided in that city. Mr. Backus was an exemplary member of Dr. Chester's church, and married a sister of that clergyman. She has preceded him to the grave. He lived to see two of his sons in positions of eminent Christian usefulness,—one as pastor of the Presbyterian church in Schenectady, and another as pastor of a con-



gregation in Baltimore. Last week his children assembled in Philadelphia to celebrate his 89th birthday. While his family were thus gathered round him, he was attacked by his last illness, and a day or two later, passed peacefully from earth.....Wm. Henderson died, aged 56..... Laura Shaw, died.

Sunday 23d. John Lossing, a well known and greatly esteemed citizen, and supervisor of the ninth ward, died very suddenly at his residence in the Bowery, of disease of the heart, aged 69.

Jan. 24. The corner stone of a new church now being erected in the Bowery, by the German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's congregation, was laid on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The congregation erecting this church is the one who, for the last eighteen months has been worshipping in State street continued. Somewhat over two years ago, this part of the congregation, consisting of forty male members, together with their pastor, Mr. Wossidlo, left that church on account of some troubles in regard to the pastor's call. After leaving that church, Dr. Pohlman kindly tendered them the use of his church, until they obtained the Mission House. The congregation purchased a lot from Hugh Humphrey, Esq., for the sum of \$1,200; the building is to be a frame building, 38 feet front and 64 feet deep, surmounted by a belfry 26 feet high. The carpenter work is to be done by Mr. Gibson Oliver, for the sum of \$1500; the mason work by Mr. Frederic Schwarz, for \$475, the whole to be under the superintendence of Mr. George Gomph. Somewhat over a year ago, the congregation extended their call to the Rev. Christian Henicke, formerly of Staten Island, who is now their pastor, and who officiated at the laying of the corner stone, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Pohlman, president of the New York State Ministerium. Dr. Pohlman delivered an address in the English language, and the other ceremonies were conducted in the German language by the pastor, Mr. Henicke.....David Russell, one of the justices of the justices' court, died, aged 59. He had suffered for several weeks from dry gangrene in one of his limbs. From the first, there was but little hope of saving his life, except by amputation. This was not resorted to, and death was the consequence. He was a man of genial temper, and leaves a family and many warm personal friends to mourn his death.

Jan. 25. The Burns Club of this city celebrated the centennial anniversary of the birth of the Ayrshire poet, by a supper at Weldon's. The supper was elegantly served, and the intellectual accompaniments were continued, with admirable spirit and decorum, to beyond the "witching hour of night." The most interesting incident of the evening was the exhibition of the autograph copy of Auld Lang Syne. For this the club was indebted to the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn, who has recently become the possessor of this precious relic of the peerless poet.

Jan. 26. Delightful weather, resembling early spring.

Jan. 27. Susannah, widow of the late Thomas Judge, died, aged 64. Rev. Samuel Center, formerly of the Albany Academy, died at Angelica, of disease of the heart, aged 62.....There were merry times upon the river this afternoon, and there were not less than one thousand persons engaged in the newly revived exercise of skating, including some fifteen to twenty ladies. The party was made up of all classes, from the retired merchant to the errand boy—from the justices to the student at law—from the president of the bank to the teller and discount clerks. All alike appeared to enjoy the rare pleasure of skating upon smooth ice upon





the Hudson river. An expert skater, more intent upon witnessing the maneuvering of the ladies upon the ice than looking out for *man traps*, unluckily ran into an air hole opposite the steam mill on the pier, but escaped with a cold water bath. His companions succeeded in placing within his reach a sled, by which he was drawn out.

Jan. 28. The snow which commenced falling last night turned to rain this morning, and thus far it has been the most gloomy day of the season, the streets are covered with slush, and those only who are obliged to be out can be seen in the streets.....Thomas T. Thompson died, aged 45. ....Maria L. Flood died, aged 21.

Jan. 31. Mary, widow of the late Matthew and mother of John Higgins, of this city, died at Troy, aged 100 years and 5 months.....The trial of Mrs. Mary Hartung for the murder of her husband, commenced.

Feb. 1. Rachel Ann King, wife of Alexander Lovie, died, aged 36.....Cornelia C. Briggs, wife of James B. Emerson, died, aged 21.....Orphan Asylum Festival opened at Van Vechten Hall. About \$100 received at the door.....The following officers of the Board of Trade were elected for the ensuing year: *President*—M. H. Read; *First Vice President*—S. McKissick; *Second Vice President*—C. B. Redfield; *Secretary*, Charles R. Lyman; *Treasurer*—Samuel Carey; *Reference Committee*—Sylvester Hale, Gurdon Grant, Moses Patten, Lansing Merchant, E. L. Judson; *Inspectors of Election*—Horace Averill, Charles L. Wilber, Thomas S. Young. They occupied a spacious room in Ransom's iron front building in Broadway.

Feb. 2. Miss Elizabeth Andrews, died at the residence of Geo. W. Luther, aged 75.....John Pevers died, aged 25.....Edward James died, aged 71. For a long time he had charge of the furnace of Dr. Nott, which made his famous coal stoves. Of late years he had been chief clerk in the Auditor's office.....New York State Medical Society in session: Dr. S. D. Willard, of Albany, read a very interesting paper on Diphtheria, or the sore throat disease, so prevalent in this city. The first marked case occurred in April, since which time there have been 2000 cases and 176 deaths—all but three of whom were children, and most of them under 12 years of age. It was most prevalent in October and November. In thirteen families, 2 died; in three families, 3; in one family, 4.

Feb. 3. Four or five inches of snow fell in the early hours of the morning.

Feb. 4. Teunis Van Vechten died, aged 73. Descended from a family whose name is linked with all the past history of Albany, he has himself occupied various prominent positions in connection with its local administration and enterprises. He was a nephew of Abraham Van Vechten, and after his death succeeded to his business, and for many years occupied a high rank at the bar. He was several times chosen Alderman, was appointed Mayor in 1837, and elected to the same office by the people in 1841, and had long been president of the Albany Insurance Company. He retired from practice several years ago. Some nine years since he had an attack of paralysis, from the effects of which he seemed to recover, and has since been in tolerable health until seized with his last illness.

Feb. 5. Judge Harris charged the jury in the case of Mary Hartung. The court room was densely packed—one half of the audience being



women. Among those inside the bar, was the father and two brothers of the prisoner.....Miss Phebe Ann Duncan died, aged 23.

Feb. 6. The funeral of Teunis Van Vechten was very largely attended; it was one of the largest that has been witnessed in this city for a long time.....Patrick O'Brien died, aged 24.

Feb. 7. The jury in the case of Mrs. Hartung, for the murder of her husband, retired, after the charge of Judge Harris, at ten minutes before 11 o'clock on Saturday. They remained 48 hours in uninterrupted session until 11 o'clock this morning, when they rendered a verdict of guilty. ....The assembly chamber ceiling having been found to be in danger of falling, carpenters were engaged in putting up props to support it..... Eilardus Westerlo, only son of the late Rensselaer Westerlo, of Albany, died at San Francisco, Cal.....Margaret E. Hughes, wife of James H. Blake, died, aged 23.....John Bradford Maben, printer, died of consumption, aged 36.....Clara E. Allen, died, aged 14.

Feb. 8. This evening the Second Presbyterian church was completely filled to hear the Oratorio of the Creation, as brought out by the Sacred Music Society under Mr. Muller as conductor. It was a great success, and the profits, \$487, went to the city poor.....Emily D., wife of George W. Ball, died.

Feb. 9. The meeting of the State Agricultural Society, Secretary Johnson read the annual report of the executive committee. It was prolific in wise and practical suggestions and facts, and was listened to with marked attention.....Hathorn McCulloch, for many years a resident of this city, died at Greenbush, aged 87.....Mary, wife of James Hefferman, died.

Feb. 10. Mr. John Meads died at the age of eighty-two. He was an Englishman by birth, but passed the ordinary space of human life in this country, of which he became a patriotic and public spirited citizen. His devotion was shown in many instances—among others in contributions and labors to gather together the remains of the victims of the Jersey prison ships, and erect a suitable monument commemorative of the sacrifices and sufferings of those martyrs of the revolution. For some years past he has contemplated the approaching close of his life with serenity; and might be seen often on a fine day in the cemetery, preparing and decorating with his own peculiar taste, the home he was to enter. There is something ennobling in the picture of a philosopher thus meeting the inevitable destiny; but how much more so, and how consoling withal, when it is a Christian that thus serenely enters the gateway of eternity! —*Argus*.....Wm. Wheeler died at East Albany, aged 34.....Richard Early died, aged 43.....The Rev. Charles Ferguson, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Glens Falls, died in that village of consumption on the 8th inst. His remains were brought to Albany for interment.

Feb. 11. Sarah M., daughter of the late John Bleecker, formerly of this city, died at Washington.

Feb. 12. The Albany Gymnasium gave notice that hereafter ladies would be permitted to participate in the invigorating amusements of this institution.....Walter H. Coleman died, aged 39. Mr. C. had been foreman of Niagara Engine Co. No. 6, and was one of the most energetic and popular men in the fire department.....Col. T. B. Thorpe announced as editor of the *Spirit of the Times*. For many years the Colonel's pen



has furnished the most graphic pictures of the sports of the wild woods that have appeared in print, many of them being justly considered among the really valuable original contributions to our permanent literature. More recently the colonel has attracted attention as a contributor under his own signature, in *Harper's Monthly Magazine*. When a boy, the colonel lived in Albany, and used to be spanked by Prof. Beck upon the Academy hill. When not quite seven years old, he gave testimony in a suit in a case where Dr. Van O'Linda was plaintiff. Tom was asked if he knew what would become of him if he took a false oath? He replied promptly, "that he would go to hell;" his testimony was taken. The following fourth of July he was arrested for firing Chinese crackers, and held a prisoner two hours in the room where he had explained the consequences of bearing false witness against one's neighbor. The most affecting tale of juvenile sorrow ever heard was related by the colonel, who honored the old patrol, some thirty-five years ago, with the compliments of the season, and for a reward he got a tract and a new year's cake two feet long and fifteen inches wide, on which was impressed an historical and truthful picture of Santa Claas descending a chimney with an armful of presents for good boys. Loaded with this treasure he started for home, but unfortunately some rude fellow pulled the cake from under his arm and ran away with it. The consternation this theft produced is remembered as having "no words equal to the occasion."

Feb. 14. Piccolomini's concert at Young Men's Association Hall.

Feb. 15. Eliza, wife of Wm. J. Rockafeller, died, aged 45.....Amelia, wife of Howard S. Witbeck, died, aged 21.

Feb. 17. Mary Craysken, a domestic employed at the house of Dr. J. L. Babcock, No. 101 Lydius street, died from injuries caused by attempting, in spite of the remonstrances of Mrs. B., to light a fluid lamp the previous evening.....Mrs. Jane Long died, aged 66.....Jannette Reid, wife of Charles Sheldon, and youngest daughter of the late John Reid, of this city, died at West Rutland, Vt., aged 41.

Feb. 18. The managers of the Society for the Relief of Orphan and Destitute Children in the city of Albany, thankfully acknowledge the receipt of fourteen hundred and eighty-one dollars and three cents, as the avails of the late festival held by the Ladies' Orphan's Friend Society in aid of the funds of this institution, through their treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Walker. Wm. N. Strong, Treasurer.....It was announced that "The new hall, on the Old Elm tree corner, is a fixed fact. Mr. Tweddle has made up his mind; and that is equivalent to having the thing done. The plan is, to make the hall large enough to seat 2000.".....Edward Dubuque died, aged 29.....Malvina, daughter of George Mills, died, aged 20.....Helen, wife of A. M. Allen, of East Albany, died at Westfield, Mass.

Feb. 19. A service of silver plate, valued at \$2000, was presented to Thomas Schuyler, Esq., by a few personal friends.....The weather was spring like, and the ice in the river becoming rotten.

Feb. 21. Judge Gould's decision was published on the motion to dissolve the injunctions, in the cases growing out of a desire, on the part of towns along the line of the Albany and Susquehanna rail road, to be released from obligation to make payment of sums subscribed toward building the road. The points raised are held not to justify such refusal to pay, and the amounts will have to be duly levied and collected by tax. ....Died, in Jersey city, Mr. William Combs, aged 65 years. The



deceased was formerly a resident of this city, and in the employ of Andrew Kirk, Robert Boyd, and Eggleston & Putnam, as brewer. He was a brother of George Combs, the celebrated phrenologist, and a native of Scotland.

Feb. 22. Washington's birthday. The sun rose amid the booming of cannon, and soon after the stripes and stars were seen floating from every public building and armory in this city. At an early hour, children, and the grown up also, were abroad, boys, girls, men and women, who were all alike anxious that the anniversary of the birthday of the immortal Washington should be celebrated duly and appropriately. The weather being remarkably propitious, everything and everybody looked smiling, gay and happy. The military, consisting of the 25th and 76th regiments, turned out in large numbers and made a brilliant display under the command of Brig. Gen. Frisby. We have never seen the regiments look better or appear in as good drill as they did to-day. The exercises at the Capitol were entertaining, and the oration of Gen. Duryea was happily conceived, well delivered and attentively listened to by a dense auditory. The anniversary was prolonged in the evening by the Merry Bachelors, who gave a festival at Van Vechten Hall.....The day highly auspicious for the trial of engines in front of the City Hall. It was a large gathering of firemen, consisting of engine companies Nos. 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13, with their machines. A finer lot of fire apparatus cannot be found in the Union, than that displayed this afternoon in front of the City Hall. During the trial, a large quantity of hose was burst owing to the great pressure put upon them by the use of small nozzles. In the evening, during the progress of a German ball, Mr. Frederick Porth fell down stairs with such force as to break his skull and one of his arms. Dr. March was called in and dressed his wounds, when he was conveyed to his residence, No. 198 Washington avenue.

Feb. 23. The ice is decaying in the river so rapidly as to make crossing upon it dangerous. The rail road ferry boats got up steam this morning and succeeded in opening a water communication between this city and East Albany. The ice was found to be very rotten, and they found but little difficulty in keeping the passage clear.....There was a small amount of bank stock offered at public sale at the Rotunda of the Exchange to-day, yet the attendance was large and the bidding spirited. Every share of stock offered by S. M. Parke was sold to the highest bidder. The following stocks were sold:—

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| 7 shares New York State Bank..... | 125       |
| 20 do Bank of the Capital.....    | 101       |
| 10 do Union Bank.....             | 100       |
| 20 do Exchange Bank.....          | 91½ @ 92  |
| 10 do National Bank.....          | 101 @ 102 |
| 3 do Exchange Building.....       | 22        |

We learn of a private sale recently made of 107 shares of Commercial Bank at about 120.....Thos. M. Francis, on trial for the murder of Rachel Hilton, is convicted of manslaughter in the first degree and sentenced to the Clinton prison for the term of ten years and three months. ....Lydia, widow of Richard Bedell, died, aged 27.

Feb. 24. A north-east snow storm.

Feb. 25. A south-east snow storm prevailed all the morning, and at times raged with considerable fury.





Feb. 26. Christian H. Shear died, aged 66.

Feb. 28. Old St. Peter's, that once stately pile of stone and wood on State street, which has often attracted the attention of strangers in our city, is being demolished. In a few short days nothing will be left of the venerated pile. The old bell, which was a present from Queen Anne, was safely lowered from the old tower to day. Notwithstanding it was of monarchical birth, yet in this city it was the first to proclaim Independence throughout the land, and upon the return of each anniversary it has done its share in waking up the slumberous with its merry peal. The old bell will have the commanding place in the new tower as soon as it is erected.....The following persons were elected officers of the Albany County Bible Society:—President, Hon. Robert H. Pruyn; 1st Vice President, Clement Warren; 2d Vice President, James C. Crocker; Corresponding Secretary, C. W. Bentley; Recording Secretary, W. S. Tucker; Treasurer, W. C. Miller.....In the evening the Union Musical Association of this city, assisted by Dodworth's and Schreiber's bands, rendered Mozart's Twelfth Mass at the Methodist Episcopal Church on Hudson street, in a most attractive and artistic style. The presentation of this sublime work of the sublimest master of the art divine, is quite the prime musical feature of this season, and an epoch in the artistic history of Albany. It employed over one hundred voices and some twenty instruments, all trained to precision and mutual subordination, by a conductor of acknowledged power and thoroughness and taste. Their fine choral openings, as in the bursting unison of the *Gloria*, the united advance in the swiftest passages of the *fugue*, the sudden pauses of the *Pax hominibus*, the harder *rallentando* movements were admirable. The necessity for a large hall was never more fully demonstrated. Some parties paid two and three dollars each for tickets, and some still more extravagant rates for the opportunity of hearing the twelfth Mass.....Mrs. Catharine Phillips, died of apoplexy, aged 60.

March 1. William O'Brien died.

March 2. Mrs. Maria P. V. R. Woodhouse, eldest daughter of the late Philip P. Van Rensselaer, died in the city of New York.....Catharine Ann, wife of John Finn, died, aged 18.....The motion for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Hartung denied, and Judge Harris pronounces the sentence of death to take effect on the 27th of April.

March 3. The work of demolishing St. Peter's Church is going forward rapidly. The upper portion of the tower, together with the vane, came down this morning with a crash. It was witnessed by a large number of spectators, who congregated on the opposite side of the street to witness the fall. Six photographic pictures were taken of the building as it appeared some months before—four inside views of the church exhibiting the pulpit, pews, gallery and organ, and two of the exterior.....Professor O. M. Mitchel lectured on Astronomy in Dr. Palmer's church. Though the evening was stormy, the house was full.....Daniel Brown died, aged 28.

March 4. In the evening there was a delightful reunion at the elegant mansion of Thos. W. Olcott, Esq., to enable our citizens to pay their respects to Mr. Mitchel, the accomplished astronomer. Many members of the legislature, with the state officers, judges, &c., were present.

March 5. Mary, wife of David Boice, died at Kenwood, aged 35.

March 6. Sherman Crowell, Esq., late editor of the *Albany Argus*, died



at New Haven, aged 56 years. Mr. Croswell was the son of the late Rev. Harry Croswell, D. D., rector of Trinity Church, in New Haven, and was born in the city of Hudson, where his parents resided at the time. He was a graduate of Yale College of the year 1822. The *New Haven Journal* says:—After studying the law, he was admitted to the bar in this city in the year 1826. In 1831, he removed to Albany, where he was associated with Edwin Croswell, Esq., in the editorial management of the *Albany Argus*, from which he finally retired in the year 1855. He soon after removed to this city, where, after a protracted illness, he died of consumption, aged 56 years. We find it difficult to give our impressions of Mr. Croswell's character. For a man so widely known, he was known to few. He made not many friends, but these few, once made, were life-long friends. Eminently courteous in his manners to all, he was yet a man of reserve. His confidence was given slowly, and even reluctantly, but when given, was almost never withdrawn. He was a man of singular refinement of mind, and tastes fastidiously delicate. Nature fitted him for an artist's life, or for some other pursuit, success in which needs a large admixture of the æsthetic element. But by one of the perversities in life, not uncommon, he was thrown into the uncongenial field of politics. A service of nearly a quarter of a century, first as an associate and subsequently as chief editor of one of the most influential political papers in this country, had not been without its influence upon Mr. Croswell's character. No one familiar only with the always vigorous and sometimes trenchant style of the *Argus*, would have suspected that many of its most characteristic articles came from the pen of a writer whose temperament was essentially a poetic one, and whose feelings were much more in harmony with whatever is beautiful in nature or art, than with the details of politics. Yet such was the fact, and only the earnestness and sincerity of his political convictions could have made such an occupation tolerable to him. In his relations with those endeared to him by kindred, he was an example of affectionate regard. As a son, a brother, a husband, and a father, he leaves behind him sorrows and tears with which "a stranger intermeddleth not." Mr. Croswell died in the communion of the Episcopal church, having partaken of the sacrament of the Lord's supper, at the hands of Rev. Mr. Brewster, a few days before his death; gladly preparing for that world to which almost all who had been near and dear to him in life had preceded him.....The *Argus* pays the following deserved tribute to the deceased:—We receive the above not altogether unexpected announcement, with sincere regret. Mr. Croswell's health, feeble for many years, became so delicate, something over a year ago, that he was compelled to relinquish the seat which he had so long occupied on the floor of the assembly, as reporter for this paper, and he has since been gradually failing in strength. We do not know the precise date at which Mr. Croswell became connected with the *Albany Argus*, which from 1823 had been under the proprietorship and editorial charge of his cousin, Edwin Croswell, Esq. But as early as the winter of 1833, he became its reporter in the assembly, and for 25 successive years—with the exception of the session of 1854—he regularly reported the proceedings for the *Argus*, closing with the session of 1857, two years after its consolidation with the *Atlas*. He became a very skillful and accomplished reporter, and at the time of his retirement, probably, had no superior in the repertorial department in this country. Mr. Croswell be-



came one of the proprietors and editors of the *Argus* on the 26th day of July, 1834, and remained in that position until January 1, 1855. Few men ever discharged the duties of their position with greater fidelity and more untiring industry, and few ever won more completely the esteem and friendship of those with whom their labors brought them in personal association. Gentle and modest in his nature, with a cultivated intellect and a courteous address, of perfect integrity of purpose, he unobtrusively pursued the even tenor of his way, ever maintaining the highest standard of character as a gentleman and citizen. Thousands of members of the legislature and others with whom his profession as a reporter and editor brought him into association, retain concerning him the most agreeable recollections. Mr. Croswell leaves no family, except a son some sixteen or seventeen years of age. On retiring from business, he went to reside at New Haven with his father, the venerable Rev. Harry Croswell, who, previously to taking holy orders, for many years edited and published a newspaper in Hudson, and afterwards in this city, and who died within the last year at a ripe old age.....Mrs. Frances Burr Pearson, wife of Howard James, died.

March 7. George Mulligan died, aged 26.

March 8. Petitions were circulated among our citizens, praying a commutation of the sentence of Mrs. Hartung. Few object to signing them. One contained nearly every member of the bar.....The heavy rain of last night, has so weakened the ice in the river that it is dangerous for even pedestrians to walk upon it. During the afternoon and evening the water continued to rise steadily, and before 10 o'clock it was upon the docks.....Seth Hastings, late of the firm of Wilder & Hastings, died at Brainerd's Bridge.....Harriet L. Wing, wife of Wm. F. Abell, died, aged 38.

March 9. The ice commenced moving about 11 o'clock, but its progress was slow. It moved from two to three hundred yards in a body and then stopped, leaving a clear passage for the rail road ferry boats. In the afternoon all the ice in front of the city moved off, but it lodged at Van Wie's Point. The ice dam formed above the Nail Works, gave way and lodged against the dam formed opposite to Bath. The river opposite to the city clear, and all the ferry boats running regularly.....James Deniston died, aged 75.....The success financially of the Young Men's Association, for the past year was quite encouraging; at the annual meeting, more than 1100 members' tickets were reported as sold. Last year received from lectures, \$1,200; this year received from lectures, \$2,050 last year paid for lectures \$1,955. 50; this year paid for lectures \$690. This year have \$1,300 left in the treasury, and debts all paid, besides adding to the library several hundred volumes.....This afternoon while the family of Mr. J. Blackall was absent from their residence, No. 135 Lydius street, some person entered the house and stole \$600.

March 10. Young Men's Association election—Robert L. Johnson elected President.....Miss Anne F. Dempsey died, aged 19

March 11. The ice barrier below this city gave way in the afternoon and before evening the river had receded several feet. The barricade above gave way during the night and the ice passed down the river without doing any damage.....Maurice Cruise died, aged 46.....Giles W. Porter died. Until within a few months, when stricken down with an illness which terminated fatally, Mr. Porter, though verging towards



ninety, enjoyed tolerable health, and was in the possession of all his mental faculties. Forty years ago few men of business were better known or more respected among us than Ira and G. W. Porter. They belonged to that class of enterprising mechanics, consisting of Benjamin Knower, Elisha Dorr, Thomas and Joseph Russell, William Fowler, &c., &c., who, in establishing reputations and making fortunes for themselves, contributed largely to the prosperity of the city. Mr. Porter was a man of various information, decided character, and great directness and determination. He formed his religious and political opinions with perfect conscientiousness, maintaining both with uncompromising fidelity. He upheld honesty and virtue, and reprobated fraud and vice, with an earnestness of language and manner which will long be remembered by those who knew him well. Mr. Porter was a native of Connecticut, but he came to Albany when a young man, and has resided constantly among us for nearly seventy years. Of the large class of aged men whose venerable forms were but recently seen at funerals, how few survive! Dr. William Bay is left almost alone. Others are advancing rapidly towards that brink of life from which all step into Eternity. Giles W. Porter had "set his house in order" many years ago, and lived as those only live who realize that the great duty of life is to prepare for death.—*Journal.*

March 12. Cyrus C. Heermance died, aged 26.

Sunday, March 13. River navigation resumed.....The propeller Erastus Corning, reached here about 8 o'clock this evening. The Corning left New York on Saturday evening and was the greater part of Sunday between Catskill and Hudson forcing her way through formidable ice. ....In the evening Dr. Rogers preached to a crowded house at the North Pearl street Baptist church on "The importance of Religion to Public Men." The governor and most of the members of the legislature were in the audience. The venerable Rev. Mr. Waldo, late chaplain of the house of representatives (now in his 97th year) made the opening prayer. ....Samuel B. Moore died, aged 47.

March 14. Timothy Murphy, aged 27, was killed by the falling of some sheets of iron, at the boiler works of Prayn & Lansing, in Prayn street. ....Major Peter Moakley, an old and much respected citizen of Albany, died in Cohoes, aged 69.

March 15. The *Journal* quotes from the *New York Express*. We have a dispatch from Albany to-day, 1 40 P. M., which states that a Protestant church is being demolished by Roman Catholics there, and that the Democratic city officials are looking on in the work of destruction: and adds, the "Roman Catholics" are "demolishing a Protestant church" in this city, and the "officials are looking on the work of destruction." But this is only half of the whole truth. The same Roman Catholics are to be employed in rebuilding this Protestant (St. Peter's) church, enlarged and beautified.....The steamer New World, Capt. St. John, arrived from New York at 9 A. M. ....Heavy rain, and river rising: the pier and docks were inundated.....Mary, daughter of Eugene Andrews, died; aged 18.

March 16. The water was two feet deep on the first floor of the warehouses on the pier. Two canal boats broke loose from their moorings in the basin, and were carried down the river. One was the Niagara, a very fine boat. Steamer Hendrick Hudson arrived from N. Y.....John Ca-





hill arrested and fined \$5 for driving his cart through a funeral procession in Broadway, as it was crossing Columbia street.....Edward Hilton died, aged 21.

March 17. St. Patrick's day. The inundation was subsiding. The weather was delightful. The day was celebrated by a military and civic procession, which formed on the Steamboat landing and proceeded immediately to the Cathedral. After service, the societies marched through several streets and returned to the landing. Two men, John Waddy and Mathew Kendrick, were engaged in firing a small cannon on Eagle street, this morning, in honor of the day, when it exploded, seriously injuring both of them. In the evening the Hibernian Provident Society had a very pleasant reunion at Weldon's. About one hundred sat down to a rich supper, president McQuade presiding.

March 18. The passenger boats were all running and the spring business had commenced with vigor. Raining and the river rising.....Elvira E. wife of A. Vandemark died, aged 24.

March 19. The heavy rain of yesterday was followed by a strong southerly wind, which prevailed during the entire night. At times it was perfectly terrific, "blowing great guns" and racking the buildings on the hill to their foundation. The dock and pier are submerged to the depth of four feet.....William Hawe, one of our oldest citizens, died aged 77. He had been a resident of Albany for forty-two years, and was much respected by a large circle of acquaintances. His funeral took place at the Cathedral on the 21st.

March 20. The river continued to rise until this (Sunday) morning, when it was two feet higher than at the previous inundation this season. Operations on the Hudson River Rail Road were entirely suspended, and the passengers who left New York Saturday morning reached here this morning in the steamer Oregon. They were taken on board at Rhinebeck. The Hendrik Hudson also arrived with a large number of passengers and an immense cargo of freight. Soon after leaving New York she encountered a gale which lasted all night. In the Highlands it was terrific. Both boats arrived here about the same time, and landed nearly two thousand passengers. Between this city and Hudson the river presented the appearance of a large lake. The inundation extended to the villages below this city, covering places where water has not been seen in fifty years at the north. A sunken boom at Fort Edward gave way, when 200,000 logs and a large amount of lumber were swept away..... The Rensselaer Street Mission School, numbering 500 children on its roll, had a public exhibition on Sunday, in the afternoon, in the Herkimer Street Baptist Chapel, where the children presented their superintendent with an elegant Bible; and again, in the evening, in the Congregational Church, where speeches were made by Drs. Palmer and Wyckoff, and Mr. Mattice.

March 21. Hannora, wife of David Twombly died, aged 56.....In the evening in response to an invitation from the assembly, a number of the pupils of the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, gave their annual exhibition in the assembly chamber.....The congregation of the First Baptist Church voted to increase the salary of their pastor, Rev. Dr. Magoon, from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

March 22. Harriet Corning Turner, wife of J. V. L. Pruyt, died.



Many hearts were pierced, and a cheerful hearth made desolate, to-day, by an arrow aimed with swift and fatal directness, at the head of a family happily constituted; surrounded by all the associations that elevate and refine, and united by all the ties that consecrate and hallow domestic life. Mrs. Pruyn was the centre of a charmed circle. The virtues which adorned her life were most radiant in the solemn hour which "foretold the ending of mortality." What we hear of the calmly affectionate manner, and the deeply impressive language of this estimable lady, in the sudden emergency which called a startled group of loving relatives to her dying couch, proves that a departing Christian can exclaim, "Oh! Death where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory?"—*Journal*.

March 23. Lucinda, wife of Warren Shufelt, died, aged 33.

March 24. The 12th regiment (from the city of New York), arrived in the steamer Knickerbocker. They number two hundred and sixty guns, fully officered, and accompanied by Robertson's Cornet band. The object of their visit was to remonstrate against the order for consolidating the 12th with the 10th regiment. In the afternoon, they made a handsome parade in the city, and left again in the evening. Amid the roar of cannon the Knickerbocker left the wharf, the band playing *Auld lang syne*, and the entire regiment uniting in the song. At its conclusion the visitors sent up cheer after cheer, which were heartily responded to by our citizens. These demonstrations did not cease until the steamer had passed out of sight.

March 25. There was a freshet in the river.....Miss Margaret McHarg, died, aged 88.....Patrick Bergin, died, aged 74.....Mary, wife of Wm. Grankow, died, aged 39.

March 26. The barge John Haswell, with a load of lumber, sprung a leak and sunk while lying along side of the pier. She was towed across the river.....Ebenezer Pemberton, of the firm of E. & J. Pemberton, grocers, corner of North Pearl and Columbia streets, died suddenly from disease of the heart.

March 28. The anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association was held in Dr. Palmer's church: Wm. Woollett, Jr., was the newly elected president.

March 29. The clearing away of the ruins of St. Peter's Church, and the excavation made near the north wall, revealed the burial of at least five persons. The workmen this morning discovered the coffin of James Stevenson, grand father of James Stevenson, deceased, formerly mayor of this city, together with the bones of five children of John Stevenson, who, at the time of the erection of St. Peter's Church was one of the wardens. The family Bible of the deceased, now in possession of the family, records the fact of the burial in that place, and the finding of the silver plate over the remains fully confirms the records. The silver plate was found in a perfect state of preservation, of pure metal, bearing the following inscription in a bold round script hand:—"In this coffin are the bones of my father, James Stevenson, Esqr., who died 2d February, 1769, and was buried in the Episcopal, St. Peter's Church, and when it was taken down they were removed to the new Episcopal Church, called St. Peter's. In this coffin are also the bones of five of my children. Albany, July, 1802. John Stevenson." These remains, as they are gathered, are placed in suitable coffins properly marked, and will be reinterred within the walls of the new edifice. The search for the remains attracts a large crowd



With regard to the corner stone, nothing has been discovered. Yet there is a record, made by John Stevenson, to the effect that he on the 7th day of May, 1802, laid the corner stone, with appropriate ceremony, in the north-east corner of the foundation. The rector having died a short time previous to this date, and he being warden, this duty devolved upon him.—*Journal* ..... Sarah M., widow of the late N. S. Hollister, died.

March 30. The progress of excavation of the ground recently covered by St. Peter's Church has revealed the fact that the remains of not less than twenty-four persons were buried in a trench along the north foundation wall. This fact alone is sufficient to establish the presumption that the remains of all buried in the old church, which stood near the centre of the street, were disinterred, and their bones deposited within the walls of the structure recently torn down. This morning the remains of a double coffin was discovered, and in it were found the bones of a large sized person. That these were the remains of Lord Howe, there can be but little doubt. Two pieces of ribbon, in a good state of preservation, were found among the bones, which are supposed to have bound his hair together. Lord Howe was killed at the battle of Lake George, on the 6th of July, 1758, over one hundred years ago. There are persons now living in this city who distinctly recollect the fact of their removal from beneath the English Church, as it was then called, to the grounds of the present St. Peter's. It is alleged by them that the coffin was covered with canvas, and that saturated with tar; that it was opened, and exhibited the hair in a good state of preservation, dressed in the fashion of the day. The coffin was enclosed in another and then deposited under St. Peter's Church. Winslow C. Watson, in his *Civil and Political History of Essex County*, gives the following extract of a letter from Mrs. Cochrane, found among the original MSS. of Elkanah Watson:—"His body borne in state, even amid the excitement and disasters of defeat, was conveyed to Albany, and buried within the walls of a church, his vault marked by heraldic insignia, and his obsequies performed with every pomp of military display, and all the solemnities of religious rituals. Forty-four years had elapsed, and in the progress of improvement that edifice was demolished, and the grave of Howe exposed. The decayed coffin of rich mahogany was revealed, that contained the ashes of the gallant and noble dead, enshrouded in habiliments of gorgeous silk, the hair dressed in the fashion of the age, and still stiffened by its appliances; the ribbon that bound it yet black and glossy. All, on exposure shrunk into dust, and the relics of the high-bred and gifted noble, were conveyed by vulgar hands to the common charnel house, and mingled with the promiscuous dead." The charnel house to which Mrs. C. alludes, must have been the trench which was evidently dug along the north wall of the church, for the earth which covered the bones of those recently disinterred, differs materially from that upon which the church was built; for that is clay, and the covering of the coffin a kind of loam.—*Journal*..... M. Fennessy fined \$5.75 for refusing to pay one cent for crossing at the Greenbush ferry..... Daniel Rorke died, aged 60..... Abram Vernam died, aged 38.

March 31. Lord Howe's remains.—It is stated in one of the city papers, that one of the bodies found under St. Peter's Church, is supposed to have been that of Lord Howe, from the fact that the deceased wore long hair. Col. Humphrey, in his life of Gen. Putnam states, and on the au-



thority of the latter, that Lord Howe cut off his own hair, and required the soldiers of his regiment to do the same. Putnam was with Howe when he fell, and gave an interesting account of this brave young officer to Humphrey. The following extract from Lossing's *History of the United States*, tends to confirm our previous statements in regard to the remains of this distinguished officer, notwithstanding the discrepancies that may exist in regard to the length of his hair. Lord Howe was brother of Admiral Lord Howe, who commanded the British fleet on the American coast, in 1776-77, and of Sir William Howe, the commander of the land forces. He was greatly beloved by the troops, and Mante, who was in the service, remarks:—"With him the soul of the expedition seemed to expire." He was only thirty-four years of age when he fell. The legislature of Massachusetts bay, appropriated \$1,250 for a monument to his memory, in Westminster Abbey. His remains were conveyed to Albany by Captain (afterwards General) Philip Schuyler, and then placed in a vault belonging to the family of that officer. They were afterwards removed to a place under the chancel of St. Peter's Church, on State street, Albany, where they remain. At the time of their removal, it was found that Lord Howe's hair, which was very short when he was killed, had grown several inches, and exhibited beautiful smooth and glossy locks." It is a historical fact that the old church was called "the English or Episcopal Church," while that recently torn down "St. Peter's Church."—*Journal*.

April 1. Anthonia Izelaar, widow of Cornelius Borstboom, died, aged 71.....Mehetabel De Forest, wife of Jacob Rysdorph, died at Greenbush, aged 44.

April 3. Margaret, wife of Chancellor Janes, died, aged 30.....Wm. M. Carpenter died, aged 30.

April 4. The spacious room in the iron front building of S. H. Ransom & Co., on Broadway, was formally taken possession of by the Board of Trade.....In the Assembly, Mr. Hutchinson reported the bill for a low bridge over Lock No. 1, in the city of Albany.....A new Insurance Company was organized in this city under the name of the Commerce Insurance Company, for effecting fire and inland navigation insurance. Among the corporators are the names of Messrs. S. B. Hamilton, John G. White, Adam Van Allen, Thomas F. Humphrey, Isaac A. Chapman, L. M. Palmer, M. H. Read, Jno. Winne, Maurice E. Viele, D. T. Charles, Chas. B. Redfield, Jas. W. Eaton, Gilbert C. Davidson, Charles Van Benthuyzen, C. W. Armstrong, Alfred Wild, Luther Tucker, John H. Trowbridge, Thomas Schuyler, E. A. Durant, A. McClure, Hiram Perry, James B. Sanders, B. P. Learned, C. P. Williams, A. P. Palmer, Alfred Van Santvoord, William N. Strong, Jeremiah Waterman, Jesse C. Potts, Albion Ransom, Charles B. Lansing, Borden H. Mills, L. L. Britton and John H. Reynolds.....Forester Kelly, died, aged 63.....Alexander Culins died.

April 5. Jane, widow of Michael Armstrong, died.

April 6. The Central Rail Road was in the police court to answer to a violation of a city ordinance in running locomotives across Broadway faster than four miles an hour. Hale Kingsley appeared in behalf of the road and contended that the city had no control over the running of the trains. Clinton Cassidy appeared for the city. He contended that the common council had full power to regulate the speed of locomotives as well as





vehicles through the streets.....Sarah E. daughter, of Wm. Osterhout, died, aged 13.

April 7. George Smith died, aged 33.

April 8. A bill was introduced in the Assembly to commute Mrs. Hartung's sentence to ten years' imprisonment at Sing Sing.

April 10. There was a land slide from the hill west of Townsend's Furnace. A few fences were demolished, but no great damage was done.

April 11. James D. Jones died, aged 54.

April 13. Anastasia Cullen died, aged 20.

April 15. Anti-Rent cases were decided and the patroon's title sustained unanimously by the court of appeals. All the judges concurred in the opinion that the rents and arrears must be paid.....Canal navigation was uninterrupted and boats freely passing east and west upon the eastern section.

April 16. Governor Morgan vetoed the bill appropriating \$200,000 to aid in the construction of the Albany and Susquehanna Rail Road..... Benjamin Tibbitts, died, aged 62. We record another of those melancholy visitations, which have, with dreadful frequency, clouded the atmosphere of our city, and shrouded a wide circle of families in mourning. Benjamin Tibbitts was born April 14, 1798, in Troy, the year that village was incorporated as a town. His father, and his uncle George Tibbitts, were from Newport, Rhode Island, men of wealth and enterprise, founders of that now prosperous city, and whose public spirit and wise counsels were efficient elements in its development, and whose names have become historical in its annals. Mr. George Tibbitts represented in the senate, from 1815 to 1818, the Eastern division of the state, which then included Rensselaer, Schenectady, Montgomery, Jefferson and Saratoga, and all the counties north. Mr. Benjamin Tibbitts was educated at Union College, and after graduating, studied law with Thomas B. Gold, of Whitesboro, then the prominent lawyer in Central New York. He afterwards travelled in Europe, where he resided many years, and on his return lived in New York, his ample fortune dispensing with the necessity of pursuing his profession, and devoting his leisure to the social life for which his disposition and accomplishments eminently fitted him. He married a daughter of John R. Bleecker, a niece of Mrs. Dudley, of this city, and from that time has resided here, respected and beloved by the circle of friends in which he moved.—*Argus*.

April 17. David Leddings died, aged 24.

April 18. St. Peter's Church, new edifice, commenced. This morning the first foundation stone was laid. It is said to weigh over three tons, and covers the full width of the trench, which is six feet.....Christina Monroe, died, aged 42.....Mrs. Clark, widow of Lewis Clark, died, in New York.

April 19. The two houses of the legislature adjourned at nine P. M., after a session of one hundred and six days.....Catharine Bogart, widow of Robert S. Van Rensselaer, died, aged 75.

April 20. The flags on all the public buildings in the city were flying at half mast as a tribute of respect to the memory of Ex-Governor Bouck. ....John Doherty, senator from the 8th district, died at his rooms at Congress Hall. He was in the 34th year of his age. He was a man of brilliant genius and of unusually attractive social qualities.

April 21. Sarah Buckley died, aged 20.



April 22. The old frame buildings on the corner of State and North Pearl streets, long known as Webster & Skinners' book store, on the Elm Tree corner, was being demolished. In this building for nearly a half a century the *Gazette* and *Daily Advertiser* were printed. It has outlived that press, but now gives way to the march of improvement.....Margaret, widow of Peter Murphy, died.

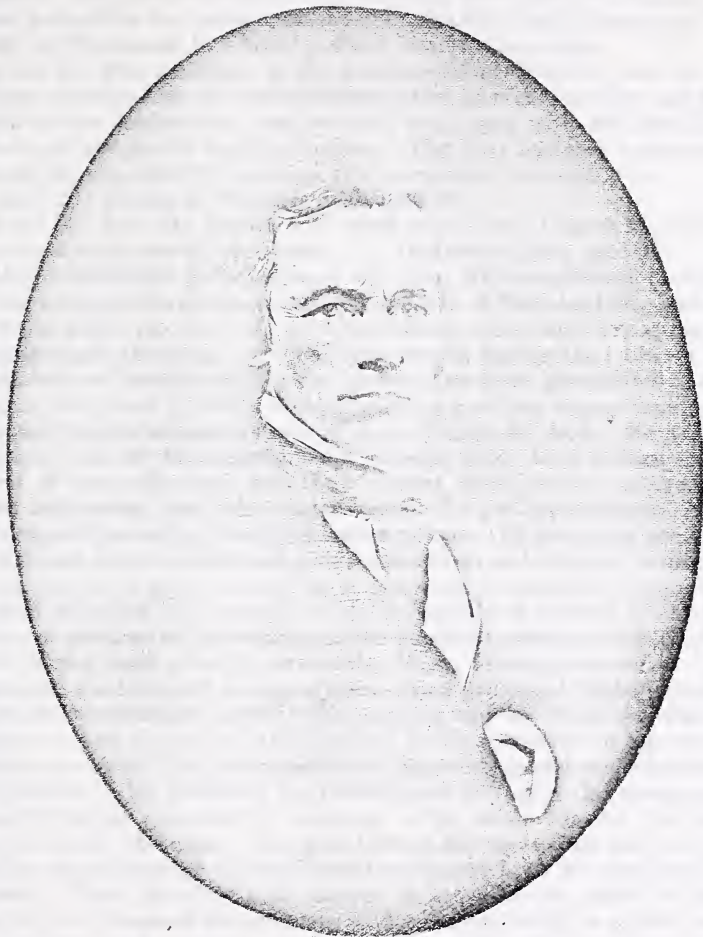
April 23. John Lovett died at Esperance, Schoharie county, after a long illness, aged 40. Mr. Lovett moved to the beautiful village of Esperance from this city about seventeen years ago, and successfully established himself in business there, and has long been regarded as one of the leading business men of the county. His neighbors have frequently honored him with office. He was elected to the assembly of 1856, and of which session he was a faithful and intelligent member. In every position, public or private, the prominent qualities of his character were urbanity, integrity and devotion to the good of his neighbors and the public.....A drenching rain checked all outdoor business.....William D. Schiffer, died, aged 25.....Patrick Fagan drowned in the evening at the foot of Hamilton street.....Judge Wright granted a stay of proceedings in the case of Mrs. Hartung, sentenced to be hung on the 27th.

April 24. The North Dutch Church was open for service for the first time since it was closed for extensive alterations and repairs. Three services were held in it, and the attendance at each was very large. At the morning service Dr. Rogers, the pastor, preached. In the afternoon Dr. Kennedy, of Troy, a former pastor, occupied the pulpit. In the evening the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Dr. Rogers, Rev. Dr. Wyckoff, Rev. Dr. Sprague, of this city, Rev. Dr. Vermilyea, of New York, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Troy—Dr. Vermilyea delivering the discourse. The church now presents an attractive appearance, the work has been attended with a large outlay, and is unlike any thing of the kind in this city. ....Mrs. Catharine Clark, widow of William Clark, died, aged 70.

April 25. Eleanor Alexander, widow of David Russell, died, aged 60. ....Gertrude, daughter of the late Stephen Putnam, formerly of this city, died in New York, aged 18.

April 26. The free stone front dwelling house of Wm. J. Cook, in State street, was seriously damaged by a gas explosion. Workmen were testing the gas fixtures when an explosion ensued from a leak in the main pipe. The side wall was thrown down, a portion of the flooring in the front parlor was torn up, the ceilings damaged, and about one-half the window glass in the house broken. The workmen escaped without serious injury; the damage to the house will not be less than \$400.....The election of wardens and vestrymen was held in the Episcopal churches with the following result:—St. Peter's Church: *Wardens*—M. T. Reynolds, D. D. Barnard. *Vestrymen*—John Taylor, O. Meads, J. B. Plumb, Edward Hand, John S. Perry, John T. Cooper, James Kidd, Wm. N. Fassett. St Paul's: *Wardens*—Christopher W. Bender, Edward E. Kendrick. *Vestrymen*—John Sill, John H. Van Antwerp, Benjamin A. Towner, Robert G. Cruttenden, Ira Porter, Franklin Edson, James H. Osborn, John G. Northrop. Grace Church: *Wardens*—W. R. Ford, H. D. Paine. *Vestrymen*—Cornelius Schuyler, M. J. Schermerhorn, Chas. Bell, Jas. Brown, E. Nesbitt, H. J. Wells, G. A. Snell, E. S. Lawson.....Eugene M. Groux, the man whose heart, lungs, &c. were visible through an opening in the breast bone, lectured at the Medica





NICHOLAS HILL.



College. A congenital fissure or separation of the breast bone, in Mr. Groux, exists in a manner so remarkable, that the motions of the heart, large arteries and the lungs, can be observed at quite a distance from his person. We have only to remark, in listening to the lecturer, and in witnessing his experiments last evening, that we were instructed and highly gratified; and would earnestly recommend our citizens generally, to embrace this, the only opportunity they may ever have, of seeking the same instruction and entertainment. Dr. March, Prof. Woolworth, Dr. Hoff, Dr. Townsend, Dr. Armsby, Prof. Foster, Committee.

April 27. The moulders, to the number of four hundred, met for the purpose of consulting as to their future action in regard to labor and pay. After mature deliberation, they resolved to do away with the *Berkshires* (the boys) and do the work themselves. The stove business is not active. This strike was signally disastrous to the workmen engaged in it.

April 28. Horace R. Wheeler died, aged 40.

April 30. Rev. Mr. Rudder was called to St. Paul's Church in this city, by a unanimous vote of the vestry.....Abel Seeley died, aged 37.

May 1. Nicholas Hill died, aged 53. Our city was shocked yesterday by the unexpected announcement of the death of Nicholas Hill—and the emotion, which was felt with most intenseness here, will vibrate far and wide through the state. Mr. Hill had been ill during the whole of last week, but on Saturday had so far improved as to be pronounced out of danger; but about 2 o'clock Sunday morning a sudden change came over him, and after a momentary and painless struggle, he died. He was the victim of one of those fearful brain diseases which have become so frequent of late, and which find their victims mostly in the professional class, and among those whose minds suffer the prolonged tension of too exacting studies and of absorbing investigations. Of late years the habit of profound legal research had grown upon him; and with the feelings of a true lawyer he gave himself up to the study of each case before him, without reference to the amount or the magnitude of personal interests at stake, so much as to the delicacy of the questions presented and the character of the legal principle involved. When devoting himself to such questions, the labors of a long day were often prolonged far beyond midnight, to recommence anew in the morning and be continued thus for months. And yet with all this devotion to his profession, he was not indifferent to social life, nor incapable of appreciating and contributing to its pleasures. He preserved his youthfulness of feeling, his freshness of heart, his noble simplicity of character to the last. Nor did the mind flag or become obscured. The first blow it felt was a fatal one; and he died in the fullness of his intellectual stature, with all his faculties perfected. When the silver cord snapped at last under the strain, it was a star that was loosened from this mortal firmament, and it, to us who loved him, became dark indeed. And those who with tearful eyes look upon its gloomy track, wonder that what was so bright and pure, should thus disappear from human sight forever! He was born in Montgomery county; and was the son of a Revolutionary soldier, who afterwards became a preacher, and lived to a venerable age. Mr. Hill was educated to the legal profession, and pursued it first in Amsterdam, and afterwards in Saratoga county. In the latter county he became associated with Judge Esek Cowen, whose life seemed to offer that example of singleness of purpose, devotion to his profession, and unwearied industry, upon which





he modeled his own career. In partnership with Sidney Cowen (a son of Judge C.) he prepared Cowen & Hill's Notes to Phillips's Evidence—a work of great erudition and value. In the latter part of 1840, he was appointed state reporter, which office he held till 1845. His volumes constitute the most valuable of the series of the New York Reports. On taking up his residence in Albany, he entered into partnership with Mr. Cagger, and the firm, with which John K. Porter was soon after associated, continued till his death. Since then, he has devoted himself to the higher labors of his profession, and he may be said to have attained in it a position above all others. He gave to it all his faculties, and all his heart. Others give to it a divided allegiance, or love it for the applause it brings, or the rewards it secures. These to him were nothing. It is true he was deeply interested in politics; but only as they involved great constitutional questions; or as they enlisted that strong sentiment of American feeling and of patriotism, which he inherited from his Revolutionary father. During the United States Bank contest he was nominated by the Democrats of the Saratoga districts for congress, and was in 1854 again nominated for the court of appeals. But in neither case was he an aspirant for the office, but was put forward by his party friends as the best exponent and type and unsuspected advocate of the great constitutional questions involved in the issues before the people. The perfect simplicity of his life, and his singleness of ambition, in which he was so successful, placed him above all temptations. He could not be petty or unfair, or disingenuous. He could not espouse a bad cause, nor take an unfair advantage of an opponent, nor mislead the court. He did not court wealth or power. He loved good men, and natures frank like his own. He loved good books, and often turned aside from his studies to commune with the great thinkers by whom the questions of eternal life, "fixed fate, free-will, foreknowledge absolute," were discussed. He died at the age of about 53; but considering the original delicacy of his bodily constitution, and the greatness of his labors, it is wonderful that so frail an existence should have so long withstood the encounter. It was the mind that sustained the body, and when it yielded, the whole structure fell. He was not old; yet he was so superior, and yet so simple in his nature, and so pure in character, that venerating hands will bear him to his hearse, and reverent footsteps follow him to his tomb, as if the sanctities of age had hallowed his life before its close; and yet warm hearts will cherish his memory with all the ardor of youthful love and remembrance.

—*Argus.*

May 2. The following persons were reelected directors of The Mutual Insurance Company of the City and County of Albany,—Erastus Corning, J. G. Cottrell, H. H. Martin, James A. Wilson, John F. Rathbone, Eli Perry, John Knowler, B. P. Staats, Wm. McElroy, Ellis Baker, J. A. Post, Artemus Fish, A. McClure. At a meeting of the Directors, held subsequently, Erastus Corning was elected president; Joshua G. Cottrell vice-president, and George Cuyler secretary and treasurer ..... Benjamin Palmer died at Potters Hollow, Albany county, aged 69.

May 3. The Board of Police Commissioners met and were sworn into office.....S. H. H. Parsons, was appointed Secretary.....The New Common Council was duly organized. Mayor Perry made a lucid statement of the general condition of the city finances, streets, schools, water works, fire department, &c., and appointed the several committees.



May 3. In the afternoon the funeral of Nicholas Hill, took place, and was an impressive demonstration of the love and respect of the citizens of Albany and the representatives of the profession throughout the state. The Rev. Dr. Sprague officiated; the Rev. Drs. James and Pohlman being also present. The bearers were:—

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| Judge Amasa J. Parker, | Judge Samuel Beardsley, |
| “ A. C. Johnson,       | “ Hiram Denio,          |
| Att’y Gen. Tremain,    | “ G. F. Comstock,       |
| Hon. John H. Reynolds, | Hon. Wm. C. Noyes,      |
| William Tillinghast,   | John McKnight,          |
| Jeremiah Osborne,      | Cor’s Ten Broeck.       |

Messrs. Cagger and Porter, his partners, were among the mourners. The bar of the city, headed by Judges Hogeboom and Gould, the recorder, county judge, and several law officers, were also in attendance, wearing badges of mourning. Among the distinguished gentlemen from abroad were Judge Selden, Lieut. Gov. Campbell, Samuel J. Tilden, James Wadsworth, Theodore Miller, Thos. D. Mitchell, David L. Seymour, William C. Beach, Theodore R. Westbrook, and a host of others. The cortege proceeded on foot to the northern bounds of the city, and thence in carriages to the Cemetery, where the remains were interred in their final resting place in the family ground.

May 5. The work of demolishing the buildings on the Elm tree corner was commenced this morning, to give place to the new hall, to be erected by John Tweddle, Esq. The contract was awarded to Robert Aspinall, mason, and John Kennedy, carpenter. The hall will be completed for occupancy next spring, and will extend on Pearl street, 116 feet, and on State street, 88 feet. The concert hall will be 110 feet deep and 75 feet wide, a high ceiling, well ventilated. It will be an ornament to our city. The friends of the owner of the property have agreed upon a name for the new structure without his knowledge, and have concluded to christen it, upon completion, Tweddle Hall.—*Journal*.

May 6. The shad in the Hudson river were unusually scarce.....Julia Brice was killed by the fall of a pile of lumber in the rear of the new building on the corner of Lodge and Steuben streets.....Amelia A. Warner, daughter of C. Warner, died, aged 29.

May 7. The mercury in the shade at 2 P. M., was at 86 to 88.

May 8. Cynthia Cowell died, aged 81.....Charlotte A. Utter, wife of John D. Williamson, died, aged 27.

May 9. James Judge, a laborer on the Central Rail Road, was killed by a locomotive while at work at the rock cut, a short distance west of the city. His age was 63.....The body of the actor Henry W. Preston, who was drowned last week, at the Steamboat Landing, was found at the foot of John street.

May 10. It was raining, after a long continuance of very dry weather. ....Robert Olcott, son of Thomas W. Olcott, died at Corning. He had been a resident of Corning for six years, and was warmly regarded for his intelligence, social qualities and numerous benevolent acts. Often during the stormiest days of winter he has sought out the destitute and supplied them with food, fuel and clothing. The sum of his donations to the poor cannot be estimated, as he was singularly unobtrusive and never boasted of his good deeds. His agreeable conversation, genial qualities, gentlemanly address, kind salutations and gifts to the children he met in his



daily walks, and his remarkable liberality, have caused many hearts to mourn at his decease. He was president of the village in 1857, and during that period, as well as previous to and since, was ever ready to enlist in any enterprise calculated to advance the prosperity of Corning.—*Corning Journal*.

May 11. The trustees of the Dudley Observatory, appointed Dr. Brunnow, of Ann Arbor, associate director with Prof. Mitchel.....Mrs. Sarah Sacia died, aged 73.....Eliza J., widow of John Kilbourn, died, aged 30.

May 12. Kate Harvey, daughter of the late Robert Harvey, died.

May 13. Michael Powers died.

May 14. A lad 7 years old named Devine, was dangerously injured by being kicked in the forehead by a horse, in Hamilton street.

May 15. 700 Mormons, mostly from Great Britain, passed through the city on their way to Utah.

May 16. Ladies were admitted as members of the Young Men's Association, and it was stated that so many ladies had already joined that the committee found it necessary to prepare a reading room especially for them.....The news of the war in Sardinia, was creating an almost unexampled advance in breadstuffs.....The New Armory, on the corner of Eagle and Hudson streets, was dedicated with due honors. In the morning a salute was fired. In the afternoon the 25th and 76th Regiments made a parade through the principal streets of the city, dismissing at the Armory, after which Major Sprague delivered an eloquent oration. During the evening the governor, state officers, military gentlemen and the common council were received, and at 10 o'clock the large drill room was thrown open for the ball. While the hall was still crowded one of the towers took fire from a falling lamp, but the flames were soon extinguished.....Jacob L. Winne and Charles H. Winne were appointed special deputies by the sheriff to enforce the laws in the Lumber district, to prevent swimming or bathing in the canal or slips, and the stealing of lumber from the yards.

May 17. The board of excise commissioners convened at the City Hall. James D. Wasson was appointed chairman of the board, and Peter D. Niver, clerk. After the organization, Otis Allen made a few suggestions to the board as to the granting of licenses. Dr. B. P. Staats said he was always in favor of prohibition, but we must take this law as it is. Last year over 600 persons sold liquor in this city, and we have one rum-seller for every twenty-five male inhabitants. During the past twelve years 85 per cent of the persons committed to the penitentiary were intemperate people—only 15 per cent sober persons. He was performing what he considered a high duty in presenting these considerations to the board, notwithstanding many of the applicants were his neighbors and patients. He called the attention of the board to the police record, and read from the *Morning Express* the police intelligence for Monday, and stated that within a few days he had counted no less than 120 commitments for intoxication. The board fixed the price of licenses at \$30 each, reserving the right to increase the price in any case they may deem advisable.....Ellen Cecilia, wife of Andrew Murphy, died, aged 26.

May 18. Thomas Brown died from injuries received on the 7th by the explosion in Dallius street, aged 28.

May 19. The Rev. Mr. Rudder had formally accepted the call to the rectorship of St. Paul's.....Smith O'Brien, the distinguished Irish patriot



reached this city from Springfield. He was received at the ferry by the mayor and a committee of citizens, and escorted by an immense crowd, and the Emmett, Montgomery, and Worth Guards to his quarters at Congress Hall. At 8 o'clock in the evening, he was formally welcomed, before a large crowd from the steps of Congress Hall, by Attorney-General Tremaine. Mr. O'Brien replied, at considerable length, and very heartily. He expressed his gratitude for the kind receptions he had met with in all parts of the country. While he was speaking, a part of the stoop gave way, carrying forty or fifty persons into the area beneath. Fortunately no one was hurt.

May 20. Dr. Reuben Jones died, aged 71.

May 21. Hester Ann, daughter of Francis McNaughton, died, aged 27.  
.....John Rafter died, aged 36.

May 22. Martha B., wife of George N. Goewey, died, aged 20.

May 23. The John Rodman was plying successfully as a steam ferry boat between Albany and Troy.....It was said that so many Albanians were never known in one season to visit Europe as had gone or were going this summer.....The workmen engaged upon St. Peter's Church, found a stone about four feet long and about a foot thick. Upon its face, cut in, are the following letters of ancient form :—A. M. S. and A. N. O. joined together as one letter, bearing date 1715. It is not the tablet of the original church, for upon that were engraved the names of David Hale and Ira Fryer, but it may have been the corner stone of that edifice.

May 25. Moulders' riot near the south bounds of the city ; growing out of the refusal of some of Ransom's workmen to join the strikers : stones and brickbats were freely used, and several arrests made.....Hugh T. Gordon died, aged 20.

May 26. Ann Cunningham, one of the servant girls at the Dunlop House, was fatally injured, by the explosion of a fluid lamp setting fire to her clothes.....Simon Reeder died at Guilderland, aged 77.

May 27. James King of Jersey City, was run over and killed by a locomotive in Tivoli Hollow.....John L. Crew died, aged 39.....Charles S. Edwards died at Greenbush, aged 54.

May 28. Oliver, son of O. Hall, died.

May 30. Steamer Oswego started for New York with the first tow of canal boats this season.

May 31. William H. White died, aged 58.

June 1. The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church met at 10 o'clock in the chapel of the North Dutch Church.....The Commerce Insurance Company commenced business.

June 2. The house No. 76 Rensselaer street was on fire at 3½ A.M. ; damage small.....There was a terrific thunder storm in the evening. The large mounting and storage building of Rathbone & Co., on North Ferry street, was struck by lightning. The building was five stories high, forty feet in width by one hundred and eighty in depth, built of brick, and as it had been securely closed for sometime past it was filled with dead air. No sooner had the lightning struck than an explosion occurred, completely unroofing the entire edifice, throwing portions of it on both sides, and partially destroying the rear wall, as well as shattering the building in other parts. Fortunately no one was in or near it at the time. The damage to the structure was about \$2,000—a severe loss at any time, but more particularly so that the works are not in operation, and the pro-





prietors are not realizing anything from their investment. The flag staff upon the building in Broadway, occupied in part by W. C. Little as a book store, was struck by lightning and shattered. Across the river, trees were torn up from their very roots, and in some places the ground torn up by shafts of lightning. Passengers by the boat from New York, reported a storm upon the river, such as the oldest navigators seldom have experienced.....Sarah, daughter of the late William Colgate, died, aged 43.

June 3. Michael O'Brian, of Cohoes, was executed at the jail, for the murder of his wife.....Multitudes of little green worms were destroying the leaves of the fruit and shade trees.....Hannah McGowan, wife of John Carey, died, aged 30.....At noon the atmosphere was oppressively hot. Towards evening a bank of clouds came whirling up from the west surcharged with electricity, which passed east. With the dark clouds came a change of wind, and in less than ten minutes the thermometer fell ten degrees.

June 4. The weather was very cold, and fires and over coats were in demand.

June 5. The congregation of St. Paul's Church, which had been without a settled rector since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Starkey, on account of ill health, nearly eight months, listened to their new minister, Rev. Mr. Rudder, who recently received the unanimous call of the vestry to the rectorship.....Charlotte Augusta, wife of George H. Charles, died, aged 35. ....Stephen T. Thorn died, aged 52. He had represented a portion of our city in the common council, and was a most active, energetic and honest official. He was also for many years connected with the fire department, at one time being its president, and was one of the best firemen ever connected with it. His life has been one of checkered scenes, he having felt the iron heel of hard fortune pressing him down. His funeral took place from the Third Dutch Church, Ferry street.

June 6. Early this morning there was a heavy white frost on the hills west of our city. At the farm of Mr. Robert Harper, at 5 o'clock this morning, the thermometer was down to 32°, and a hard white frost was perceptible, and could be scraped off the boards.

June 7. John D., son of the late James Robinson of this city, died at Chicago.

June 8. A much needed and drenching rain commenced falling early in the morning.....In the evening the exempt and former members of the Albany Burgesses Corps assembled at the armory, for the purpose of making arrangements to unite with the corps in the parade of the 22d instant, to dedicate the monument to Thomas Bayeux, their ancient captain. The attendance was quite large, much enthusiasm was exhibited. Colonel John Sharts was chairman, and Ald. Philip Wendell secretary. A committee, consisting of Wm. H. Low, Henry Russell and Stephen W. Whitney, was appointed to confer with the corps in relation to the celebration. The committee retired, but soon after returned and reported that they had conferred with a committee of the corps, who deemed it advisable that the old guard should parade uniformed and fully equipped. A resolution was then passed to parade on the occasion of the Bayeux Monument celebration, in fatigue uniform, and those who were not able to carry a musket to appear in citizens' dress. The meet-



ing then proceeded to elect officers, with the following result:—Captain, Col. John Sharts: 1st Lieutenant, S. W. Whitney; 2d. Ald. Henry Russell; 3d, Ex-Capt. William Gray; Orderly Sergeant, Col. E. J. Lansing; 2d, Ex-Lieut. John Hogan; 3d, Ex-Lieut. John Tompkins; 4th, Ex-Lieut. B. B. Whalen: 1st Corporal, Capt. R. G. Cruttenden; 2d, Ex-Sergeant James Buckbee; 3d, Ex-Corporal Ira Porter; 4th, Ald. Philip Wendell. *Staff*: Quartermaster, Giles K. Winne; Paymaster, Ex-Quartermaster William H. Low; Commissary, H. C. Southwick; Surgeon, Ex-Paymaster Henry A. Allen; Assistant Surgeon, Ex-Surgeon Dr. R. B. Briggs; Engineer, Col. John McCardel; Chaplain, Ex-Paymaster William G. Weed. *Committee of Arrangements*: B. B. Whalen, James McKown and J. H. Ten Eyck, Jr. After the meeting the sergeant ordered the men to fall in for drill, when some thirty veterans appeared in line, and were drilled for half an hour by Col. E. J. Lansing, the orderly sergeant. Considering that upward of twenty years had elapsed since most of those present had handled a musket, they went through the drill remarkably well, thus giving conclusive evidence that they had not forgotten the schooling of their lamented commander.....George Cook died, aged 18.....Helen, wife of James Bell, died.....Richard M. Wood died, aged 46.....Sister Mary Gertrude Williams died at St. Vincent's Hospital, aged 33.

June 10. The Milwaukee Light Guard, *en route* for New York, reached this city at 8:30 this morning, and were received at the rail road crossing in Broadway, by Continental Co. B. under escort, they marched through Broadway, State and Eagle streets to the State Arsenal, where they stacked arms, and immediately after proceeded to Congress Hall. Gen. Rufus King, formerly of this city, was one of the privates. A rain storm set in soon after their arrival here, which prevented them from making the intended full-dress morning parade, until about 2 o'clock P. M.

June 11. The weather was very cold, and overcoats again in demand. ....John McCormick died in Bethlehem, aged 67.

June 12. Rev. J. D. Fulton, of Sandusky, Ohio, commenced his labors at the Mission Chapel, North Pearl street.....Mary E. Smith died, aged 21.

June 13. The recent cold snaps had made a withering mark upon vegetation in this vicinity. For the past three days the weather had been uncomfortably cool, the thermometer marking near the freezing point. The heavy white frost seen on Saturday morning extended some distance over the country in this vicinity. The corn and potato crops suffered great injury.....Henry Vandercook died, aged 50.

June 14. Briare exhibited in front of his saloon this morning the largest green turtle ever seen in this city. It weighed over four hundred pounds. It was sent from Key West as a present to Governor Morgan, Erastus Corning, Thurlow Weed and G. C. Davidson, Esqs.....William O'Brien, formerly of this city, and ex-foreman of Engine Company No. 11, died at Brooklyn.....Anna Maria, wife of John C. Hewson, died.

June 16. Alexander Davidson died, aged 39. He commenced business in 1845. No house has stood higher in character or credit than that of Davidson & Viele, and few have been more prosperous. Though averse to public life, Mr. Davidson was induced to serve his ward in the board of supervisors, and constrained by his friends to accept a seat in the assembly, discharging his duties, in both positions, with ability and fidelity. He has been for many years a director in the Commercial Bank,



and was usefully connected with several other institutions. Mr. Davidson was in his 40th year.

June 17. Ex-President Van Buren was in the city looking as youthful as he did twenty years before, and reaping in his old age the fruits of a well-regulated early life.....A young man named Lawrence Murphy, a carpenter by trade, fell from the southwest steeple of the new St. Joseph's Church, and was killed. Last summer an elder brother, Thomas Murphy, fell from a scaffold in the inside of the building, and escaped with a broken arm.

June 18. Strawberries were never half so abundant. Thousands of boxes were shipped to New York.....G. Y. Lansing and H. Pumpelly, the surviving trustees of the old Albany and Schenectady rail road company, declared a final dividend of sixty-two cents on each share of its capital stock.....In the afternoon all the principal stores on State street and Broadway were closed as a mark of respect to the memory of Alexander Davidson. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in our city, being attended by all our leading citizens. His remains were interred in the cemetery.....The police commissioners appointed Amos Adams chief of police, and James Kinnear, chief engineer of the fire department.

June 19. Jonathan Brooks, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died at his residence in this city. He had lived here nearly all his life, and died at the advanced age of 90 years.

June 20. James Donnelly had his arm broken by a land-slide at the brick yard, at the head of Canal street.....Isaiah Townsend, son of the late Isaiah Townsend of this city, died at Cornwall, N. Y., aged 46.

June 21. H. H. Van Dyck, Jr., while on a visit to some friends in Kinderhook, was thrown from his wagon, and fatally injured.

June 22. The monument, projected by the Burgesses Corps in honor of their early and beloved commander, Thomas Bayeux, was formally dedicated. The active members of the corps were joined by the exempts and honorary members to the number of about one hundred, the old guard appearing in fatigue uniform, under the command of Col. Sharts. The corps numbered sixty-four muskets, and the old guard forty-five. They were accompanied by Schreiber's band; and marched with a precision never excelled by themselves or by any of their cotemporary organizations. A special train conveyed the cortege to the cemetery, where, in silence, it marched to the beautiful locality selected by the corps as the final resting place of the remains of the deceased. The monument is a massive free stone shaft, of beautiful proportions, and bearing the following inscriptions:—

BAYEUX.

A. B. C.

(Coat of Arms of the State.)

Erected by the

Albany Burgesses Corps,

To CAPT. THOMAS BAYEUX.

To commemorate his worth as a Man and his merits as a Soldier and Commander.

On the reverse the following:—

CAPTAIN THOMAS BAYEUX,

Born in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N. Y.

Died June 4, 1844,

Aged 41 years, 6 months and 20 days.

A large concourse of ladies and gentlemen had preceded the corps to the



grounds, and, gathered around the monument—the corps and the old guard in front—they presented a highly picturesque appearance. The Rev. Dr. Welch, the counselor and friend of the deceased while living, offered a most impressive and eloquent prayer; when Capt. Spelmaan made a brief address, paying a handsome tribute to the memory of their former commander, and introducing as their orator on this occasion their long associate, friend and first commander, John O. Cole, Esq., who made an eloquent speech. Dr. Wyckoff pronounced the benediction, when the assembly dispersed, and the corps, with the old guard and honorary members, returned to the city by the special train which took them out. ....Mary J., wife of David I. Scott, died, aged 26.

June 23. Henry H. Van Dyck, Jr., only son of Henry H. Van Dyck, died at Kinderhook of injuries received on the 21st, aged 20.

June 24. The New York State Bank building was undergoing improvements in conformity with the spirit of the age.....There was an alarm of fire in the evening caused by the firing of some rope in a store at the corner of Canal and Eagle streets.....The exempt and past members of the Burgesses Corps met and organized their association. The attendance was quite large and the best of feeling prevailed. Captain John Sharts was elected President; Henry Russell, Vice President; Henry C. Southwick, Secretary; Philip Wendell, Treasurer.

June 25. Edward Kelly died.

June 26. Amanda, wife of Lewis Welch, died, aged 23.

June 28. In the afternoon for nearly an hour rain fell in torrents, accompanied with thunder and lightning. By actual measurement it was found that during that short space of time full an inch of rain fell. The hill streets were rivulets, basements were inundated. The Geological Hall in State street was flooded by the water setting back from the drain. Old occupants of dwellings in Daniels and Beaver streets, suffered from the same cause. The Marble Pillar was also drowned out. The most destructive work of the storm was at the Eagle Foundry of W. & J. Treadwell, Perry & Norton. The main drain that runs diagonally under the establishment, from Hudson to Beaver streets, burst under the middle of the foundry, causing a chasm some eighteen feet wide and twelve feet deep. The water spread in all directions and flooded the whole place, setting all the flasks afloat, demolishing the sand heaps. The extent of the damage will probably foot up to one thousand dollars at the foundry. During the storm lightning entered the window of Mr. John McCuen's house 141 Orange street, and knocked a lamp and its globe into pieces.

June 29. The corner stone of St. Peter's church, on the corner of State and Lodge streets, was laid this morning with becoming display and ceremony. The congregation assembled in St. Peter's chapel at 9 o'clock, when the usual morning service was read, in which several clergymen of this and adjoining cities participated. At the conclusion of this service, a procession was formed, consisting of the male members of the parish, the wardens and vestry, a long array of the clergy from distant places, including those of our own city, together with Bishop Lee of Iowa, Bishop Upfold of Indiana, and the Right Rev. Horatio Potter, provisional bishop of this diocese. Upon reaching the north-east corner of the church the procession halted, when Bishop Potter passed through the line, which was in open order, followed by the clergy, reading in response the 122d Psalm. The bishop then offered up prayer. Upon concluding, Dr. Pitkin, rec-





tor of the church, read a list enumerating the contents of the zinc box which was deposited in the corner stone. Included in the deposit is a Bible, Prayer-Book, the Transactions of the last Episcopal Convention, pictures of the old church, a list of the pew-holders, a diagram of the former edifice, and a silver plate, upon which was engraved the following :

GLORIA PATRI, ET FILIO, ET SPIRITUI SANCTO.

On St. Peter's day, A. D. 1859, was laid, by the Rt. Rev'd Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., Provisional Bishop of New York, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, this Corner Stone of St. Peter's Church in the city of Albany.

The services of the Church of England were first established in this city, in or about 1704 by the Rev'd Thoroughgood Moore. A Patent for the site of a Church to be erected in State street, east of the Fort, was granted Oct. 21, 1714, by Gov. Hunter to the Rev'd Thomas Barclay and to Peter Mathews and John Dunbar, Wardens. The first church edifice (size 58 by 42 feet) was erected thereon in 1715. Charter granted by Gov. Moore, dated April 25, 1769, incorporating the Church by the style of "The Rector and Inhabitants of the city of Albany, in the county of Albany, in communion of the Church of England as by law established." The first church taken down and a new one (size 90 by 62 feet) built on the present site, in 1802, the Rev'd Thos. Ellison, D. D., being rector, and Goldsbrow Banyar and John Stevenson, Wardens. This edifice becoming unsafe, was, with the adjoining Rectory, taken down, and the rebuilding of the church, on the same site, commenced April 18th, 1859.

The Rev'd Thomas Clapp Pitkin, D. D., *Rector.*

Marcus T. Reynolds, Daniel D. Barnard,

*Wardens.*

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| John Taylor,              | Edward Hand,     | James Kidd,         |
| Orlando Meads,            | John T. Cooper,  | William N. Fassett, |
| Josiah B. Plumb,          | John S. Perry,   | <i>Vestrymen.</i>   |
| The Rev. Thos. C. Pitkin, | Jesse C. Potts,  | James Kidd,         |
| John Taylor,              | Wm. E. Bleecker, | John S. Perry,      |
| Philip Ten Eyck,          | John T. Cooper,  | Orlando Meads,      |

*Building Committee.—*

Richard Upjohn & Co., of New York, *Architects.*

John Bridgeford, of Albany, *Mason.*

George Riker, of New York, *Carpenter.*

George Brown & Samuel O. Crane, of Newark, N. J., *Stone Cutters.*

#### RECTORS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Rev. Thomas Barclay, from 1708 to 1728.

Rev. John Miln, from 1728 to 1737.

Rev. Henry Barclay, D. D., from 1737 to 1746.

Rev. John Ogilvie, D. D., from 1749 to 1760.

Rev. Thomas Brown, B. A., from 1764 to 1768.

Rev. Harry Munro, from 1768 to 1774.

Rev. Thomas Ellison, D. D., from 1787 to 1802.

Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D., from 1803 to 1809.

Rev. Timothy Clowes, LL. D., from 1810 to 1817.

Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., from 1819 to 1832.

Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., from 1833 to 1855.

Rev. Thomas C. Pitkin, D. D., from 1855.



The Right Rev. Bishop Horatio Potter then formally laid the stone. Striking it three times with a hammer, he declared the "corner stone of St. Peter's church to be laid in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be devoted to the service of Almighty God, agreeably to the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its doctrines, ministry, liturgy, rites and usages. Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ; who is God over all, blessed for ever more; and in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Amen."

A full and efficient choir then chaunted a hymn, in which the clergy united, commencing with "O praise the Lord, laud ye the name of the Lord: praise it, O ye servants of the Lord," &c.

The singing concluded, the Right Rev. Bishop Potter then ascended a platform erected in the church, and for nearly an hour addressed the assemblage with marked effect.

Upon concluding, he introduced Bishop Upfold, of Indiana, to the audience. The bishop having been brought up in St. Peter's church, gave a brief sketch of his early days.

The closing exercises were then had, consisting of a prayer by Bishop Potter, the singing of the *Gloria in Excelsis* by the choir, in which the entire audience and clergy united, and the pronouncing of the benediction.

The weather was quite favorable, but warm, the thermometer being 90° in the shade, and the entire services passed off without the slightest accident, or any interruption. The clergy returned to the Chapel, and, after disrobing, were taken in charge by members of the parish.....Annie Constable, wife of Francis Van Rensselaer, and daughter of the late Dr. S. W. Moore, of New York, died at the old mansion, Greenbush.....Mrs. Maria Leonard, widow of the late Enoch Leonard, and eldest daughter of Col. Cornelius Van Vechten, of Albany, died at Lansingburgh, in the 94th year of her age.....James Morrow died, aged 69.....The thermometer stood at 11 A. M., 93°; 1 P. M., 92°; 3 P. M., 92°.

June 30. Peter Johnson died.....James Conlon died, aged 41.

July 2. Anna Montgomery wife of John Whitbeck, died, aged 48.

July 3. David A. Wyckoff died at Schenectady, aged 24.

July 4. The procession was a very respectable one, under the direction of Capt. B. R. Spelman, assisted by Col. John Sharts and Capt. J. W. Blanchard. The Oration by Maj. J. T. Sprague. Conspicuous in the procession was a provision wagon of Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo, now belonging to Capt. Pruyon of this city. The military procession was under the command of Brig. Gen. Frisby.

July 6. John Kirkland died, aged 77.....William Ingraham died, aged 77.

July 7. Jane Patton, widow of Dr. A. A. Burton, died.....Isaac Huddleston died, aged 78.

July 14. John Wrightson was murdered by Mexicans in Arizona, where he had charge of the Tomocacori ranche of the Santa Rita Silver Mining Company.

July 16. Agnes, wife of Nicholas Sigsbee, Jr., died, aged 44.....Mary E., wife of Theodore S. Comstock, died, aged 20.

July 17. Barnard Donaghey died, aged 28.

July 18. Charles A. De Forest, Jr., died.



July 19. William Ellery died, aged 19.

July 20. Hugh Humphrey died, aged 75. During his long and useful life, he maintained the character of an enterprising man of business, and enjoyed the confidence and friendship of all who knew him. He was born in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer county, and came to this city fifty-eight years ago. He very soon became prominent among the active business men of the city; erected several of the public buildings of that period; superintended the construction of the corporation docks; was superintendent of the city water works for twenty-seven years, and, for the last fifteen years has been a director of the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank. He became a member of the Third Presbyterian church nearly fifty years ago, and was chosen one of its trustees as far back as 1817, and had continued to serve in that capacity to the day of his death. He was a liberal contributor to every good object. He was practical in his religious as in his business life, and, by his unostentatious devotion to the fundamental principles of Christianity, secured the confidence and love of all who could appreciate and admire the beauty of a symmetrical Christian character.

July 21. Jane, wife of Michael O' Hanlon died, aged 69.....John Daly, died, aged 60.

July 23 Martha Seymour died, aged 21.....Miranda Mills, formerly of Albany, died at Rensselaerville, aged 72.....Amos Walker, died, aged 55.

July 24. Charles Richards died, aged 60.....John T. Lanahan died, aged 19.

July 25. Gerrit Staats Van Wie died, aged 51.

July 26. Lucretia Johnson died, aged 91.

July 30. James Stewart died, aged 60.....Adam Murray stabbed John Cahill with a knife, on the corner of Pearl and Van Woert streets. The latter died of his wound a few days after at the hospital.

Aug. 1. Sarah K. Smith, wife of James C. Moore, died, aged 19.

Aug. 2. By the falling of the rail road train through a trestle bridge on the Northern rail road, several persons belonging to Albany were killed, namely, Maria wife of John V. Cuyler, and her daughter Lucina, wife of G. S. Cooley; Charles Berthelon, brakeman; David S. Russell, express messenger; C. Plympton, mail agent; Howard A. Wright, produce dealer; Dennis Cahill, laborer.

Aug. 3. Eli Osborn died at Batavia, aged 53.

Aug. 4. Amsdell's brewery partially destroyed by fire.....Mrs. Catharine De Witt Johnson died at Jersey city, aged 42.

Aug. 7. Jane, wife of Robert Hilson, died, aged 42.

Aug. 10. George Alberson died, aged 30.

Aug. 12. Mary, wife of John Rutledge, died, aged 52.....George Kirkpatrick died, aged 18.

Aug. 15. David R. Cordell died, aged 37.....Mary, widow of Daniel Steele, died, aged 79.....David Patterson, about 40 years ago a resident of Albany, died at Lockport, aged 87. The deceased was a native of Scotland—was engineer on the Robert Fulton, on her first trip, and continued in that situation about a year, after which he moved to this county, where he followed his profession (mechanical engineer and millwright) in which he was considered a master workman. For many years he was a resident of Cambria, but recently of Lockport; and was much respected by a large circle of relatives and friends.



Aug. 18. Catharine, widow of William James, died, aged 78.

Aug. 24. Wm. P. Hackett died, aged 26.....Adam Clarke McNaughton died, aged 23.

Aug. 25. Mary Matilda, wife of G. V. Denniston, died, aged 34.

Aug. 28. A new bell, weighing 3,000 pounds, was successfully cast by Jones & Co., Troy, for the North Dutch Church. The old one, which had been in use for eighteen years, and was cracked a few months before, was taken down and the new one rung on Sunday, the 3d Sept.....So brilliant a display of northern lights had not been seen before in several years. They were fully equal to those of 1836 and 1841.

Aug. 30. Mrs. Phebe Harding died, aged 85.

Sept. 1. Alida Groesbeck died, aged 49.....The new bell of the North Dutch Church, which had been hoisted into the belfry, fell to the ground, and was almost buried in the earth by its great weight, and the distance of its fall. One of the workmen was badly injured by the falling timbers.....A fire in Grand street destroyed some buildings adjoining Shear, Packard & Co.'s stove foundry.

Sept. 2. The Paige mansion at Butt's village was burnt.....Anna Cumming, widow of Alexander Davidson, died, aged 63.....Emily M. Travis, daughter of John P. Brayton, died, aged 37.....Francis Benson, aged 35, insane with hard drinking, jumped into the river and was drowned before he could be rescued.....Members of the moulders' union, then on a strike, made murderous assaults upon such moulders as refused to join their strike. The common council offered a reward of \$1000 for the detection of the offenders.....The heavens last evening, and during the night, were visited with one of the most magnificent auroral displays we ever beheld. Two parallel arcs of magnetic light, severed about two degrees, spanned the whole northern concave—starting from the horizon, and gradually stretching up towards the zenith, until a late hour of the night, when they faded into a warm glow below the horizon again. From these arcs or zones, candescent with their phosphorescent light, shot forth those electrical discharges which render these northern lights so puzzling to the philosopher, and so wonderful to the beholder. At one time the north would seem to wear, upon its broad forehead, a crown glittering in glory—another moment, and the arrow crown was gone, leaving but the burning belts to gird the heavens. This flickering, dallying with light and shade continued until the arcs had reached far up from the horizon; and when at last they vanished, like the going out of a radiant life, the aurora crept down behind the hills, to continue, far into the night, its glowing display. Those who witnessed the magnificent spectacle last night will long retain in memory the grandeur of the scene and the momentary changes of the aurora.—*Journal*.

Sept. 4. Mary E., daughter of the late John V. S. Visscher, died in Brooklyn, aged 33.

Sept. 6. Mrs. Mary De Willager died in New York, aged 52.

Sept. 7. Mary, wife of William Todd, died, aged 36.

Sept. 8. Mary Elizabeth, wife of John H. Miller, died, aged 21.

Sept. 10. William F. Slauson died, aged 40.....John Erwin, a laborer, murdered his wife, aged 36.

Sept. 11. James Bryan died at San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 13. Mrs. Mary Best died, aged 71.

Sept. 14. Few are aware of the amount of money invested in the sheep





trade of this city, and we therefore give a partial account of the operations of the largest dealer here. For the past season, fall and winter, of 1858-9, Capt. Roger McGraw, 278 and 280 Bowery, slaughtered last season (the season from 6 to 7 months during the cold weather) 81,250 sheep, which cost him from \$2.50 to \$20 per head. He usually selects the best droves brought here, and the whole number cost him an average of \$4 per head, amounting to \$324,900. Of this amount, \$286,802.64 was drawn by checks from the Bank of the Capitol, a capital way of distributing their bills through the western country. The tallow and pelts are sold here, the former bringing on an average 37½ cents per head, amounting to \$30,468.75, and the latter, \$1.50 each, to \$121,875. The expense attending this business is necessarily very large. He paid for dressing 6 cents per head, \$4,875; cartage by his own teams, \$2,500, and a corresponding amount in New York; commissions for selling 12½ cents per head, \$10,156. The carcasses are sent to New York, the freight hence costing from \$8,000 to \$10,000. In consideration of this large amount of freight, the Hudson R. R. Co. have fitted up a number of cars for his special use, with hooks, so that they are delivered in New York as nice and cool as if hung in the stalls in our markets.—*Journal*.

Sept. 16. Sarah Ann Williams, wife of Dr. L. G. Warren, died, aged 40.....Samuel R. Swain died, aged 43.

Sept. 17. Margaret Elizabeth, wife of James H. Cowell, died, aged 23.

Sept. 19. Jonah Scovel died at Detroit, aged 85.

Sept. 21. Alonzo Ewing died, aged 21.

Sept. 24. William E. Hilton died, aged 27.....The heavy rains of three days caused the river yesterday to rise, up to a late hour in the night, when the water reached within a few inches of the first floor of the warehouses on the dock. Fortunately for the occupants it remained in that position until sunrise this morning, since which the river steadily receded.

Sept. 26. The New York State Bank returned to its old quarters, and its dealers will find that their comfort and convenience have been studied in the alterations which have been made. The bank building, which dates with its original charter, (1803), remains the same externally, but the interior has been so improved that few banking rooms can be considered more commodious or better arranged. The fitting up is chaste and businesslike, but the eye is appealed to in the fine fresco work on the walls and ceilings. This was done by Messrs. O. S. Rice & Co., of this city, from designs of Mr. Mickell, an admirable artist in fresco and decorative painting, who intends establishing himself here in business connection with Messrs. Rice & Co., if he meets with sufficient encouragement, in his line, from our citizens. In referring to the modernizing of the inside of the bank we should do injustice to those who venerate "ancient landmarks"—ourselves included—if we failed to express our gratitude that the outside of the building has not been altered. We hope it may remain undisturbed for another half-century, with its old-fashioned architecture, its quaint balconies, and insignia of gilded dollars, put up so high, out of reach. Among native Albanians, reference to the latter will recall, in many cases, from childhood's memories, recollections of arguments and discussions on the mooted question, whether the golden emblems were real or not! Alas! how many to whose boyish imaginations and hopefulness *everything* seemed bright and golden, have since discovered that "all that glitters is *not* gold."—*Journal*.....John Patterson



died, aged 44.....Hannah, wife of John Meigs, died at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, aged 76.

Sept. 27. Charles Cevor, made an ascent in a balloon from the National Garden at a quarter to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and landed at Grafton, Rensselaer county, 14 miles east of Troy, after a circuitous voyage of about 40 miles.

Sept. 28. The Jewish new year began at sunset.

Oct. 3. The State fair opened at the Bull's Head grounds on the Watervliet turnpike.

Oct. 4. John Story, aged 22, went on a hunting expedition, and while in the pursuit of game his gun was discharged into his own breast, killing him instantly.

Oct. 6. Edward Hyde Anderson died, aged 17.....The jewelry store of B. L. Hood was robbed of \$10,000 worth of watches.

Oct. 7. Mary McCloskey died, aged 65.

Oct. 8. Lucy, widow of Benjamin Fassett, died at Rome, Ind., aged 75.

Oct. 10. John Caffry died, aged 73.

Oct. 12. Michael Murtaugh died, aged 23.....The Old Green street Theatre was again closed up, the management having done a losing business since its opening, a few weeks since. The members of the stock company, as well as the proprietor, are the sufferers, the receipts having been so light as to have fallen far below expenses. This is about the tenth time this place has closed for the lack of patronage, and by reason of bad management.....Elias Demelt died, aged 36.....Dr. John James died at Upper Alton, Ind., aged 70.....A notice of him is given in Dr. Willard's *Annals of the Albany County Medical Society*.

Oct. 13. Mary, wife of Samuel Harmer, died.....Sarah, C. wife of Henry Wells, died, aged 56.

Oct. 14. Margaret, wife of James Gilligan, died.

Oct. 15. Eliza Ott Easton died at St. Louis.

Oct. 16. Philip Foy died, aged 70.....Simms S. Barnes died, aged 57. Isabella Hadden died, aged 25.

Oct. 18. Mary E. Hotaling died, aged 19.

Oct. 19. Isaac T. Cady died, aged 34.....Elizabeth, widow of William Campbell, died, aged 83.....Margaret Ramsey, an intemperate woman, was burnt to death in her own house.

Oct. 20. Jennet Duncan died, aged 34.....John Tracey died, aged 53. ....Henry McCauley died, aged 32; a member of Schreiber's band, celebrated for his skill in beating the snare drum.....Zeno Flower died, aged 50.

Oct. 21. Edward R. Woodman died at Columbus, Ohio.

Oct. 23. Dr. Horace Hogle died, aged 33.....Eliza Rusk, wife of John H. Poinier, died at Chicago.

Oct. 26. The New World steam boat sunk off Tubby Hook, on her way up, caused by the breaking of her machinery.

Oct. 28. Anna, wife of Wm. Vann, and daughter of the late James Dunn of Albany, died at Yonkers.

Oct. 29. Elizabeth, wife of James Duffy, died, aged 60.....Some fifty members from the other Baptist churches in the city—with several recently removed from Schenectady and Amsterdam—organized themselves into an independent Church in the northern part of the city, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. D. Fulton, who had been laboring in the North



Pearl street Mission Chapel since June last, with flattering success. The Chapel was built by the North Pearl street church, and they have generously given it to this new organization.

Oct. 30. Martha Elmira Abell, wife of Nathaniel D. Hare, died, aged 27.

Oct. 31. John Pearce died, of paralysis, aged 70.

Nov. 3. James Yout died, aged 53.....Michael Smith died, aged 36.

Nov. 5. Eliza, widow of Archibald Mcfntyre, died, aged 78.

Nov. 6. A new Church was organized, and officers ordained, in the Middle Dutch Church, under the title of The Holland Reformed Dutch Church of Albany. They numbered about sixty members, and worshipped for the time being in the old consistory room of the North Dutch Church..... Below is the number of votes registered this Fall in the nineteen City Election Districts. Also, for the purpose of comparison, the vote cast in each district, on governor, last fall :—

|                     |  | 1858.  | 1859.  |
|---------------------|--|--------|--------|
| 1st Ward, S. D..... |  | 794    | 612    |
| “ “ N. D.....       |  | 741    | 601    |
| 2d “ W. D.....      |  | 285    | 801    |
| “ “ E. D.....       |  | 754    | .....  |
| 3d “ E. D.....      |  | 521    | 377    |
| “ “ W. D.....       |  | 561    | 485    |
| 4th “ E. D.....     |  | 406    | 316    |
| “ “ W. D.....       |  | 486    | 456    |
| 5th “ E. D.....     |  | 223    | 177    |
| “ “ W. D.....       |  | 218    | 214    |
| 6th “ .....         |  | 799    | 650    |
| 7th “ E. D.....     |  | 791    | 667    |
| “ “ W. D.....       |  | 600*   | 521    |
| 8th “ N. D.....     |  | 864    | 685    |
| “ “ S. D.....       |  | 662    | 627    |
| 9th “ E. D.....     |  | 564    | 454    |
| “ “ W. D.....       |  | 1225   | 901    |
| 10th “ E. D.....    |  | 899    | 838    |
| “ “ W. D.....       |  | 853    | 674    |
|                     |  | 12,244 | 10,056 |

Nov. 8. Mrs. Sarah Vanderwerken died, aged 67.

Nov. 11. Benjamin F. Foster, an eminent teacher and writer on penmanship, favorably known in this country and in England, died at Providence, aged 57. He spent some years in Albany, about 1828.

Nov. 13. Horace Wyman died, aged 56.

Nov. 14. Sarah Clapham, wife of David A. Nation died, aged 18.....Joseph William Taylor, aged 26, engaged in slating St. Peter's church, was drowned by falling off the ferry boat.

Nov. 15. Nancy, wife of James Boyle, died, aged 38.....Peter W. Finehout died aged 23.

Nov. 18. Michael McKenna died, aged 27.....Christopher Edinger died, aged 31.....Eleanor Brown died, aged 85. Miss Brown was the last surviving daughter of the Rev. Thomas Brown, one of the colonial rectors of St. Peter's Church in this city. Born in Oxford and a graduate

\* Western district of Seventh ward estimated.



of St. Alban's Hall, the Rev. Mr. Brown came to this country during the period of the old French war, as a chaplain of one of the British regiments, and having first supplied the place of the Rev. Mr. Ogilvie, during the absence of the latter, with the army in the expedition against Niagara, he succeeded him as rector of St. Peter's. in 1764. In 1761 he was married to Martina Hogan, of this city. In 1773 he removed to Dorchester, in Maryland, where the deceased was born. Soon after the death of Mr. Brown, in 1784, the family returned to Albany, where they continued to reside. Miss Brown was one of the oldest members of St. Peter's parish; and recollected distinctly the first church as it stood in State street, and the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Ellison.

Nov. 19. Mrs. Annis Backer died, aged 68.....Catlyna Bleecker died. ....The Sabbath school of the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch church celebrated its 43d anniversary.

Nov. 20. Mrs. Nancy Turner died, aged 55.

Nov. 21. Mary, wife of Thomas Kiernan died, aged 47.....Mrs. Nelly, widow of James McElroy, died, aged 78.

Nov. 22. The recent heavy rains have greatly improved the navigation of the river and given navigators a depth of water sufficient to run first class vessels over the bars without the least danger of grounding. Yesterday the water was even with the top log on the dock, and the snow of last night and the rain this morning will further tend towards an inundation. Thus far this season the occupants of warehouses on the dock and pier have not been damaged by the overflowing of the river, and if they escape now, it may be set down as a miraculous occurrence. It is true there is not a large amount of property in store here, yet inundations are always attended with much expense and labor, to say nothing of the unhealthy condition of buildings after the water has left them.

Nov. 23. George Davidson died, aged 64. He was a native of Scotland, and a printer.....Theodore Reynolds, aged 60, accidentally walked off the pier and was drowned.

Nov. 25. Francis H. Douge died at Northfield, Vt., aged 31.

Nov. 27. Patrick Heeney died, aged 24.

Nov. 28. Mary Eliza Gresham died, aged 18.

Nov. 29. The old Green street theatre has at length become reduced to the lowest rank of public resorts. For the past week there has nightly been more or less disturbance in the house, but last evening there was a general fight, during which one man was stabbed, another had his head badly cut, and quite a number had their countenances badly disfigured. The fight and the disturbance caused a partial closing up of the house. As the place has now become notorious, we suppose that the Police will speedily embrace the first opportunity to close it up.....We never knew the freighting business more active on the river than at the present time. Every thing capable of carrying property is brought into requisition, and the steam tugs are kept constantly in motion. The steam tug Niagara left at noon with a large tow, numbering, we should judge, from thirty to forty canal and river craft. Besides these the passenger boats bring up and carry off daily a very large amount of merchandise and property of every description.—*Journal*.....Capt. Wm. B. Nelson died, aged 49. He was one of the oldest boatmen on the river, having been engaged in navigation for upwards of thirty years. For the last sixteen years, Capt. N. has run to and from Albany and has commanded various sloops,





barges, &c. He has also been captain of the following steamers: Excelsior, Manhattan and Knickerbocker. He was born in Coxsackie in 1810. He was, consequently, in the 49th year of his age. Capt. N. was a mason, and was buried by the Order.

Nov. 30. Since Friday last, all the steam tugs plying between this city and New York, have been kept in constant movement by the several fleets of boats which have arrived from the West, and destined for the metropolis. For the purpose of showing the extent of the towing business, now being carried on, we will enumerate the tows during the past thirty-six hours. On Tuesday, 3 A. M., the steam tug "Cayuga" took down 40 laden boats; at 10 A. M., the "Niagara" took 40 boats; at 3 P. M., the "Belle" took 40; at 6 P. M., the "Austin" took 40; at 10 this A. M., the "Ontario" left with 40, and this afternoon the "Oswego" will not take less than 40—making in all 224 fully laden boats, averaging 180 tons each, and aggregating 40,320 tons of flour, grain, merchandise, &c., &c. This fleet of boats doubtless commenced reaching New York this morning.

Dec. 1. The board of health held a meeting, and among other matters claiming their attention, was a petition, numerously signed by residents in the neighborhood, calling on the board of health to take immediate steps to close up the Old Green street theatre, as it had become a most intolerable nuisance, on account of the demoralizing character of the performances, and the frequent breaches of the peace committed by those visiting it. After due consideration, and hearing the statements of some of the petitioners, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:—

*Whereas*, from reliable information before this board, it satisfactorily appears that the building known as the "Old Green street theatre," between Hamilton and Division streets, has become a most intolerable nuisance; that there are, nightly, performances of a very immoral character, prejudicial to the good government of our city, attracting crowds of idle and dissolute boys, who, with great noises, disturb the public peace until midnight, therefore,

*Resolved*, That his honor, the Mayor, be and he is hereby requested, with the police, to cause said performances and nuisances to be discontinued, or the premises closed up. In accordance with the above resolve the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen Keeler, Brayton, Emery and Osborne, last evening met at the second district station when the manner of proceeding was discussed. With chief Adams, the city marshal and a posse of policemen, the members of the board of health proceeded to the theatre, which they entered without resistance, and immediately walked upon the stage, when they were met by the proprietor. After the interview and a consultation, the Mayor informed the proprietor that with the performance of the evening the building must be closed for the season. The proprietor demurred to this and demanded a hearing before the board of health. Most of the posse soon after left, but some remained and enjoyed the performance.

Dec. 4. Mrs. Eliza Barber died, aged 43.

Dec. 5. At a meeting of the common council, Ald. Bender submitted the report of the finance committee, stating the amount necessary to be raised by tax for the maintenance of the city government the ensuing year, as follows:—



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| Contingent expenses,.....                                    | \$39,000  |
| Fire Department,.....  | 17,000    |
| Lamps,.....  | 22,000    |
| Deficiency on account of improving streets,.....             | 5,000     |
| Interest on public debt,.....                                | 34,000    |
| Account of Sinking Fund.....                                 | 10,000    |
| Temporary out door relief of poor,.....                      | 17,000    |
| Support of public schools,.....                              | 40,500    |
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|  | \$184,500 |
| Add Police Department,.....                                  | 35,000    |
| Add amount that Supervisors refused to grant last year,..... | 14,000    |
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|  | \$233,500 |

The report was accepted, and the clerk was directed to serve a copy of the same upon the board of supervisors. Alderman Bender stated that, with ordinary prudence, the affairs of the city could be conducted (as contemplated under this budget) at a less expense, by about \$40,000, than it cost during the fiscal year just closed.....Wm. Henry Thorn died, aged 26.....The snow storm which set in here between 8 and 9 o'clock on Saturday evening the 3d, extended all along the river, and doubtless prevailed throughout the entire state. Snow commenced falling in New York about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and continued throughout the night. On the river a heavy gale prevailed, which at times was so severe and boisterous that vessels were compelled to seek harbors. The steamer Isaac Newton left New York at 6 o'clock, and when near Poughkeepsie, Capt. Peck not deeming it prudent to proceed any further, the storm having increased, landed at that place, and remained there until 7 o'clock Sunday morning, when the Newton resumed her journey and reached here yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The propeller Henry Andrew, which left the same port an hour before the Newton, was obliged to come to at Tivoli and remain there during the night, reaching here 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The Hendrik Hudson, which left here on same evening, was met on Sunday morning about 7 o'clock by the Andrew, off Athens. We have not, as yet, heard of any serious disaster upon the river, and if all escape, they were fortunate, for it was a terrible night for those upon the water.....During Saturday night snow fell here to the depth of five inches, and at an early hour Sunday morning snow ceased falling and hail took its place. The storm continued through the greater part of the day, and as the atmosphere was rather cool there was good sledding in the evening. Towards the close of the day sleighs were brought into requisition, and the merry music of the bells was heard in all sections of the city.....Navigation, both canal and river, was yesterday slightly retarded by the falling snow, but the atmosphere not being very cold, it did not form into ice, and to day it had entirely disappeared.....Sarah M., wife of Henry L. King, died at Staten Island.

Dec. 6. Isaac Fonda died at Cohoes, aged 80.

Dec. 9. Thermometer 6° above zero. The cauals frozen over..... William Brown died, aged 45.

Dec. 11. Ralph McClintock Young died, aged 27.....The steamboat Saratoga was cut through by the ice on Sunday, and sunk, in the bay opposite New Hamburg; she was probably the oldest steamboat known in



the Northern waters. She was built in 1825, by W. C. Redfield, of New York, to run to Hartford, Ct., and was then christened the Oliver Ellsworth. In 1837 she was transferred to the Hudson river where she ran for a long time as a passenger boat. About 1848 she changed hands, when she was rebuilt, lengthened, and her name changed to Saratoga. From that date up to the time of the disaster she had been employed in towing river craft between Troy and New York. She belonged to Messrs. Griffith & Tillinghast, of Troy, and was valued at \$15,000. For thirty-four years she has performed an immense amount of labor, and for upwards of thirty years coined money for her owners. Soon after the ice struck the Saratoga she commenced filling and went down stern foremost, in about fifty feet of water. As she was sinking the hawsers attached to her tow were thrown off, and the captain escaped in a small boat with the crew and passengers. He spent Sunday night on Beeren island, and was taken off the next day.....The Episcopal convention of Northern New York met at St. Paul's church.

Dec. 13. River closed below the city. The ice was running slowly in the centre of the river opposite the city, but along the dock and on the eastern shore it was stationery. From a short distance below the south ferry to Castleton the river was closed and the ice quite formidable, being hourly strengthened by the running ice from the north passing under or damming up against it. The river appeared to be closed for the season. The steam tugs Anna, Mercury, Oswego, America, and Syracuse, which left here on the 9th with tows, all reached New York Monday morning. The Syracuse dropped nine or ten canal boats during the passage by the breaking of a hawser. One of them was towed back to this city; another, the Experiment, went into winter quarters at Mills's dock, and the remainder were safely harbored at Kinderhook. The river was covered with ice as far down as Newburgh.....Mary, wife of Maus Hotaling, died, aged 69.

Dec. 15. Mary Leddy, wife of John Carroll, died, aged 23.....Water was let in around the plot of ground selected from a portion of Washington Parade ground for skating purposes, and the ditches filled. This was a new feature of winter amusement, which was improved upon year after year. The entire depth of water, exclusive of the ditches, did not exceed eighteen inches. When filled the skating ground covered by water and ice was three hundred feet in width and six hundred and twenty-five feet in length.

Dec. 16. The steam ferry boats continued to ply to and from their respective depots, but the run was not accomplished without much difficulty. The ice in the river daily continued to become more formidable, and was nearly strong enough for laden vehicles to cross upon it with safety. Since the close of the river the thermometer ranged from 10° to 23°, the highest point reached being about nine degrees below the freezing point. ....Lebbeus Booth died at Ballston, aged 70. He was a graduate of Union College, and educated for the ministry at Princeton; but his health failing, he did not complete his theological studies, and turned his attention to the higher branches of teaching. He was the second principal of the Albany Female Academy for several years. In 1824 he established at Ballston a seminary for young ladies, which he conducted with eminent success for many years, and where a very large number of the most intelligent ladies, now in middle life, were educated. Mr. Booth



was a well educated, upright, high-minded and honorable man. He commanded the universal respect of the community in which he lived, and exemplified in his life and deportment all the virtues of the true and devout Christian.....Charles Cassidy, engaged in excavating a clay bank, on Morton street, a large quantity of the earth became detached and buried him.

Dec. 17. Mary Hubbard died.....William R. Thomas died in New York.

Dec. 19. Owen Cox died, aged 84.....Abram Schoonmaker died, aged 87.

Dec. 21. Hiram Olmsted died, aged 36.

Dec. 22. John Burk, an intemperate man, was found dead in his bed. ....Horace P. Spencer died, aged 70.

Dec. 27. A very cold night, thermometer indicated 10° below zero. The rail road ferry boats were delayed some time in making their customary landings, the floating ice having filled up the slips. The ice was nearly strong enough for pedestrians to cross.

Dec. 28. Sarah, wife of Samuel Hall, died.

Dec. 29. Temperature 15° below zero in the morning. The river was closed over with ice, and the ferry boats were compelled to cease running. ....The sleighing was very fine, not only in this city but throughout this entire section of country. The snow that fell last night filled up the ruts in the roads, and the sleighing was now as good as it ever was, or even can be made.

Dec. 30. The State street market was well supplied with poultry. Turkeys and chickens could readily be obtained at 12@14 cents per pound for the former, and 11@12 cents for the latter. Geese from 50 cents to \$1 per pair. Geese and turkeys were much sought after for New Year's gifts, and many a poor family on Sunday, probably for the first time this winter, enjoyed a feast.

### 1860.

Jan. 1. The new year came in the character of Leo. The atmosphere 12° below zero.....Ira Wetzel died at Utica, aged 43.

Jan. 2. The new year coming in on Sunday, this was the holiday. The atmosphere was rendered more frigid by a brisk wind. Yet the streets were enlivened by the festivities of the day, which it seemed could not be chilled.....Benoni C. Allen, for many years court crier, died, aged 77.....Nathaniel Wright died at St. Pauls, Minnesota, aged 66. He was born in Wethersfield, Conn., June 4, 1794. He spent his first seventeen years in laboring upon his father's farm; and then had a violent illness, which rendered him incapable of labor for six months, and from the effects of which his constitution never fully recovered. When he was a little less than eighteen he went to Hartford to learn the silver-plater's trade, and, having remained there somewhat more than a year, came to this city, in 1813, with Mr. William Woodworth, the gentleman to whom he was apprenticed. In consequence of Mr. W.'s failure in business, Mr. Wright's indentures were given up; and he commenced business for himself when he was in his twenty-fifth year. He has been a resident of Albany ever since, except as he has been often, especially in latter years, called away by his business engagements, and sometimes for a protracted period. During several of the last years his business in





this city has been conducted chiefly by other hands, leaving him at liberty to prosecute his concerns at the West, so that he has been among us rather as a visitor than a constant resident. Mr. Wright's character was in some respects peculiar, and one of its most distinctive features was the union of the most rigid economy, which might have been mistaken even for parsimony, with a truly generous spirit. In regard to his personal expenses and in the management of his business, he would calculate with almost miserly exactness, while yet his hand would open in response to an application for charity as quickly as that of almost any other man. The beggar who came to his store would sometimes be answered with not only an unceremonious but almost rude negative; but scarcely had he had time to pass the threshold of the door before there would be a hand upon his shoulder, indicating to him that his application had not been in vain. He was a strictly conscientious man—his integrity was not only above reproach, but above suspicion.....Joseph Strain retired from business.

Jan. 3. The thermometer ranged from 14° to 16° below zero.....The coffee and spice factory of John Thomas, corner of Dean and Exchange streets, was destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$20,000. The blacking and mustard factory of A. D. Rosekraus, adjoining, was also burnt.

Jan. 4. The two story frame building attached to the pattern making shop of J. W. Gibbs & Son, No. 9 Liberty street, was burnt, loss \$1200. ....In a letter to the *Sunday School Times*, Mr. McCullagh speaks of the Sunday school of the Second Presbyterian church as follows:—I presume there is no church in our whole country that has done more during the past year for the American Sunday School Union than Dr. Sprague's. Over thirteen hundred dollars have been contributed by them to aid our noble society in establishing sabbath schools in destitute places of the west and south. Their sabbath school is in a highly flourishing condition, thoroughly alive to every good work. During the past year they have sustained a missionary of their own. Dr. Sprague made an admirable address to the children, and presented a Bible to the scholar in each class who during the year had committed to memory the greatest number of verses from the lesson. In this way over thirty-four thousand verses from the Bible have been learned by heart in this sabbath school during the year. It seems as if the Doctor's heart was too full for utterance in addressing the "little infantry." No pastor can be better sustained or have a more liberal or devoted congregation; and allow me to add that no one could more admirably and successfully take care of *all* the flock. I have solicited from their excellent superintendent, Robert H. Wells, Esq., a copy of his report. This able and interesting document gives a view of their operations that ought to be extensively known. Within the last few months this good brother has been over my field, and visited and addressed several schools. Mr. Wells in his report says:—The school now numbers 229 scholars and 38 teachers. The attendance this year, so far as appears by the records of the school, is far greater than any previous year. The teachers at the commencement of the year resolved to employ a missionary to be supported by the school in organizing sabbath schools in destitute portions of the west. The sum collected at the sessions of the school has amounted to \$365.44; at the monthly concert \$65.70, making in all \$431.14. This is more than the sum required, and is nearly double the amount ever before raised in one year by the school.



Jan. 6. John Moloney died, aged 56.

Jan. 9. Mrs. James McSpedden died, aged 58.....Margaret B. Bogardus, wife of James A. Hurst, died aged 25.

Jan. 11. Jessie B. wife of David S. Blair, died aged 29.....Almira Andrews, wife of Philip A. Edinger, died in New York, and was brought here for interment.

Jan. 12. Patrick Cassidy died, aged 55.....Delia, wife of Patrick Love died, aged 31.....Samuel M. Parke died suddenly while conversing in apparent good health.....Gideon G. Dyer died, aged 55.....S. Whitney Alvord, son of the late William Alvord, died at San Francisco, Cal., aged 31.

Jan. 16. Mrs. Abby Russell, who died in New York, on the 14th, aged 73, was buried in Albany.

Jan. 18. Eunice M. Clark, wife of Lawrence Page, died, aged 29.

Jan. 20. Frederick McCauley was buried; he died in California 5th Dec. 1859.

Jan. 21. Mary Elizabeth Martin died, aged 65.

Jan. 22. The time ball on the Capitol was now dropped regularly at 12 o'clock, from the Dudley Observatory. Two omissions only have occurred and these were owing to a break in the telegraph wire. This is the only time ball dropped by electro-magnetism in this country, and we are informed it is no where done in Europe, except from Greenwich. It will be of great practical advantage to our citizens.

Jan. 23. William Lawler died, aged 28.

Jan 24. John McKnight died, aged 50. He came to this city from Ireland in 1832, and worked as a brewer for Messrs. Howard & Ryckman, for several years. A few years after, he commenced business for himself in a small building in Broadway, adjoining the former residence of Platt Williams. Being successful, he purchased a lot in Fox street (now Canal), where he built a small wooden building, which has gradually extended to its present mammoth proportions. He was born in the county of Down, Ireland, near which place he married his first wife, who died in 1841. His second wife was Miss Waddel, of this city, who survives him, as do also several children, the two eldest of whom have been, for several years, associated with him in business. He was for many years a member of the Common Council, and, at his death, a member of the Boards of Water and Police Commissioners. Few men among us were so universally respected, more charitable or kind hearted, less anxious to promote their own interests or more anxious to help a friend.  
.....Ann Elizabeth Ostrander died, aged 29.

Jan. 25. A laborer employed in Taylor's malt house was choked to death while eating his dinner, by a piece of meat, which lodged in his throat. His name was Patrick Murray, and he was 48 years of age. He leaves a wife and four children.

Jan. 25. A daily legislative prayer meeting was resolved to be held at a meeting called to deliberate upon its organization.

Jan. 26. William Rheinman was put upon trial for the murder of Emil Hartung.....John A. Delehanty died, aged 22.

Jan. 27. Benajah T. Salisbury died, aged 52. He was in usual health at supper, and ate moderately. After supper, he took his lamp and Bible (of which he was a devoted student) to proceed to his room. When passing through the hall, he fell suddenly, breathed heavily for a few mo-



ments and died. Coroner Dean held an inquest this morning, and the jury rendered a verdict of death from apoplexy. Mr. S. had lived in the city from his early youth, and, although moving in an humble sphere was greatly respected for his integrity and exemplary Christian character. He was fully prepared to "enter into his rest." A brother died in a similar manner three years since.....Mary Elizabeth Cady, wife of Robert Higgins, died, aged 35.....A new village suddenly sprung up on Lydius street, about two miles out. The property recently owned by John Keyes Paige was bought up as a speculation and laid out into lots. The following notice appeared in regard to it: We understand that at Paigeville, which was formerly called the Burt farm, a new piano factory is in course of erection, and a bakery and also a brewery. The brewery will be a fine building, built of brick, 2½ stories high, and an ornament to the village. We see no reason why the brewery will not do well, as almost every one who has commenced that business has succeeded and become rich. We understand that Mrs. Mary J. C. Ayer, this year, will advance funds towards starting manufacturing business, as well as building houses, both in French's Village and Paigeville. This will be a public benefit and make any place grow rich, for where mechanics take hold, a place will surely prosper.

Jan. 28. Father Ward, a Catholic priest, and an assistant of Father McCluskey, at St. John's church, died. He was a very aged man, and highly esteemed and beloved by the members of the congregation. Two weeks before he officiated at the church. It is said he died of old age. ....William J. Noyes died at Jersey City on his way home from Nassau, New Providence.

Jan. 31. Catharine, wife of Michael Mattimore died, aged 34.

February 1. The Central rail road machine shop was burnt. The morning was extremely cold, and a gale was blowing at the time and the cinders fell over a large area. It was so cold that even the intense heat from the burning of the machine shop did not melt the snow upon the roof of the round house, and every drop of water that fell upon the roof was instantly congealed. Firemen were covered from head to feet with icicles, and several of them had their limbs frozen, others were injured. ....The firm of Pruyne, Vosburgh & Co., was dissolved, Mr. Vosburgh retiring therefrom.

Feb. 2. The Dudley Observatory was now in charge of O. M. Mitchel as director, F. Brunow assistant director, and A. Sontag assistant astronomer.

Feb. 3. Mrs. Jane Stebbens died, aged 65.....A traveler was garrotted and robbed of \$775 in the yard of the Central rail road.

Feb. 4. Ann Barbara Smith died, aged 32.

Feb. 5. Ellen, wife of Patrick Lynch, died, aged 31.

Feb. 6. George McCarty died, aged 85.....Betsey, wife of John Rediker, died, aged 37.....First appearance of Dolly Dutton, 9 years of age, 26 inches in height, and weighing 13 pounds.

Feb. 7. Robert L. Mulford retired from the firm of Mulford, Wendell & Co.....The Board of Trade elected its officers; John Taylor, president.....Mr. Colvin introduced a bill before the legislature for altering the bounds of the city by cutting off a large strip of territory on the west, and taking in a portion of the towns of Bethlehem and Watervliet.

Feb. 8. Mrs. Nancy McElroy died at Glens Falls.

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Feb. 10. In less than six hours the change in the atmosphere was full thirty degrees. Those who retired to bed with the rain drops pattering against the window glass, awoke this morning finding the ground slightly covered with snow. All night long the winds howled, and at times the buildings on the hill appeared to rock from their foundations. Nor has it been pleasant out doors this morning, owing to the gale. The streets have almost been deserted. Even the hucksters and street butchers could not stand up against the driving northwester, for they gave up their post for the first time in six months.....There was great destruction of property throughout the country by the violence of the gale..... William Smith died, aged 62.

Feb. 12. Robert Ross Herrick, a member of the Albany Law School, died, aged 20. He was from Athens, Pa.

Feb. 14. Anastasia Fahey died.

Feb. 15. Whalebone, the famous trotter, the property of Mr. John Cutler, while being driven down the Troy road, dropped instantly dead, it is supposed from disease of the heart. The animal had been in most excellent condition during the winter. He was well known throughout the country as a very fast trotter; and, indeed, his numerous performances on Long Island, at Whitehall and hereabouts, justly entitled him to the favorable repute he was held in by the sporting world. It is but a few days since his owner refused \$2,500 for him.

Feb. 16. The organization of the Washington Avenue free mission, a new Baptist church, took place. Something over a year since, a loft in one of the old buildings near the Townsend park was hired, in which to hold religious meetings. They were so well attended, and the location was so favorable, that Samuel Patten, Esq., who had watched the movement, determined to purchase the property, extend the building, fit up a chapel and give its use to those who might choose to occupy it. A few friends joined in the movement, contributed to the general fund for fixtures, and soon had a very pleasant chapel, capable of seating 300 or 400 persons. For several months past it has been crowded, and, during the whole of January, meetings were held (under the direction of Rev. Mr. Earll) every evening in the week, and the result, we are told, is over a hundred hopeful conversions; and such an attendance now, on the sabbaths, as to seem to call for a regular church organization. This was effected by a few volunteers from the several Baptist churches in the city. Among them are Messrs. Patten and Pierce, from State street, Capt. Mount, from Dr. Magoon's, and Messrs. Williamson and Collins, from North Pearl st.—all strong men, who "have a mind to work." With this organization, and the Episcopal, Methodist, Lutheran and Catholic churches, (where a little while ago there was no church organization,) that part of the city may be deemed to be very well provided for.

Feb. 17. Henry Van Schoonhoven died, aged 54.....Mrs. Hannah Van Antwerp died, aged 89.

Feb. 18. Joseph A. Hogan died, aged 19.....A portion of the Third Reformed Protestant Dutch church congregation having withdrawn with the pastor for the purpose of organizing a new church on Lancaster street, the remaining members issued the following circular: The Consistory of this church feel it due to the public, and themselves, to state that regular service is held on sabbath mornings and evenings. An impression seems to prevail, that because our former pastor and a few families have





withdrawn from the church, that it must necessarily be given up. We would state in this public manner that we have no idea of giving up this field. We believe that God has a work for us to do here yet. When the indications of Providence *clearly* point another way we will *then*, as a *united* church, seek another field. We have not seen that time yet, and until it comes, we will patiently labor where God, in His Providence, has placed us. We believe that no part of this city presents a better field for Christian labor. Let us look at the facts:—In the three lower wards of the city, embracing a population of nearly one fourth of the *whole* city, there are but three small Protestant churches where the gospel of Jesus is preached. There are three or four small churches where the German language is preached, but in the English language there are no more than we have stated. Now we submit to the Christian public, whether this church should be abandoned. As an evidence of what may be done here by proper effort, we point to our flourishing sabbath school—a school that any church might be proud of. About a year since our energetic superintendent, and his devoted teachers, determined to increase its number of scholars and enlarge its usefulness. They went to work, and the result shows what can be done. It now numbers about three hundred. Arrangements have been made with several clergymen of talent, who will supply our pulpit for some time. We have no fears but a suitable pastor will soon be secured, who will devote his talents and energies to cultivate this branch of God's vineyard. We are accustomed to make sacrifices for our church—we have done so for many years—we are still willing to do so, relying on the great Head of the Church. We still hope that He will sustain us, and bless our labors. It is now twenty-five years since this church was organized. The late Patroon, the Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer, with that noble generosity that characterized his whole life, gave this lot to erect an edifice on it, where we could worship the God of our fathers. We have done so to the best of our abilities, and through many trials He has safely led us. We ask for the sympathy and encouragement of our Christian friends. When their own churches are closed we should be happy to see them; their presence will strengthen our hands and encourage our hearts.

By order of the consistory. JOHN GARDNER, President pro tem.  
JAMES TAYLOR, Secretary.

Feb. 19. Francis M., youngest daughter of the late H. H. Crane, died. .... Mary R., daughter of the late Hallenbake Stafford, died in Brooklyn. .... The snow storm which set in on the morning of the 19th proved to be the most severe of the season. Until nearly 9 o'clock on that evening snow continued to fall thick and fast without any "hold up," when the atmosphere became colder, and during the night it was intensely cold. Between 5 and 6 o'clock on Sunday morning a smart breeze sprung up from the west, which continued to increase in violence as the morning advanced, and during the greater part of the day it blew quite a gale, drifting the snow very badly. In some places on the hill yesterday afternoon the snow was piled up to the height of from three to four feet. Travelers by rail road had a very tedious and cold time of it. The Harlem train, due at 10 o'clock on Saturday evening, arrived at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The Hudson River rail road train, due at the same hour, reached East Albany at 9½ o'clock yesterday morning, and



the western train, due at 6 o'clock A. M., reached here yesterday noon. Just after sunset on Sunday the gale commenced to lull, and before 10 o'clock the atmosphere had not only moderated, but the wind had died away. On Monday morning, although the air was keen, there was but little wind, the sun rose clear.

Feb. 21. A grand concert was given at the Cathedral in aid of the funds for completing the towers.....Elijah S. McKinney died, aged 56. ....Charles P. Walter died, aged 53.

Feb. 22. The day opened unpropitiously for any adequate display on the occasion of this anniversary. Early in the morning a rain storm set in, and although it lasted but a short time, the rain that fell rendered walking in the streets attended with much danger. The stripes and stars floated over every public building and the various military armories in the city. The military parade was confined to the 76th regiment, and consisted of Washington Continentals, Co. B, the Marion Rifles, the Garde La Fayette, and the Washington Rifles. The turn out of the military was creditable, but it would have been larger with more favorable weather. After a march through some of the principal streets, the 76th regiment returned to the Arsenal, where they received the 25th regiment and escorted them to the City Hall, where the exercises were as follows:—

Music by the Band.

Prayer by Rev. Edward Selkirk.

Music by the Band.

Reading of Washington's Farewell Address by Lieut. M. O'Sullivan.

Music by the Band.

Oration by Hon. J. McLeod Murphy.

Benediction by Rev. E. Selkirk.

In the evening the 25th regiment's ball took place at Van Vechten Hall. It was largely attended and a fine party.....Emma D., wife of A. S. Rollins, died, aged 33.

Feb. 23. Dr. George Douglas died, aged 41.....John Foland died, aged 55.

Feb. 24. Isaac S. Conklin died, aged 61.....Otis Everett died, aged 70.

Feb. 25. Esther C., wife of Joseph Bancroft, died, aged 24.....Margaret, wife of John Murphy died, aged 32.....Elizabeth Butler died, aged 99, formerly a slave in the family of Dr. Charles D. Townsend.

Feb. 26. Rebecca, widow of Peter Hilton, died, aged 82.

Feb. 27. Anna Gladding, wife of Guilford Diefendorf, died in New York, aged 23.

Feb. 28. An early resumption of navigation was now looked for. Since the 25th, the ice in the river had been rapidly wasting away and in many places it now resembled a honey comb. With a continuance of the present mild atmosphere for two days more, it would be unsafe to cross upon the ice, and the rail road ferry boats were being put in readiness to get up steam at a moment's warning. The river craft were undergoing repairs and being brushed up for the opening of navigation..... Susan, widow of Elisha P. Bedell, died, aged 64.....Elizabeth, wife of Adam Russ, died, aged 77.....Sarah Adelaide Brayton, wife of Frank Watson, died, aged 27.....An organ was placed in St. Joseph's church. ....Rev. Henry Fay Greene died at Raleigh, N. C., aged 36. He was a son of Dr. Henry Greene of Albany, and a graduate of Union College;



was subsequently connected with Burlington College, N. J. He had been nine years in the ministry of the Episcopal church.

Feb. 29. A woman, wife of Joseph Proctor, was burned to death in a house in State street, near Lark.

March 1. The ferry boat Olcott cut her way through the softening ice to her berth on the opposite side of the river.....John F. Winslow retired from the firm of Erastus Corning & Co.....Charlotte, wife of Henry Losee, died.

March 2. About half past 3 o'clock the ice in the river in front of the city commenced moving, and passed down, doing but little damage to property on this side. On the opposite shore the floating docks of the Boston and New York rail roads were so badly injured as to be unfit for use to-day. Soon after the ice commenced moving the water began to rise rapidly, and in a short time the docks and pier were submerged. The ice dammed up this side of Van Wie's point, causing the river to rise very rapidly during the morning, and inundating the basements of the houses on South Broadway and those on the cross streets east of it, leading to the river. The barrier formed at Van Wie's point last night, gave way about 11 o'clock this morning, when the water fell full twenty inches in almost as many minutes. From that time it has remained about stationary, the ice having dammed up at the nine mile tree. The Mohawk river also broke up this morning.....William Green died, aged 56..... Sarah, widow of Thomas Carson, died, aged 91.

March 3. William Landon, proprietor of the American Hotel, died at his residence, after a short illness. He was born in Schoharie county, but at an early age came to this city and gradually worked himself up from the position of steward of a steamboat to that of landlord. It was in the latter position that he made large circle of acquaintances and friends. He was proprietor of the Congress Hall from 1833 to 1847, when, disposing of his interest, he went to Sharon Springs and opened a hotel there. In a few years he returned to Albany again, and took charge of the old City Hotel, but disposing of his interest to A. C. Joslin, in 1854, he returned to Sharon, where he remained for a few years. Some months since he again came to this city and again embarked in business at the American Hotel.

March 5. Julia Ann, widow of Thomas Meadon, died, aged 70.

March 6. The steamboat South America arrived from New York, the first boat of the season.

March 7. Isaac Nevill died, aged 49.....James A. Chestney died, aged 37.....Mary Maher died, aged 67.

March 8. Isaac Esmay, jr. died.....Eli Cogburn died, aged 39.

March 9. Mrs. Blakeman died, aged 67.

March 10. Widow of Robert Cordell died, aged 71.....John F. Bacon, Esq., died at Nassau, New Providence, recently, aged 71. Mr. Bacon was a native of Massachusetts, and began life as a practitioner of law in Albany. He held the post of clerk of the New York senate for 28 years. During the War of 1812 he was in military service for a short time on the frontier. He was United States consul at Nassau, for ten years, a place which he resigned four years since.

March 12. George Kilbourn died, aged 67.

March 13. Germaine La Moure died, aged 41.

March 14. Solomon Cone died at Saugerties.



March 16. Julia Ann, wife of Patrick McCabe, died, aged 26.

March 17. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in this city by a military and civic display. The military, consisting of the Emmet Guards, Capt. P. H. Griffin, the McGraw Guards, Capt. R. McGraw, the Worth Guards, Capt. J. Crough, and the Montgomery Guards, Capt. N. Hussey, formed on Eagle street, and after parading through several streets, took up the Hibernian Provident Society and St. John's Catholic Institute, and proceeded to the Cathedral, where high mass was performed. The Rev. Francis Boyle, of Washington, D. C., pronounced the panegyric on the patron saint. The service being ended, the procession again formed, and, after saluting the Rt. Rev. Bishop and the clergy, paraded through some of the principal streets and dismissed at the Arsenal.....Margaret, widow of Dr. Charles D. Cooper, died, aged 87.....Rebecca Kidney, wife of John Jenkins, died, aged 65.

March 20. Phanael Milbank, formerly of this city, died at Utica, aged 74.

March 21. John H. Boardman died, aged 61.

March 23. Abbie A., wife of Rev. C. F. Burdick, died, aged 28..... Mrs. C. May died, aged 44.....Wm. Van Allen, formerly of this city, died at Spring Corners, Pa.

March 24. Mrs. Hannah Marble died, aged 76.

March 25. James Morrell died of congestion of the brain, aged 59.

March 26. Peter C. Doyle died in New York.

March 27. Dr. John W. Hinkley, died of dropsy of the heart, aged 56.....John Lant died, aged 42.

March 28. William Diggs died, aged 69.....Charles McIntyre died at Brooklyn.

March 29. Mrs. H. R. Gaylord died, aged 71.....Helen Warnock, wife of William McCluskey, died, aged 52.....James Hayden died, aged 22.

March 30. William N. Beals, while engaged in putting up a force pump at Schaghticoke, fell a distance of sixty feet and was killed. His age was 39.

March 31. Mrs. Bridget Gannon died, aged 56.....Emma, wife of Thomas W. Hotchkiss, died at Elmira, aged 33.

April 1. Julia W. Newton, wife of Samuel Patten, died, aged 38.

April 4. Elizabeth, widow of Stephen Watson, died, aged 44.

April 5. Calvin P. Cheever died, aged 51.

April 8. Mary Ann, wife of Robert Cushman, died.....Abraham Austin died, aged 60.....Luton Shaw died.....Catharine, wife of Michael Donahue, died, aged 35.

April 10. City election; George H. Thacher elected mayor by a vote of 4882; Mr. John Taylor received 4087. The democratic ticket elected. ....Elizabeth, wife of Gabriel Zellman, died, aged 62.

April 11. Terrence Leavy committed to jail for the murder of Michael Burke on the 10th.....Maurice Foley died, aged 35.

April 12. Sarah D. Van Natta, wife of Nelson D. Chandler, died, aged 26.....A meeting was called at the chapel of the Female Academy to consider upon the state of youthful vagrancy in the city. There were hundreds of vagrant children, and it was no uncommon sight to see ragged children begging in the streets.

April 15. Jane Antis, wife of Solomon Luke, died, aged 27.





April 16. J. R. Bigsby died, aged 46.

April 17. The body of Mrs. Margaret Murray was found in the river near Bath. Her husband died about a year before, and she became an inebriate.

April 18. Hessel E. Brower died, aged 56.....George M. Sayles died, aged 53.

April 19. Anna, wife of William P. Winters, died, aged 47.....A fire broke out in the stable of James Boyle, in Orange street, which destroyed a large number of buildings on Orange street and Clinton avenue.

April 20. Leonard Krank died, aged 43.

April 22. Catharine Amanda Harvey died, aged 26.....The funeral of Peter Goodman largely attended.

April 23. The newspaper express train on the Hudson river road ran 7 miles in 6 minutes between Castleton and Albany.....The following were elected wardens and vestrymen of Grace church for the ensuing year: Henry D. Paine, Cornelius Schuyler, *wardens*; Charles Bell, M. L. Schermerhorn, James Brown, Edmund Nesbitt, Wm. James, Edward Lawson, Daniel E. Bassett, Wm. H. Watson, *vestrymen*.....William Palmer died, aged 57.....Benjamin Stocker, jr., died, aged 36.....Charles Rice died, aged 73.....Anna Hallenbeck, wife of John E. Clow, died, aged 65.....Phebe Margaret, dau. of the late J. K. Wing, died at Milan, Dutchess Co., aged 21.

April 25. Patrick Dwyer died.....A snow storm prevailed in the evening.

April 28. First canal boat of the season arrived.

April 29. Garret Lansing died, aged 86. He had been suffering from the effects of a very severe cold for two or three days, but his illness was not considered, by any means, dangerous. Yesterday morning he was visited by friends and conversed quite freely with them. When they left he was in good spirits, but they could not have been absent long before he died. About 11 o'clock his room was visited by one of the people of the house, and his door being locked, and no response being made to a call, it was forced open, when he was found dead on the bed. The deceased was born in this city. He was active and vivacious—even more so than many but half his age. His eyesight was unimpaired, and he could write a very clear and distinct hand. He had, during his lifetime, held many offices of trust, and was highly respected by all who knew him.....Wm. H. Leinbarger, formerly of Albany, died at Rahway, N. J.

April 30. Bartholomew Holland, died, aged 37.

May 1. The new board of aldermen came into office, presided over by Mayor Thacher. The whig members absented themselves, expecting thereby to prevent the transaction of any business: but the mayor ruled that 11 formed a quorum, one seat being vacant. The board then proceeded to elect a member to fill the vacancy, and proceeded to regular business.

May 3. The steamboat New World brought up between three and four hundred Mormons, destined for Salt Lake City, mostly English and in advanced years.

May 5. Thomas Holloran was murdered by John McCotter in Water street.....Peter Doig died at Ovid, Seneca county, aged 68, formerly of this city.



May 6. Joseph Gladding died, aged 86.....Andrew J. Baldwin died, aged 25.....Gilbert Rosenberg died, aged 29.

May 7. James Mix died, aged 67.....Jacob L. Winne died, aged 72. Catharine, wife of John S. Reynolds, died, aged 33.

May 9. Peter Dwyer died, aged 61.

May 10. David Norwood died, aged 57.

May 11. Harriet Van Rensselaer, widow of Alexander Bleecker, died at Brooklyn.

May 12. Mrs. Eliza Burrows died, aged 71.....James Magee died.

May 13. Peter Monaghan died, aged 49.....St. Joseph's church dedicated. At about 9 o'clock the procession was formed and started, preceded by a long line of bishops and clergy apparelled in their full canonicals. Following them were the laity, the sisters of mercy, the children of the orphan asylum and of the sabbath school. Upon reaching the new church the usual ceremonies were gone through with outside of the building and then the procession entered within it. There the service of pontifical mass was had, the altars, &c., consecrated, and the usual sabbath exercises observed. The consecration sermon was preached by Archbishop Hughes, of New York. It was regretted by all the large auditory that his bodily strength failed him before he concluded it and he was compelled to abruptly close it. The music was a great feature of the occasion, and it is spoken of by all present as of surpassing excellence in its execution. The organ of the church, said to be the most powerful of any in the country, lent its great aid under the admirable execution of Mr. Wm. D. Morange, to give effect, power and beauty to the music of the large and able choir. Among the latter were several of the most celebrated singers of New York city. Upon the whole, the occasion was one which, from the success that attended it, will be remembered with pride by all who participated in it. This magnificent edifice, which is an admirable imitation of the Benedictine architecture of the 13th century, had been announced to be dedicated on this Sunday, which is the anniversary of Saint John the Silent, being the fourth Sunday after Easter. It is indeed an ornament to our city, and has been built through the indefatigable exertions and executive power of the Very Rev. John J. Conroy. The foundation was laid in June, 1855. It has been building five years. The supervisor and architect during this time has been Mr. J. Keeley, whose reputation in his profession is known both in Europe and America, as he has been and is now engaged in erecting many other (but none to vie with this) structures, cathedrals and churches in the different cities and towns of the Union. The painting and marbleizing of the charcel, sanctuary, and stations, are said by good judges to surpass anything of the kind in this country. They are from the choice pencil of Mr. J. Prosser, artist, of Brooklyn. The main altar is a fine production of architectural skill. The figures on the readorse are, first, the crucifixion, five feet in height; second, the blessed virgin, and Saint John on each side of the crucifix, with an angel seraph, four feet high, pointing to the cross, together with the four evangelists, about same height. Saint Matthew, Saint John, Saint Luke and Saint Mark, with the holy book and pen, and the statues of Saint Peter and Saint Paul at the outer angles of the readorse, each six feet high; the whole height of the readorse, from the bottom steps of



the grand altar to the top of the crucifix, being just thirty-one feet. The figures Agnus Dei (with large canopy in centre) and pelican on each recess of panels in *alto relievo*; also, the nativity and flight into Egypt. To the left, in an alcove, stands the marble altar of the blessed sacrament, in *alto relievo*, representing the last supper. To the right, in the alcove, is the marble altar of the Blessed Virgin, with three representations, the immaculate conception, the annunciation, and the mother of God and Saviour of the world. The dome of the sanctuary or chancel is a fine representation of the blue canopy of Heaven and the spacious firmament, embellished with diamond stars. In niches and splendidly marbled alcoves beneath and around the sanctuary are representations in bas relief of scriptural illustrations. From the front to transept, and over the arches of the sanctuary or chancel, are some twenty-five cherubim and seraphim of life-like size, having breastplates and the figures of the cross and emblems of the helmet of salvation. The sanctuary is inlaid with porcelain squares, of rich and variegated colors as are the aisles of the church, with yellow and blue octagonal porcelain blocks of great durability and strength, equal to five times the strength of marble. In the grand marble altar beneath, there are three panels containing three superb subjects; 1st, *Ecce homo*, 2d, in the centre, the *Pieto* or the dead Christ, and 3d, the entombment of our Lord, together within the four niches between, angels with labels. Mr. Wm. Bolton, of London, so well known as the mediæval sculptor, and who received the gold medal at the exposition in Paris for his superior talent in his profession, has been engaged for the last three months, and is now busily engaged, in finishing this group of statuary. Albany can boast of now having, in the new St. Joseph's Church, the handsomest parish Catholic church in the world.

May 14. Margaret Ann Leverich, wife of Elias Vanderlip, died, aged 45.

May 17. Mrs. Abigail Tyler died, aged 60.....Mary R. widow of Gerrit Ackerman, died, aged 53.

May 18. A little rain fell after a long drouth.

May 19. The Hendrick Hudson grounded in the river above the city, and was crippled by the breaking of her rudder. Her passengers were transferred to the Isaac Newton.....The rain of yesterday was followed by a very low temperature, and fires and over coats were put in requisition.

May 20. Barbara Van Schaack, wife of B. Remer, died, aged 32.

May 21. George W. Gill died, aged 24.

May 22. Joseph Fera died, aged 75.....Robert Kennedy died, aged 67.

May 24. Pierpont E. Page died.

May 26. Rain fell after a drouth of a week's duration.....Barnard McCotter died, aged 31.....Jane, widow of Eliakim Ford, jr., died, aged 48.

May 28. Mary Thornton died, aged 28.

May 29. Charles A. Hinckley died, aged 50.....Jeannie Smith died, aged 30.

June 1. Charlotte, wife of Richard James, died, aged 38.....An old woman by the name of Ann Sprally was arrested upon the complaint of



a young gentleman of this city, for being a common fortune teller. The woman lived in the lower part of Orange street. She was well known as an old woman who, by the name of Brown, kept a shop for several years in North Broadway. She did up the cabalistic art by looking into a miraculous stone. In the case in question she had so worked upon the imagination of a woman by her infernal arts as to produce a serious schism in a family. There followed a compromise.

June 2. Sarah, wife of Stephen Angus died, aged 33.....Spencer Rosekrans died, aged 27.

June 3. Mrs. Mary Ostrom died, aged 80.....Jane Todd, wife of Henry W. Silsby, died, aged 45.....James Schuyler died at Nassau, New Providence, whither he had gone for the benefit of his health, aged 41.....The Rev. James W. Larimore became the pastor of the Third Dutch church, corner of Ferry and Green streets.....On Sunday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock the steamer Baltic reached this city, from New York, with several boats in tow. About this time a small boat containing five boys was rowed between the Baltic and the boats in tow, the Baltic having been stopped in order to drop some of her boats. As the boat was directly over the hawser leading from the Baltic, her engine was started, and the hawser being drawn up, caught the small boat and immediately overturned it, precipitating all the boys into the river. They all floated down against the canal boats, the swell from the Baltic creating quite a current. The men on the canal boats, seeing the danger of the lads, rushed to their aid and succeeded in rescuing three of them, the other two unfortunately passing under the boats and drowning. Their names were Andrew Smith and Peter Smith, aged respectively 14 and 16 years. One of the three rescued was a brother of the two drowned. Boats and drags were procured and a search for the bodies instituted, and the body of the oldest brother found.

June 7. John L. Schoolcraft died at St. Catharines, C. W. aged 56. He commenced mercantile life here with W. & H. B. Cook, was subsequently for many years a partner in the leading firms of Cook & Schoolcraft, and Schoolcraft, Raymond & Co., and on the death of Mr. John Townsend, in 1854, was called to the presidency of the Commercial Bank, which he has held till his death.....Jane Ann Elmendorf died.

June 12. Jacob Warren died, aged 37.

June 13. Harriet Paddock died, aged 48.

June 14. Jacob J. Jackson died, aged 61.

June 17. On Sunday afternoon, our city was visited by the most violent storm ever witnessed in this vicinity. About 3 o'clock there were indications of its approaching from the south-west, when heavy clouds were seen rising about the Catskill mountains, giving out occasional flashes of lightning, with attendant muttering thunder. Taking a north-easterly course, they became darker and darker as they approached, and when over the city the rain began to fall in torrents, accompanied with thunder and lightning. This was followed with a shower of hail, which came down so thick and fast, and with such violence, as to destroy skylights which for forty years had withstood the violence of every previous storm. The horses in the street could not stand the pelting of the hail, and the drivers of the Troy stages were compelled to put the horses under shelter. The hail covered the walks, and bushels gathered on the tops





of awnings, riddling them to pieces as the weight increased. Some of the stones were as large as ordinary sized walnuts, but the bulk of them were equal in size to large peas. They fell in such quantities that objects could not be distinguished two blocks off, and coming in contact with window glass, in many sections of the city shattered it to atoms. At the same time the rain was falling in torrents, and in a very short time after the storm commenced, the water came rolling down the streets, tearing up the pavements and carrying the stones down the hills. In some of the narrow hill streets the water extended the entire width of the street, and in some it overflowed the curb stone and flooded the basements of numerous houses, without doing much damage. Some of the sewers were incapable of carrying off the water, and the result was the inundation of cellars and basements. The storm lasted about half an hour, but it raged fiercest about half-past four o'clock, when the wind blew with violence and changed to almost every point of the compass. Upon inquiry we find that the storm was mainly within the bounds of the city. It did not rain at Tivoli Lake, nor did it extend as far north as the Bull's Head. It must, after passing over the city, have taken a southerly course and passed down the valley of the Hudson river, for beyond Blooming-grove, which is only two and a half miles from the east bank of the river, only a few drops of rain fell, while at East Albany, on the opposite shore from this city, the roads were flooded and the dirt washed down the hill in such quantities as to cover up the rail road track. It did not extend a great distance west, for at the public house on the Schenectady turn-pike, which is not more than two miles from the city, but little rain fell and no hail. For hours after the storm had passed marks of its violence could be seen, and they attracted much attention. In numerous places were to be seen from one to six bushels of hail stones, that either lay upon or had broken through awnings and lay upon the side-walks. Sky-lights sustained the most damage. Those on the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank, Stanwix Hall and Bleecker Hall, were very badly damaged. The interior of the buildings were also more or less damaged by water. The daguerrean artists were also sufferers. Their immense side and sky-lights were considerably injured by the breaking of glass. The Marble Pillar was flooded. Other cellars in the central portion of the city were also submerged. Below South Ferry street the city was actually flooded, looking precisely as it does during a spring freshet. All the streets running to the river, between Franklin street and Broadway, were submerged, in some places to the depth of two feet, driving people from their tenements, and compelling them to seek refuge on the upper floors. At the lower end of Pearl street there was also a flood, the first or street floors of many buildings being under water. The water rushed down the Whitehall road with fearful violence, and in that neighborhood also flooded the buildings. The vegetable gardens on the Island, suffered immensely. Grape vines and fruit trees throughout the city were in some instances, completely shorn of their young branches and the fruit, and scarcely any have escaped damage. So also with the fruit trees. Hot houses have suffered badly. Wilson's, Chatfield's, Luther's, John F. Rathbone's, A. M. and W. N. Strong's, and in fact every one in the city have sustained damage. Wilson's, Chatfield's, and Rathbone's, to a great extent. In our rambles about the city we were shown heaps



of the hail, which had recently been taken from the basement of buildings. The conductors of warehouses passing through the building from the roof could not withstand the pressure, and bursting in the basement the hail fell upon the floor, where it remained until this morning, and being carried into the street it resembled Turk's Island salt.—*Journal*.  
.....Margaret Canfield, wife of Green Hall, died.

June 18. A land slide near Townsend's furnace; a part of the hill moved in the direction of Canal street.

June 19. Charles Morris died at Schenectady.

June 21. John Driscoll died, aged 23.....John Sample died.

June 23. James Brown died, aged 36.

June 25. Henry Schroeder, a native of Imden, Hanover, Germany, died, in the 50th year of his age. Mr. S. was a gentleman of liberal education, and has for the last thirteen years been connected with the office of Commissioners of Emigration in New York and in this city. He was well known in our courts of law, where he was frequently employed as interpreter, being familiar with some European languages.

June 27. Silas S. Cutler died at Florence, Alabama, aged 27.

June 30. Elizabeth Hannagan died, aged 79.....Elizabeth B. Jarvis, wife of S. V. R. Ableman, died in Excelsior, aged 47.....Lewis J. Moulton, of Greece, Monroe county, formerly of Albany, had been indisposed from dropsy for some time. Becoming slightly fatigued from out door exercise, he lay down to rest, but continued to converse freely, and had just completed the sale of a span of horses, when he threw up his arms and instantly expired.

July 1. Mrs. Sophia Van Buren died.....*Out-door Preaching*.—The first of the proposed series of out door meetings, under the supervision of the Young Men's Christian Association, was held in the upper part of Second street, on Arbor Hill. It was very largely attended. There could not have been less than 1500 present, and all paid the most respectful attention to the speakers. Although several policemen kindly volunteered to be present, nothing occurred which required their special interposition. The pulpit was a large truck, over which an awning was thrown. It was placed on the north side of the street, and the vast audience stood around it, but mostly in front of it, and were protected from the sun by the buildings and spreading trees. The services were opened by singing. The choir was composed of many of the best singers in the city, and they sang with fine effect. The opening prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. Easton, of the Wesleyan church, after which another hymn was sung; when the Rev. Mr. Fulton, of the Tabernacle Baptist church, spoke about twenty minutes, from the text, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." His address was appropriate and impressive, and was listened to with deep interest by very many who have seldom heard the truth so effectively and so affectionately applied. After another hymn, in singing which at least five hundred voices joined, the Rev. Mr. Stratton, of the Swan street Methodist Church, preached from the text, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." It was a sermon of unusual power—clear, compact and stirring, admirably adapted to the occasion. This sermon was followed by another hymn, when Rev. Mr. Fulton made the closing prayer, the Rev. Mr. Stratton pronounced the benediction, and the meeting dispersed.



July 4. The customary jubilee was celebrated.

July 5. A fire at 610 Broadway damaged several dwelling houses and stores.....Matthew Gregory Wing died at Santa Fe, New Mexico, aged 34. Mr. Wing was born in Albany on the 10th April, 1826. His studies were pursued at the Albany Academy, under the direction of Dr. T. Romeyn Beck, until he entered the Sophomore class of Yale College, where he graduated in 1847, and thereafter, for a time, he continued in the philosophical department of that institution. Mr. Wing was a fragile boy, a delicate youth, and reached manhood in indifferent health. It was the object of pursuit in each school and college vacation. In 1849, obliged to seek a warmer climate, he went to the West Indies, and took up his abode on one of the Bahama Islands, where he remained until the following year. The ensuing winter he spent in Louisiana and the southwestern part of the Union. Compelled again to seek the benefit which change induces, he sailed from New York on the 12th July, 1852. The long ocean voyage greatly prostrated him, and finding himself without improvement upon reaching Marseilles, he soon left the south of France for Smyrna, in Asia Minor. Here the climate seemed to agree with him, and he was inspired with hopes of restoration. Readily adapting himself to the customs of the East, he continued his residence among the Greeks and Armenians for about a year, visiting meanwhile Ephesus, Alexandria, and places adjacent, of historic interest. He performed the journey from Smyrna to Constantinople on horseback, and was in that city when the Turkish army left it for the Crimea. After several months in Constantinople he came to Rome, where, allured by its antiquities, he remained for a year, and then leisurely made a tour of Italy. Subsequently he resided in Florence and in Paris. He traveled through Germany and went to England, but soon returned again to Paris. His health was apparently so much improved, after an absence of nearly six years, that he decided to return to America. In December, 1858, he went to Geneva, in this state, and spent several months. He had hoped his wanderings were here to terminate, and that surrounded by friends who had recently gone there to reside, in that beautiful village, he was henceforth to have his home. But the disease with which he had been threatened through life, which only a strong will and frequent changes of climate had kept in subjection, began to take on positive manifestations. At the close of 1859 he went to Fort Leavenworth, in Kansas territory, where he was overtaken with violent hemorrhage from the lungs in January of the present year; and in the feeble health that succeeded he determined, against the persuasion of his friends, to push forward to the more vitalizing air of the plains of New Mexico. An invalid, with a bed in his ambulance, a pair of mules and a Mexican driver, he joined a military train for Santa Fe, encountering, for two months and a half, the fatigue of constant travel, the exposure of the camp, the perils of a journey through the plains, and the dangers from hostile Indians. From Fort Union, crossing the spurs of the Rocky mountains, at an elevation of more than six thousand feet, he was overtaken by a pelting rain (the first since September), which continued for three days, the exposure to which, together with the change of air, aggravated all his former symptoms. He reached Santa Fe, on the 30th June, literally in a dying condition. He received, however, constant and kind attentions from Dr. Sloan, surgeon of the United States army,



at that place, but died on the 5th July, after several days of terrible suffering. His funeral took place on the evening of the 6th, under the direction of Captain Wainwright, of the army, with every demonstration of respect that could be paid to the dead, as a gentleman and a stranger. Mr. Wing was a man of peculiar mind, and its action was much in accordance with his habits and manner of life. He adapted himself with facility and contentment to any mode of living, of which he had seen almost every variety, and to any place as home. His health was never sufficient for the cares of business or the responsibilities of a profession, but he had been far from an idle voyageur. He had a quick perception, and a keen appreciation of the beautiful in art and in nature, and from these vast resources, which ample opportunities had opened to him both at home and abroad, his mind had become well stored. He was an intuitive lover of natural scenery, of architecture, of paintings and statuary. The beauties of these he minutely observed and remembered. His eye was as skilled to the graceful in outline and figure, to the effect of harmony in color, as his ear was to the perfect blending of sound in music. He was a gentleman of exquisite taste, accomplished in the languages and music, agreeable in manner, versatile and intelligent in conversation, and in every place of his sojourn he readily acquired cordial friends. Without a knowledge of fear, his life was one of remarkable adventure, and it terminated at length in a city which he reached when too feeble to utter scarcely more than a word, and where he was an entire stranger.

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July 7. William Parr died, aged 26.

July 12. John H. Duffey died, aged 60.

July 13. The Chicago Zouaves visited the city, and attracted much attention by their manœuvres. A new spirit was infused into the military organizations, and new companies and excessive drilling came in vogue.

July 14. Eve, widow of Anthony Egberts, died at Cohoes, aged 61.

July 16. Esther Ann, wife of W. W. Matthews, died, aged 43.

July 17. Margaret Gillen, wife of Gideon Parker, died, aged 28..... Elizabeth Streeter, wife of Henry Bronk, died, aged 58.....The body of an unknown man was found floating in the river above the lumber district.

July 18. Samuel Warden died, aged 54.....Nancy Crane, widow of Frederick W. Huxford, died.....A great eclipse of the sun came off this morning, and was witnessed by thousands of our citizens through smoked glass, colored spectacles, spy glasses and telescopes. The sky was clear, thus giving all who desired an opportunity of witnessing one of the most remarkable occurrences of the age. The eclipse commenced a few minutes past 7 o'clock, and the sun was obscured for a period of nearly two hours.

July 19. Richard Foley died, aged 50.

July 20. Alexander Sheldon died at Amsterdam, aged 57.....John Griswold died, aged 55.

July 21. Henrietta Frederica Benne, wife of Storm V. Boyd, died, aged 38.

July 25. Edward R. Satterlee died at Saratoga Springs, aged 80..... William H. DeWitt arrived from Europe bringing with him three white swans for the Albany Rural Cemetery. He sailed with four, but one died





on the way. The three were long an attraction on the lakes of the cemetery.

July 26. Cortland Van Rensselaer died at Burlington, N. J., aged 52. He was born in Albany, May 25, 1808, was graduated at Yale college in 1827, and admitted to the bar in 1830. He soon afterwards entered the theological seminary at Princeton, was ordained in 1835, and commenced preaching in Virginia. In 1837 he was installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Burlington, and the same year appointed corresponding secretary of the board of education of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, both of which offices he filled till his death. As secretary of the board of education he was very laborious and energetic, and brought it to a high degree of efficiency. He published several essays, sermons, and addresses, mostly on ministerial education, and a volume of his *Essays and Discourses, Historical and Practical*, was published. He was editor of the *Presbyterian Magazine*, and a valuable officer of the Presbyterian historical society, taking a deep interest in that organization from its foundation. He sided with the old school branch of the Presbyterians, although he was reared in the Dutch Reformed church.....Martha Vanderlip, wife of Benjamin Babcock, died, aged 71.

July 27. Lavinia King, wife of Frederick H. Hastings, died at Brainerd's Bridge.....Ellen Drake died, aged 68.

July 28. Susan D. Visscher, wife of Lewis B. Gregory, died, aged 37.

July 29. Margaret Lawlor, wife of Norman Hare, died, aged 28.

July 30. Trial of a steam fire engine, the first seen here. It belonged to a New York company. It threw water to the top of the liberty pole at the City Hall, and a horizontal stream was thrown 159 feet through a two-inch nozzle.

July 30. Huldah, widow of Thaddeus Joy, died in Buffalo.....Prof. Donaldson walked across State street on a wire suspended from the second story of Tweddle Hall to the building on the opposite side. He proposed to attempt the same thing at the Association Hall, but the city authorities ordered the wire to be removed, because it caused so great a crowd in two of the most public thoroughfares as to entirely obstruct them.

August 2. Robert C. Smith died, aged 35.

August 3. Mrs. Catharine Melius died, aged 78.

August 4. It was suggested about this time that the time had arrived when the romantic Buttermilk Falls ravine, half a mile south of the Capitol, should be secured by the city, for the purpose of adding another to our too few and too contracted public parks. The proposition was supported by many and forcible reasons, and had many warm advocates among our best citizens. A strong argument for making a park of this beautiful ravine, exists in the fact that owing to its great depth and width, it never can be filled and graded into convenient streets and building lots, except at an expense greater than the value of the lots, and that dwellings built on artificial ground of so great depth, must always be insecure and unhealthy. The views of the Hudson from the hills surrounding this ravine, have been pronounced by Washington Irving unsurpassed by the finest views on the Rhine, and in his honor, it was submitted that no better name for this new ornament to the city could be chosen than that of Irving Park.

August 6. Ellen, wife of Thomas Lanahan, died, aged 45.....Rev.



William Neill died at Philadelphia, aged 82; formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city.

August 7. Harry Yates died.....Jane, wife of Matthias Quayle, died, aged 63.

August 10. Capt. James Bell died, aged 62, and was buried from St. Paul's Church.....William Fisk died, aged 44.

August 12. The rain of two days, duration threatened an inundation of the docks.....Mrs. Judith Stillwell died, aged 80.

August 13. Mrs. Ann Gillon died, aged 56.....An extraordinary rain storm began at night and continued throughout the day, almost without a moment's intermission.

August 14. Gabriel S. Cooley died, aged 33, for several years conductor on, and afterwards deputy superintendent of the Albany Northern railroad. More than a year ago, he, with his mother-in-law, Mrs. John Cuyler, wife and infant child, were on the train, which was thrown down an embankment, and while Mrs. C. and his wife were killed, he escaped with, as was supposed at the time, only trifling injuries. Subsequently, however, evidences of his having received internal injuries began to develop themselves, and from that time until his death, he remained a hopeless invalid. Some six months ago Mr. Cooley went South in the hope of regaining his health, but without any beneficial results..... Elizabeth, widow of Levi Thomas, died.....Mrs. Eleanor Schermerhorn died, aged 70.

August 15. John Merrifield died, aged 28.

August 16. Garret G. Vandenburgh died, aged 75.....Emily Jane, wife of Henry Osterhout, died, aged 29.....An elderly lady, named Johnson, whose residence was in Hudson street, while participating in the pleasures of the pic-nic at Blackman's Bush, fell to the ground and expired almost instantly. At the time of her death the Garde La Fayette and their guests were participating in a dance, which was immediately suspended, and the company soon after returned to the city.

August 18. L. W. Concklin died, aged 25.....Samuel Segue, formerly of Albany, died at Saratoga Springs, of apoplexy.

August 21. Margaret, wife of William Dillon, died.....Mrs. Jane Purcell died, aged 43.....A boatman named Frank Killbridge fell into the Little basin and was drowned.

August 22. In tearing down the residence of the late William James, in Pearl street, four copper plates were found embedded in the walls. The plates were about three inches long and two wide, bearing the following inscription in Roman letters: "Daniel Hale, 1813." This mansion was erected by him, and after his death it passed into the hands of the late Mr. James. Daniel Hale was the grandfather of Elias P. Hale, one of our present energetic police officers.....Catharine, wife of Patrick Ryan, died, aged 26. The steam plaster mill and elevator took fire by the friction of the machinery and was considerably damaged.

August 23. George L. Crocker died in Buffalo, aged 63. He was the pioneer in the business of roasting and grinding coffee and spices in this city.

August 24. Rain had fallen nearly every day this week and the weather still continued lowry. A considerable quantity of rain fell last evening and during the night. There was a strong freshet in the river, but the water was several feet below the top log. This, from the quantity of rain



that had fallen, was rather unexpected. With far less severe storms the dock has been submerged, and the occupants of store-houses in the vicinity of the river have been to much expense and trouble in the removal of property.

August 25. James Hart died, aged 72.

August 27. Mrs. Sarah Jane Islay died, aged 30.....John F. Conner died, aged 39.....Mrs. Huldah M. Adsit died, aged 80.

August 28. James Moakler died, aged 26.....Eliza Jane, wife of James Post, died, aged 31.....During the present week there has been a demand for a large number of females to go into the country and assist in gathering in the hop crops. The intelligence offices in this city have furnished in the neighborhood of four hundred women and girls, who have been taken to Otsego, Herkimer, Oneida and Madison counties in this state, while some have been taken to the Eastern states. It has fairly cleansed those offices of that class of females who have been daily in the habit of loitering about from the opening to the closing of those places.

August 29. Margaret Acker, wife of James G. Young, died at Williamsburgh, L. I.

August 30. M. E. Courtright died, aged 25.....Catharine Wilson, wife of Hugh Watt, died, aged 31.

August 31. With this day expires August, the last of the summer months. During the early part of the month the weather was delightful, but for the past fifteen days a vast amount of rain has fallen, and the weather has been anything but favorable for the growing crops. Rain fell again this morning.....The initiatory steps towards the erection of a Presbyterian church in State street were taken by two citizens residing on the hill, in the purchase of the Banyar property, which is located a short distance west of Swan street. The lots are eighty-five feet front on State, running through to Chestnut street. Architects in this city are engaged in drafting plans for the new church, which, together with the lot, will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. As soon as the society is fully organized and the plans perfected, ground will be broken and the building erected. There are not a sufficient number of churches on the hill to meet the requirements of the times; and the rapid growth in population of this portion of the city demands the erection of this church.

September 1. The Second Reformed Protestant Dutch church was reopened for service having been closed for repairs since April last. This grand old specimen of Corinthian architecture, which would have cost upwards of one hundred thousand dollars, according to the original designs, was to have been built with a spire from eighty to one hundred feet in height,—the carvings of which are stowed away in the garret—also massive free stone columns were to have been put up in the rear, the abutments of which laid in the enclosure of the church until within a few years. But the ideas of our fore-fathers were rather larger than their pockets, consequently the building has never been finished. During the last four months our townsmen, Messrs. Rice & Co., have been rejuvenating and beautifying the interior, as well as giving the exterior a new garment, giving us additional proof that they have no equal in their branch of art in our midst. The carpets, upholstery, &c., in which great taste has been displayed, are from the house of Messrs. John Van Gaasbeck & Co., and add much to the beauty of the building. On the



whole the "Old Middle Dutch" is once more one of the finest if not *the* finest structure in Albany.

September 3. Jane, wife of John Bridgford, died.

September 4. John Oliver died, aged 32.

September 9. The Second Presbyterian church which had been undergoing renovation during two months, was reopened for service.

September 11. Patrick Tierney died, aged 50.....A grand torch-light demonstration of the wide-awakes, who gathered from all the towns within fifty miles of the city, dressed in caps and oil cloth capes, with each a flambeau, numbering 5000, it was claimed.

September 13. Andreas de Oleaga died.....The Providence Light Infantry arrived in this city, accompanied by the Governor of Rhode Island and most of the state officers and legislators.

September 14. John Taylor returned from Europe, and was greeted with a public reception, and was escorted through the city by the Burgesses corps and fire department, the board of trade, and St. George's society. For cordiality the reception could not have been surpassed. As a tribute of respect and esteem to an old and highly respected citizen, one to whom the city of Albany is deeply indebted for his liberality, it reflected credit on its projectors, and we know was in the highest degree gratifying to the recipient of the honor.

September 15. Lucinda, wife of Benjamin L. Hood, died.....A fire destroyed Boardman & Gray's pianoforte manufactory, corner of Broadway and North Ferry streets. Loss about \$50,000.

September 16. St. Peter's church was opened for the first time for divine service. No public announcement was made of the fact, and it was scarcely known beyond the members of the congregation. Every slip was filled, but the church was not crowded. The service was read by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Pitkin, and the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, of St. John's Church, Hope, N. J. The Rt. Rev. George Upfold, Bishop of Indiana, preached the opening discourse. His subject was the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem. It was a beautiful discourse, and was listened to with marked attention. He closed with some very appropriate remarks in regard to the building of the new church. In behalf of the church he thanked those who had contributed towards its erection, and congratulated the congregation upon having a place of worship unsurpassed by any similar structure on the continent. The afternoon services were conducted by the rector. The congregation was as numerous as that of the morning, and the discourse was adapted to the occasion. The music throughout the day was very fine and effective. The organ, which is of great power and brilliancy of tone, was effectively managed, and added much to the services of the day.

September 17. Ground was broken for the Dudley Reformed Protestant Dutch church. It is to be located in Lancaster street on the south side, about midway between Hawk and Swan streets. The building will be one hundred and ten feet deep by sixty-five wide, and will be of brick, with two towers of an hundred and fifty feet. The estimated cost is \$30,000, of which Mrs. Dudley contributes \$15,000. John Bridgford is the mason and John Clemshire carpenter.

September 18. Huldah C. wife of Charles St. Clair, died, aged 38.

September 19. A large traffic was now carried on in peaches. State street being pretty much appropriated to their display. The crop of this





delicious fruit at the west is not only large, but of a highly cultivated character. We learn from an authentic source, that the daily receipts here by express of peaches will average forty tons, which is equal to one thousand packages. Of this amount thirty tons are sent to New York, four tons to Boston, and six are left in this city. They are put in boxes made of narrow slips of boards, so constructed that they not only have the full benefit of the air, but are less liable to be bruised, as they would be if carried in baskets. The great bulk of the peaches are sent from Rochester, Lockport, Holley, Middleport, Victor, Pittsford, and various other places in the vicinity and along the line of the Niagara Falls rail road. In former years New York city, and, in fact, we here, were dependent upon New Jersey for our yearly supply of this delicious fruit. But it appears that Western New York, the garden of the United States now, not only furnishes us with the best flint wheat for our daily bread which we eat, but with the most delicious fruit in the world.

September 20. William Reed died, aged 78.

September 21. La Mountain the aeronaut made an ascent in his balloon, containing nearly 15,000 feet of gas.....The county fair closed. The weather was unpropitious, and the result disastrous financially.

September 22. John Viggers died, aged 28.

September 23. Dr. Caspar V. W. Burton died in Lansingburgh, aged 51.

September 24. Patrick Murtaugh died, aged 64.

September 25. Angenette, wife of William R. Clute, died, aged 22. William H. Loatman died, aged 29.....Jane Davis died.

September 26. The Little Giants, a democratic organization, in imitation of the Wide Awakes, had a demonstration in the evening, dressed in caps and yellow capes, with torches and roman candles, and made an imposing display, setting the town ablaze.

September 28. Matthew Read died, aged 84.....Clara A. Cone died, aged 27.....John Cuyler died, aged 52. The body of Walter Ricketson was found in the river near Cedar Hill. He had been missing since the 22d. Peter Doyle died suddenly, on his way homeward, aged 35.

September 29. Catharine, wife of William Kearney, died, aged 35..... J. Edward Barrett died, aged 22.....Francis J. Bradt, formerly of this city, died in Schenectady, aged 72.

October 2. A handsome schooner now lying in the Yankee basin, having just arrived here from Detroit, by way of the Welland canal. She was built this season, at Cleveland, for Albany and Eastern parties. This was her first trip, and she is reported to have worked handsomely. Burthen, 210 tons; worth about \$12,000, and one half owned in Albany. She brought down lumber. During the coming winter season she will be engaged in the Southern trade. She has been named after one of our citizens, Mr. Louis Spanier, who is a part owner.

October 3. The Evangelical Lutheran St. Trinity congregation, claiming to be the only purely Lutheran church in the city, and which was organized on the 30th of May last, had purchased two lots on Broad street, between Westerlo and Arch, for \$1100, for the purpose of building thereon a church edifice, now publicly applied for assistance, the congregation, it was alleged, being small and poor, was not able to build without aid.....Caroline L., wife of Jacob I. Werner, died, aged 38.

October 4. The congregation of St. Peter's church assembled at an



early hour this morning, and soon after the doors were thrown open to the public every seat was filled. The clergy met at St. Peter's chapel and proceeded from there in a body, numbering two bishops and forty-two priests, all in their white robes. Upon reaching the threshold of the church, Rt. Rev. Provisional Bishop Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., commenced the consecration service by reading the first verse of the 24th Psalm. "The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and all that dwell therein." The verses were read in response until the bishops and clergy reached the church, the congregation rising and responding to the bishop. The clergy were followed by the church wardens and vestrymen to the chancel, when the bishop taking his chair, the clergy and audience became seated. The instrument of donation and endowment by the wardens and vestry was then presented to Bishop Potter, by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Pitkin, and subsequently read by him. The consecration prayers were then read by Bishop Potter, and the sentence of consecration by the bishop was then read by the Rev. Dr. Morgan, of St. Thomas's Church, New York. The opening morning prayers and service were then read by the Rev. Mr. Schuckelford, of Newark, N. J. The first lesson, 1st Kings, chap. viii, verses 22 to 63, was read by the Rev. Mr. Twing, of Lansingburgh. The second lesson, Hebrews, chap. x, verses 19 to 26, was read by the Rev. Dr. Rudder, of St. Paul's Church. The creed was read by the Rev. Mr. Bishop, of Grace Church. The prayers by the Rev. Mr. Reed, of Holy Innocents. The ante communion service was read by the Right Rev. Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, the epistle by the Rev. Dr. Todd, of Stamford, Ct., the gospel by the Rev. Dr. Colt, of Troy, and offertory by the Rev. Dr. Tucker, of the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy. Rev. Dr. Brown, of Newburgh, then offered up the prayer for the whole state of the church, and Dr. Vinton, of Trinity Church, New York, followed with two exhortations. The Rev. Morgan Dix, associate rector of Trinity Church, New York, then offered up the prayer of general confession. The dedication sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Horatio Potter. He took his text from 1st Kings 8th chapter and 11th verse:—"For the Glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord." The *Venite Exultemus Domino*, the *Gloria*, the *Te Deum* and the *Psalter*, were sung by a chorus and quartette choir with admirable effect. In fact, the singing was of a high order throughout, and reflects much credit upon the church. The services throughout were solemn and impressive, and were listened to with almost breathless attention by a vast congregation. This beautiful and substantial edifice, on State street in this city, is built of Schenectady blue stone, with New Jersey brown stone trimmings. The architecture is middle pointed. The church consists of nave, two aisles and an apsidal chancel with a tower on the lower corner which when completed, will be one hundred and sixty-seven feet in height. The interior dimensions of the church are one hundred and thirty-six by sixty-eight feet. It will accommodate eleven hundred persons on the ground floor. There are no galleries but that for the organ. The columns which divide the nave from the aisles and support the clere story, are of brown stone, massive in character, having well defined bases and plinths and richly carved capitals. Above the clere story columns are a range of detached columns, with ornamented caps and bases, which are supported on foliated corbels. These support the main principals of roof. The roof is open timbered



and by its simplicity of construction obstructs very little the plane of the ceiling, which is painted an ultra marine blue, while the timbers are painted in polychrome. The height of the interior, from the floor to the apex of the roof, is sixty-four feet. The chancel ceiling is covered and ribbed in plaster, with ornaments at the intersections; the ceiling is blue. The pews are of black walnut (without doors), as is the rest of the furniture, with the exception of the chancel rail and lectern, which are of metal work. The windows are filled with stained glass by Owen Doremus, which in the chancel and clere story windows are rich in designs. The cost of the church thus far is about \$68,000. The architects were R. Upjohn & Son.....Thomas McWilliams died, aged 53.....Alexander Murray died, aged 20.

October 5. Henry N. Dowd died, aged 42.

October 8. The Burgesses Corps held their annual election, Hale Kingsley, captain.....Harriet, widow of George Monteath, died, aged 76. She fell while walking across the room, and expired.

October 10. Crammond Kennedy, called the boy preacher, lectured at Tweddle Hall.

October 15. Isaac Bogart died at New Orleans.

October 16. The Prince of Wales arrived in Albany on his tour, and dined with Governor Morgan. He put up at Congress Hall.

October 17. The Prince left Albany on his way to Boston. A car was fitted up expressly for him and his suite. It was probably the handsomest and most thoroughly furnished traveling car ever run on rails, and the skill displayed in its arranging and outfitting will be a valuable acquisition to the well earned credit of Springfield mechanics. Mr. Gray, superintendent of the road, seems to have been successful in his efforts to impress the prince with the unrivaled superiority of his workmanship. On either side of the prince's department of the car were costly sofas and velvet-cushioned chairs, which would be extravagant for a king, and in the centre a stationary centre-table, beautifully carved and marble-topped. The table was furnished with drinking utensils, consisting of a large ornamented waiter of solid silver, an improved, double-cased, ice-pitcher, and half a dozen goblets, lined with gold. The carpeting was of costly velvet. In one department of the car was a neatly furnished washing room, supplied with water from an invisible source, and other toilet conveniences. Farther along a small office, furnished with desk and writing materials. All these luxuries were the invention of Mr. Gray, and aside from those already mentioned, they were executed by mechanics and artists constantly employed by the rail road company.....Paul McCloskey died, aged 17.....Helen M. Cole died, aged 16.

October 19. Thomas Mahar died, aged 28.

October 20. William J. Davidson died, aged 20.

October 21. Margaret E. Beebe, wife of Dr. J. M. De La Mater, died, aged 38.....Mrs. Mary Hackett died, aged 60.....Martin Feeney died of accidental injury.

October 23. Caroline A., wife of John Hallenbeck, died, aged 32.....Philip Dunn died, aged 39.

October 25. Mary A., widow of H. G. O. Rogers, died.

October 26. The District School House in South Pearl street was on fire, and although there was a large attendance, all were safely got out, and the firemen soon quenched the flames.....A rain storm which set in about noon, was followed by a shower of hail.



October 29. The corner stone of the Dudley R. P. Dutch Church was laid this day at 12 o'clock, with suitable ceremonies. The following are the contents of the box, which was made and presented by C. Whitney, Esq.: Bible, Constitution of the R. P. Dutch Church, Rev. Dr. Rogers' Historical Discourse, Acts of General Synod 1860, Minutes of Particular Synod of Albany 1860, Christian Intelligencer Oct. 25, 1860, Barnard's Discourse on General Stephen Van Rensselaer, Albany Directory 1859, N. Y. Legislative Manual 1859, Albany Evening Journal, Albany Evening Statesman, Albany Evening Standard, Albany Argus, Albany Times, Albany Express, Albany Knickerbocker, an Account of the Church from its organization to the present time, a few coins.

November 1. Charity Turner died, aged 61.

November 2. John Pridy was found drowned near Columbia street bridge; he had been missing some days.....Daniel Morrill, who had been picked up by the police, and sentenced to the Penitentiary, died there.

November 4. Brilliant aurora.

November 6. The election resulted in the success of the Democrats. E. Corning received 6,130 for congress, and T. W. Olcott 5,169. The vote on presidential electors was 11,145 democratic against 9,845.

November 8. John Quinn died, aged 50.

November 10. Thomas Fay died, aged 37.....Terrence Riley died, aged 55.....Maria Wemple, wife of Burgess Wands died, aged 56.

November 15. B. Wilhelmina Triger died, aged 27.

November 16. Anna Maria, widow of William Soulden, died.

November 19. Early in the evening a brisk shower of rain set in, accompanied with fierce winds and several sharp flashes of lightning. At the outset, the indications were of a setting in of an old fashioned storm of rain, sleet and snow. It was, however, of short duration, for soon after the storm clouds dispersed, and the pale moon shone forth, lighting up our muddy streets. The old Green Street Theatre was reopened under doubtful auspices. It was summarily closed on the 21st, by the actors refusing to play without being paid in advance. The treasurer was not to be found and the audience left at an early hour without receiving an equivalent for their money. Some of the seats were torn up by the enraged audience, and several lights of glass broken, but nothing was done by which any person, save the proprietor, was made to suffer..... John Moran, an intemperate man, was found dead in his bed.....Alice Briety died, aged 44.....William A. Livingston died.

November 20. This city was, at a late hour in the evening, visited by a snow storm, which was of short duration, and not attended with any serious injury to either person or property. It was simply a forerunner of something more severe, and which, from present indications, may be hourly looked for.....Margaret, widow of Peter Boyd, died, aged 79.

November 21. Elizabeth Houghkirk died, aged 78.....Maria Louisa Bounds, wife of Daniel O. Eaton, died, aged 37.

November 22. Margaret Patterson died, aged 34.

November 23. A snow storm set in early in the morning, but soon turned to rain, giving all out doors a cold and cheerless aspect.....Mary, wife of James Brown, died.

November 24. The rain of the previous days turned to snow as the wind abated about midnight. Squalls of snow and wind continued





through the day.....Mary, wife of John Mulvill, died, aged 50.....  
Rebecka, wife of S. M. Magnus, died.

November 26. John Dixon died, aged 67.....Margaret Leonard died,  
aged 68.

November 27. John H. Miller died, aged 25.....Mary E. Lewis died,  
aged 17.

November 28. Ice formed rapidly during the night, and the river and  
basin were full of anchor-ice.

November 29. Mary McDonald, widow of William Vosburgh, died,  
aged 86.....Ellie P. Frisbee died, aged 27.

December 1. Elizabeth Rice died, aged 69.

December 2. Cold and blustering day ; ice formed during the day, and  
the canal in some places was filled with it. The steam tug Alida left with  
the large tow of 31 boats.....William Deyermant, while walking along  
the dock stumbled over a hawser and fell into the basin. His body was  
found the next morning. His age was 36.

December 6. Franz Schanna died, aged 37.

December 7. Sarah, widow of Robert Kirkpatrick, died, aged 61.

December 8. William N. Graham died, aged 67..

December 9. Mrs. Mary Mould died, aged 86.

December 10. John W. Griffith died, aged 29.

December 11. Jane Martin, wife of William Cain, died, aged 40.

December 12. James Hill died, aged 60.....James Hallenbeck died,  
aged 51.....Bridget McLoughlin died, aged 86.

December 13. The New World struggled up the river, probably the  
last boat of the season.....Mrs. Matthew Sheridan, widow, died,  
aged 67.....Joseph Bancroft died, in Virginia, Illinois, aged 33.

December 15. Temperature 10 deg. below zero in the morning. In  
the evening there appeared in the clear starry sky a beautiful light, span-  
ning the entire heavens from west to east, which was witnessed by many  
in our streets with wonder and delight. Early in the evening the north-  
ern lights were seen, but attended with nothing unusual. Later the au-  
roral display was more brilliant ; their whole force seemed to concentrate  
into one single ray, which threw itself high into the zenith. Bearing  
towards the south its arch extended through the entire heavens from  
west to east, presenting a beautiful and magnificent scene. There was  
the distinct outlines and nearly the brilliancy of the rainbow. The aurora  
borealis is not of unusual occurrence at this season, but the display on  
Saturday evening was particularly brilliant and sublime.....Anson F.  
Ainsworth died, aged 54.

December 16. Bridget, widow of Daniel Mullane, died, aged 64.....  
Louisa Hetrick died, aged 88.

December 17. At the meeting of the Common Council, the Chamberlain  
submitted the following report of the receipts and disbursements of his  
office for the fiscal year ending November 1st, 1860 :

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Balance of cash on hand Nov. 1st. 1859.....     | \$24,210 31 |
| • Receipts of year to Nov. 1st, 1860.....       | 448,418 58  |
| Disbursements for year ending Nov. 1, 1860..... | 423,276 92  |
| Cash on hand Nov. 1st, 1860.....                | 49,351 96   |

The receipts are from the following sources, viz :



|                              |             |                           |                     |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| City Water Works.....        | \$87,610 83 | Cotinuation.....          | 1,272 96            |
| Alms House.....              | 1,248 33    | Markets.....              | 1,003 50            |
| Assessments.....             | 28,110 03   | Ferry.....                | 2,300 00            |
| City poor.....               | 632 67      | Justices Court.....       | 1,676 99            |
| Contingents.....             | 795 68      | Redemptions.....          | 1,569 61            |
| Street contingents.....      | 108 48      | Bonds and mortgages.....  | 2,688 00            |
| Police department.....       | 875 24      | Real estate.....          | 369 76              |
| Fire department.....         | 151 22      | Dividends.....            | 200 00              |
| District schools.....        | 17,973 39   | Taxes.....                | 240,000 00          |
| Interest.....                | 15,392 18   | County of Albany.....     | 24,479 99           |
| Court of Special Sessions... | 1,416 00    | City lamps.....           | 27 00               |
| Police Court.....            | 1,645 01    | Costs on assessments..... | 35 00               |
| Rents and quit rents.....    | 1,946 71    | Temporary loans.....      | 15,000 00           |
| <b>Total.....</b>            |             |                           | <b>\$448,418 58</b> |

The disbursements are for the following accounts :

|                           |             |                                |           |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| City Water Works.....     | \$26,290 70 | Redemptions.....               | 1,639 41  |
| Markets.....              | 660 00      | City Hall.....                 | 3,898 78  |
| City debt.....            | 20,600 00   | Police office.....             | 3,241 42  |
| Ferry .....               | 15 00       | District schools.....          | 57,542 78 |
| Surveyor's office.....    | 1,859 32    | Interest.....                  | 43,143 02 |
| Printing and advertising  | 1,742 49    | Court of Special Sessions....  | 100 00    |
| Fire department.....      | 18,641 55   | Street contingents.....        | 11,128 28 |
| Alms House.....           | 26,370 20   | Police department.....         | 39,634 75 |
| Elections.....            | 1,988 07    | City poor.....                 | 13,585 34 |
| Wells and pumps.....      | 636 22      | County of Albany.....          | 11,974 46 |
| Industrial school.....    | 135 27      | Assess. for streets and drains | 29,549 34 |
| Costs on assessments....  | 185 00      | Contingents.....               | 10,261 80 |
| Temporary loans.....      | 15,000 00   | City lamps.....                | 19,901 69 |
| City water debt interest. | 51,600 00   | Salaries.....                  | 8,850 05  |
| Justices Court.....       | 3,103 99    |                                |           |

\$423,276 93

John L. Sleutzer died, aged 35.....Major A. P. Ten Broeck, clerk of the board of canal commissioners, died. He served through the Mexican war, and on the conclusion of peace was offered a commission by President Pierce, which he declined. He had been clerk of the department since 1851.

December 18. James Heather Turner died, aged 66.....George Wilton died, aged 47.....Harriet H. Howlett, formerly of this city, died at Saratoga Springs, aged 49.

December 20. The telegraph brought news of the secession of South Carolina, the first state to sever her connection with the union.

December 22. Ella H. wife of Martin C. Borst died, aged 72.

December 23. Isaac Bulger died, aged 72.

December 24. Mary, widow of Barney Williamson, died, aged 46.

December 25. Francis D. Holbrook died, aged 64. While he was engaged with others in hoisting rolls of leather in the warehouse of Friend Humphrey's Sons, he fell from the third floor through the hatchway, and landing upon the main floor was instantly killed. It appears that several rolls of leather had been placed upon the rack over the hatchway, and while he was standing on a narrow strip of flooring and the hatchway with his hands upon the leather, the truck moved from him, and losing his balance, he fell headlong down the narrow passage, breaking his neck, fracturing his skull and breaking his left leg. Mr.



Holbrook had for a long period been an inspector of leather, and he was a highly exemplary citizen.

December 26. Susan, widow of Nicholas Conover, died, aged 60.

December 27. John Jacob Wendell died.....Lucius St. John died, aged 26.....Edward Brennan died, aged 25.

December 28. Jane E. Brower died.....Abigail, wife of Peter Johnson, died, aged 60.

December 29. Mrs. Jane Beatty died, aged 60.....Elizabeth W. Dixon died.

December 30. Barbara H., wife of John Jennings, died, aged 53.....Joseph Worden died, aged 90.

December 31. Margaret Raum died, aged 82.

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### THE LANSING HOUSE.

Annexed is a view of the Lansing house at the north-easterly corner of Broadway (formerly Watervliet street, and more recently, North Market street) and North Lansing street, in that part of the city well known until within a few years as the *Old Colonie*. This house was built by Christopher Lansing in 1766, as is shown by the date in iron figures on the south end of the building. A back building and kitchen connected with it were taken down some years ago. The lot originally ran to the river, and included part of the present canal basin. The side street known as North Lansing street, was so named in compliment to Mr. Lansing.

The elm in front of the house was formerly a tree of large dimensions, but several of the principal branches having decayed, they were cut off some years ago, which has very much reduced its proportions. This tree has long been known to our citizens as the *BURGOYNE TREE*, as it was planted by Mr. Lansing at the time of Burgoyne's capture. Mr. L. was quarter-master of Col. Schuyler's regiment, which had been ordered out for the defence of the northern frontier, although not actually engaged in the battle of Saratoga.

The house has recently been much changed in its appearance, and is now used for business purposes. The engraving represents it in its original condition. The property now belongs to John V. L. Pruyn, Esq., a grandson of Mr. Lansing, by whom the house was erected.





THE LANSING HOUSE AND BURGOYNE TREE,  
Corner of Broadway and North Lansing street.







THE PRUYN HOUSE.

The above is an engraving of the Pruy house, on the easterly side of North Pearl street, between Maiden Lane and Steuben street, opposite the Female Academy, now occupied by J. W. Morange. The front on the first floor has been altered and adapted to its present purposes, but otherwise the building remains in its original condition.

The house is believed to be very old, but the precise date of its erection cannot be given. Either this house or one that stood on the same spot, was occupied in the latter part of the seventeenth century (1696, 1700) by Robert Livingston, Junior.

The property has been in the Pruy family (originally through a marriage with the Van Ieveren family) from about the year 1700, and is now owned by John V. L. Pruy, Esq.



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