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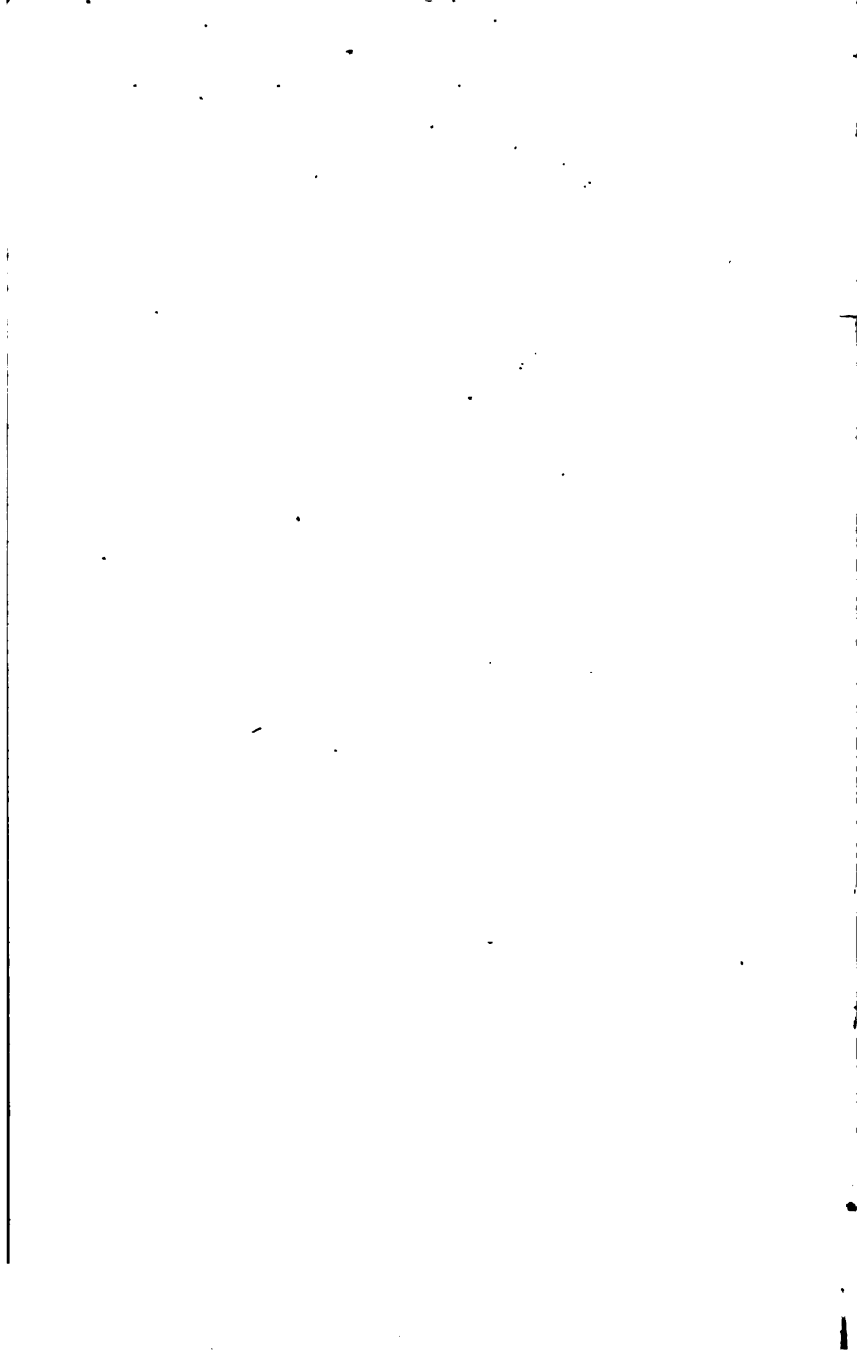
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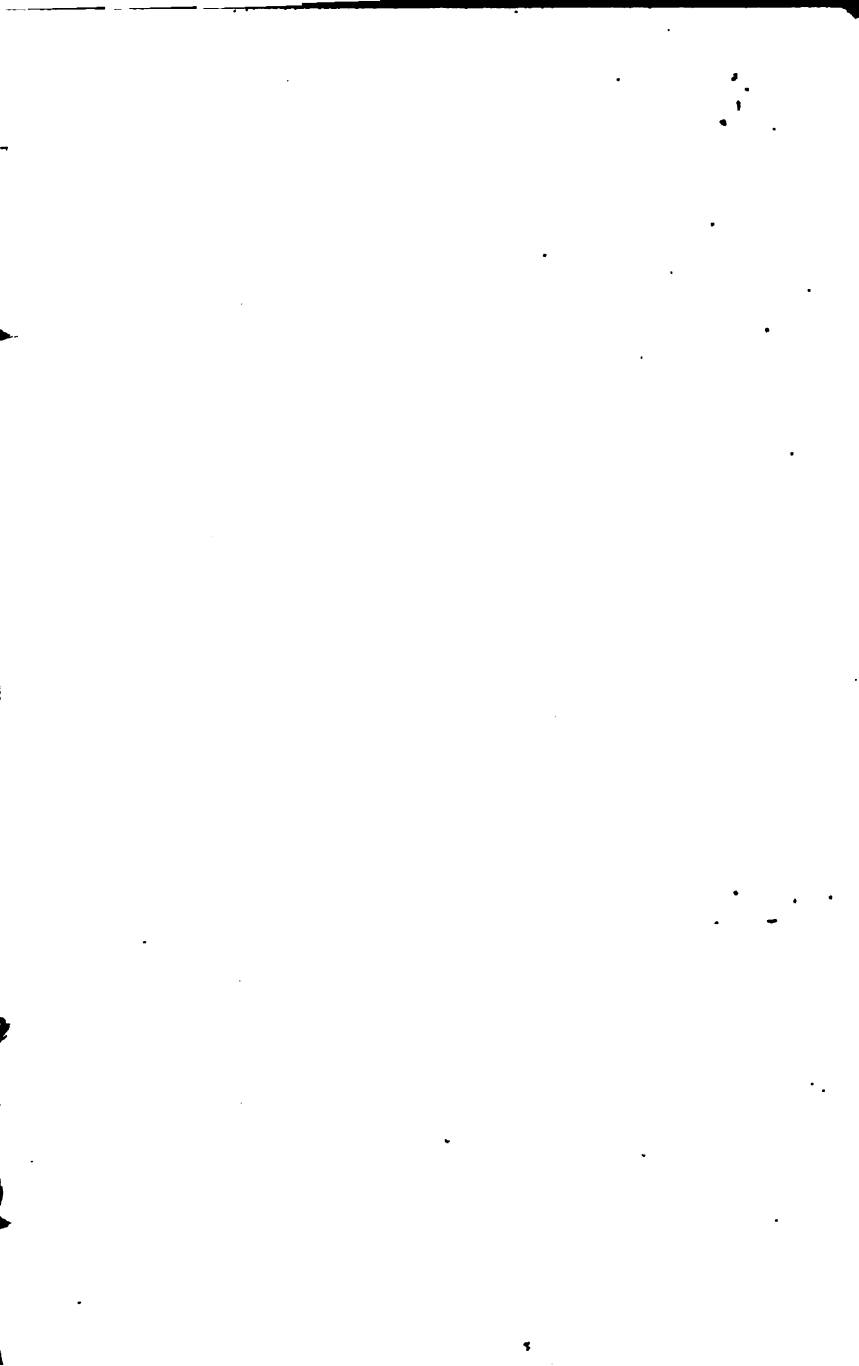


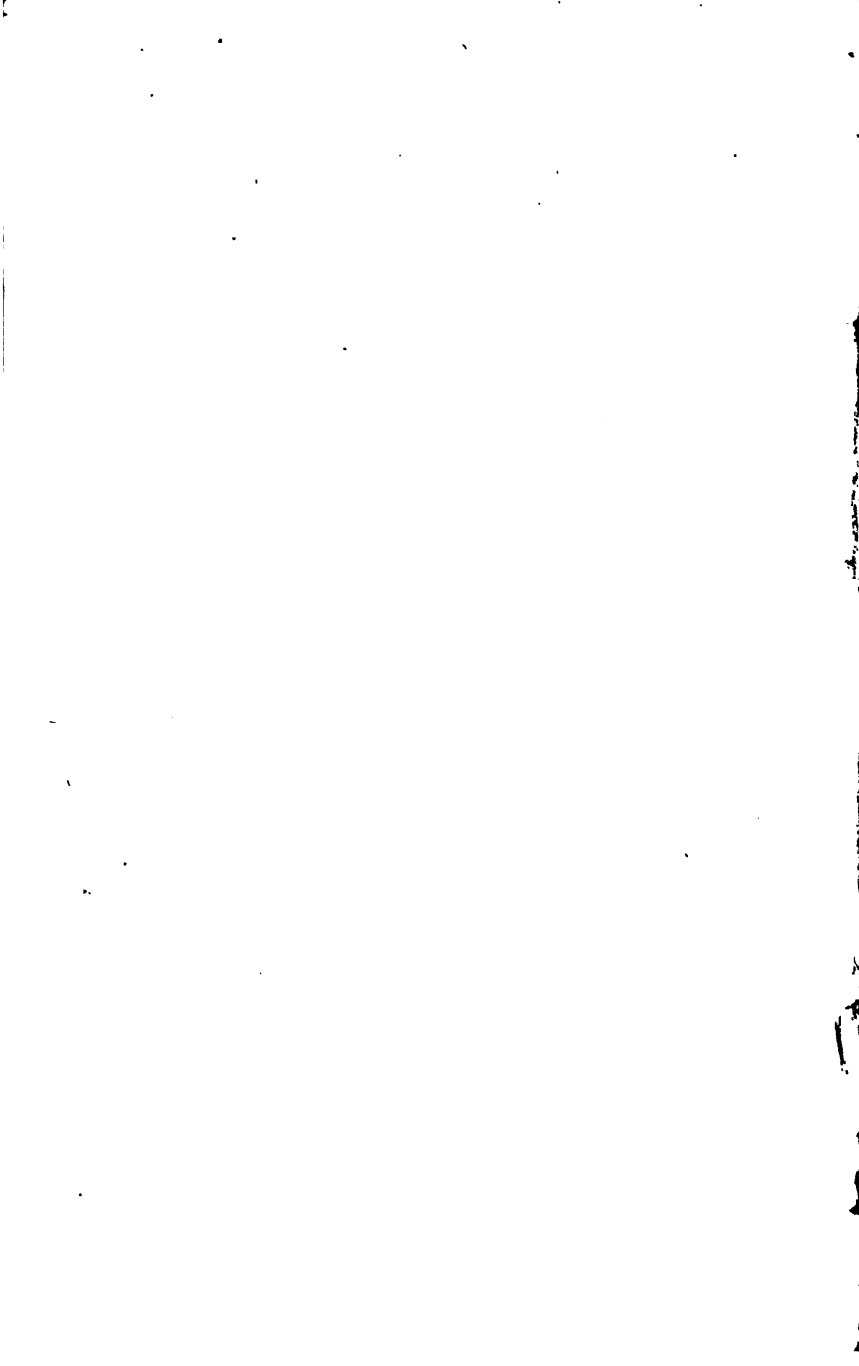
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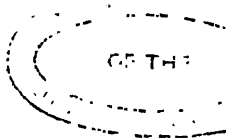








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## CONCLUDING AND GENERAL ADDRESS

### TO THE READER.

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Agreeably to the announcement made in the last volume, this work is now brought to a close. Although ten volumes have been published, they are very far from containing all that has been written, not to mention what remains unwritten, on the *opkomst, aanwas en geschiedenis*—the origin, progress, and history, of Albany.

A peculiar and unique interest attaches to Albany, as the eldest born of existing settlements in the original United States: and, during the entire two and a half centuries that have elapsed since her origin, she has not ceased to be regarded as a place of public consideration and importance. In the Colonial times, Albany was the great *entrepôt* of the Indian trade. Here the lordly Iroquois met their white brethren in council; and treaties were entered into, and leagues were formed. And here, under the leadership of Franklin, the assembled delegates of the different colonies first learned to exercise the confederated power that, some thirty years later, achieved their independence of all foreign rule. And, on the surrounding hills, or covering the lowlands by the river side, here were gathered and marshaled those brilliant hosts, that marched forth to contest, with various fortune but final success, the French supremacy in America. And, as the patriotic statesmen of the Colonies had

here essayed their nascent powers, so here did the youthful Provincial chivalry first learn to emulate the strict discipline and trained courage of their veteran companions in arms, the gallant soldiers of England. And years after, when marching to the national air they here first appropriated as their own, they met their former allies on the battle field, they showed that the lessons thus commenced had not been learned in vain. In truth, the history of Colonial Albany is filled with brilliant scenes and soul-stirring memories. Nor is the Albany of the Revolution deficient in similar, and, for us, prouder pictures. When to Albany the army of Burgoyne was led captive, from the glorious field of Saratoga, the first great success of the war was achieved; and the happy event of the struggle, though distant, became assured. The writer regrets that he has only been able to indicate scenes, that would afford the fullest scope to the life-giving pencil of the historian. And, warned by his limited space, he must turn to a homelier theme—yet one that is not wanting in deep interest to many of his readers.

Earlier travelers have presented the inhabitants of Albany in a light far from flattering; and Irving's gracefully humorous pen has scattered far and wide, ridiculous pictures of the race that long constituted the great bulk of the population. The Dutch require no defense at our hands. If Irving's amusing sallies have somewhat lowered the popular appreciation of the Dutch character, another American of English blood has more than atoned for the wrong. The brightest chaplet woven in honor of Holland and her people, has, in our day, been laid upon the altar of Fame by the New Englander, MOTLEY.

As regards the faults of the early inhabitants of Albany, we may well pause, when we witness the vices that, even in this enlightened day, seem inseparable from the prosecution of the Indian trade; and, learning humility from the sight, we can not fail to extend the broad mantle of charity over the misdeeds of the rude burgers of another age. But, if need be, there are other arguments to be urged in extenuation of the unpolished manners and other short-comings of our predecessors. Lying on the very verge of civilization, for a

long time in her history, trade and self-defence were the paramount objects of solicitude with the people of Albany. It could hardly be expected that such an outpost would become eminent for luxury and refinement, while surrounded by innumerable perils. The town that was "really the frontier of all North America" (p. 107), could not neglect the trade to which it owed its origin, or the vigilance necessary to its existence, in order to indulge in the sophisticated pursuits of a community surrounded by all the blandishments of peace, and ease, and plenty. And finally, when the danger, to which they had become roughly inured, was removed, it could not reasonably be anticipated that these sturdy men would, at once, become shining examples of refinement—that wealth in beaver skins would at once give place to wealth in letters.

But years have passed since those "troubled times;" and it is believed that during the interval the progress of Albany, in every thing that elevates and adorns civilized life, has been commensurate with that of her neighbors. Literature, science, and the arts have many votaries in our midst; and recent travelers, as well as the assembled scientific magnates of the Union, have not failed to bear testimony to the elegant, refined, and generous hospitality, of the citizens of Albany.

It gives the editor much pleasure that he is able to close this sketch by an extract from the *Illustrated London News* of Jan. 15, 1859, fully sustaining the opinion above expressed. The extract is from the "Transatlantic Sketches," addressed to the *News* by its editor, the distinguished poet and cultivated gentleman, Dr. CHARLES MACKAY, during a recent tour through the United States.

"Travelling thus on the left bank of the river for upwards of one hundred miles, I arrived at Albany, and betook myself to Congress Hall, in the upper part of the city. This hotel was recommended to me as an establishment much frequented by members of the two houses of the legislature, who here in the capital of the "Empire State," undertake the local government of a commonwealth almost as large as England, and nearly doubly as populous



as Scotland. I had no reason to repent my choice, and during a residence of ten days was enabled to see the Senators in *déshabillé*, and to learn something of the mode and the agencies by which public and private bills are brought into and carried through parliament in an ultra democracy. \* \* \* \* \* Albany — beautifully situated on ground rising steeply from the banks of the Hudson — contains about fifty thousand inhabitants, and is one of the most attractive, cleanly, well-ordered, and elegant cities of America. Though overshadowed by the commercial greatness of New York, which in this respect it can never hope to rival, it is, next to Washington, the greatest focus of political life within the limits of the confederacy. Between the commercial and the political capital of this great state (which it has recently been proposed to call Ontario instead of New York), there is a great contrast. New York city is busy, unscrupulous, energetic, ill-governed, full of rowdiness, and the most violent manifestations of mob-law and mob-caprice; but Albany is staid, decent, and orderly. The tone of society is quiet and aristocratic; and the whole appearance of the place gives the traveller an idea of wealth and refinement. Further acquaintance only tends to confirm the impression. Statestreet — at the top of which, in the Park, a beautiful open space, adorned with noble elms and maples, stand the Capitol and other principal public buildings — rises steeply from the water's edge to the crown of the hill. It is a broad and handsome thoroughfare, and at various points commands a picturesque view over the Hudson to the lofty green hills beyond. Albany is a place of considerable trade and manufacture. It produces very excellent cabinet-work of all kinds, and is particularly celebrated for its stoves, grates, and ornamental iron-work. It has two, if not three daily newspapers, and a flourishing literary and scientific institution. The Roman Catholic Cathedral is internally one of the largest and most magnificent ecclesiastical edifices in America. Here high mass is sometimes performed with a splendor and completeness, orchestral and vocal, not to be excelled even in Paris or Vienna, and to which London, as far as I know, can make no pretensions. Albany is the proposed site of

what promises to be the noblest observatory in America, to the foundation of which the public spirit of a private citizen (if the term be applicable to a lady) has contributed the sum of 80,000 dollars."

The editor will not apologize for the length of this extract, for he feels that it can not but prove both interesting and agreeable to his readers. He must, however, beg that they will bear him company a little longer, while he turns aside to speak of the work completed with the present volume.

He has been told by friends, who sympathize with the feelings that prompted the undertaking, that it is due, as well to his readers as to himself, that he should give a sketch of the origin and progress of the work, and of the difficulties that have made it incumbent on him to bring it to a close, while so rich a store of materials for the history of Albany yet remains unpublished to the world. Guided by the judgment of these — perhaps too partial — friends, he will conclude this notice by giving a concise bibliographical account of the *Annals of Albany*. The very nature of the subject requiring that he should speak of himself — of his trials, troubles and disappointments — he trusts that his readers, with a generous indulgence, will pardon the seeming egotism with which he confides to them the story of his personal connection with the work.

This work was begun as an annual almanac in the year 1849. It was soon evident that its more costly bulk, and the limited circle of patrons to whom its purely local character commended it, would forbid the hope of its competing with the various general almanacs, scattered cheaply over the land. But the editor still believed that a work of more permanent character, addressed to the retrospective curiosity — the historic instincts — of his fellow-citizens, would meet with, at least, an adequate support. New material was therefore added to that already collected, and, in 1850, the first volume of the *Annals* appeared. The anticipations of the editor and publisher were not realized; but being somewhat deeply imbued with the antiquarian spirit, and still hopeful that a responsive feeling might be awakened by his very efforts, he continued his labors; and

volume after volume was produced. At length it became but too evident that such hopes were illusory and vain. It will surprise many of his readers to learn that the whole body of his patrons, at home and abroad, numbered but little more than *one hundred*. And a very limited acquaintance with the book trade will be sufficient to assure them that *one hundred dollars* will fall far short of the simple cost of the engravings, paper, printing, and binding—even of a book so little pretentious to typographical luxuriousness as is the one they are now perusing. His not too plethoric purse admonished the editor that he must bring his labors to a close. And it only became a question with him how to round off the series in a manner that would not disappoint the kind friends who, at the outset, bidding him God speed, had ever since welcomed his annual offerings. He would not wish to leave a fragmentary and altogether incomplete work upon their hands: and he has continued the series until now that he can close it without dishonor. This tenth volume completes the *Notes from the Newspapers*, to the year 1847, when the annual chronicle of the work commenced. And having thus presented a continuous chronology of the principal events, as found in the newspapers, for the past eighty-eight years (from 1771 to 1859), the editor trusts that he may be permitted to retire from his labors, with the friendly sympathy and kind adieus of those who have accompanied him on his way.

He regrets that the transcripts from the City Records must remain incomplete, terminating as they do, with the year 1753. They were begun in the second volume with the year 1686, when the charter was received from Gov. Dongan, and have been published nearly entire, embracing a period of almost seventy years. These records are preserved in the Chamberlain's office, but are not wholly safe from the danger of loss, and having no indexes, they are as a sealed book to those who wish to consult them. The portions yet unpublished comprise the periods of the old French war, and of the Revolution; and they abound with valuable and most interesting historical matter. Let us hope that some future board of the Common Council will undertake the task — which proved

too great for the unaided means of the writer — of presenting to the world a complete edition of the City Records of Albany.

Should these volumes at any future time, fall into the hands of a stranger, the editor and publisher trusts that the statement here given will account for and excuse such imperfections as may exist. Had his enterprise received a more liberal support, it would have delighted him to secure to the work a higher grade of literary labor, to embellish it with more expensive illustrations, and to issue it to his patrons, a specimen of sumptuous typography. But it was not to be. As strict economy required, the literary labor devolved almost wholly upon himself.

But he will not dwell upon the hours stolen from that repose rendered necessary by the toilsome avocations of the day, and devoted to turning over the dusty files of old newspapers, or to the deciphering of the crabbed writings of a past generation. He will not speak of days of rest passed among the tombs, and employed in copying the brief mementos of those sleeping their last sleep beneath. Nor will he complain of these tasks, for they have, indeed, been labors of love.

Perhaps, in after years, when his own form has long lain mouldering in the dust, some kindred spirits will pleasantly recall his memory, and thank him for these memorials of the past he has helped to rescue from oblivion. In dreams like these the antiquary finds his cherished, though unsubstantial recompense.

ALBANY, April 12, 1859.

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## THE CITY RECORDS.

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Att a Common Council held in the City hall of Albany, this 10th Day of July, 1731—Present, John De Peyster, Esq. Mayor, Dirck Ten Broeck, Esq. Recorder, Ryer Gerritse, Tobyas Ryckman, Cornelius Cuyler, Johannis Roseboom, Jun'r, Samuel Pruyn, Esqrs., aldermen, Johannis Van Ostrander, Johannis Vischer, Jun'r, Nicholas Bleecker, Jun'r, Isaac Lansingh, assistants:

A Petition of Jan Oothout is delivered in this Common Council and the same is taken into consideration.

An account of several measures received from New York for this city, amounting to the sum of one pound seventeen shillings and ten pence, being as follows:

a Gill	-	-	-	-	-	£0	2	6
a Pint	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	0
a Quart	-	-	-	-	-	0	6	6
a $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon	-	-	-	-	-	0	12	0
a Stamping the same	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	10
a Beam	-	-	-	-	-	0	12	0

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Ordered that Barent Bratt pay the same to the mayor to send the same down to New York.

1731, July 20.—Whereas an Express came down out of the name of Shaims of the Indian Castell of jenonderogo desired the Commonality to meet the Shaims at the Castell in the time of five or six days, for that the



Shaims and the rest of the Indians of said Castell where willing and desireus as to make a gift to the said Commonality of the wood Land'joyning behynd the Low or Meddoland of Jenonderogo which they heretefore have given in trost to the s<sup>d</sup> Commonality.

Whereupon it is Resolved that John De Peyster, Esq., mayor, Johannis Roseboom, Jun'r, Esqr., Alderman, Johannis Vischer, Jun'r, Gerrit Lansingh, Jun'r and Nicholas Bleecker, Jun'r, Ass'ts, being apointed a comitte to goo to the said Moquas country and have full power to act with said Indians for the most beneficial for this city. And that each person of the above named comitte shall have for their service six shillings per day so löng as they are upon that service, besides all reasonable charges and six shillings more each on the whole for the horse, and that they take up along with them (viz.) four gallons Rum, two gallons Wine, four pounds Suggester and six pounds Tobaco.

It is agreed with Mr. Johannis E. Wendell to goo along with the said comitte to the Moquas country as an interpreter and is to have as much as the above appointed comitte, that is (viz.) six shillings a Day so long as they are upon that service and six shillings more upon the whole for the horse.

1731, August 2.—An account of severall waights received from New York for this city, amounting to the sum of one pound three shillings and nine pence, being as follows (viz.)

one ps. of	-	-	4 lb.	
one do. of	-	-	2	
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Ordered that Barent Bratt pay the same to the mayor to send the same down to New York.

1731, September 2.—It is Resolved that a Letter be sent down to New York to the Representatives of this city and county, desireing them to Intest for an act of general assembly for to make some stoon pints and Block-houses round this city in such convenient places as this Commonality shall think fitt.

It is ordered that Barent Bratt, city Treasurer, do pay unto Gerret Van Benthuyse the sum of eleven shillings and six pence, it being for wood delivered for y<sup>e</sup> Watch.

A Petition of Harmanus Ryckman is delivered for this Common Council and the same is referred till next meeting.

1731, Sept. 18. That whereas Mr. John Cuyler and Evert Wendell have taken ground into their possession properly belonging to this city, therefore this board have promised Mr. Edw<sup>d</sup> Collins thirty shillings for a retaining fee ag<sup>t</sup> all persons as also 30s. ag<sup>t</sup> Mr. Cuyler and the like sum ag<sup>t</sup> Mr. Wendell.

That whereas Mr. Hend Bries has preferred a Petition to this board, praying to have the first offer to purchase a piece of vacant ground lying on the north side of s<sup>d</sup> Bries's dwelling house and lott, running along the same, it is therefore resolved to take the same into consideration at our next meeting.

Whereas James Stenhouse has wrote some particular writeings for the service of this city, ordered therefore that at our next meeting we grant an order to Barent Bratt, our Treasurer, to pay s<sup>d</sup> James Stenhouse fourteen shillings.

1731, Sept. 22. A Petition of Joseph Yates, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Jeremiah Mendivel and Petrus Ryckman is delivered in this Common Council and the same is referred till next meeting.

It is ordered that Barent Bratt, city Treasurer, do pay unto James Stenhouse the sum of fourteen shillings, it being for some service done for this Commonality.

It is likewise ordered that Barent Bratt, city Treasurer,

do pay unto Gysbert Van Sante, Dirck Marten and Jacobus Hilton, each of them the sum of one pounds ten shillings, it being for service done by them for going down to New York and back again, for service as afores<sup>d</sup> for this Commonality.

Whereas Evert Wendell has taken in with a fence some of the city ground lying on the north side of the Beavers kill and to the west of the fence of the wedow Casperse, without leafe or leysence of the Commonality, and he being required to take up the said fence between this and to morrow at twelf a clock, and if he neglect so to do, it is ordered that two fitt persons (to wit) Jacobus Hilton and Richart Martin shall be appointed to cut and take down the said fence and we do promise to indemnify the said persons.

Whereas Johannis Cuyler has taken in with a fence some of the city ground lying on the north side of the lott where the said Cuyler now lives and fronting the street which leads up the hill to the Pearle street, opposite to the House of David Groesbeeck, it is therefore ordered that two fitt persons (to witt) Jacobus Hilton and Richart Martin be appointed to cut and take down the said fence, and the same persons shall be indemnified by us.

1731, Sept. 23. Whereas Mr. Johannis Cuyler has desired some further time upon the above resolution of yesterday, and it is considered by this Common Council to give further time to take up his fence between this and next Thursday the 30th instant, otherwise that the above Resolution shall be put in execution by the above named persons or some others which shall be appointed.

1731, Sept. 29. In persuation of the directions of the Charter of the city of Albany, two aldermen, two ass'ts and one constable being chosen this day in each respective ward of the s<sup>d</sup> city by pluralitys of votes by the inhabitants of each respective wards who have rite to chuse and return being made who are as follows:

*First Ward.*

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Ryer Gerritse,	Isaac Lansing,
Tobias Ryckman.	Joha's Van Ostrander.
John Olver, Jun.,	Constable.

*Second Ward.*

Cornelius Cuyler,	Joha's I. Beeckman,
Joha's Roseboom, Jun.	Nicholas Bleecker, Jun.
Jacob C. Ten Eyck,	Constable.

*Third Ward.*

Samuel Pruyn,	Gerrit Lansingh, Jun.,
Jacob Lansingh.	Johannis Visger, Jun.
Hendrick Gerritse,	Constable.

Barent Bratt chosen and appointed City Chamberlain or Treasurer for this insueing year.

Petrus Ryckman appointed high Constable for the insueing year.

1731, October 7. It is Resolved that the Resolution of the 22d & 23d of September last past shall be put in execution forthwitt by such persons as shall be appointed which are appointed accordingly (viz.), Gysbert Van Sante and Jeremiah Pemberton, to cutt and take down the fences mentioned in the aforesaid Resolutions and the Commonality do promise to indemnify the above said persons.

Resolved that an ordinance be made and published conserning the Regulations for the Market-house and places in this city, and which<sup>d</sup> ordinance is to be entered in the book of ordinances kept to that purpose.

1731, Oct. 9. The Ordinance for the regulating and the markets and appointing the places where publish<sup>d</sup> this day and ordered to be entred in the Book ordinances kept for that purpose.

The severall accounts as Debts due from the Corporation to the severall persons hereunder named where examined and allowed amounting in the whole to the sum of one hundred and twenty-three pounds one shilling and three pence.

Ordered that a warrant be issued out to the Treasurer for the payment of the same (viz).

To Jeremiah Van Rensselaer for firewood and one fat sheep	£10: 0: 0
To Philip Livingston for his service as Clerk of the Commonality for y <sup>e</sup> year past	12: 0: 0
To Johannis Seger as Marchel and other service	8:16: 0
To Jacob Eggemont as Belleman	15: 0: 0
To Jeremiah Pemberton as do	15: 0: 0
To Ragel Radliff wed'w of Johannis Radliff, dec'd	5: 0: 0
To John De Peyster, per account	11: 6:10
To Johannis Roseboom Jun. per do	1:16: 9
To Gerrit Lansingh Jun. per do	1:10: 0
To Cornelius Cuyler, per do	3:13:10 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Myndert Schuyler, per do	0:10: 6
To Wynant Van Den Bergh, per do	1: 4: 9
To Johannis Visger Jun. per do	1:10: 0
To Nicholas Bleecker Jun. per do	1:10: 0
To Samuel Pruyn, per do	1:13: 0
To Tobyas Ryckman, per do	0:16: 0
To Jan Rosie, per do	1: 7: 8
To Johannis E. Wendell, per do	2:13: 0
To Anna Kitchnaers, per do	2: 1: 6
To Isaac Lansingh, per do	0: 5: 3
To Hendrick Oothout, per do	0:12: 0
To William Hogan, per do	4: 2: 6
To Johannis Seger, per do	6: 5: 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Edward Collins for fees	4:10: 0
To Joseph Yates Jun. for warning people to watch	1:10: 0
To Jeremiah Mandivel for service do	1:10: 0
To Petrus Ryckman for do	1:10: 0
To Peter Goewey for do	0:10: 0
To Jeremiah Pemberton for striking down fences in y <sup>e</sup> Beavers kill behind Joannis Beeckman Jun.	2: 5: 0
Carried over,	£120:10: 3

Brought over	-	-	£120:10: 3
To Gysbert Van Sante for same and charges			1:16: 0
To Richart Hilton for striking down y <sup>e</sup> fence in the Beavers kill			0:15: 0
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1731, Oct. 13. Whereas there was an agrem<sup>t</sup> made in Common Council the 3th Aug<sup>t</sup> 1728, with Mr. Rutger Bleecker, then mayor, for a certain ps of ground lying in foxes kill for the sum of five pounds and five shillings, and that the convience of the same should be granted to Nicholas Bleecker according to the Tennor of the said Resolution which said Resolution is hereby confirmed. And Resolved that the mayor do execute a deed for the same in behalf of the Commonality.

Anthony Van Schaick appeared here in Common Council desiring in behalf of himself and De wd<sup>w</sup> Cattriena Van Schaick to purchase a small ps. of ground adjoining to the rest of there lotts to the west of the street and to the south Ryer Gerritse and to the north the street, being broad from the south to the north seven rod and six foot and in length on the north side 2½ foot and on the south side six foot all Rynland measure, and as the same is now in there possession and fence, which the Commonality sold this day to the said Anthony and Cattriena Van Schaick for the sum of two pounds.

Resolved y<sup>t</sup> the mayor in behalf of this Commonality do execute a Deed for the same.

Whereas Jan Winne hath heretofore bought a lott of ground situate, lying and being at the foot of y<sup>e</sup> Gallows hill on the north side of y<sup>e</sup> lott of Jonathan Broecks, containing in length one hundred and twenty foot wood measure and in breath on the front to the east side of s<sup>d</sup> lott thirty foot, and on the rear twenty-five foot Rynland measure, all which time the s<sup>d</sup> Commonality promised to the said Winne y<sup>t</sup> in case the five foot on the rear would not be in the way, in case a block house should be erected on the hill that then they would lett him have it for a reasonable price to make his lott square, and

now they have fued the same and find it of no hinderence wherefore they have now sold it to the s<sup>d</sup> Winne the five foot Rynland measure on the rear of his lott and so along on a streight line to y<sup>e</sup> northeast corner of his said lott, which makes a Tryangle, for which he is to pay ten shillings and the writeings. Resolved that the mayor in behalf of the Commonality do execute a Deed for the same.

Whereas Johannis Ostrander made application to this Commonality to be made a freeman of this city, whereupon it is resolved that the mayor do grant the said Ostrander a Laycence for the same and that he pay six shillings for the use of the city and fees.

Whereas a Petition is presented of some of the inhabitants of the first ward for to make and erect a market house upon their own charges at the water side opposite the street which runs up between Johan's Lansing and Luykas Wyngaert, which is granted accordingly.

The severall acc'ts as debts due from the Corporation to the severall persons hereunder named where examined and allowed (viz).

To Nicholas Schuyler	-	-	-	£10: 2:0
To Matthew Flansburgh	-	-	-	0: 6:9
To Anthony Bogardus	-	-	-	3:16:6
To Gysbert Van Sante	-	-	-	0:13:6

£14:18:9

Ordered y<sup>t</sup> Barent Bratt, city Treasurer, do pay the same to y<sup>e</sup> above named persons.

1731, Oct. 15. Whereas Mr. Abraham Cuyler appeared here in Common Council and made application to us for four morgans of low land lying and being in the Moquas country on the west end of a large Flatt over Tinnonderogo creek between two small creeks which waters into the Moquas river,

It is Resolved that the said Cuyler shall have the same for the sum of two pounds current money to be paid upon perfecting a Deed for the same and an acknowledgement to this city yearly and every year two skipple for every

morgan which is to commence a year after the improvement of the same or any part thereof.

And it is further Resolved that in case the s<sup>d</sup> Cuyler or his assigns be hindred in their improvement by a warr with the French, that then for such time no acknowledgement is to be paid.

It is Resolved that the mayor for the time being do execute an Indenture for the same in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Commonality.

Resolved that the clerk do give to Ryer Gerritse a copy of the minutes of Common Council of y<sup>e</sup> year 1671 and y<sup>e</sup> year 1697 conserning the lott of ground which Jan Verbeek had of this city and the oath of the said Jan Verbeek conserning the same.

1731, Oct. 14. Hans Hansen, Esq. mayor, produced a Commission under the broad Seal of this Province for mayor of the city of Albany, coroner and clark of the market for the insueing year and toke the oaths appointed by law and the oaths for the due performance of the s<sup>d</sup> offices.

James Stevenson produced a Commission under the broad Seal of this Province for high sheriff of the city and county of Albany for the ensueing year and toke the oath appointed by law and the oath for the due performance of his office.

The following aldermen and assistants are sworn for the ensueing year, (viz.)

*First Ward*—Ryer Gerritse, Tobyas Ryckman, aldermen; Isaac Lansing, Johannis Ostrander, assistants.

*Second Ward*—Cornelius Cuyler, Johannis Roseboom, Jun'r, aldermen; Joh's J. Beeckman, Nicholas Bleecker, Jun'r, assistants.

*Third Ward*—Samuel Pruyn, Jacob Lansing, aldermen; Gerrit Lansing, Jun'r, Johannis Visser, Jun'r, assistants.

1731, Oct. 16. Petrus Ryckman sworn as high constable for the ensueing year.

Hendrick Gerritse sworn for y<sup>e</sup> ensueing year as constable for the third ward of this city.

This day appeared here in Common Council Johannis



Seger, Andries Bratt, Johannis Radliff and Jacobus Radliff and desired to be Bellemans for the insueing year, commencing the 16th instant and ending the 16th of April next ensueing, to go round every night two and two together and to call every hour of the night from ten a clock to four in the morning, and to call at all the useall places of the city what a clock and what wheather it is, for which service they are to have each of them the sum of five pounds and ten shillings curr<sup>t</sup> money and each of them five pounds of Candles, and they are to enter into bonds for the performance of s<sup>d</sup> service.

It is also ordered that Ragel Radliff shall ring the bell at the hour of eight a clock at night.

1731, Nov. 6. By an Ordinance this day published, the following persons are appointed firemasters in each respective ward as follows (viz.)

*First Ward*—Isaac Fryer, Eghbert Eghbertse.

*Second Ward*—Matheys Vander Heyden, Frans Pruyn, Jun<sup>r</sup>.

*Third Ward*—Wilhelmus Van Den Bergh, Matheys De Garmo.

1731, December 22. An Ordinance published this day, as may be seen in folio 6 and 7 in a Book of ordinances kept for y<sup>e</sup> purpose,

It is Resolved by this Common Council that an Enquin or Water Spuyt be sent for to England per the first appertunity in the Spring.

173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , February 22. Whereas there was a Resolution made in Common Council the 1st day of Feb. 172 $\frac{3}{4}$  that the mayor should execute & indenture to Abraham and Isaac Fortt for ten morgan of upland lying at Schaahkook which is as yet not executed,

Therefore it is now Resolved that the mayor shall execute an indenture for ten morgan of upland to the above named Abraham & Isaac Fort, and the consideration to be mentioned in the said Indentures.

A Petition of Philip Hansen being this day presented in Common Council, it is ordered that y<sup>e</sup> same petition be taken into consideration at the next meeting.

This day an ordinance was published which is entered in y<sup>e</sup> book of ordinance kept to that purpose & y<sup>e</sup> oath of Joh's Hansen likewise.

173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Feb. 29. Conformable to a resolution entered into at our late board of Councill held the 22d day of December last, it being then agreed to write for and engage a water Engine and for the better extinguishment fire which accidentally might happen, as has hitherto been, to the great damage of the inhabitants of this city, Now it is the full Resolution of this board that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Stephen D. Lancey, merchant at New York, to request him to engage us one of the water Engines of Richard Newsham, engineer, of the fifth sort, with suction and six foot sucking Pipe with a leathern Pipe of 40 foot including brass Screws, for which said water Engine when delivered at New York to us or our order in good condition, we do by our Letter to said D. Lancey promise to pay him or his order at the same rate that the Corporation of the city of New York have paid for their Engines, (that is to say) at the rate of 12 per cent on the foot of the Invoice including the prime cost.

173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , March 11. Whereas there was a Resolution made in Common Council the 8th day of April in the year 1730, that the then mayor should execute and Indenture to Volkert Douw for a piece of ground in the Verfbbergh, which is as yet not executed,

Therefore it is now Resolved that this present mayor shall execute the said Indenture for that piece of ground above named to the aforesaid Volkert Douw and the considerations to be mentioned in the said Indenture.

1732, April 8. A Petion of Abraham Lansingh, Jun. being this day presented unto the Common Council,

It is Resolved that the same shall be taken into consideration at a more convenient opportunity.

This day sold to Jacobus Hilton the lott No. 4, on the Plain, bounded on the west by a lott now belonging to Richard Hilton, on the east by the lott No. 5, now belonging to Isaac Fryer, on the south by the high way or

street, being broad before and behind 28 feet, and in length on the east and west sides 98½ feet, all English measure, for the sum of £48; one third of which sum is to be ready money, one third to be paid on the eight day of April next, which will be in the year 1733, and the other third on the eight day of October, which will also be in the year 1733, and the mayor is ordered to perfect a Deed to the said Jacobus Hilton and execute the same in behalf of the Corporation.

Joh's Seger desires of this Corporation that if in case there should be any ground belonging to this city adjoining in the rear of his lott on the east hereafter to be sould, that he may have the refusal of it with payment, whic hthe Coporation grants accordingly.

1732, April 18. This Board ordered the city Treasurer to pay unto James Stenhouse the sum of nine shillings for entring minutes relating a water Engine and writing a Letter to Mr. St: Delancey on that head. \* Also to Klass Fonda the sum of five shillings for making two buckets to the well in the first ward.

This day published an ordinance to the same purport with an ordinance dated the 19th day of May, 1730, recorded in the 1 & 2 folioes of the book of ordinances, kep for that purpose.

1732, April 28. This day Evert Wendell appeared before this Corporation and agreed with them about a certain tract of Land lying to the south of the city and on the north of the beaver creek in the following manner viz:

That the mayor for the time being, in behalf of the Corporation, is to release to the said Wendell, his heirs and assigns, all that tract of Land on the north side of the beaver creek afores<sup>d</sup>, begining at the beaver creek and running northerly till it takes in one third of that tract of land formerly granted to Samuel Babenton, now belonging to Evert Wendell, at the same distance from the fence of the pasture now belonging to Hendrick Hallenbeeck as the place where Samuel Babenton's house used to stand is distance from said fence, and so running up

westerly with a strate line till it comes opposite to the foot of the great fall of the beaver's creek, and then southerly till it comes to the foot of the fall afores<sup>d</sup>, keeping the same brdth on the west as on the east.

In consideration of which the said Wendell is to pay £3 in current money of this province and also to release to the mayor, aldermen and commonality, their successors and assigns the remaining two thirds of that tract of Land formerly belonging to Samuel Babenton now belonging the said Evert Wendell as afores<sup>d</sup>, all at the said Wendell's charges.

1732, May 18. The Commonality have this day sold the wheat which Barent Brat, their chamberlain, has received in their behalf for the Rents of the Lands at Schaakbook being by computation four hundred and fifty Skeples, unto Mr. Tobyas Rykman, at two shillings and four pence half penny per Skeple, payable in September next.

1732, June 1. This day sold unto William Waldron a spott of ground situate lying and being on the Plain, partly bounded on the east side of the lott of the said William Waldron, and on the north the Dutch burying Place, and on the west side of the lott of Gerrit Van Sante, on the south by the Commons, containing in length from the south to the north of the burying place about forty foot, and bredth about sixteen foot along the s<sup>d</sup> burying place, be the same more or less, and on the south end thereof about ten foot.

For which the said Wm. Waldron is to pay eight Pounds our currency on or before the first day of June one thousand seven hundred thirty and three and to give a bond for the same, and that the mayor execute a conveyance to the said Waldron in behalf of the Corporation for which he must pay the charges of the writeings and the measuring of the same.

Sold likewise to Gerrit I. Lansingh a lott of Ground situate lying and being on the Plain, bounded on the west by a lott now in the possession of Wm. Waldron, on the east and southe by the highway, on the north by

a part of the lott of Gerrit Van Sante and partly by a spott of ground this day granted to Wm. Waldron, containing about sixty foot square, be the same more or less, for which the s<sup>d</sup> Gerrit I. Lansingh is to pay the sum of fifty-five Pounds current money of New York, at the following payments, (viz<sup>t</sup>): One third part at the executing of a Release, which is to be done by the mayor in behalf of the Corporation, and one third more twelve months after this date, and the last third part in six months from that date, so that the whole must be paid within the space of eighteen months from the date hereof, and he to pay the charges of the writeings and measureing and to give bonds for the two severall sums of money last above mentioned.

Att a Privet meeting held this third day of June, 1732. Whereas the worshipfull Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants of the city of Albany, convened in Common Councill, did on the 18th day of April last ordained, ordered & directed by their said Ordinance that all and every the Citizens, Freeholders and Inhabitants that live in the respective streets, lanes and alleys of this city should from and after the publication of said Ordinance, or at such time and times and in such maner and form and according to such demensions, quantitys and proportions as should from time to time be unto them respectively directed and appointed by the mayor, recorder or the aldermen of each respective ward (at the charge of the Landlord) well and sufficiently pave or cause to be paved their and each of their Tenements as by the said ordinance was more at large sett forth. And whereas severall of the Inhabitants of this city have neglected to perform and comply with the clauses therein sett forth for the paving and repairing the said streets, lanes and alleys to the great detriment of this city and contrary to the tenure and purport of the same. Now it is concluded, ordered and directed by the worshipfull Mayor, Recorder, Cornelius Cuyler and Johannis Roseboom Jun'r, Esqrs., aldermen, that the severall Inhabitants whose names are hereunder mentioned neglecting as aforesaid,

shall be served with a copy of the following order. For the better paving and repairing the said streets, lanes and alleys unto them respectively belonging (which follows) in hoc verba.

You are hereby ordered & directed that you and each of you do forthwith agreeable to the purport and true meaning of our ordinance heretofore published on this head, pave or cause to be paved with good and sufficient stones, suitable thereto, the street or streets fronting your severall dwelling houses and lotts or present houses of residence, that is to say: That you, Abraham Wittbeck, Harpert Jacobse, Bastiaan Visger, and Elbert Gerritse, You and each of you do on or before the first day of August next pave or cause to be paved before your respective houses and lotts the bredth thereof to the middle of the street with good and sufficient stones with a convenient descent for the water to empty itself towards the River. And that you Abraham Lansingh, Jun'r, do pave in like manner from the east to the west corner of your lott to the middle of the street and also to the rear of the said lott to the middle of the street opposite to the lott of Teunis Slingerlant: And that you Teunis Slingerlant do pave from the south corner of your lott so farr as the same extends adjoining David De Foreest round to the west corner in both streets to the middle of the same. And you Daniell Huson to pave from the west corner of said Teunis Slingerlant's lott till you come opposite the west corner of Elbert Gerritses lott to the middle of the street. And you Geertruy Van Scherluynse, widow, to pave from the lott of Elbert Gerritses, westward along your lott and houses so farr as the west corner of the house where Johannis Wyngaert now lives not less than eight foot, all which pavements you and each of you, the Persons aforesaid are to compleat and finish as before described on or before the afore limited time, as you will answer your contempt to the contrary. Dated in Albany the third June, Ao: Do: 1732.

1732, June 20. This day Abraham Vosburgh brought in a Petition to this Corporation in order to purchase a

lott of Ground belonging to the city within the city limits. It is Resolved that it shall be taken into consideration at a more convenient opportunity.

On the eight day of April last Abraham Lansing Jun. presented a Petition to the Comonality, setting forth that the Petitioner desired to purchase a small triangle very commodious for him adjoining to the north side of his lott, in the third ward, upon which Petition it is Resolved to grant unto the Petitioner the small triangle afores<sup>d</sup>, adjoining to his lott. The perpendicular of which as it fall upon the base about forty-two feet from the front of s<sup>d</sup> lott beginning at the north east corner is in length one foot and eight inches, and so running from the top or north end of the perpendicular to the north west corner of his lott to a Punct. For which he is to pay into the Commonality for the use of the city the sum of one Pound ten shillings current money of the Colony of New York. Ordered that the mayor for the time being do execute a Deed in behalf of the Corporation, the Petitioner paying charges of writing.

On the 22d day of February last past, Philip Hansen presented a Petition to the Comonality setting forth that the Petitioner humbly prayed to purchase a lott of ground belonging to the city, lying in the Foxes creek. Upon which Petition it is Resolved that the said Hansen should have five Rodds in length North and South and five Rod in bredth East and West, all Ryland measure, Bounded on the East by a lott of Rutgert Bleecker, on the north along the foxes Creek, on the south by the Commons and on the west by the Commons for the sum of seven pounds current money of New York, payable pmo May next: he paying charges of writing. Resolved that the mayor for the time being shall (and who is empowered hereby to) execute a Deed in behalf of the Corporation.

1732, August 12. The following letter was sent to his Excellency:

We the Mayor, Recorder and Commonality of the city of Albany haveing heard of your Excellencyes safe arri-

vell do with the greatest alacrity congratulate the same, and hope that your Ex'ly may be received in the Publick Station in which his sacred Majestie has been pleased to place you as Chief of this Government with tranquility and unanimity, which we hope may be attended with health and happiness is the sincere wishes of who are with a perfect Difference due Regard and Esteem,

Your Ex'ly most Obedient humble  
Servants. Was signed as above.

1732, August 16. Sould unto Petrus Douw the use of half of the Creek by which his lott in the first ward is bound nigh the Dutch church, for him, his heirs and assigns for ever, that is to say not lower than six foot above low water mark to build upon, but to leave a free passage for the course of the water and nor to stop up the same, in consideration of which he is to pay the sum of two pounds current money of the Colony of New York.

Albany, the 25th Aug<sup>t</sup> 1732.

May it please your Ex'ly,

We think it our duty to acquaint your Ex'ly of a Surprizeing accident that happend in his Majesty's Fort here on Tuesday the 22d Instant, between the hours of Eight and nine of the Clock at night. That by a Train of Powder or some other Villainous means some of the Bumbs and a great many of the Granados in the Store were sett fire to which went off in such a Sudden and Surprizeing manner that put this city in a great Consternation for that Time; but upon Immediate Enquiry into this affair by us, the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of this city; It appeared that a Negro man belonging to Captin Henry Holland was found Lying close to the Powder house (when this accident happened) Very much burnt in his face and other Parts of his body, and who is strongly supposed to have committed the aforesaid Villainy, we have strictly Examined into this affair but there is as yet no Positive proof against the Negro; the little Hutt called the Magazine was consumed with what Powder there was in it by this Villainous Action.



Sir: We Live here in a Country where we are Daily in Dread of our Neighbouring Enemies the French at Canada and what is worse are in no posture of Defence either in city or county to receive them in case they attacked us, and while his Majesty ever since the first Establishment of his Subjects here has been Graciously pleased to give us such a number of Soldiers under pay as he in his great wisdom thought sufficient for the better Preservation of our lives and Fortunes, and it is too apparently known that upon Inspection into the Garrison it will seldom be found that there is above twenty or five and twenty men and sometimes not so many and those Invalid old men fitt rather to be put in an Hospitall then to Mount a Guard while the lusty young men are tolerated to work abroad in the Country, which we think is not only an abuse done to his Majesties most Gracious Intentions but a hardship on us and the rest of his Subjects here.

We must allow that Captain Holland has been an officer sufficiently qualified to Command this Garrison till within these few last years he (by the Providence of Almighty God), is renderd incapable to Command the same, and it is with much concern for the Publick Good as well as for him that we are obliged to express it.

Who are, may it Please your Ex'ly, -  
with much Esteem and respect

Your Ex'ly most ob't & most humble Serv'ts.

Was signed by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen alone.

1732, Sept. 2. This day the Comonality haveing agreed with Johannis Seger for the sum of fifteen shillings per month to attend the Constable's watch, y<sup>t</sup> is to say, to make fire every night in the Evening before the said watch begins and to cutt through all the wood and keep clean the places appointed to watch and also to warn the People to come and watch.

1732, Sept. 12. Whereas by a Resolution of Common Councill made the 14th October 1731, it was then upon request of Mr. Abraham Cuyler granted and agreed that the said Abraham Cuyler should have four morgan of

low land lying and being in the Mohawks country agreeable to said Cuyler's application, for which he was to pay the sum of two Pounds current money of the Colony of New York as likewise an acknowledgement to this city of two Skeple of merchantable good winter Wheat yearly and every year for ever, to commence a year after the improvement of the same, for which land aforesaid the then mayor of this city should execute in behalf of the city a release of the same to the said Abraham Cuyler upon executing of which the said Cuyler was to pay the aforesaid consideration of two Pounds. Now it is further Resolved by this board that the afores<sup>d</sup> Resolution shall remain and abide in such force and value to all intents and purposes whatsoever as the same was then enter'd on the records, and that Hans Hansen, Esqr., present mayor of this city, shall execute a Deed of release of the afores<sup>d</sup> land to the said Abraham Cuyler in behalf of the Commonality, the said Cuyler upon receipt thereof paying the afores<sup>d</sup> sum of two Pounds current money aforesaid and the charges accruing on said writings, allways to be understood that in case the said Cuyler or his assigns be at any time hereafter hinderd in their improvement of the aforesaid land by any warr which may interpose between us and the French, then for such time no acknowledgem<sup>t</sup> to be paid for the same.

1732, Sept. 26. This day a Petition of John Burton was offered to the worshipfull Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonality, which Petition it is Resolved shall be taken into further consideration at their next meeting.

Isaac Fryer, Jan Van Alstyne, Gerrit Bratt and Jacobus Radliff this day petitioned in behalf of themselves and their neighbours to have liberty to digg a well neer their dwelling places and that the Commonality would contribute some money towards the same, which priviledge was allowed them as also ten pounds in money if they finished said well this fall.

This day an advertizement was sett up desiring all persons that have any just demands from the Common-

ality to bring in their accounts to Barent Bratt, their chamberlain, between this and the 7th of October next, which after being examined and found right shall be satisfied accordingly.

1732, Sept. 29. In persuance of the directions of the Charter of the city of Albany two aldermen, two assistants and one constable being chosen this day in each respective ward of s<sup>d</sup> city by plurality of voths by the inhabitants of each respective ward who have rite to chuse, and return being made who are as follows:

Aldermen.

Assistants.

*First Ward.*

Ryer Gerritse,	Joh's Ostrande,
Edward Holland.	Matt's Flensburgh.
Robert Lansingh, Constable.	

*Second Ward.*

Cornelius Cuyler,	David Groesbeek,
Joh's E, Wendell.	Gulyn Verplanck.
Dirrick De Garmoy, Constable.	

*Third Ward.*

Isaac Fonda,	Ahasueros Roseboom,
Gose Van Schayck.	Joh's Van Den Bergh.
Dowe Isa: Fonda, Constable.	

Barent Bratt chosen and appointed City Chamberlain or Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Jacob C. Ten Eyck appointed high Constable for the ensuing year.

1732, Oct. 14. This day Ryer Gerritse, Edward Holland, Isaac Fonda and Johannis E. Wendell did take the oaths appointed by law to be taken instead of the oaths of supremacy and allegiance and did sign the test, then were sworn as aldermen for the year ensuing. Johannis Ostrande, Matthews Flansburgh, Ahasuerus Roseboom and Johannis Van Denbergh did take the oaths appointed by law, and were sworn as assistants for the ensuing year. Robert Lansingh did take the oaths appointed by law and was sworn as constable for the year ensuing.

Gose Van Schayck did take the oaths appointed by

law to be taken in stead of the oaths of supremacy and allegiance and did sign the Test as also the oath as alderman for the ensueing year on the 16th of October, 1732.

1732, Oct. 23. The Commission of William Cosby, Esq. &c. appointing John De Peyster, Esq. mayor, clerk of the market and coroner in and for this city and county was produced and read at this meeting and said John De Peyster took and subscribed the oaths of allegiance &c. as likewise the oath qualifying him in his office of mayor &c. aforesaid.

John Lindsey Esq. produced his Ex<sup>ly</sup> Wm. Cosby, Esq. etc. his Commission appointing him thereby High Sheriff of this city and county, which said Commission was read, but while said Lindsey produced a certificate from his said Ex<sup>ly</sup> in Councill that he took and subscribed the oaths of allegiance &c. at New York the 19th instant, as likewise the oath qualifying him for said office, yet the Charter of this city requiring that the sheriff appointed shall take the oath of his office here, the said John Lindsey took and swore the same at this meeting.

1732, December 2. This board do appoint Gerrit Van Benthuisen and Isaac States to execute the office of Fire masters for the first ward of this city, Hendrick van Deusen and Gerrit Marcelis for the second ward, Johannis A. Cuyler and Harmen van Veghten for the third ward. It is ordered that warrents shall be issued out for the Fire masters of each particular ward. Dowe J. Fonda was sworn as constable for this city for the year ensueing. The following ordinances were published: An ordinance for the observation of the Lord's Day, as the same is recorded verbatim in the Book of ordinances pages 11 and 12. An ordinance for establishing and better ordering the night watches in the city of Albany. An ordinance for tavern keepers. An ordinance for the better preventing of fire. An ordinance for the regulating of the officers. An ordinance about rideing.

Gullyn Ver Planck was sworn as assistant for the second ward.

1732, Dec. 4. This day a list was made according to an ordinance published on the 2d instant, entitled an ordinance for establishing and better ordering the night watches in the city of Albany.

1732, Dec. 26. Whereas Jacob C<sup>t</sup> Ten Eyck was on the 29th of September last appointed high constable of this city, since which his Excellency has been graciously pleased to appoint him one of his majesties Justices of the Peace by which commission he is not obliged to serve as high constable, this board doth therefore appoint Dirck De Garmoy one of the petty constables in the 2d ward of this city to be high constable in the place of the said Jacob C<sup>t</sup> Ten Eyck, and the inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> ward are hereby ordered and required to chuse a petty constable in the room of the s<sup>d</sup> Dirck De Garmoy on the 27th of this instant, December, and that return thereof be made accordingly. Mr. Richard Williams was voted by this board to be a freeman of this city and the mayor required to give his license accordingly. Johannis Wyn-gaert delivered in his account for wood for the watch amounting to thirty-four shillings and ten pence half penny. Gerrit Van Benthuisen delivered in his account for ditto amounting to ten shillings, which were allowed and ordered that the Treasurer pay the same. The Treasurer is likewise ordered to pay unto Johannis Seger thirty shillings in part of his Salery.

173<sup>o</sup><sub>3</sub>, January 4. Johannis Knickerbacker desired of this board that he might have the priveledge of the land that belongs to this city which is bounded by the west of his land of the same breadth as his land is, and so running westerly to the bridge or top of the hill for himself, his heirs and assigns, which was granted him on condition that he or they do pay yearly or every year for ever one skiple of good merchantable winter wheat to this city which is to begin in January or February 1735. Resolved that the mayor for the time being shall execute a Lease for the time being in behalf of the Corporation.

173<sup>o</sup><sub>3</sub>, March 10. Ordered by this board that an order be issued to Barent Bratt, chamberlain, that he pay unto

Johannis Seger, Andries Bratt and Jacobus Redliff, late bellmen of this city, appointed by Common Councill for one year to commence the 16th October 1731 and end the 16th October 1732, to each and every of them the sum of eleven pounds seven shillings and six pence for said service, including candles furnished by them and their receipts shall be said Barent Bratt's sufficient discharge. Ordered likewise that said Barent Bratt pay unto Matthew Flensburgh the sum of one pound sixteen shillings for work done on the Goal and one of the Block houses of this city &c. as per his account.

Ordered that the mayor sign the aforesaid order in behalf of the Commonality.

Jonathan Brooks and Lambert Redliff preferred a Petition to this board praying to purchase some vacant ground belonging to this city lying on the west side of the brick yard now in the tenure of Luycas Hooghkirck. Resolved therefore that the same be taken in consideration at our next meeting.

This day published an ordinance prohibiting the ranging of hoggs. Ordered that the same be recorded in the book of ordinances.

173<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, March 13. This day Johannis Ouderkerck made application to this board to have free liberty to build a saw mill on a fall of a creek that divides Saragtogue from Schachook, comonly called by the name of Lewises creek about a mile from Hudson's river and four morgan of land near said mill for the use of the same, as also liberty to cutt loggs and timber in the bounds of Schachook and the lands belonging to this city for the use of the said mill, which was granted him for the term and upon the conditions hereafter mentioned, that is to say, that the said Ouderkerck is to use, occupy and enjoy the said creek and premises above mentioned as long as he, his heirs or assigns encline to make use of the same or deliyer the possession of the mill and premises (except the iron work belonging to the said mill) to this Corporation for the time being, he, his heirs or assigns paying yearly and every year dureing the said time that

he uses the same or delivers up the possession as aforesaid, the first payment beginning on the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord 1735, the sum of five pounds current money of the Colony of New York to the treasurer of this city for the use of the same, provided he does not cutt nor saw more than 300 loggs yearly and every in said botnds, that is one year with another. Likewise if at any time hereafter there should happen a war to break out with our neighbors the France or Indians so that said Ouderkerck should be molested in his possession of the premises, then dureing such war and molestation the said Ouderkerck shall pay no acknowledgement for the same.

Likewise sold to the said Johannis Ouderkerck two morgan of land lying and being at Schachook on the north side of Schachook creek on both sides of a small creek that comes from Hudson's river and runs in said Schachhook creek about one thousand yards south of his house, he paying thirty shillings for the same, and yearly and every year for ever two skiple good merchantable winter wheat to this city for the quit of the same, commencing in the months of January or February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred thirty four and five. Resolved that the mayor for the time being shall execute a deed for the same in behalf of the Corporation.

173<sup>2</sup>, March 17. Ordered by this board that Barent Bratt who was appointed chamberlain or treasurer of this city on the 29th September last shall enter into bonds with good security for the due performance of said office (and take the oaths to qualify him for the same). The condition of which bond shall be as follows:

Whereas the above bounden Barent Bratt was appointed and elected into the office and place of chamberlain or Treasurer of the city of Albany for the year ensuing, Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said Barent Bratt shall and do well, faithfully and truly perform and execute and do all things whatsoever which any ways touch or concern his said office, and well and faithfully in all things behave himself in the execution of

said office of chamberlain or treasurer of the said city of Albany, and shall in due order and method in proper books for that purpose, keep a true, exact and just account of the several branches of the revenue, rents and incomes of the said Corporation, and in the like orderly manner discharge the same by due and orderly payments, and also shall and do every three months, or oftner (if it shall be thereunto requested) render to the said mayor, aldermen and commonality, their successors and assigns, a true and just account of all his receipts and payments, regularly stated in such proper books for that purpose, and shall and do observe all such orders, rules and directions in the making of his payments as he from time to time shall receive from the Common Council of the said city. And also if the said Barent Bratt, his executors and administrators shall and do within the space and time of fourteen days next after the determination or end of his said office as Chamberlain or Treasurer as aforesaid be it by death of the said Barent Bratt or otherwise, well and truly render a true and just account, fairly entered in books for that purpose as aforesaid, of all his receipts and payments, unto the said mayor, aldermen and commonality of the said city, their successors and assigns, and well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said mayor, aldermen and commonality of the said city their successors and assigns, all such sum and sums of money as shall be then in his or their hands, or which he or they shall, upon such account be found to be in arrear, and also shall and do, upon a sufficient discharge in law, to him to be given by the said mayor, aldermen and commonality, and their successors, within the time aforesaid, well and truly surrender and deliver up to the said mayor, aldermen and commonality, their successors and assigns, all and singular the books of accounts belonging to the said office, with all warrants, vouchers and memorandums belonging to the same, and also all and singular bills, bonds, specialties, leases, grants, deeds, charters, letters patent, and all other papers and



writings whatsoever in anywise belonging to the said Corporation, without any concealment, imbezement or fraud, that then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

This day was published a law, entitled a law for regulating and establishing fees for the inviters to funerals, which was ordered to be entered in the book of ordinances.

This day granted unto Lambert Radley and Jonathan Broecks one acre of ground upon the gallows hill lying near a small run of water to the north of the road for the term of twenty years, provided they or either of them pay or cause to be paid to this Corporation the sum of twenty shillings yearly, the first payment to be made the first day of May, 1734, together with the privilege of the creek or run afores<sup>d</sup>, with the clay in or near the same fitt to make brick to the west of Luykas Hoghkerks brick kill; and if in case there should a war happen to break out during said term of years so that they should be molested in the possession of the same, then during such time of hinderance or molestation they shall pay no acknowledgement for the same. Resolved that the mayor for the time being shall execute a lease for the same in behalf of the Corporation.

1733, May 5. This day published an ordinance entitled a law for marking of bread and one entitled a law for paving the streets, lanes and alleys within the city of Albany, both recorded in the book of ordinances folios 24 and 25. The Treasurer was ordered to deliver unto Jacobus Hilton his Bond, he paying the Principle.

1733, May 26. This day granted and sold unto Johannis Groesbeek one acre of ground scituate, lying and being at Schaahkook in the county of Albany, of the land belonging to this city, over the road opposite to the house of the s<sup>d</sup> Joh's Groesbeek where now his barn stands, bounded on the north by the ridge of the hill, on the west by the s<sup>d</sup> road, on the south by the land now belonging to Joh's and Adriaan Quackenbos Junr. sons of Adriaan Quackenbos, and easterly so far 'till it takes in one acre

of ground, for which he is to pay the sum of fifty shillings, and one shilling yearly and every year forever to the Treasurer of this city for the use of this corporation, and he is to pay for the writings according to agreement. Resolved that the mayor for the time being shall execute an Indenture for the same in behalf of the Corporation.

1733, June 4. It is Resolved in Common Council that if any of the members of the said Council being legally warned to appear in council, and do not come within half an hour after ringing of the bell to convene without a reasonable excuse that he or they so omitting or delaying to come within half an hour as afores<sup>d</sup>, shall forfeit for each omission or delay the sum of one shilling for the use of the s<sup>d</sup> Board to be recovered before the major part of the than Board when such omission or delay is made.

Whereas on the day of last past an ordinance was made for a Watch to be kept for the safety of this city, w<sup>t</sup> a List of the persons who were to watch, and a Power reserved to make such alterations from time to time in said List as the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Comon Council should think fitt, which abovementioned List the said Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Comon Council have now altered, by which alteration now made the Watch shall be kept till this Board think fitt to alter it again.

1733, June 11. Whereas the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, or the major part of them, did on the 16th day of October 1732 agree with Harpert Jacobse Van Deusen of this city for a certain lott of ground within the limitts of the s<sup>d</sup> city on the west side of the highway that leads from the said city to Water fleet, is bounded on the north by a lott of ground now in the occupation of the widow of Jan Gerritse, deceased, on the west by the woods, on the south by the lott of Wilhelmus Vanden Bergh, is broad on the front or east end by the said highway that leads to Water fleet, one and a half rodd, and behind to the west by the woods three rodde two foot and three inches, and in the midst of said lott two rodd nine foot and nine inches, and in length on the south side

and north side forty-four rodd all Rynland measure, Which said lott of ground pursuant to the agreement afores<sup>d</sup> the said Harpert Jacobse Vandausen did on the ninth day of the instant month of June convey by deed under his hand and seal to the mayor, aldermen and commonality their successors and assigns for ever for the consideration of the sum of thirty-four pounds.

Whereupon this Board issued out their warrant to Barent Bratt, treasurer, for the payment of said sum of £34. And at the same time ordered their s<sup>d</sup> Treasurer to deliver to Tobias Ryckman one hund<sup>d</sup> skipple of wheat and take his note for the same payable 15 Sept'r next, at 3s. per skipple, £15.

Gysbert Roseboom d' unto this Board per Petition setting forth that he was inclineable to purchase a lott of ground behind the city fence of about thirty foot in breadth, and in length to run to the edge of the hill lying on the north side of Schenectady highway, and to the west of the said fence.

Resolved to take this Petition into consideration.

1733, Sept. 6. Resolved by this Board to make an Address to his Ex'cy William Cosby, Esqr. &c. which is as follows:

To his Excellency William Cosby, Esqr. Cap' General and Gov'r in Chief of the provinces of New York, Newjersey and Territories thereon depending, in America and Vice Admiral of the same, and Collo. in his Majesties Army, &c., The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of Albany:

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesties duteful Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Comonalty of the city of Albany, do with great Joy humbly take leave to congratulate your Excellency on your safe arrival in this part of your Government and heartily wish your Excellency may meet with success and satisfaction in the ensuing Treaty with the Six Nations of Indians, Subjects to the King of Great Britain

As we are seated on the frontiers of this Province and have very dangerous neighbors to the northward (the french of Canada) who have made encroachments on us by posting a Garrison at the Crown point on the south end of Corlaers Lake which we conceive will be of very dangerous consequence, in case of a Rupture between the Crown of Great Britain and that of france. Wherefore we humbly beg leave to mention to your Excellency the present ruinous and defenceless condition of his Maje'es ffort here, tho' shall desist to enlarge on the particulars since your Ex'cy has been pleased to view the same, and thereby can better judge than we are able to inform.

We therefore humbly desire your Ex'cy will be pleased to lay the deplorable and defenceless condition of these fronteers before the Gen'll Assembly of this province at their next meeting to recomend it to their care and consideration that provision may be made for building a new ffort here in such manner as your Excellency, the Council and Gen'll Assembly shall judge most convenient for the defence of his Majesties frontier.

We are may it please your Ex'cy, with much esteem and respect, your Ex'cys most ob't humble ser'ts.

The following order was directed to Bar<sup>t</sup> Bratt, treasurer, by order of this Board:

Sir: please pay to Mr. Jacob Stenhouse or order ten shillings and this shall be your warrant.

1733, Sept. 13. This day Johannes Knickerbacker appeared before this board and acquainted the Corporation that he intended to lett ten morgans of the land he has on lease from this city for the space of      years and pursuant to the Covenant contained in his Lease gave the first refusal to this board which they are not inclined to accept of.

1733, Sept. 29. In pursuance to the directions of the Charter of the city of Albany, two aldermen, two assistants, and one constable were this day chosen for each ward by plurality of voices of the inhabitants of the respective wards who had right to vote and are returned as follows, viz:

*The City Records.*

Aldermen.

Assistants.

*First Ward.*

Ryer Gerritse,	Johan's V. Ostrande.
Hendrick Koster.	Matthews Flensburgh.
William Hilton, Jun., Constable.	

*Second Ward.*

Cornelis Cuyler,	David Groesbeeck,
Johan's E. Wendell.	Guilleyn Verplank.
Peter Marshall, Constable.	

*Third Ward.*

Goose V. Schaick,	Ahasveris Roseboom,
Isaac fonda.	Johan's v den Bergh.
Johan's Hansen, Jun., Constable.	

Barent Bratt was chosen and appointed city chamberlain or treasurer for the ensuing year.

Ordered by this Board that the said Barent Bratt enter into bond of two thousand pound with sufficient security to this Corporation for the due performance of his office.

Douwe Isaacse fonda was appointed high Constable for the ensuing year.

1733, Oct. 6. The humble Petition of the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Dutch Church of the city of Albany was presented to this Board and is as follows, viz:

To the worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of the city of Albany.

The humble Petition of the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Albany sheweth, That the predecessors of your worships Petitioners continually for many years now last past have been as your Petitioners now are quietly seized and possessed of their church and ground thereto belonging in the s<sup>d</sup> city of Albany, and also of all that certain parcel of land comonly called and known by the name of the Pasture, scituate, lying and being to the southward of the city of Albany, within the limitts thereof, being limitted, butted and bounded as in the church charter or Letters patent thereof, dated the tenth day of August Annoq. Domini one thousand seven hundred and twenty

is and are particularly mentioned, expressed and described, and also of the old high way from the end of the pasture called Schermerhoorn's pasture, and of the Beavers Kill, together with the land thereunto belonging and appertaining, scituate, lying and being to the southward of the s<sup>d</sup> city of Albany, being limited, butted and bounded as by certain deed from your worships predecessors, dated the twelfth day of December Anno Domini one thousand six hundred ninety and nine is particularly mentioned, expressed and described, and your Petitioners being by the above mentioned charter or letters patent made and created one body corporate and politick in fact and name, do therefore humbly pray that your worships will be pleased for the more assurance in the law of the premises to conform unto your Petitioners and their successors and assigns for ever the before mentioned and rented lands and premises according to the tenor, purport and true intent of the s<sup>d</sup> charter and also to grant unto your Petitioners all that certain parcel of ground or burying place which for many years past and now is in the possession of your Petitioners, lying and being on the south east part of the city, containing length on the east side twelve rod, on the west side twelve rod nine and a half foot, and in breadth on the north by the street nine rod and nine and a half foot, and on the south ten rod and two foot all Rynland measure, and your Worships Pet'rs as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

Albany, the 6th day of Oct. 1733.

Signed

PETR: VAN DRIESSEN.

No: Sine deo.

In behalf of the Petitioners.

This Board having read and considered of said Petition think it reasonable for divers good causes and considerations as also for the sum of five shillings to grant the Petitioners' prayer.

Resolved that the mayor for the time being in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty do execute such deeds or writings as may be sufficient to grant and confirm unto the Petitioners, their successors and assigns

forever, what in the above petition is prayed for and to cause the seal of the city to be thereunto affixed.

Ordered that Barent Bratt, the treasurer, shall deduct from Joh's Seger's two bonds, each conditioned for the payment of £10, what is this day allowed him and take his note for the remainder.

1733, Oct. 12. Mr. Anthony S. Van Schaick appeared before this board and desired he might have released unto him a small piece of ground upon the north east corner of his lott containing four foot by s<sup>d</sup> north east corner and so running along the lane till it comes to nothing by the north west corner of s<sup>d</sup> lott.

Which this board having taken into consideration, Resolved to release the same unto him for the consideration of thirty shillings to be p<sup>d</sup> to the Corporation and likewise to pay for the writing, and that the mayor in behalf of the comonalty may execute s<sup>d</sup> deed and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

Resolved that Peter and Johannis Quackenboss shall have the use of the fifteen foot of ground which they sold to the city, they keeping it in fence before and behind, during the will and pleasure of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty.

Whereas Abraham Vosburgh had made application to the Comonalty on the seventh day of October, 1732 for a piece of ground lying on the Gallows hill as in the minute of that day described, but is now desirous to have it enlarged to the breadth of forty foot Rynland measure.

Resolved by this board to release unto s<sup>d</sup> Abraham Vosburgh a piece of ground lying upon the same course as Mr. Babington's house formerly stood, to the westward of where Hendrick Hallenbeeck now lives, containing in length east and west twelve rodd, and in breadth south and north forty foot Rynland measure.

In consideration whereof s<sup>d</sup> Vosburgh is to give bond payable to the mayor, aldermen and commonalty or their successors on the first day of September next ensuing for three pounds. And that the mayor in behalf of the comonalty shall indent w<sup>t</sup> said Abraham Vosburgh for s<sup>d</sup>

piece of ground and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed, in which indenture s<sup>d</sup> Vosburgh is to covenant and agree to pay to s<sup>d</sup> mayor, aldermen and comonalty, or their successors twenty shillings yearly, the first payment to begin on the said first day of September 1734. The said Vosburgh to pay for writing.

Resolved that the street running from the east side of Leendert Gansevoort's lott and stretching to the east side of the ground belonging to the City Hall, shall be from henceforth three rodd and a half Rynland measure in breadth.

1733, Oct. 24. Edward Holland, Esq. produced a comission under the broad seal of the Province of New York for mayor of this city, clerk of the market and coroner of the city and county for the year ensuing, dated the 15th day of October, and was sworn to the execution of said offices.

1733, Nov. 5. Resolved by this board to publish the following ordinances, vide Book of Ordinances, fol. 11, 18 and 19, to witt:

For preventing noise and disturbance on the Lord's Day in time of divine service and preaching.

To prevent negroes going armed w<sup>t</sup> guns, swords, clubs, &c.

To oblige the constables of this city to go round the streets, lanes, &c. of this city, by turns on the Lord's Day to see the laws in this ordinance be duly observed.

To prevent Negroes or Ind'n slaves to appear in the streets after eight at night w<sup>o</sup>ut a Lanthorn and lighted candle in it.

For establishing and better ordering the night watches.

For tavern keeper to take lycences.

For better preventing of fire.

The following persons were appointed fire masters or viewers of chimneys, viz:

*First Ward*—Teunis Vischer and Jelles D. Garmoy.

*Second Ward*—Gerrit Roseboom, Jun. and Jacob Ten Eyck.

*Third Ward*—Robert Roseboom and Gerrit C. Van denbergh.



1733, November 10. Resolved by this Board that the Mayor shall supply John Sullivan, a prisoner in this gaol with a coarse Shirt, Jacket, Breeches, Stockens, Shoes and Cap.

This day published an ordinance for regulating the watch. The fire masters got their warrants.

A new list of the watches was made, making thirty-three in all, nine persons on each watch, the officer included.

1733, Nov. 15. John Lindsay, Esq. was sworn into office of high sheriff.

It is Resolved in Comon Council that if any of the members of the said Comon Council being legally warned to appear in council, and do not come within an hour after ringing of the Bell to convene w<sup>o</sup>ut a reasonable excuse to the contrary, that he or they so omitting or delay to come within an hour as aforesaid, shall forfeit for each omission or delay the sum of one shilling for the use of the said board, to be recovered before the major part of the then board when such omission or delay is made.

Ordered by this board that the treasurer of this city call in the money due from the following persons or give them notice that they will be sued for the same. viz:

Jochim Bratt,	-	-	-	£23:0:0
Ryckart Hansen,	-	-	-	25:6:9
Arent V. Dyck,	-	-	-	40:0:0
Evert Wendell,	-	-	-	3:0:0
Luykas Hooghkerk,	-	-	-	1:2:6
William Waldron,	-	-	-	8:0:0
Johannis G. Lansingh,	-	-	-	15:7:4

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£115:16:7

1733, Nov. 24. Ordered by this board that Jeremy Van Rensselaer, Esq. and Capt. William Deck be presented with their Freedoms of this city, and that the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen wait upon them with the same to desire their acceptance thereof.

1733, December 18. Ordered by this board that a

warrant be drawn on Bar<sup>t</sup> Bratt, Treasurer, to pay to Ryckart Hilton an Jan Van Alstyn each the sum of forty pounds, out of which is to be deducted what said Ryckart Hilton owes to the city and his bond given up. And that the treasurer take an obligation of Jan Van Alstyn for ten pounds conditioned to put a good and sufficient roof on the block house by Sarties Killetie near the river side by first of May next or forfeit said sum of ten pounds. Also to pay to Johannis & Jacobus Radliff each the sum of six pounds ten shillings for removing a Block house to the Gallows Hill and take all their receipts in full.

This day published an ordinance relating to the riding with Sledges, Carts or Waggon through the streets of this city.

173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , February 9. Ordered by this Board that the Boundaries of Schaaktakook be laid out with all convenient speed. Pursuant to said order and by the directions of Comon Council a Letter was writt and sent to Nicholas Schuyler to come in and agree with the Corporation to run the Lines of said Boundaries.

The City Treasurer was this day order'd to prosecute Gysbert Brakell Jun'r, upon his bond if he do not pay the same w<sup>in</sup> eight days.

It is likewise ordered by this Board that the great Guns be carried to the several Blockhouses in this city as the same shall be directed by the field officers of the militia.

173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Feb. 15. This Board have agreed with Richard Williams to run the lines of the boundaries of the lands belonging to this city lying at Schaahkook for which they are to pay him eight pounds, he being to deliver to the Comon Council a draught of the same.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor, Mr. Van Schaick, alderman and Johannis van Ostrande, assistant, go along with the surveyor, each to have six shillings per diem and reasonable charges paid them.

Johannis Evertse Wendell Esq., alderman, Guilleya Verplanck and David Groesbeeck, assistants, undertake to carry the seven great Guns to the Block houses for which this board allow them fourteen shillings to be paid them by the Treasurer.

Order'd that a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Nicholas Schuyler Esq. for twenty shillings.

173 $\frac{3}{4}$ , March 9. Resolved by this board to sue the following persons if they do not pay what they are indebted to the Corporation in eight days time, viz: John Eaton, Jacobus Hilton, Jonathan Brooks, Andries Bratt, Teunis Egbertse. These five were all sent for and told of the above resolution. Volkert Douwe, Jochim Bratt. These two were acquainted of the above resolution by letter.

This board taking into their charitable consideration the poor circumstances of the widow and children of Jan Winne, deceased, have given up a bond executed by said Winne to the Mayor, &c. conditioned for the payment of eleven pounds in consideration whereof Guilleyn Verplanck has pass'd his Note payable in three Months for five pound ten shillings which is accepted off in full of s<sup>d</sup> Bond and Interest due thereon. This Corporation taking into their charitable consideration the poor circumstances of John Stewart, allow him four shillings and sixpence a week for six weeks, and order their treasurer to pay the same.

Put up by order an Advertisem<sup>t</sup> acquainting all persons that the Key of the house where the Water Engine stands is lodged with Mr. Henry Cuyler.

Advertis'd all persons who have any claim upon the Ground lying along the water side from behind the lott of Mr. Henry Holland to behind the lott of Isaac Grave-  
raat, to show their Titles to the Mayor. The Corporation intending to give out the vacant ground to be docked.

173 $\frac{3}{4}$ , March 23. Resolved by this board to employ Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup> Williams, attorney at law, to sue Gysbert Van Brakel Jun'r, Volkert Douw and Jochim Bradt, in name of this Corporation upon their bonds. This board orders the Treasurer to pay Wm. Shaw nine shillings for an acco<sup>t</sup> due to them. This day published three ordinances, viz: 1, Regulating the fees of inviters to funerals. 1, Ditto of the Carmen. 1 for cleaning the streets.

1734, March 30. Sold this day to Petrus Douwe a certain piece or slipp of ground, beginning two foot and four inches from the north-east corner of his lott lying next to the lott of Johannis van Alen and running with a streight line to the south-east corner of the s<sup>d</sup> lott, which said two foot and four inches makes it range on the north side with the house of the said Johannis v Alen. In consideration whereof the said Petrus Douwe is to pay thirty shillings.

1734, April 12. Mattys Flensburgh d<sup>d</sup> into this board an acc<sup>tt</sup> amounting to £5. which is allowed off and orders drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same and likewise thirty shillings to the mayor for the use of Abraham Governour for services done for the Corporation.

1734, May 3. It is ordered by this Board that Barent Bratt, treasurer, sell three hundred skipples of the wheat which he has now in store for three shillings per skipple ready money.

1734, May 14. Uldrick Van Vranke agreed with this Board to set up 300 Stockadoes for seven pence half penny each stockadoe, that is to say, he is to square them on two sides take off all the Bark, put them three foot in the ground and make one ribb about three foot from the top, and to put a large pin in every stockadoe thro' the ribb. He is to make them square under and sharp above, and to make loop holes for small arms at convenient distances, as the mayor and aldermen shall direct.

1734, May 13 [sic]. Resolved to send the following Petition to the General Assembly:

To the Honourable the Representatives of the Province of New York, in General Assembly convened. The humble Petitfon of the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty of the city of Albany most humbly sheweth:

That whereas the Wall now begun to be built around the city will be a work of some years and great expence, and that in the mean time we may be provided against any sudden surprize that may happen in case of a rup-

ture betwixt the Crowns of Great Britain and France, the inhabitants of this city are generally very much inclined to have the same fortified with Stockadoes, and in case that by the stubbornness of some ill designing people it may not be carried on so regularly and speedily as it ought to be, your Petitioners humbly pray that an act of General Assembly may be passed to enable the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Comonalty of the said city to oblige the assessors to meet at such time and place as they the s<sup>d</sup> mayor, recorder, aldermen and comonalty, or the major part of them shall think meet to assess and rate all the inhabitants, freeholders, residents and sojourners of the s<sup>d</sup> city to furnish and sett up Stockadoes in an equal and due proportion according to their abilities, and that a fine may be imposed upon those who shall be remiss or negligent in complying with the directions of said act; and that the mayor, recorder and aldermen, or the major part of them may be empowered by said act to order and give directions how, where and in what manner the same Stockadoes shall be set up.

And whereas besides the stockadoes there will be wanted other materials for building batteries, making gates in their proper places and carriages for the great Guns which are all out of order, your Petitioners humbly pray that the sum of one hundred and fifty pound may be taxed on the county to help to enable the defraying of the charges of the same.

And whereas the scituation of this city along the water side is very irregular and inconvenient for building, and as it is said pretensions are made on some lotts lying there, tho by our most diligent enquiry can find no body to show any title to the same, your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that an act may be passed to oblige those persons to make their claim w<sup>in</sup> three months after the publication of s<sup>d</sup> act and dock out the same w<sup>in</sup> three years, or that your Pet'rs may be the better enabled to fortifie the same, further humbly pray that the right may be confirmed to this corporation who will oblige themselves to do it in that time.

Hoping your Honours will be pleased to take the premises into your consideration and to pass an act or acts for the same, your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

This board allows John Van Alstyn and Ryckart Hilton each forty shillings for work done to the two new block houses by Jesse Dffreests, Van Alstyne not to receive his forty shillings till he puts a good and sufficient Roof on the new block house by the water side. An order was drawn on the treasurer to pay Jan Van Alstyn forty pounds pursuant to an order of the 18th December last which he had not received because he had not given bond according to the directions of the said order.

1734, June 24. Resolved to sell at publick Vendue this day 400 Skipple of wheat to the highest bidder, notice being given by publick advertisement of said sale three days agoe, to be paid in ready on the delivery, which is to be this week:

Edward Holland, 50 Sk:	at 2:9	- - -	£6:17:6
Ditto - - 50 Do	2:9	- - -	6:17:6
Ditto - - 100 Do	2:9	- - -	13:15:0
Barent Bratt, 200 Do	2:9	- - -	27:10:0

Amount is fifty-five pounds, £55: 0:0

This board this day agreed with Gerrit Lansingh and Anthony Bratt to sett up 400 Stockadoes at 9d. a piece, beginning at the Block House on the Reuse Bergh and so on as they shall be directed, with Tennons of good dry oak wood of one and a half inch thick, to be drove in five inches, the Stockadoes to be 13 foot long, three foot in the ground, to have loop holes at proper distances.

To allow them six shillings for furnishing timber for the Tenons. No Stockadoes to be put up but what will work one foot at least of good fresh wood.

Mattys ffensburgh has undertake to sett up 300 Stockadoes in the same manner and on the same conditions as the above 400 to begin by the Blockhouse on the Gallows Hill, to be allowed 4:6 for Tenons.

1734, July 20. The following Letter was writt and sent to Mr. Johannis Cuyler:

Sir: The Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty being intended to have a friendly conversation w<sup>t</sup> you concerning the ground in dispute betwixt the city and you, desire to meet w<sup>t</sup> you at the City hall on tuesday next at three o'clock in the afternoon, and if your conveniency will not then allow, desire you may appoint another day.

This Board this day agreed w<sup>t</sup> Mattys Flensburgh to sett up 300 Stockadoes more in the same manner and on the same conditions as those agreed for the 24th June last.

1734, August 17. Symon Danielse presented a petition to this Board praying that they would dispose of a certain tract or piece of wood land lying contiguous to him and belonging to this city, for which he would pay a reasonable consideration. The petition was in the words following, viz:

To the worshipful Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Comonalty of the city of Albany in Comon Council convened, the humble Petition of Symon Danielse sheweth,

That whereas there is a certain tract or piece of pine wood land belonging to the city of Albany, lying at Schaahkook having to the north Schaahkooks Road, to the east part of your Petitioners land and part the hills, which hills adjoins to the afores<sup>d</sup> land and stretches southward to where your Petitioners Mill stands and ten yards over the creek on which said mill stands and which said land lyes very contiguous to your Petitioner.

Therefore prays that your worships will be pleased to dispose of the same to your Petitioner who is willing to pay a reasonable consideration for the same, which if your worships be pleased to grant, your worships Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

This Board having taken the above Petition into consideration Resolve that the Petitioner shall have the s<sup>d</sup> certain tract or piece of pine wood land as hereinafter bounded, viz: To the north and west Schaahkooks Road

as it now runs, to the east part by his land and part by the hills, which hills joins to the s<sup>d</sup> land and stretches southward along said hills to the creek where his Griss Mill now stands and so along the north side of the creek westerly till it comes to Hudson's River, for the sum of sixty pounds, of which thirty pound to be paid the first day of October now next ensuing by the delivery of the deed, and the other thirty pound on or before the first day of January 173<sup>g</sup>, for which he is to give Bond.

Resolved that the mayor in behalf of the comonalty execute said deed and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

Jeremiah Pamerton this day paid his bond of fifteen pound due to the city, which was cancelled by order of this Board.

1734, August 24. Resolved by this Board to write a Letter to David Verplank which was in the following words, viz:

Sir: The Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty desire that you will be pleased to come up and indeavour to agree w<sup>t</sup> them to give libertye to sett the Stockadoes for fortifying the city over your lott where the fence now stands. If you cannot conveniently come up, please to signifie your consent thereto by a letter under your hand, else the mayor, &c. will be obliged to issue out a sumons to appraise the value of s<sup>d</sup> ground according to the directions of the act of Assembly made for that purpose. By order of the Mayor, Aldermen and Comonalty.

To Mr. David Verplank.      J.A. STEVENSON, D Clerk.

Resolved by this Board that the Mayor in the name of the Comonalty shall execute to Benjamin Bratt at the desire of Albert Ryckman, a deed for a lott of ground lying on the Plain, and sold by the mayor, aldermen and comonalty the first day of December, 1686, as by the minutes of that day may appear. It is lott No. 27, having to the west the lott late of Philip Dffreest, to the east the laue, to the north the lott of Jacob Bogaert dec<sup>d</sup>, and to the south the lott belonging to the heirs of Jan Janse Bleecker, as the same is in fence.



An order was drawn on Barent Bratt, treasurer, to pay to John Groesbeeck £17:13:9½, being for four great guns and carriages for the use of the city.

1734, Sept. 29. In pursuance of the directions of the Charter of the city of Albany, two Aldermen, two Assistants and one constable were chosen for each ward by plurality of voices of the several inhabitants of the said city who had a right to vote, and are returned as follows, viz:

## Aldermen.

## Assistants.

*First Ward.*

Reyer Gerritse,	Joh's v Oostrande,
Hendrick Koster.	Mattys fflensburgh.
Peter van Alen, Constable.	

*Second Ward.*

Cornelis Cuyler,	Jacob Ten Eyck,
Joh's E. Wendell,	Jacob Glen.
Rob <sup>t</sup> Rumney, Constable.	

*Third Ward.*

Leend <sup>t</sup> Gaansevoort,	Jesse Dffreest,
Johan's Vischer,	Gerrit G. Lansingh.
Johan's Pruyn, Jun'r, Constable.	

Barent Bratt was chosen City Chamberlain.

William Hilton, Jr., high Constable.

1734, Oct. 29. This day appeared Johan's Wyngaert and Zechariah Zieckelsy and agreed with the Comon Council to go round every night and to call every hour from ten a clock to four in the morning at all the following places of the city what a clock and what weather it is, viz: At Fredrick Myndertse's corner, Obadiah Cooper's corner, the Mayor's corner, Philip Livingston's, the English Church, Johan's Lansingh's Jun'r, the Well of Gysbert Marcellis's, Hendrick Ten Eyck's corner, the Recorder's, John Waters's, Jacob Lansingh's, Leendert Gaansevoort's and Henry Holland's for which services they are to have each eight pounds and each six shillings for candles. To begin this next night and to end the last night of April next ensuing, and in case any complaints are sufficiently made out ag<sup>t</sup> them of the neglect

of their duty, they or either of them neglecting are to be discharged without payment for the time they have served.

1734, Nov. 9. Abraham Defreest appeared before this Board and desired to buy a ps of pine wood land lying at Schaahtekook adjoining to Simon Danielse's land on the north side of Schaahtekook's Road. Johannis Vischer, one of the aldermen, is appointed by this board to go and view s<sup>d</sup> land and bring a report of the same.

The following fire masters were appointed by this board for the year ensuing, viz:

*First Ward*—Jacob Maase and Direk Winne.

*Second Ward*—Jacob Verplank and Symon Veeder.

*Third Ward*—Johannis Goewy and Abram Witbeck.

1734, Nov. 20. This board sold this day unto Abram Defreest twenty-one morgans of the pine wood land which he desired to buy last Comon Council, lying and being upon the hill at the back of Symon Danielse's land, beginning about one hundred yards from the ridge of the hill and so along the north side of the road that leads to Schaahtekook at about fifty yards distance from the road, containing two hundred yard in breadth along the road keeping said distance from said road with a streight line till giving the same distance of two hundred yards in the rear another streight line to run to the place where first begun, will make up the s<sup>d</sup> quantity of twenty-one morgans, he being to pay therefore the sum of twenty-five pounds; that is to say, twelve pound ten shillings, the first day of July next and twelve pound ten shillings, the remainder, on the first day of July 1736, for which sums he is to give bond and also the yearly rent of two fatt hens for ever. The first payment to begin on the first day of February 173<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. Resolved by this board that indentures shall be drawn accordingly, and that the mayor in behalf of the comonalty shall cause the city seal to be thereto affixed and the same to be entered on the publick records.

John Lindesay, Esq. produced a commission for sheriff of the city and county of Albany for the year ensuing, and took his oath of office before this board.

1734, Nov. 26. This board agreed w<sup>t</sup> Johan's Seger to furnish fire wood and to make fire for the Comon Council and Mayors Court for the sum of thirty shillings for one year.

This Board agreed w<sup>t</sup> Evert Wendell and Richard Williams, Esqr's, Atty's at Law, to give their opinions in writing under their hand signed by them, whether or not the Corporation can legally grant a deed to Peter Brower for the land he purchased of the Indians lying at Tienenderogue, which is part of the land contained in the Indian deed which John Depeyster, Esq'r, late mayor of this city, had in his custody w<sup>t</sup> other writings and which he says is destroyed for which their advice so given under hand as af<sup>d</sup>, this Board is to pay each of them twenty shillings.

1734, Nov. 29. Evert Wendell and Richard Williams Esqrs. Attorneys at Law, gave in their opinion in writing under their hands and seals concerning Peter Brower's deed, according to their agreement last Comon Council which was in the words following. viz:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of Albany having desired our opinion concerning a Tract of land comprehended within the limitts and boundaries of one thousand acres of land scituate at Tiennenoroge granted by his city charter to the mayor, aldermen and comonalty of the city of Albany of which tract of land one Peter Brower having made a purchase from the Indian owners and now petition the s<sup>d</sup> mayor, aldermen and comonalty that they will confirm his said purchase there if the s<sup>d</sup> mayor, aldermen, &c., can comply with said petition.

Upon perusal of the s<sup>d</sup> Charter we find a Lycence to purchase and a Grant in fee simple for one thousand acres of low or meadow land at Tiennonderoge to the mayor, aldermen, &c. af<sup>d</sup> for part of which said Peter Brower hath obtained an Indian purchase for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years.

We are therefore humbly of opinion and do advise the said mayor, aldermen and comonalty upon the said Peter

Brower's assigning over the Indian deed they may grant and confirm to said Peter the said tract of land for the term specified in his said Indian deed.

We remain with great Respect,

Your very humble Servants.

EVERT WENDELL,

Albany, November 27th, 1734. RICH'D WILLIAMS.

This day Peter Brower appeared in Comon Council and produced an Indian Lease for a certain tract or parcel of land, scituate, lying and being about one English mile above Fort Hunter on the south side of the Mohawk River, begining by a certain creek called Och-rachqua or Aries creek, from thence down along the said river to the said small creek or run of water, being about 900 yards, from thence with a southerly line into the woods about an English mile, from thence with a westerly line to the before mentioned Aries creek and from thence along the s<sup>d</sup> creek to the place where it first begun, where the s<sup>d</sup> Aries creek runs into the river, being about ten or eleven morgan low or meadow land, be it more or less, together w<sup>t</sup> all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any ways appertaining, for the term of 999 years, which said lease he the said Peter Brower had obtained on the 7th day of July 1730, from David, Gideon, Jacob, Canastadie, Jacomyn and Josina, Sachems of the Mohawk Castle, duly executed under their hands and seals, which said Lease he hath this present day assigned and sett over to this Corporation for the consideration of five shillings; that is to say, such part of the s<sup>d</sup> lease as is hereafter mentioned, viz: All that certain tract or parcel of low or meadow land, scituate, lying or being about an English mile above the ffort Hunter at the south side of the Mohawks River, beginning by a certain creek comonly called Ochrachqua or Aries creek, from thence down along the Mohawk River to the second small creek or run of water, being ab<sup>t</sup> 900 yards, from thence w<sup>t</sup> a southerly line to the foot of the hill, from thence along the foot of said hill w<sup>t</sup> a westerly line to the af<sup>t</sup> Aries creek, and from thence along s<sup>d</sup> creek to the place

where first begun. Which said tract of low or meadow land is part of the lands granted to the mayor, aldermen and comonalty of the city of Albany by their Charter.

This Board agreed w<sup>th</sup> Richard Williams Esq., Att: at Law, to give them his opinion in writing under his hand whether or not they can have an action ag<sup>t</sup> John De Peyster, late mayor of this city, for giving over the Indian deed for the land at Tienenderogue to the Gov'r, which deed is destroyed.

1734. Dec. 6. Peter Brower having made application to this Board to have a lease from the mayor, aldermen, and comonalty for the lowland contained in the Indian lease which he made over to them at their last Comon Council as by the minutes of that day may appear, it is therefore Resolved by this Board to give a lease unto the said Peter Brower for the term of 999 years for the land hereafter mentioned, viz: To begin at a certain creek comonly called Ochrachaqua or Aries creek, from thence down along Mohawks River to the second small creek or run of water, being ab<sup>t</sup> 900 yards, from thence with a southerly line to the foot of the hill. from thence along the foot of the hill, till with a north line 36 degrees east, you come to the mouth of the said Aries creek where first begun, containing about six morgans be it more or less. In consideration whereof the said Peter Brower is to pay to this Corporation the sum of six pounds and two skipple of good merchantable Winter wheat yearly, First payment to begin the first day of February 173<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and ever after on the first day of February in course, for each morgan contained w<sup>in</sup> s<sup>d</sup> boundaries, and that the mayor in behalf of the Comonalty shall execute a deed for the same and cause the seal of the city to be thereunto affixed.

It being put to a vote whether the lott of ground in dispute between this Corporation and Johannis Cuyler, should be agreed for or not carried by a majority to be agreed.

Being again put to the vote for how much they should agree, carr<sup>d</sup> by a majority that the said Johan's Cuyler

should pay to the corporation ten pounds for their claim, which Cornelis Cuyler agreed to for his father.

Then it was Resolved by this Board to release to the said Johan's Cuyler for the sum of ten pounds to be paid on delivery of the deed, the said lott of ground which lyes in the 2d ward of the said city, bounded on the east by the highway or lane, on the south by the now dwelling lott of the s<sup>d</sup> Johan's Cuyler, on the west to the lotts of the said Johannes Cuyler and Johan's Beeckman, and on the north the street that runs by the fronts of the houses of Schieboleth Bogardus, Joh's De Garmoy and others containing in breadth on the east side five rodd and seven foot, on the west side five rodd, in length on the south side nine rodd and two foot and on the north side eight rodd and six foot, all Rynland measure. And that the mayor in behalf of the comonalty execute a deed for the same and cause the seal of the city to be thereunto affixed.

173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , February 18. This board orders Barent Bratt, treasurer, to sell 300 skipple of the wheat now in store, for ready money, at least 3s. per skipple, and as much more as he can gett; but if any of the city creditors buys to discount for so much as is owing to them.

The following Letter was writt to Lewis and Peter Fiele, sign'd by the present members.

Gentlemen: According to your request have laid before the Comon Council your grievance threatened by the Indians, and it is resolved by this board, that whenever those Indians who make pretensions on Lewis's creek return from their hunting, you would desire them to come here, and if their pretensions are good we shall make them satisfaction. We are Gentlemen.

Order'd Barent Bratt to pay to Jacob Ten Eyck, 7s. To give Johan's Seger 6 sk. wheat and make him debtor on acc<sup>t</sup> his salary for same.

Ordered by this board that Barent Bratt, city treasurer, make Dirck Ten Broeck, Peter Fiele and Hugo Fiele, Dr. for £5 pr annum for the rent of the saw mill on Lewis's creek in room of Johannes Ouderkerk.

Whereas the well in the Joncker street is out of repair, it is ordered by this board that the mayor lay out a sum not exceeding thirty shillings towards the repair of said well.

173 $\frac{1}{2}$ , March 4. This day Leendert v Veghten appeared before this board and purchased a certain piece or parcel of ground, scituate, lying and being on the south side of Schaahkook creek, beginning at a certain creek or hill called the fountain Creek or killetie where it empties itself into the said Schaahkook creek and so down along the said Schaahkooks creek as it runs about an English mile to a small hill to the southward of said land, from said small hill to the place where first begun, containing in the whole with low and upland fifteen morgan, to him the said Leendert v Veghten and the heirs of his body, and failing of the heirs of his body to his brother Dirck v Veghten, his heirs and assigns for ever, for which he is to pay fourteen pounds current money of the province of New York, on the delivery of the deed, which is to be perfected on Thursday next, and also the yearly rent of eight skipple good merchantable winter wheat yearly in the month of February, the first payment to begin in the month of February 163 $\frac{1}{2}$  [sic].

Resolved by this board that indentures be drawn accordingly, and that the mayor in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute the same and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed and the same to be entered upon the publick records.

Harme Van Veghten on behalf of his father, Dirck v Veghten laid the following Petition before this Board:

To the worshipful mayor, recorder, aldermen and comonalty of the city of Albany. The Petition of Dirck v Veghten humbly sheweth,

That whereas there is a certain piece of unimproved lands belonging to the corporation of the city of Albany at Schaahkook, and lyes contiguous and adjoining to the westward of your petitioner's lands, containing about two or three morgans, and whereas the same is very conv<sup>t</sup> for your worships petitioner, and would be of great

prejudice to him that any other should purchase it, your worships petitioner humbly prays that you will be pleased to dispose of the same to him for a reasonable price and under such conditions as your worships think meet, and your worships petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

1735, April 10. Resolved that Johannis Seger shall have the use of two morgans of land for twenty-five years, lying on the north side of the Road that goes up the Gallows hill and leads into the woods, and on the south side of the Rutten kill, for which he is to pay yearly two good fowls in the month of February.

Sold to Johannis Dewandelaer three morgans of Land lying at Schaahkook, being on the west of Tamheneck's creek under the hill where the comon road runs over, for which he is to pay £10 upon the delivery of the deed and the yearly rent of three skipple good Winter wheat in the months of January or February yearly, the first payment of the afores<sup>d</sup> yearly Rent to begin in the months of January or February 173<sup>g</sup>. Resolved that Indentures be drawn accordingly, and that the mayor in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute the same and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed and these presents to be entered in the publick Records.

1735, April 12. Resolved by this Board to draw a Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Jan van Alstyn forty shillings which is in full for finishing the block house.

Resolved by this Board to imploy Rich<sup>d</sup> Williams, Esq. attorney at law forthwith to sue Daniel & Jochim Ketelhuyne on breach of coven<sup>t</sup> for what they are in arrear to the city.

Resolved likewise to sue Marritie Winne in the same action for what she is in arrear if she does not come and agree by this day fortnight.

1735, April 19. This day Marritie Winne appeared before this Board and it is found by inspecting the treasurer's book that she is in arrear 154 Sk: wheat to this corporation, and we taking her circumstances into consideration abate her 50 Sk, and that she enter into bond



for 50 Sk. more in the time of one month to be paid in the months of January or February next, but the other 54 Sk. she must pay on or before the first day of November next. But if she neglect to give bond w<sup>in</sup> the time limited that then she shall be lyable for the whole 154 Sk:

1735, June 28. Daniel Hewson presented a Petition to this Board praying liberty to purchase a lott of ground on the south side of Abraham Vosburgh on the Gallows hill, for which he was willing to pay a reasonable price.

Resolved by this Board to sell said Hewson a lott of ground according to the Petitioner's prayer, to contain in length from east to west twelve rodd, and in breadth from north to south forty foot, on the same course w<sup>t</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Vosburgh, and bounded by him on the north and on the south by a lott this day sold to Robert Flint, for which he agrees to pay £15 at two equal payments and three shillings per annum; first paym<sup>t</sup> to be paid the first day of May next, and the other half the first day of May 1737. Writings to be executed at the first paym<sup>t</sup>. Resolved that the mayor shall then in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute a deed for the same and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

Robert Flint presented a Petition to this Board praying liberty to purchase a lott of ground to the southward of the lott ground above sold to Daniel Hewson, on the same course and to contain the same length of twelve rodd from east to west, and in breadth from north to south forty foot, for which he agrees to pay £15: at the same payments as Hewson and the same yearly rent of three shillings per annum. Resolved that the mayor shall execute a deed for the same and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

Resolved by this Board to pay Peter Quackenboss thirty shillings in satisfaction of the loss he sustained by reason of the stones for building the city Wall were laid on his ground, for which a Warr<sup>tt</sup> is order<sup>d</sup> to be drawn on the city Treasurer.

This day a Warrant was drawn on the Treasurer to

pay Johan's Ostrande thirty shillings for laying up the ground along the foot of the city Wall.

Drawn also a Warr<sup>t</sup> on the Treasurer to pay to Rich<sup>d</sup> Williams three pounds for fees, viz: In the action, The Corporation v. John Depeyster. Ditto v. Jochim Bratt and Ditto on acco<sup>tt</sup> of Peter Brower.

Drawn a Warr<sup>t</sup> to pay Evert Wendell £1: on acco<sup>tt</sup> of said Peter Brower.

Drawn a Warr<sup>tt</sup> to pay Dirck Tenbroeck nine shillings for cleaning his lott of ground where the stones lay for building the city Wall.

Drawn a Warr<sup>tt</sup> to pay James Stevenson five shillings for clerk's fees, The Corporation v. Jochim Bratt.

1735, June 28. This day Mary Bratt, widow, gave the refusal of her farm at Schaahkook for £337: according to the Coven<sup>t</sup> in her Indenture, which this Board doth not accept off but give her Liberty to dispose of the same.

A Warr<sup>tt</sup> was drawn on the Treasurer to pay to Johannis Seger three Skipple of wheat.

Advertisements were put up to lett out the Water lotts along Hudsons River and likewise the last notice for the owners to shew their titles.

1735, July 2. Johannis Christianse app<sup>d</sup> before this Board and gave the Refusal of ten morgan of his land lying on the flatts at Schaahkook to this Corporation, for that he intended to dispose of the same which this board did not think fitt to accept off, and therefore gave him Liberty to sell the same to Joh's Knickerbacker.

This board taking the poor circumstances of the said Jan Christianse into their consideration abate him 50 Sk: of the rent he is in arrear to the city.

Johan's Knickerbacker app<sup>d</sup> before this Board and gave the refusal of 18 morgan of his land lying on the River side at Schaahkook opposite to Anthonys kill to this Corporation, being y<sup>e</sup> south part of that tract of Land this Corporation formerly sold to David Schuyler. This Board not enclining to accept of the same gives him liberty to dispose thereof to Jan Christianse.

1735, July 4. This day the following persons produced the following Titles for lotts of ground lying along Hudsons River, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Assembly for that purpose made and enacted.

Sybrant Van Schaick produced copy of a Transp<sup>t</sup> from Peter Peterse Lansingh to Sybrant Goose Van Schaick for a half Brewery, Lott & Garden. The lott containing in breadth on the east side or Kings highway six rodd nine foot and six inches, in length on the south by the gang way of Abraham Staats five rodd and eleven foot, on the west by Abraham Staats six rodd and five foot, and on the north side the street seven rodd and one foot. The Garden contains on the west side by the way six rodd and nine foot, on the north side by the way four rodd and seven foot, on the east by the river seven rodd and five foot and on the south side again to Abraham Staats five rodd and five foot.

David A. Schuyler produced a Patent or Confirmation from Richard Nichols, Esq., Governour Gen'l under his Royal Highness James, Duke of York, abutting to the north on Barent Andriese, to the south on the ground formerly belonging to Frans Barentsen on the east side of the river and the west side of the highway, containing in breadth on the east side four rodd and eight foot, and on the west six rodd and a half. In length on the south side nineteen rodd, and on the north sixteen rodd and ten foot.

1735, July 7. Whereas David A. Schuyler shew'd title last Comon Council for the ground lying behind his lott, which is broad on the east side four rodd and eight foot, and on the west six rodd and a half, and whereas the Comonality intend to lay out a street of thirty foot broad over said ground; they have agreed w<sup>t</sup> the said David A. Schuyler that in consideration of his allowing the said street to be laid over his ground they will enlarge the same on the east side and give him the same breadth of six rodd and a half on the east as it now is on the west.

This Board agreed this day with Dirck I. Tenbroeck

to lay out the Water lotts along Hudson's River, for which they are to pay him twenty-eight shillings.

1735, August 12. This day the following ordinances were published, viz:

A law to prevent strangers from being a charge to this Corporation.

A law for cleaning the streets, lanes and alleys of the said city.

A law for paving the streets, lanes and alleys within the city of Albany.

A law comanding the Constables to be diligent in putting the several laws made and publish'd by the Comon Council in execution.

1735, Sept. 29. In pursuance to the directions of the Charter of the city of Albany being the day appointed for the electing of aldermen, assistants and constables for said city, the following were chosen, viz:

Aldermen.

Assistants.

*First Ward.*

Henry Koster,

Syb<sup>t</sup> v. Schaick,

Tobias Ryckman.

Gerrit Bratt.

Volkert Douwe, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Constable.

*Second Ward.*

Cornelis Cuyler,

Jacob Glen,

Joh's E. Wendell.

Jacob Ten Eyck.

James Stenhouse, Constable.

*Third Ward.*

Leend<sup>t</sup> Gaansevoort,

Jesse Dfreest,

Joh's Vischer.

Anthony Bratt.

Johannis Spoor, Constable.

Barent Bratt was chosen City Chamberlain for the year ensuing and order'd to enter into bond with security as usual.

1735, October 29. This day Johannis Wyngaert and Zechariah Zieckelsie appeared before this board and agreed anew to go round the city at Nights at the usual Hours and to call at the usual Places on the same terms and conditions as was agreed last year, and that for six months from this day.

1785, Nov. 1. The following persons were appointed fire masters for the year ensuing, viz:

*First Ward*—Uldrick van Vranke and Jacobus Hilton.

*Second Ward*—Abraham Vandeußen and Hendrick M. Roseboom.

*Third Ward*—Johannis Cloet and Johannis Quackenboss.

This day was published three ordinances, viz: 1 for Tavern keepers to take licence; 1 for preventing fire; 1 for preventing accidents by hard or unruly riding thro' the streets.

178 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Feb. 5. An ordinance was published to lay a fine upon the officers therein named, elected and refusing to serve, ag<sup>t</sup> Hogs running at large, and to choose 3 more constables for this city.

178 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Feb. 13. This day pursuant to the ordinance published the 5th instant, the following persons were returned constables and took their oaths for the due execution of their offices, viz: For first ward, Johan's E. Wendell, Jun'r; for second ward, Willem van Schelluyne; for third ward, William Rogers, Jun'r.

178 $\frac{1}{2}$ , March 24. The Comon Council upon the application of the aldermen of the second ward in behalf of the inhabitants of said ward, grant liberty to build a Market house in the Brewers street over the creek or run of water that comes from the hill and emptys itself into the river, running through the ground of John or Johannis Evertse. Towards y<sup>e</sup> building whereof the Comon Council allow seven pounds ten shillings.

Whereas Johannis Dewandelaer never came to get Title for the three morgan of land lying at Schaahkook, on the west of Tamheneck creek under the hill where the comon road now runs over, according to his agreement w<sup>t</sup> the Comon Council the 10th day of April last, and Levinus Winne (by Jesse Deforeest who acted for him) desiring to buy the same three morgans of land, This board thought fitt to sell the same unto the said Levinus Winne for the sum of ten pounds and the yearly rent of three skypple good merchantable winter wheat,

to be p<sup>d</sup> yearly, the first three skipple to be p<sup>d</sup> in the month of Jan<sup>ry</sup> or February 1738, and so on for ever after in the same months. Five pound, half of the consideration money to be paid by the delivery of the deed, and the last five pound on or before the first day of May 1737, Jesse Deforeest to be security for the payment thereof. Resolved that indentures be drawn accordingly and that the mayor in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute a deed for the same.

This board taking into charitable consideration the poor circumstances of Rachel Winne, wedow, and that her brother, Guilleyn Verplanck, executed a note of hand to this corporation for the payment of five pounds on acco<sup>t</sup> of said Rachel Winne, on which note there is yet due £2:16 or thereabout. It is hereby ordered that the Treasurer give up said note cancell'd without farther payment.

John Armstrong laid before this board an acco<sup>t</sup> for riding sand, &c. amounting to £2:9, which is allowed and the treasurer ordered to pay the same.

A Petition was laid before this board in the words following, viz:

To the worshipful the mayor, recorder, aldermen and comonalty of the city of Albany, The humble Petition of several inhabitants of this city of Albany, Most humbly sheweth:

Whereas the Road now laid out on the west side of the Gallows hill leads through the lands of Mr. Evert Wendell is very comodious and conven<sup>t</sup> for the inhabitants of this city (that is to say) in the dry of the Summer and Winter, but in the Spring and Fall it is not fit for any use either for men or horse, &c., and your Petitioners w<sup>t</sup> humble submission to your worships better opinion do conceive that a more conven<sup>t</sup> Road may be laid out, to witt, just on the south and east side of the block house that stands near the widow Winne.

Wherefore your Petitioners most humbly pray your worships that you will be pleased to lay out a Road in that place for the ease of us your petitioners and the rest of his Majesties subjects, or that you will be humbly pleased

to give leave to your petitioners to lay out the same, and that they may take up so many Stockadoes as the breadth of a gate requires, which Road to be laid out at your petitioners proper cost and charges, and that the same may be recorded in your book of records for a King's highway, and so remain a great ease to his subjects.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

The Comon Council made the following Resolves concerning the regulating of the streets:

Whereas an ordinance was published the twelfth day of August last for paving the streets, &c. within this city, and that the time limited by s<sup>d</sup> ordinance is now expired, the Comon Council think proper for the more conven<sup>t</sup> and sufficient paving of the same that it is highly necessary that all and every the inhabitants of the second ward whose drains or gutters empty themselves into that street or lane which leads down from betwixt Johan's Beekman and Anthony van Schaick lott, between Jacob Vischer and Jacob Lansings, be taken up and laid so as to convey their water into the foxes creek by that way where the old block house stood, and that whoever of said inhabitants doth not comply herewith before the first day of May next shall forfeit thirty shillings to be recovered before the mayor, recorder or any one of the aldermen of the said city.

It is ordain'd by the Comon Council that the drains or gutters leading from the yards or houses of Philip Livingston, Esq. and the Widow Beekman, be so laid by the owners as to empty themselves towards the market house by the first day of May next under the forfeiture as a<sup>d</sup> to be recover'd as afores<sup>d</sup>.

Complaint being made to this board of the inconvenience of the stoop rais'd before the house of Reyer Gerritse, Esq. that fronts the river, it is ordered that the s<sup>d</sup> Reyer Gerritse, Esq. take the same away and carry out the drain from his house so farr that it may empty itself into the river. The same to be done on or before the first day of June next on pain of thirty shillings, to be recovered as a<sup>d</sup>.

Order'd that Philip Livingston, Esq., Reyer Gerritse, Esq. be serv'd w<sup>t</sup> a copy of this Resolution relating their drains.

1736, March 31. John Schuyler, Jun'r, gave in an account to this board for 12 leather Buckets at 8s., £4:16, which is allowed and an order drawn on the treasurer to pay the same.

Whereas Capt. Henry Holland hath caused to be laid before this board a certain Release for a loft of ground lying and being at the south side of this city adjoining to the burial place, from the north-west corner thereof and so towards the plain, containing in breadth nine rodd, and in length along the street that goes by the burial place eighteen rodd, and in breadth at the end next the creek from north to south seven rodd, executed to him by Richard Willson and bearing date the fourth day of November, 1708, and whereas the said Henry Holland is enclined to dispose of the said lott or part thereof, and being informed that this corporation pretend to some right in the abovementioned p<sup>m</sup>es, is enclined to come to an amicable agreement with the mayor, aldermen and comonalty about the same. It is therefore agreed by and between the said Henry Holland and the said mayor, aldermen and comonalty that the said mayor for the time being execute to the said Capt. Henry Holland a release which is to be executed in Comon Council any time after this day for all their right and title of part of the said lott, to witt: Beginning at the north-west corner of the burying place, and so westerly towards the hill nine rodd and four foot, from thence southward towards the stable of Andries Bratt eight rodd and ten foot, from thence eastward to the burying place nine rodd and four foot, from thence northward along the s<sup>d</sup> burying place eight rodd and ten foot to the place where first begun. In consideration of which the said Captain Henry Holland is to pay to the Treasurer of this city the sum of twenty pounds on or before the first day of October next for the use of this city. For which sum the Edward Holland, Esq., the present mayor, is to give his own bond on executing of said deed.



1736, April 2. The mayor executed a deed to Capt. Henry Holland for the lott of ground mentioned in the Minutes of Comon Council the 31st day of March last, according to the Resolution of that day.

Edward Holland, Esq. gave his bond for the twenty pound mentioned to be paid for the consideration money of the above lott, payable the first day of October next.

This board orders the Treasurer to pay twelve shillings to Tobias Ryckman.

1736, May 18. The following Letter was wrote to George Clarke, Esq., President of the Council at New York :

The mayor comunicated to this board y<sup>e</sup> Letter of the 11th instant, directed to Capt. Collins, whereby we perceived that you would have our opinion of a certain tract of land in the Mohawks country, petitioned for by Messrs. Sam'l Storke and Peter Brugh Livingston to his Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s. We therefore shall endeavour to give you our opinion of it and its consequences according to the best of our capacity and understanding. In the first place we join your Honour in opinion that there is a course left out. However we can partly guess where the lands petitioned for ly's, and are well assured that great part of the said tract is already patented, and we are credibly informed that there are several purchases made from the Mohawks in the regular method for part of the said tract. We are also assured that some of the Mohawk Indians are seated on part of it, but cannot conceive that any of the Mohawk flatts are included in those imperfect boundaries. We are confident that the method made use of by those Gentlemen, first to obtain a patent for lands before a purchase made from the Natives will prove of ill consequence and alienate the Indians from his Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s interest and create great animosities and strife between them and us, and in the end drive them from us to the french, so that we most earnestly entreat your Honour that you would in the strongest manner you can to sett forth the ill consequences of such proceedings to the Lords of Trade and desire them to discountenance such practices.

1736, June 26. This day sold unto Johannis De Garmoy, Harmanus Wendell, David Groesbeck and Jelles De Garmoy, a lott of ground scituate, lying and being on the north side of the city of Albany, on the south side of the foxes kill or creek, beginning near the s<sup>d</sup> creek, six rods west from where the Stockadoes now stands, running westerly along said Foxes creek, as the creek runs nine rodd, from thence southerly w<sup>t</sup> a streight line ten rodd towards the hill, from thence easterly nine rodd, from thence northerly to the place where first begun ten rodd with the use of the said creek for their tan pitts, for which they are to pay fifteen pounds on the mayors executing a deed for the same. Resolved that the mayor for the time being shall execute to them a deed for s<sup>d</sup> lott of ground and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

This day sold unto Abraham Harpertse Van Deusen and Hendrick Gerritse Van Ness a lott of ground scituate, lying and being on the north side of the foxes creek, within the limitts of the city of Albany, beginning on the north side of said foxes creek at a stake drove into the ground about four and a half rodd westerly from the south-west corner of the ground belonging to Wynant Vanden Bergh where he makes his bricks, just on the west side of the ground where s<sup>d</sup> Wynant Vandenberg hath digg'd the clay for making his bricks, running westerly along s<sup>d</sup> creek as the s<sup>d</sup> creek runs seven rodd, from thence northerly with a streight line four rodd, from thence easterly seven rodd, from thence southerly to the place where first begun four rodd, with the use of said creek for their tan pitts, for which they agree to pay ten pound on executing the deed to them for the same. Resolved that the mayor in behalf of this corporation shall execute said deed and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

This day sold unto Thomas Wilkinson a lott of ground scituate, lying and being on the south side of the city of Albany on the old Gallows hill, bounded on the north by a lott of ground sold to Robert Flint the twenty-eighth day of June last, containing in breadth from north to

south (ranging on the same course with Robert Flint's lott) forty foot, in length from east to west twelve rodd, all Rynland measure, for which said Thomas Wilkinson agrees to pay fifteen pounds in manner following, that is to say, seven pound ten shillings on executing the deed, and the remaining seven pounds ten shillings on or before the first day of July 1738, for which he is to execute a bond payable to the mayor, aldermen and comonalty or their successors, and three shillings yearly rent for ever; the first payment to begin the first day of July 1738. Resolved that the mayor in behalf of the corporation execute a deed for the same and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

This board agreed with Jesse Deforeest and Anthony Bratt to keep in repair the roads which the city is obliged to repair by virtue of an act of Assembly of this Province, as they shall from time to time be directed by y<sup>e</sup> mayor or any one of the aldermen. The bridges within the city excepted, for which they are to have three pounds twelve shillings per annum, paid yearly for the term of six years.

1736, June 30. This day was published the following ordinances:

An ordinance relating to the markets; an ordinance relating to the observation of the Lord's day and the behaviour of the Negroes; an ordinance regulating the fees of the inviters to funerals.

1736, July 21. This board drew an order on Barent Bratt, city treasurer, to send them twelve shillings, which they gave to the poor Prisoners.

1736, July 31. This day the mayor, aldermen and comonalty sold the following lotts of ground unto the following persons for the consideration money after expressed, viz:

To Jacob Lansingh a lott of ground lying to the westward of the city of Albany on the south side of the foxes creek, bounded on the east by a lott of ground sold to Johannis D. Garmoy, Harmanus Wendell, David Groesbeeck and Jellis De Garmoy, on the north by the foxes

creek, on the west by a lott of ground belonging to Abraham Lansingh, and on the south by the hills; containing in breadth from east to west eight rodd, in length from north to south ten rodd, all Rynland measure, for which he agrees to pay thirteen pounds.

To Adam Yetts, Jun'r and Johannis Pruyn, Jun'r, a piece or lott of ground lying to the southward of a lott of ground formerly sold to said Yetts and said Pruyn, where they have now a tan yard, containing to the southward along a small creek called Fountain creek which runs to the foxes creek three rodd and nine feet, from thence westerly to a stake drove in the ground six rodd, from thence northerly to the rear line of the abovementioned lott where the tan yard stands three rodd and nine feet, all Rynland measure, for which they agree to pay six pounds.

To Jacob Ten Eyck a lott of ground lying to the westward of the city of Albany on the south side of the foxes creek, being part of the flatt or plain where Jan Maase made bricks, beginning on the east side by an old burnt stump of a tree, running westerly along the foxes creek as said creek runs six rodd, from thence southerly towards the hill to a stake drove in the ground, from thence easterly to another stake drove in the ground six rodd, from thence northerly to the place where first begun ten rodd, all Rynland measure, for which he is to pay fifteen pounds.

To Gerrit Lansingh and Hendrick Vandeusen a water lott lying behind the lott belonging to the Dutch church, now in the possession of Dr. Petrus Van Driesen, containing in breadth before and behind seventy-five foot, in length to low water mark, to leave a street betwixt the 1<sup>st</sup> lott in the possession of Dr. Van Driesen and 2<sup>d</sup> water lott of three rodd Rynland.

1736, July 31. The lott of ground sold to Johannis Wyngaert the 18th day of May last not measuring so much as there expressed, this board have this day agreed with said Wyngaert for said lott, containing along the street from the north bounds of a lott formerly sold to

Jan Winne, dec<sup>d</sup>, ranging on the same course twenty-five foot, from thence up the hill seven rodd, from thence southerly to the line of the afores<sup>d</sup> lott sold to said Jan Winne, dec<sup>d</sup>, twenty-nine foot, from thence along said lott to the place where first begun at the street eight rodd, all Rynland measure, for which s<sup>d</sup> Wyngaert agrees to pay seventeen pounds by the delivery of the deed.

Resolved that the mayor in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute a deed for the same and affix the city seal thereto.

1736, August 30. This board ordered a caveat to be enter'd in the Secretary's office that no Patent might pass for any low land at Tienenderoge till the mayor, aldermen and comonality be heard thereupon and give their reasons.

This board ordered another caveat to be entered in the Surveyor General's office to hinder the return of a warrant of survey till the mayor, aldermen and comonalty be heard thereupon, which was in the words following:

The mayor, aldermen and comonalty of the city of Albany desire that Jan Wemp or any other person or persons may not have any warrant of survey returned by the Surveyor General for any part of the low land lying at Tienenderoge in the Mohawks country in the county of Albany, untill the mayor, aldermen and comonalty be heard thereupon and give their reasons.

This board agreed w<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Egbertse to enter the one caveat at Dr. Colden's office and to put up the other in the Secretary's office at New York for which he is to have twenty shillings.

Whereas the Inhabitants of the second ward are inclined to build a Market house where the old Block house stood, between Abraham Lansinghs and Jan Maase's, which this board permitts them to do and allow six pound for promoting of the same, and orders the Treasurer to pay said sum to Cornelis Cuyler and Johan's E. Wendell, Esqs., as soon as the roof is put on the same.

This day a warrant was drawn on the Treasurer to give to Johan's Seger six skipple of wheat.

1736, Sept. 20. This day sold to Abraham Fort a piece or parcel of wood land scituate, lying and being at Schaahkook in the county of Albany, beginning at a large white oak tree standing about one hundred yds. from the Indian burying place; running easterly to the foot of the hill, thence southerly along the foot of the hill three hundred and fifty yards, thence westerly to the Indian fence two hund<sup>d</sup> yards, thence northerly along s<sup>d</sup> Indian fence to the place where first begun, to make up the quantity of six morgans and no more, for which he is to pay four pounds in the month of January 1737.

This day sold to Philip Winne a certain piece or parcel of wood land lying at Schaahkook in the county of Albany, not to exceed forty morgans, beginning where the Road comonly called Planke Patt comes in to Hudsons river right over Sam'l Doxy's house, running easterly along said Planke Patt to the foot of the hill, thence southerly along the foot of the hill till it comes opposite to the northernmost point of an Island lying in Hudsons river, called Stoney Island, thence westward to said Hudson's river, and so along said Hudson's river northerly to said Planke Patt where first begun; together with a certain flatt or piece of low land on the north side of Planke Patt till it comes to a small Kill or Creek, which is the southernmost bounds of Jan Christianse's land along s<sup>d</sup> River, for which s<sup>d</sup> Philip Winne agrees to pay thirty pound in manner following, to witt: Ten pound in May 1737, ten pound in May 1738, and ten pounds in May 1739, and six Sk: of wheat of yearly rent in the months of January or February for ever. The first payment to begin in January or February 174 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Resolved that the mayor on behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute deeds for the above mentioned pieces or parcels of land and affix the city seal thereto.

1736, Sept. 29. This day sold to Johannis Knickerbacker a certain piece or parcel of wood land; scituate, lying and being at Schaahkook in the county of Albany, containing twelve morgans, beginning where the old In-

dian foot road that leads from Schaahkook to Twightkook meets a small run of water at the foot of the hill, thence northward along the foot of the hill six hundred yards, thence westward two hundred yards, thence southward to the a<sup>d</sup> run of water six hundred yards, thence eastward along s<sup>d</sup> creek to the place where first begun two hundred yards, to make in the whole twelve morgans and no more. For which said Johan's Knickerbacker agrees to pay eighteen pounds, that is to say, nine pounds the first day of May next, and nine pounds the first day of May 1738.

Resolved that the mayor on behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute a deed for the same and affix the city seal thereto.

Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of the city of Albany being the day appointed for the electing of aldermen, assistants and constables for s<sup>d</sup> city, the following persons were chosen, viz:

*First Ward*—Johannis Tenbroeck and Gerr. v Benthuysen, for aldermen; Isaac Boghaert and Hend'k Bries, assistants; Johan's J. Lansingh and Wessel V. Schaick, constables.

*Second Ward*—Hans Hansen and Johan's Roseboom, Jun'r, aldermen; Johannis Glen and Douwe Fonda, assistants; Gerrit Wyngaert and Peter S. Bogardus, constables.

*Third Ward*—Leendert Gaansevoort and Ryckart Hansen, aldermen; Anthony Bratt and Peter P. Schuyler, assistants; Harme Gaansevoort and Johannis Jacobse Lansing, constables.

Johannis Spoor was appointed high constable for the year ensuing.

Barent Bratt was chosen city chamberlain for the year ensuing and ordered to enter into bond w<sup>t</sup> surety as usual.

1736, Oct. 4. Edward Holland, Esq., mayor, desired of the Comon Council that they would forbear requiring the paym<sup>t</sup> of his bond of twenty pound, payable the first day of this instant, till the first day of next ensuing October, and that he pay no interest for the same, which

the Comon Council agree to and desire the same may be entered in their minutes.

The Comon Council agreed to give Jacob Ten Eyck time to the fourth day of next October for the payment of the two lotts he bought the 31st day of July last, being twenty-seven pounds, for which he has this day given bond accordingly.

1736, Oct. 5. The mayor laid before this board copy of a Petition and Order of Council for this Corporation to be heard before the Council at New York on Thursday the 14th instant, on the Caveat entered by this Corporation against Jan Wemp's obtaining a Patent for the land at Tienenderoge.

Whereupon it is Resolved that this board think it absolutely necessary and for the advantage of this city that the mayor repair to New York as soon as possible in order to act, transact and forward all matters and things for the advantage of this city, and to defend the Corporation's right to the lands at Tienenderoge, with full power and authority to imploy Council learned in the Law, for their advice and assistance, and to give to such Council such reasonable fee or reward as he shall think proper and necessary, not to exceed twelve pounds.

Resolved that the mayor shall have eight pounds for his trouble and that he shall be further allowed ten shillings per day for the time he is necessitated to stay at New York on the city affairs after the 17th instant, and in case the mayor shall expend any money upon necessary occasions in this affair, that the s<sup>d</sup> charges shall be paid clear and exclusive of his allowance for his trouble.

Ordered that Barent Bratt advance twenty pound to the mayor for which he is to be accountable at his return.

Johannis Seger and Zechariah Zieckelsie agreed with this board to be watchmen for six months, to commence the 14th instant, upon the same conditions as before.

Ordered that Mr. Henry Koster give to Johannis Seger a Lanthorn for the use of the Watch, for which the Treasurer is to pay six shillings. £0:6:0

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Johan's Seger for



his trouble in cleaning the water Engine, . . . £0:6:0

Resolved by this board that a comon road be left on the west side of the lott sold to Johannis Tenbroeck and Peter Dewandelaer the 31st day of July last past, of one and a half rodd Rynland measure, for a free passage over the foxes creek.

Resolved that the mayor take w<sup>t</sup> him to New York the original Charter of the city of Albany in case he should have occasion for it, in defending the city's right to the land at Tienenderoge.

Johannis Dewandelaer delivered to this board a Petition to purchase twenty morgans of land at Schaahkook on the south side of Tamhenicks creek.

Resolved that the same be taken into consideration.

1736, Nov. 12. This Board ordered Ryckart Hansen and Anthony Bratt to go to Schaahkook and view the parcels of land that Johan's Dewandelaer, Lewis Viele and Nicholas and Wouter Groesbeeck have severally petitioned for, and to bring Report of the quality, quantity and boundaries of said three parcels of land, and to order the Petitioners to be here on fryday next to treat about the same.

The following persons were chosen fire masters:

*First Ward*—Jacob Claes van Woert and John Eaton.

*Second Ward*—Luykas J'se Wyngaert and Guilley Verplanck.

*Third Ward*—Jacob Wendell and Abram Boghaert.

An order was drawn on Bar<sup>t</sup> Bratt to pay to Joh's Seger eight pound and to take his bond payable the 14th October next, w<sup>t</sup> interest.

1736, Nov. 20. This day was sold to Nicholas Groesbeeck and Wouter Groesbeeck a certain piece or parcel of land lying at Schaahkook in the county of Albany, on the south side of Tamhenick creek, beginning at a bitter nutt tree which is about one hundred yards to the westward of the west end of the pasture ground now in the possession of the said Nicholas and Wouter Groesbeeck, and which said pasture ground lyes on the north side of said Tamhenicks creek, running from said bitter nutt

tree south-westerly along the foot of the hill till a point of said hill meets s<sup>1</sup> creek and so along s<sup>d</sup> creek as the creek runs to the place where first begun, containing in the whole about five or six morgans, more or less, together with the privilege of running their fence from the opposite part of the west end of the Pasture now in their possession over the ridge of a hill (that lyes between) to the said bitter nutt tree, for which they agree to pay eighteen pounds, that is to say, nine pounds in the month of May now next ensuing, and nine pounds in the month of May seventeen hundred and thirty-eight, as also the yearly rent of two fatt hens in the month of January or February, the first payment to begin in January or February seventeen hundred thirty-seven and eight.

This day sold to Lewis Viele a certain piece or parcel of land lying at Schaakook in the county of Albany on the south side of Tamhenecks creek, beginning almost opposite to a place comonly called the Kleyne Clay Hill which lyes on the north side of said creek, running along the foot of the hill circularly till said hill meets the said creek, which is between two or three hundred yards from a fall in said creek, and so along said creek to the place where first begun, containing about six or seven morgans, for which he agrees to pay eighteen pounds, that is to say, nine pounds in the month of May next, and the other nine pounds in the month of May seventeen hundred and thirty-eight, as also the yearly rent of two fatt hens in the month of January or February, first payment to begin in January or February seventeen hundred thirty-seven and eight.

This day sold to Johannis Dewandelaer a certain piece or parcel of wood land lying at Schaahkook in the county of Albany, on the south side of Tamhenicks creek, beginning about fifty yards lower down the creek than where Louis Viele's bounds of the land this day sold him begins, so running south-westerly along the foot of the high hills, which high hills are about six hundred yards from the creek, and so along the foot of the hills till it comes over against where John Burton used to live, and

so along said creek as the creek runs to the place where first begun, reserving a road of fifty yards broad near where Joh's Quackenboss has his tan pitts, for which he is to pay forty pounds, viz: twenty pounds in the month of May next and twenty pounds in the month of May seventeen hundred and thirty-eight, as also the yearly rent of two fatt hens in the months of Jan'ry or Feb'ry, the first payment to begin in Jan'ry or Feb'ry seventeen hundred thirty-seven and eight. The quantity of land contained w<sup>i</sup>n s<sup>d</sup> bounds is supposed to be twenty-five or thirty morgans, more or less. Resolved that the mayor in behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute deeds for the three parcels of land above mentioned and cause the city seal to be affixed to the same.

Drawn an order on Barent Bratt to pay to John Heaton six shillings.

The clerk wrote a letter to Barnardus Bratt, by order of Comon Council, forbidding him or his brother to threaten or molest Simon Danielse in his possession. They further acquainted him that he could not but know that the land whereon he lived belong'd to them and that if he did not come down and agree w<sup>t</sup> them, they would eject him.

173<sup>8</sup>, Feb. 18th. This day Jan Wemp appeared before this board and desired to agree with the mayor, aldermen and comonalty for a certain piece or parcel of low land lying at Tiennenderoge in the Mohawks country, now in the possession of the said Wemp, beginning at a certain Rock called Ostagrigo, on the south side of the Mohawks river, and so running up along said river till it comes to the stump of a white pine Tree, from thence with a streight line towards the Hills over the Indian burying place, as the fence now runs to a small kill or creek, thence along the said creek as it runs to the said rock where first begun; for which he agreed to pay the yearly rent of one skipple of good and merchantable winter wheat in the month of January or February yearly, first payment to begin the January or February after the said mayor, aldermen and comonalty

execute a lease for said land. For performance of which agreement the said mayor, aldermen and comonalty are to enter into articles of agreement w<sup>t</sup> him interchangeably to be executed.

This day the mayor, aldermen and comonalty sold to Hugo Viele a certain piece or parcel of land lying at Schaahkook on the west side of Tamhenicks creek under the hill where the comon road runs over, running along under the foot of the hills over the ridge of a hill that stretches into said Tamhenicks creek, and so along the foot of the hills to the westermost bounds of Nicholas and Wouter Groesbeeck's land, containing all the land betwixt the said creek and the bounds above described, which is by computation about five morgans of low land besides the upland or ridge of the hill abovementioned, for which said Hugo Viele is to pay twenty-two pounds, to witt, eleven pounds by the delivery of the deed and eleven pounds on or before the first day of May 1738, and also the yearly rent of one couple of fatt hens in the month of Jan'ry or Feb'ry yearly. Resolved that the mayor on behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute a deed for the same and affix the city seal thereto.

1737, April 30. This day the following ordinances were renewed and published, viz :

- 1 For regulating Carmen and Porters.
- 2 For regulating the Markets.
- 3 For the Masters of Vessels.
- 4 For cleaning the streets.
- 5 For paving the streets.
- 6 For preventing disturbances on the Lord's day and regulating Negroes.

The mayor, aldermen and comonalty agreed with John Bell to be common whipper for this city for one year, to commence on Munday next, being the second day of May for the sum of twelve pounds for one year, to be p<sup>d</sup> by the Corporation at two payments, and three shillings for every person, white or black, he shall whip. The master, mistress or owner to pay for the slaves. For due performance of his office he has given a note under his hand for twenty pound.

1737, May 2. The Comon Council order a Letter to be writt and sent to the Representatives of the city and county of Albany, which was in the words following:

Gentlemen: Whereas some years past a Petition from the Justices of the city and county of Albany, in their sessions was laid before the Assembly, praying leave to bring in a bill to the house for building a Gaol for said city and county, which hitherto has had no effect, we pray you may present s<sup>d</sup> Petition again, being a Court House and Gaol is absolutely necessary, insomuch that Justice cannot be duly executed for want thereof, your care and diligence herein will much oblige, Gentlemen.

1737, June 27. This day the mayor, aldermen and commonalty resolved to make an entertainment for the Governour and some company at Mrs. Kitcheners on thursday the thirtieth instant, and accordingly sent for Mrs. Kitchener and agreed with her to pay two shillings and sixpence for every man that eats there.

1737, July 16. This day sold to Douwe Fonda a lott of ground scituate, lying and being in the second ward of the city of Albany, ranging on the same course with the lower row of houses on the east side of the pearle street, beginning three rodd and three feet from the corner lott belonging to Jan Maase, and so keeping the same distance of three rodd and three feet for the street as far as the above sold lott runns, which is to the length of one hundred foot Rynland measure, containing in breadth on the front fifty feet, in length on both sides one hundred feet Rynland measure, and in breadth on the rear fifteen foot wood measure, for which lott of ground as above described the said Douwe Fonda agrees to pay ninety pounds New York money in manner and form following, that is to say, thirty pounds the first day of May next ensuing, thirty pounds more the first day of May then next ensuing, and thirty pounds, the last payment to compleat the said sum of ninety pounds the first day of May seven-teen hundred and forty, for which he is to give his bond.

Resolved that the mayor in name of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute a deed for said lott of ground and affix the city seal thereunto.

1737, August 29. Resolved and order'd by this board that the street between Hendrick Ten Eyck's Guilleyne Verplanck's and Johannis Bleecker's be so that both sides meet with a drain in the middle; also the street between Anthony van Schaick's and Johan's Beekman to the east corner of the house of Schieboleth Bogardus and the lott belonging to Cor's Cuyler, be paved in the same manner by the inhabitants, freeholders and citizens whose houses or lotts front said street, on or before the first day of October now next ensuing, under penalty of forty shillings for every week after the s<sup>d</sup> first day of October that the same streets shall remain unpaved. Ordered that the marshall of this city serve a copy of this resolution on every citizen, inhabitant and freeholder whose buildings or lotts of ground front s<sup>d</sup> streets.

Resolved that Johannis Tenbroeck be allowed twenty shillings to make a bridge in the Yoncker street on the east side of the well opposite to the widow Livingston's.

Allowed to Anthony Bratt for making a bridge near to the Dutch church, five pounds and two shillings.

Allowed to Anthony Bratt and Jesse Deforeest three pounds twelve shillings, for one year's salary for keeping the roads in repair to the 26 June last.

1737, Sept. 12. Whereas on the eighteenth day of February last past, Jan Wemp agreed with this board for a certain piece or parcel of low land lying at Tienenderoge in the Mohawks country, now in the possession of the s<sup>d</sup> Wemp (as in and by the minutes of that day may appear), for the yearly rent there mentioned, and the said land being now surveyed by Major Jacob Glen, who swore y<sup>t</sup> to the best of his skill and capacity s<sup>d</sup> survey was exactly made, and that the same is bounded and contains as followeth, viz: Beginning at the north-west corner by the River, running from thence south eighty-two degrees east, twenty-six rodd, thence south sixty-seven degrees east twenty-one rodd, twenty-seven degrees west thirty-two rodd, thence south forty-five degrees east fifty rodd, thence north sixty-five degrees east twenty-eight rodd and one half rodd, thence north

seventeen degrees thirty minutes east sixty rodd, thence south seventy-nine degrees east twenty-eight rodd, thence north thirty degrees east thirteen rodd and one half rodd, thence north sixty-nine degrees east sixty-seven rodd, to Drills Cripple Bush, thence north fifty-five degrees west ninety-nine rodd to the River, and so along the river to the place where first begun, containing in the whole twenty-two morgans Rynland measure and no more, for which the s<sup>d</sup> Jan Wemp agreed to pay twenty-two skipple of good and merchantable winter wheat in the month of January or February yearly, and also covenanted to pay one skipple of wheat as afores<sup>d</sup> for every morgan of land which may hereafter happen to be found to be contained in the above mentioned piece or parcel of low land.

Sold to Abraham Lansingh a small piece or triangle of ground, beginning at the north-west corner of his house and so running westerly on the same course with his house twenty-seven feet in length, at the end of which twenty-seven feet it is two feet and one half foot broad, from thence with a streight line to the north-west corner post of his fence, for which he agreed to pay forty shillings.

Sold to Dirck Tenbroeck a certain small piece of ground, beginning near the north-east corner of his now dwelling house, and so running to where his gate now stands, containing in breadth two feet and in length thirty-one feet, for which he agreed to pay forty shillings.

Resolved that the mayor or the mayor, aldermen and comonalty, execute deeds for the abovementioned ground to the abovementioned persons and affix the city seal to the same, and that Jan Wemp give bond under penalty of five hundred pounds for performance of his part of his agreement.

1737, Sept. 28. This day the Comon Council made an ordinance concerning the electing of two constables in each ward, and laying a fine on any inhabitant who may be chosen for constable or any other office, and that shall deny, neglect or refuse to serve as a constable or

other officer after being duly chosen or appointed thereto and was as follows, viz:

Be it ordained by the mayor, aldermen and comonalty, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the inhabitants of each ward within this city do meet in the most publick and usual place of meeting in their respective wards, and there by majority of voices elect and choose two able and sufficient inhabitants of their respective wards to serve as constables for the year ensuing and till others be appointed and sworn in their place.

Be it further ordained by the authority a<sup>d</sup> that if any person or persons whatsoever being an inhabitant w<sup>i</sup>n this city shall deny, neglect or refuse to serve as a constable or other officer w<sup>i</sup>n this city, being duly chosen or appointed thereto, shall for every such denial, neglect or refusal forfeit and pay the sum of six pounds to be recovered in any court of record to be held within this city for the use of the corporation.

1737, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter this being the day appointed for electing of aldermen, assistants and constables to serve for the year ensuing, the following persons were chosen, viz:

*First Ward*—Johannis Tenbroeck and Johannis Vanderheyden, aldermen; Hendrick Bries and Isaac Boghaert, assistants; Roeliff Kidney and Harme Bogardus, constables.

*Second Ward*—Hans Hansen and Johannis Roseboom, Jun'r, aldermen; Douwe Fonda and John Glen, assistants; Jacob Bogardus and Isaac Verplanck, constables.

*Third Ward*—Leendert Gaansevoort and Ryckert Hansen, aldermen; Anthony Bratt and Peter Schuyler, assistants; Jacob Pruyn and Peter Dewandelaer, constables.

The Comon Council appointed Johannis Js: Lansingh, high constable. Barent Bratt, city chamberlain, and order'd him to enter into bond with security as usual.

1737, Nov. 8. The Comon Council appointed the following persons fire masters for the year ensuing, viz:

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*First Ward*—Peter v. Alen, Luykas Wyngaert, Jun'r.

*Second Ward*—Barnardus Harsen, Abraham A. Lansingh.

*Third Ward*—Jacobus Schuyler and Gerrit J'se Lansingh.

1737, Nov. 12. This day sold to Jurie Scherp a small Vley or meadow lying at Schaahkook in the county of Albany, scituated easterly from the now dwelling house of the s<sup>d</sup> Jurie Scherp, beginning under the foot of a hill by a black oak tree standing at the south-west end of said hill, running westerly about one hundred yards to a pitch pine tree, from thence northerly about four hundred yards to another pitch pine tree, thence easterly about one hundred and fifty yards to a white oak tree under the foot of said hills to the place where first begun, containing about six morgans or twelve acres, more or less, for which he agrees to pay twelve pounds the first day of November next, for payment whereof he is to give bond. Resolved that the mayor on behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty, execute a deed for the same and affix the city seal thereunto.

1737, January 14. Reyer Gerritse and Barent Bratt, exe'rs of the last will and testament of John Rosie, late of the city of Albany, dec<sup>d</sup>, appeared before this board and acquainted them that the s<sup>d</sup> John Rosie, by his said last will and testament, bequeathed to Roeliff Kidney twenty-five pounds to pay for the lott of ground whereon his dwelling house now stands, on condition the mayor, aldermen and comonalty convey said lott of ground to him the s<sup>d</sup> Roeliff Kidney and his heirs. The lott contains in length one hundred and twenty foot, in breadth thirty-seven foot and a half; bounded on the south by the house and lott of Gerrit Bratt and Barnardus Bratt, on the east the street on the north the house and lott of Jacobus Radliff, charges and writing to be paid out of s<sup>d</sup> twenty-five pounds. Resolved that the mayor on behalf of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty execute a deed for the same and cause the seal of the s<sup>d</sup> city to be thereunto affixed.

The following Petition was delivered into the Comon Council:

To the worshipful mayor, aldermen and comonalty of the city of Albany in comon council convened. The humble Petition of Jacob Boghaert most humbly sheweth:

That whereas there is a piece of unimproved ground belonging to the city of Albany, lying on both sides of foxes creek on the south side of the Middle Bergh, beginning where a small creek called the Snider creek runs into s<sup>d</sup> foxes creek, and so running along both sides of s<sup>d</sup> foxes creek till another small creek from the Middle Bergh runs into s<sup>d</sup> foxes creek.

Your worships Petitioner humbly prays that if said piece of unimproved ground be to be disposed off, your petitioner humbly prays that he may be permitted to treat w<sup>t</sup> your worships for the same, being willing to purchase the same at a reasonable price. And your worships Petitioner shall ever pray. JACOB BOGHAERT.

1738, March 28. Resolved by this board that Barent Bratt, the city treasurer, sell to the inhabitants of this city, who shall require it, one hundred skipple of wheat, whereof each family shall have but three skipple, and that he keep an exact account of every person's name that he sells the same to, and that he take no more than three shillings per skipple, but it must be ready money.

1738, June 3. Resolved by this board that Barent Bratt, city treasurer, sell to the inhabitants of this city one hundred and fifty skipple of the wheat belonging to this corporation at 3s. 3d. per skipple ready money, and that he keep an exact acco<sup>t</sup> of the names of the persons to whom he sells it, and that no family have more than one bag.

1738, July 8. The following Petition was deliver'd unto the Common Council:

The humble Petition of Nicolas Groesbeeck of Schaakook in the county of Albany, Humbly sheweth, that whereas there is a fall of water upon Tamheneck creek at Schaakook, commonly called the fourth fall, fit to

erect a saw mill on, your Petitioner prays that your worships would grant unto him the reversion of the said fall together with one morgan of land on each side of the said creek and a right to cutt saw logs on the lands belonging to the said city at Schaahkook aforesaid near the said fall, on such reasonable terms as your worships and he shall best agree. And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

NICOLAS GROESBEECK.

Resolved by this board that Leendert Gansevoort and Dowe Fonda go and view the fall petition'd for by Nicolaes Grosbeek and the land near it, that they may be able to report to the comonality what land and quantity logs there is near said fall.

Resolved by this board that Barent Bratt, city treasurer, sell to the inhabitants of this city one hundred skeple wheat belonging to this corporation at 3s. 3d. per sk: ready money, and that he keeps an exact acc<sup>t</sup> of the names of the persons to whom he sells it, and that no family have more than one bag.

Peter Viele haveing made application to this board to make a dam a little above the mill on Lewis's creek, which is granted him accordingly.

Maria Bratt, widow, pursuant to the tenor of her Indenture w<sup>t</sup> the mayor, aldermen and comonalty offer'd to them the refusal of her farm for three hundred and ten pounds, payable in three years. Resolved by this board that the s<sup>d</sup> Maria Bratt may sell her farm to any other person under the same restriction as she bought it, this board not being inclined to purchase the same.

1738, Sept. 1. The following Letter was wrote to Collo. Ph. Schuyler, Collo. Jer. Renselaer, Capt. Peter Winne, Capt. Rob<sup>t</sup> Livingston, Jun'r, and Arent Bratt, Esq., members for the city and county of Albany, viz:

Gentlemen: We are now to desire the favour of you to lay before the assembly the Petition of the Justices of the city and county of Albany sent to you some years ago, setting forth the necessity we ly under of having a new City Hall built for s<sup>d</sup> city and county, which has lain dormant ever since.

As you well know the absolute want there is of a City Hall, we earnestly hope you'll lay it before the house and use your endeavour to promote the same and gett a bill past for that end.

Ordered Barent Bratt, the treasurer to sell the remainder of the wheat belonging to the Corporation at three shillings per skipple, and that he keep an acco<sup>t</sup> of the names of y<sup>e</sup> persons to whom he sells, and that no person have more than one skipple at a time.

The following Petition was sent to the General Assembly, viz :

To the Honourable General Assembly of the province of New York. The humble Petition of the mayor, aldermen and comonalty of the city of Albany humbly sheweth,

That your Honours Petitioners humbly conceive that it would greatly contribute to the ease and benefit of the inhabitants of the city and county of Albany, if the Excise of said city and county was lett to farm to y<sup>e</sup> corporation of the city of Albany, and whereas your worships Petitioners are willing to farm the same for the year ensuing at the same rate that it was lett for this present year, Your Honours Petitioners humbly pray they may be admitted to farm the same as afores<sup>d</sup>.

1738, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of the city of Albany, this being the day appointed for the electing of aldermen, assistants and constables for s<sup>d</sup> city, and also for appointing a chamberlain, the following persons were chosen, viz :

*First Ward*—Johannis Tenbroeck and John Schuyler, Jun'r, aldermen; Isaac Boghaert and William Waldron, assistants; John Bratt and Andries van Woert, constables.

*Second Ward*—Hans Hansen and Johan's Cuyler, Jun'r, aldermen; Douwe Fonda and John Glen, assistants; Johan's Joh'se Beeckman and Egbert Egbertse, constables.

*Third Ward*—Leendert Gansevoort and Ryckart Hansen, aldermen; Anthony Bratt and Gerrit C. Vandenberg, assistants; Anthony Ten Eyck and Hend'k Hansen, constables.

Barent Bratt was appointed chamberlain for the year ensuing and order'd to enter into bond w<sup>th</sup> security as usual.

Adriaen Bratt was appointed high constable.

1738, October 28. John Lyndesay, Esq. produced a comission under the broad seal of the province of New York constituting him high sheriff of the city and county of Albany, and took the oaths appointed by law and also the oath for the due execution of his office.

The following persons were appointed fire masters, viz:

*First Ward*—William Hogan, Jun'r and Jacobus v. Valkenburgh.

*Second Ward*—Johan's Beeckman, Jun'r and Johan's G. Roseboom.

*Third Ward*—Abraham Douwe and Cornelis Ten Broeck.

1739, April 21. The following Petition was delivered into Comon Council:

The humble Petition of Evert Saxby humbly sheweth, That your Pet'r is inclinable to purchase from your Wors'ps a small piece of ground lying on a northerly Branch of the Beavers creek, provided your Wor'ps shall think fitt to sell the same to your Pet'r.

Therefore your Pet'r most humbly prays your Worships to take the premises into your consideration and to admitt your Pet'nr to treat with you at your next meeting relating the same, and your Pet'r will pray, &c.

EVERT SAXBY.

Resolved to take the above Petition into consideration.

1739, April 30. The following Petition was delivered into Comon Council:

The humble Petition of Johannis Quackenboss most humbly sheweth, That your Worships Pet'nr is inclinable to purchase a small piece of pasture ground lying at Schaahkook, containing about two morgans, lying on the south side of his dwelling house and the north side of the road that leads to Stone Arabia, provided your W'ps think fitt to sell the same.

Your W<sup>ps</sup> Pet<sup>nr</sup> most humbly prays that you will be pleased to take the same into consideration and admitt your Pet<sup>nr</sup> to treat ab<sup>t</sup> the prem<sup>s</sup>, and y<sup>r</sup> W<sup>ps</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Resolved by this board that whereas the Comon Council at their last meeting laid a mulct of six pence for every horse, cow, &c. that should be impounded in the new pound made by the Min<sup>r</sup>, Elders and Deacons of the Dutch church. considering that the said mulct is too little, inlarge said mulct or fine to eighteen pence for each offence.

Resolved by this board that Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Clarke be presented with his freedom of this city and that the mayor set the city seal thereto and sign it on the one hand and the clerk on the other.

Evert Saxby appeared before this board and pursuant to his Petition delivered in at last meeting agreed for the piece of ground then petitioned for, for the yearly rent of six shillings, to be paid on the first day of May yearly, first paym<sup>t</sup> to begin the first day of May 1745. Not to be sold by him, his heirs or assigns, unless refusal at the lowest price be first given to the mayor, aldermen and comonalty, and if his peaceable possession be interrupted by war no rent is to be paid for the time he is hindered or disturbed.

1739, May 12. This day the Common Council sold to Abraham Fort a piece of wood land lying at Schaahkook for the consideration of three pounds, to be paid the first of February next, containing about four morgan.

Sold to Isaac ffort a piece of wood land lying at Schaahkook, for the consideration of three pounds twelve shillings, payable the first day of February next, containing in the whole about six morgans.

Sold to Johannis Ouderkerk, for the consideration of fifteen pounds, a piece of wood land lying at Still Water on the east side of Hudson's river, containing in the whole about ten morgan.

Sold to Johannis Quackenboss, for the consideration of seven pounds, a small Vley or Meadow lying at Schaah-



next ensuing and the other six pounds the first day of May 1741, a certain lott of wood land scituate, lying and being to the westward of the city of Albany on the south side of the Ruyten kill.

1739, Sept. 6. The mayor, aldermen and comonalty this day bought from Thomas Williams for and in consideration of thirteen pounds ten shillings, a certain lott of ground on the east side of the city of Albany over against the lotts of Albert Ryckman, dec'd and Jacob Boghaert, containing in length and breadth five rodd eight foot and a half.

Drawn an order on Barent Bratt, the treasurer, to pay to the said Thomas Williams thirteen pounds ten shillings the consideration mentioned above.

1739, Sept. 28. Memorandum, That whereas Abraham Fort of Schaahkook, yeoman, made his complaint to this board that part of his land for which he pays an yearly rent to this corporation was washed away some years ago, yet he has punctually paid the full rent for the same hitherto, but prays he may be eased for the future according to the quantity lost.

This board Resolved that as soon as the said Abraham Fort makes appear what quantity is lost he shall be eased for a proportionable share of the rent.

1739, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of this city this being the day appointed for electing aldermen, assistants and constables, for s<sup>d</sup> city and also for appointing a chamberlain, the following persons were chosen and appointed:

*First Ward*—John Schuyler, Jun'r and Gerrit v. Benthuysen, Esq's, aldermen; William Waldron and Robert Lansing, assistants; Richard Martin and Jacobus Van Benthuysen, assistants [sic].

*Second Ward*—Johannis Cuyler, Jun'r, and Johan's Roseboom, Jun'r, Esq's, aldermen; John Glen and Jacob H. Ten Eyck, assistants; Johannis Joh's<sup>e</sup> Lansingh and Jacob Ab: Lansingh, constables.

*Third Ward*—Leendert Gansevoort and Ryckart Hansen, Esq's, aldermen, Anthony Bratt and Johan's Quack-



enboss, assistants; Jacob Boghaert, Jun'r and Hendrick Van Ness, constables.

Barent Bratt was appointed city chamberlain for the year ensuing and ordered to enter into bond w<sup>t</sup> security as usual.

Hendrick Hansen was appointed high constable.

1739, Oct. 27. Henry Holland, Esqr. produced a comission under the broad seal of the Province of New York constituting him high sheriff of the city and county of Albany and took the oaths appointed by law and for the due execution of said office.

The following order was made, viz:

Whereas complaint has been made to this board that there lyes a great many stones and rubbish in the narrow lane between Jacob Vischer and Jacob Lansingh's, this board doth hereby order the said Jacob Vischer and Jacob Lansingh to said stones and rubbish to be carried away on or before the tenth day of November next under the penalty of twenty shillings for every week said stones and rubbish shall be in s<sup>d</sup> lane after the s<sup>d</sup> tenth day of November next. Ordered that Jacob Vischer and Jacob Lansingh be each served with a copy of this rule.

Johannis Lansingh and Jacobus Kidney appointed fire masters for the first ward. Michael Bassett and Hendrick Gerritse appointed fire masters for the second ward. Cornelis Van Ness and Adam Yates appointed fire masters for the third ward.

1740, April 8. The mayor haveing acquainted this board that Collo. Henry Van Rensselaer haveing an action depending in the Supreme Court of the Province of New York has desired the said mayor to attend at New York with the originall Charter of this city to give evidence. To which this board agreed.

1740, May 13. Resolved by this board that a fire engine be sent for of the same size with that the city now hath, and that the mayor with any two of this board agree with some proper person to send for one from England as cheap as they can and by the first oppertunity.

Ordered that Barent Bratt sell to the inhabitants of

this city one hundred sk: wheat at 2s. 3d. per sk: ready money, not above 3 sk: to one family, and that he keep a particular acc<sup>t</sup> of the same.

Ordered that seven pounds ten shillings be paid towards the repair of the market house in the joncker street, and that the mayor order the same to be put in repair.

Ordered that three pounds be paid for the market in the Lower street, and that Leendert Gansevoort and Rykaert Hansen order the same to be shingled and keep an acc<sup>t</sup> thereof.

Order'd that five shillings be paid for repairing the well in the second ward.

Order'd that a new house be made for the fire Engine by the directions of the mayor.

Order'd that advertisements be putt up, for any persons who inclined to make the fence or any part thereof round the pasture laid out behind the fort.

1740, July 16. Resolved by this board that the land behind the fort be laid out in acre lotts and that Philip Livingston, Jun'r do the same, for which he is to have two pistoles, and that Anthony Bratt and Johannis Seger carry the chain and drive the stakes att the corner of each lott.

Joh's W. Quackenboss deliver'd an acc<sup>t</sup> for work done to a bridge and well, amounting to two pounds six shillings and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pence, which was allowed and an order drawn on the treasurer to pay the same.

William Hogan, Jun'r desired this board to give him liberty to build a small shed opposite to his house; this board grants him leave to build the same and remain there during the pleasure of this corporation.

This day sold to Philip Livingston, Jun'r all the vacant ground lying in the first ward of the city of Albany on the plain between the lott of ground formerly sold to the Rev. Thomas Barclay and the house and lott of ground now in possession of Andries Bratt, as far as s<sup>d</sup> Bratt's lott extends eastwards, and that the mayor execute a deed for the same, for eighteen pounds to be paid in two payments, the first on the first day of July 1741, and the

other on the first day of July 1742, for which s<sup>d</sup> Livingston is to give notes.

1740, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of this city, this being the day for electing aldermen, assistants and constables, and also for appointing a chamberlain, the following persons were chosen and appointed:

*First Ward*—Gerrit Van Benthuyzen, Esq. and Joha's Marselis, aldermen; Robert Lansing and Johan's Van Veghte, assistants; Benjamin Hilton and Isaac Verplank, constables.

*Second Ward*—John Cuyler and John Roseboom, Jun'r, Esq., aldermen; John Glen and Jacob H. Ten Eyck, assistants; Robert Sanders and Philip Hansen, constables.

*Third Ward*—Rykaert Hansen, Esq. and Gerret C. Vanden Bergh, aldermen; Anthony Bratt and Simon Veeder, assistants; Johannis Ja. Lansing and Abraham Js. Fonda, constables.

Johannis Ten Broeck was appointed city chamberlain for the year ensuing.

Richard Martin was appointed high constable.

1740, Oct. 14. This day sold to Barent Bratt a piece of ground lying in the foxes creek on the east side of a lott of ground formerly sold by this corporation to Jillis De Garmoy, Harmanus Wendell, David Groesbeek and Johannis De Garmoy, and stretches from the said lott along the creek twenty-five feet, thence southerly with a streight line ten rodd, thence westerly twenty-five feet to the lott of ground abovementioned, thence northerly along said lott to the place where first begun, for which he is to pay three pounds five shillings on the mayor's executing a deed for the same. Resolved that the mayor for the time being shall execute to s<sup>d</sup> Bratt a deed for the said lot of ground and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

It appeared to this board that Philip Hansen lives in the manor of Renselaerswyck, it is ordered that the person who was next in the number of votes be sworn constable.

It also appeared that Richard Martin is Sub-sheriff, wherefore Jacobus Van Benthuyssen was appointed High constable.

1740, Oct. 31. John Schuyler Jun'r, Esq. produced to this board a comission under the broad seal of the Province of New York, constituting him mayor and clerk of the market for the city of Albany, and coroner for the city and county of Albany for the year ensuing, and took the oaths appointed by law and for the due execution of said offices.

1740, pmo. Nov. Resolved by this board that the seal of this corporation shall not be affixed to any deed or any other instrument whatsoever except in comon council.

Johannis Kidney and William Hilton, Jun'r were appointed fire masters for the first ward; Dowe Ja. Fonda and William Guy Vanden Bergh were appointed fire masters for the second ward; Teunis Vischer and Johannis Yeates were appointed fire masters for the thrd ward.

This board agreed with Joh's Seger and Zacharias Ziekelse to be Bellmen for the year ensuing, to cry the hour at the usual places every night from ten o'the clock at night till four in the morning, for which they are to have the same sum as last year, but if they perform not their parts as above, then it is agreed they shall have nothing.

1740, Nov. 18. Whereas disputes have often arisen concerning the votes of severall persons who lodge in one ward of this city and exercise their trade, called or occupation in another ward, it is Resolved by this board that all such persons as aforesaid shall for the future chuse and be chosen for city officers in the ward wherein they use their calling, trade or occupation only, and not where they lodge as aforesaid.

1740, Dec. 27. Upon application made by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Henry Barclay to this Board for a parcell land lying in the Mohawks country, given by the Indians to said Mr. Barclay, containing about 9 or 10 morgans, this board

resolves that a deed be executed to the said Mr. Barclay, his heirs and assigns for s<sup>d</sup> land under the reserved yearly rent of one skiple good winter wheat per morgan after the same is surveyed, which is to be done the next Spring.

Ordered that a warr<sup>t</sup> be drawn on the chamberlain to pay Anthony Bratt fifteen shillings.

174<sup>o</sup><sub>I</sub>, January 12. A Petition of Abra. Lansingh, Jun<sup>r</sup> for a small spot of ground near his Father's was read, which this board refers to farther consideration.

Ordered that the block house near Maritje Gerritse's be put in repair to keep the watch in, and that Isaac Bogaert do the same.

Resolved that this corporation find wood and candles for the watch.

1741, April 7. Resolved that the treasurer of this city send down money to pay the Quit Rent due from the city for their Charter and the Schaahkook patent, and that a rec<sup>t</sup> be taken for the same to 25th March last.

1741, April 24. Ordered that the clerk write to Mr. Nicolaes Schuyler to come down to survey lands for this city at Schaahkook.

Ordered that the clerk put two advertisements that this corporation design to put out the new Pasture on the hill in small parcels for a term of years, and that all persons inclined to take any of the same may come and agree with the Comon Council this day week.

1741, April 27. Resolved and agreed with Mr. Nicolaes Schuyler to run round the bounds of Schaahkook patent and the release from the patentees of Saraghtoge to the city, and that he makes a draught of the same, for which he is to have twelve pounds.

Resolved that Rich<sup>d</sup> Hansen, Esq. and Mr. Anthony Bratt go with Mr. Schuyler.

1741, May 8. Resolved that this corporation make a present of eight pounds to the church at Schaahkook, and that the clerk draw an order on the chamberlain to pay the same to Mr. Lewis Viele, . . . . . £8:0:0

That Johan's Seger be allowed for his services for Bellman for 6 months, . . . . . 8:6:0

Zacharias Ziekelse for do. service, . . .	8:6: 0
That Anthony Bratt be allowed for his ser- vices on the survey to Schaahkook, for 7 days at 6s. per day, . . . . .	2:2: 0
To his Son at 3s. . . . .	1:1: 0
That Richard Hansen, Esq. be allowed for his attendance on the survey 7 days at 6s. . .	2:2: 0
for his Negro man at 3s. . . . .	1:1: 0
for Butter bought at Schaahkook, . . . .	0:2:11

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£31:0:11

Resolved that the clerk draw an order to pay the same.

This day sold to Evert Sixbury the lott of ground lately belonging to Abraham Vosburgh, for £26: £6 ready money and the remaining £20 in 4 years, with an annual reserve of 3s. per annum.

1741, August 25. An ordinance was published, viz: Be it ordained by the worshipfull mayor, aldermen and commonality of the city of Albany, in Comon Council conven'd, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That whereas disputes have arisen in this city concerning the electing of constables within the same, and it appears to us that it is necessary that two constables be yearly chosen in each ward within the same, it is hereby ordained by the authority aforesaid, that on the twenty-ninth day of September next shall be chosen in each respective ward within this city two petty constables, of which the aldermen present shall make their return with the rest of the officers. Dated in Albany, y<sup>e</sup> 25th August, 1741.

1741, Sept. 25. This day a Corporation Law was made to prevent masters of vessells from bringing strangers into this city without giving due notice. Vide Book of ordinances.

1741, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of this city, this being the day for electing aldermen, assistants and constables, and also for appointing a chamberlain, the following persons were chosen and appointed:

*First Ward*—Johannis Marselis and Hendrick Cuyler, aldermen; Robert Lansingh and John Van Veghte, assistants; John Williams and Henry Ten Broeck, constables.

*Second Ward*—John Roseboom, Jun'r and Jacob Ten Eyck, aldermen; John Glen and Jacob H. Ten Eyck, assistants; Philip Hansen and Abraham Lansingh, Jun'r, constables.

*Third Ward*—Gerret C. Van den Bergh and Gerret Lansingh, aldermen, Anthony Brat and Simon Veeder, assistants; Gerret G. Lansing, Jun'r and Cornelis Guys. Van den Bergh, constables.

Joh's Ten Broeck was chosen and appointed city chamberlain for the year ensuing and ordered to enter into security as usual.

Joh's Seger was appointed marshal for the ensuing year.

1741, Nov. 12. The following persons were appointed fire masters for the year ensuing:

*First Ward*—Robert Barret, Joh's M. Flensburgh.

*Second Ward*—Nicolaes Bleeker, Jun'r, Jacob Glen.

*Third Ward*—Jan Winne, Harme Hun.

1741, Nov. 23. John Depeyster, Esq. produced to this board a comission under the great Seal of the Province of New York constituting him mayor and clerk of the market of the city of Albany, and coroner for the city and county of Albany for this ensuing year, and took the oaths by law appointed and for the due execution of his respective offices.

Mr. Depeyster being sworn, the Comon Councill resolves that the city seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except in Comon Councill, lycences to tavern keepers only excepted.

1741, Nov. 28. Resolved that the chamberlain sell the remainder of the city's wheat in his custody to the poorer sort of people at 4s. per sk. ready money and not above 3 sk. to one family, and when they are supplied to sell the remainder at 4s. 9d. to other persons and not above 3 sk. to one person, and that he do not sell the same till Tuesday in the afternoon.

The corporation agreed with Johannis Seger for his service in cutting firewood, making fire and warming the six watches of volunteers from the 15th January last, till the 15th January next, for £9 and 1 pr. shoes and at the same rate for shorter or longer time.

1741, Dec. 15. Ordered that the clerk draw a warrant to Joh's Ten Broeck, city chamberlain, to pay Joh's Seger the sum of one pound ten shillings.

Ordered that the clerk make out a writt ag<sup>t</sup> John Borghaert and Ryck<sup>t</sup> Hansen, and sign the same in behalf of the Comon Council.

This board make a calculation of what Stockadoes were wanting, and desired each inhabitant, by their marshal, to ride a certain number in case of need.

174 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Jan'y 16. Agreed that Johannis Wyngaert supply the watch kept in the first ward of this city with fire wood at 2s. 6d. per load, to be delivered at the block house. That Guilleyn Verplank supply the watch kept in the second ward at the same rate, and Anthony Bratt the watch kept in the third ward.

The following clause was added to the ordinance for the due observation of the Lord's day and the regulating of negro slaves: Be it further ordained, by the authority a<sup>d</sup>, that no person or persons, whether free or slave, of age or not of age, shall presume to fetch water out of the river or any of the wells or fountains within this city in time of divine service or preaching on the Lord's day, upon penalty of one shilling, to be paid by the master, mistress or parents of such slaves, bondmen or children as shall presume to transgress this law, or else to be put in the stocks not exceeding six hours; to be recovered or punished before the mayor, recorder or any one of the aldermen of this city for the use of the constable or any other person complaining of the same.

1742, March 29. The mayor laid before this board a Letter from his Hon'r the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gov'r, desiring him to request the corporation to pay the cartidge of some canon and other warlike stores sent from New York to this place for the use of the fort, not doubting but the Assem-



bly at their next meeting will allow and repay the same.

Resolved that the above cartidge be paid out of the money belonging to this corporation, and that the charge thereof be laid before the Assembly at their next meeting.

Resolved that Alderman Roseboom and Aldermen Van den Bergh take an acc<sup>d</sup> of the stores abovementioned.

Resolved that the block house in the first ward, near the house of Joh's Wyngaert, be put in repair.

1742. April 26. This board agreed with John Bell to be public whipper for this city. To whip all offenders when and as often as he shall be thereunto required by the authority of this city, for the sum of twelve pounds per annum, to be paid each half year; he is also to whip the slaves of any person, when desired, for the customary fees, his time to commence pmo. May, and if he does not execute said office to the satisfaction of this corporation, then to be paid off by the time pro rato.

1742, May 8. Ordered that the treasurer pay Jacob Ten Eyck, Esq. two pounds for 60 boards which he bought for the use of a block house and 2s. 6d. for  $\frac{1}{2}$  a gall. Rum, and that the clerk draw an order on the treasurer to pay the same.

Ordered that the treasurer pay John Roseboom, Jun'r, Esq. one pound two shillings and eight pence for an acc<sup>t</sup> of sundries, and that the clerk draw an order on the treasurer to pay it.

Ordered that the treasurer sell 50 sk. wheat belonging to this corporation, at 3s. 6d. per sk. to poor people, 3 sk. to a family, and only to such as have a note from the mayor, recorder or any of the aldermen.

This board agreed with Johannis Flensburgh to sett up 300 Stockadoes, to dig and put them in the ground as usual, to fix them to laths and sqare them as they ought to be, and not to leave on any of the bark.

1742, May 13. Whereas the Bakers of this city have made complaint to this board that they can not afford their bread according to the ordinance published on the 26 ultimo, therefore this board have taken it into consideration and agree that the Bakers make their bread of

the weight and for the price hereunder-mentioned: A loaf of the finest flour to weigh 1 lb. for 2d. A loaf of do. 2 lb. for 4d. A wheaten loaf, the coarsest bran only taken out, to weigh 3 lb for 4d. Do. 6 lb. for 8d.

1742, Aug. 21. This board sold to Isaac Fryer a piece of ground lying upon the plain behind his lott, for which he is to pay five pounds when the deed is executed for the same and five pounds a year after, for which last five pounds he is to give his note, and he is to pay for the deed. The deed is to be executed the next fall and the mayor is to execute the same in behalf of the corporation and to fix the seal thereto.

1742, August 28. This board agreed with William Bromley, that he should have the house upon the Gallows hill in which Samuel Drury now lives, for one year, for which he is to pay ten shillings and to keep the house, stable and fence in good repair.

This board appointed Gerret C. Vanden Bergh and Johannis Van Veghten to go with the Jury who are to view the premises in the action of the corporation ag<sup>t</sup> Barnardus Bratt, and that they hire a Battoe and hands to carry up some evidences and necessarys for the Jury, and they are to gett provisions at Simon Daniels's, for which they are to be paid and likewise for their trouble, what is reasonable.

A petition of Luykas Joh's Wyngaert was read, praying to purchase from this corporation a piece of ground lying to the westward of a lott formerly sold by this corporation to Barent Sanders, in the first ward of the city near Evert Wendell's house, which this board takes into consideration and think it inconvenient to sell the same, as being too near the Fort.

1742, Sept. 21. This board allowed Johannis Flensburgh the sum of sixteen pounds two shillings in full for an account of £16:6:10, and five shillings for another account to said Flensburgh and ordered that the clerk draw an order on the treasurer to pay the same.

This board agreed with Jacobus Kidney for a piece of ground lying and being in the first ward of this city, on

the plain behind or to the northward of the lott of ground on which he now lives, for which he is to pay ten pounds eleaven shillings and the mayor is to execute a deed for the same in behalf of this corporation, for which said Jacobus Kidney is to pay and for writing the same.

1742, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of this city, this being the day appointed for electing aldermen and assistants and constables, and also for appointing a chamberlain and marshal, the following persons were chosen and appointed:

*First Ward*—Hendrick Cuyler and John Marselis, aldermen; John Van Veghten and Robert Lansingh, assistants; Peter Jones and Joseph Yates, constables.

*Second Ward*—John Roseboom, Jun'r and Jacob Ten Eyck, aldermen; John H. Ten Eyck and John R. Bleeker, assistants.

*Third Ward*—Gerret C. Van den Bergh and Gerret Lansingh, aldermen; Anthony Bratt and Gerardus Groesbeek, assistants; John Wittbeek and John Gansevoort, constables.

Johannis Ten Broeck was appointed chamberlain.

John Witbeek was appointed high constable and Johannis Seger was appointed marshal for the year ensuing.

1742, Sept. 30. The following ordinance was published :

Whereas the ordinance formerly made by the mayor, aldermen and comonality of this city for the electing two constables in each ward of the city is expired by its own limitation, it is hereby ordained by the mayor, aldermen and comonalty of this city that on the 29th day of September next 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.

And whereas the inhabitants of the second ward of this city have neglected to chuse constables on the 29th instant, it is hereby ordained by the authority aforesaid, that the aldermen of the said ward shall to-morrow, be-

ing the first day of October, hold an election for two petty constables for said ward, and the persons that shall then be chosen and elected, shall be obliged to serve the said office as well as if they had been chosen on the 29th September aforesaid.

And be it further ordained that for the future, upon the death, removal out of the city, refusall to serve, or other disability hapning to any constable or constables, who are already or shall hereafter be elected for the city of Albany, that the mayor, aldermen and comonality in Comon Council convened, shall order and appoint such convenient time as they shall think proper throughout the year for the inhabitants of said city in such respective ward or wards where such vacancy shall happen, to meet together and make another election untill the usuall time for electing, which inhabitants are hereby authorized to make such election in manner and form as is used in the anneversary election, and which constable or constables so chosen and elected shall be chosen and have power to execute their respective offices as fully and in like manner as if they had been elected and sworn at the anneversary election.

And be it further ordained by the authority aforessid, that if any person or persons that are or hereafter shall be elected to serve as constable, and shall neglect or refuse to serve in the same office shall pay a sum not exceeding five pounds fine, and if any person that is or hereafter shall be appointed high constable by this corporation and shall neglect or refuse to serve in said office, he shall also pay a sum not exceeding five pounds, and upon refusall to pay the said money that then it shall be levied by distress on the goods and chattles of the person so neglecting or refusing to serve, by warrant of the mayor under the seal of this city, directed to any or all the constables of this city; which fine shall be paid to the treasurer of this city for the publick use of the same. Dated in Albany the 30th September, in the sixteenth year of his Maj's reign, 1742.

1742, Oct. 4. This board sold Jacobus Hilton a piece

of ground lying in the first ward of this city on the plains behind the lott on which he now lives, for which he is to pay at the same rate that Isaac Fryer agreed for his, and the mayor is to execute a deed for the same and affix the city seal thereto in behalf of this corporation.

This board agreed with Robert Lansingh to keep the fire Engine in order and repair at 26s. per annum.

This board appointed the mayor, recorder, Gerret Vanden Bergh and Jacob Ten Eyck a committee to advise with the attorneys about the law suit with Barnardus Bratt.

1742, Oct. 6. This board allowed a sum to shingle every market house in this city, such a sum as will be requisite to do the same, provided it does not exceed eight pounds to each market house.

The Comon Councill ordered that Hendrick Van Ness be reimbursed for what he advanced at New York for an examplification of a patent granted by Collo. Ingoldby to Eghbert Teunisse, &c.

This board Resolved that a street shall remain for the publick use of this city to the north of the house and lott of Abraham Lansingh in the second ward of this city, the whole length of his lott, the street to be 45 broad.

1742, Oct. 14. Cornelius Cuyler, Esq. produced to this board a comission under the great Seal of the Province of New York, constituting him mayor and clerk of the market for the city of Albany and coroner for the city and county of Albany for the year ensueing year, and took the oaths by law appointed and for the due execution of his respective offices.

1742, Oct. 28. John Depeyster, Esq. delivered to the present mayor the city papers and seal, except three papers which he says are in the hands of Mr. Benj. Nicoll, and a copy of an Indian Purchase of Saraghtoge; the deeds Mr. Nicolls are viz:

From Mr. Henry V. Renselaer to the corporation for lands at Schaahkook, dated 18th Aug<sup>t</sup>, 1699.

A Patent from Gov'r Fletcher to s<sup>d</sup> Renselaer, dated 29th March, 1698.

A Deed from Simon Danielse for rent of a Water Run, dated 28 feb. 171<sup>g</sup>.

Resolved by this board that the city Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument relating to the Comon Council of this city or to which they are parties, except in Comon Council.

Agreed with Leendert Gansèvoort for the fore part of his house in the third ward of this city with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, from this time to the first day of May next, for 40s. and he to pay the tax.

This board resolves to drink the King's health on Saturday next at the house of John Waters.

1742, Nov. 16. Ordered that the clerk draw a warrant on the treasurer to pay John Depeyster, Esq. two pounds for so much money Hendrick Van Ness paid at New York for the use of the corporation for an exemplification of a patent granted to Eghbert Teunise, &c.

Ordered likewise that the clerk draw a warrant on the treasurer to pay Peter Winne, Esq. five shillings for so much he paid for the copy of an Act of Assembly.

The following persons were appointed fire masters for the ensuing year:

*First Ward*—Sybrant A. Van Schaick and Gerret Joh's Lansing.

*Second Ward*—Robert Sanders and Barent Ten Eyck.

*Third Ward*—Jacob Jo. Groesbeek and Eghbert B. Eghbertse.

1742, Nov. 27. Mr. Nicolls delivered to the mayor the four written instruments mentioned in the minutes y<sup>e</sup> 28 October last.

The following Letter was wrote to his Honour the Lieut. Governour:

May it please your Hon'r,

Sir—Pursuant to the directions of an Act of Generall Assembly of this Province, we transmitt to your Honour a draft of the city of Albany for your Honour's approbation which was delivered to us according to the directions of said act by the gentlemen by whose direction the same was made, we desire if your Honour approve of the same

that you would be pleased to signify your approbation as soon as conveniently may be, that we proceed therein as the s<sup>d</sup> Act directs. We are.

This board allowed Johannis Seger 10s. for his and his two sons' trouble in chain bearing, and order the clerk to draw an order on the treasurer to pay the same.

1742, Dec. 24. This board rec'd a Letter from his Honour the Lieut. Governour in answer to theirs of the 27th of last month, wherein he approves of the draft of the city of Albany then sent down to him.

1742, Dec. 28. This board doth compute that four thousand Stockadoes are wanting and necessary to be gotten in order for the finishing and completing the fortifications of this city.

Guyleyn Verplank petitioned for a pice of ground in the foxes creek; this board resolved that said petition be taken into consideration at a future meeting.

This board allowed Johannis Flensburgh an account of 3 new chairs and mending some old, the sum of 11s. 7½d. and order the clerk to draw an order on the chamberlain to pay the same.

Johannis Wittbeek, who was chosen one of the constables for the third ward of this city being dead, this board order that the aldermen of said ward do keep an election for another constable for said ward on Friday next at the usual place.

This board allowed 1s. 6d. to Hester Beekman for ½ days work of her Negro man and order the clerk to draw an order on the treasurer to pay the same.

1743, January 6. This board Resolved that the chamberlain write to the persons hereunder named to come and pay what they owe to the corporation by the first of February next, which if they neglect to do, then the mayor order them to be prosecuted for the same: Jochim Ketelhuyn, Philip Winne, Arent Vandyck, Dowe Fonda, Maria Winne, Marte Dellemont, Jochem Ketelhuyn, Peter Benneway, Peter Doxy, Leend<sup>t</sup> Van Veghten, Hugo Viele, Peter Viele, Volkert Douwe.

1743, March 9. Anthony Bratt designing in a few

days to go to Schaahkook, this board agreed with him to view some loggs that Abraham Fort has cutt there on the lands belonging to this corporation with order, and the loggs that Harme Van Veghten has cutt without order, and that he tell the said Veghten that unless he pays 1s. 3d. for each logg, he must expect to be putt to trouble.

Ordered that s<sup>d</sup> Bratt have 3 sk. wheat for his trouble herein.

174 $\frac{2}{3}$ , March 16. Simon Danielse presented a petition to this board for a piece of land at Schaahkook and a run of water, he being inclined to purchase the same, which this board refers for farther consideration.

Mr. Bratt being returned from Schaahkook, says that Harme and Teunis Van Veghten have cutt 62 saw loggs in the city's right and Abraham Fort about 80. This board resolves that the mayor take from them one shilling for each logg.

Teunis Van Veghten informed this board that Abraham Fort has cutt 97 saw loggs in the city's right.

174 $\frac{2}{3}$ , March 18. Harme Van Veghten, Teunis Van Veghten and Marte Winne petitioned this board for priviledge to build a mill on the second fall on Tamhenick creek at Schaakook and to cutt saw loggs in the city's right, which priviledges they incline to hire from s<sup>d</sup> city.

This board agreed with Harme Van Veghten, Teunis Van Veghten and Marte Winne for priviledge to build a saw mill on Tamhenick creek at the second fall on said creek, with priviledge of the water Run on said creek as is necessary for said mill, also priviledge to ly their saw loggs and boards convenient near the mill and priviledge to cutt 400 saw loggs yearly on the lands belonging to the said city, which priviledge they and their heirs and assigns to have from this day for twenty years to come, they or their heirs, executors, adm'rs paying for the same yearly to this corporation ten pounds, the first payment to be made the 18th day of March, 174 $\frac{2}{3}$ . They are not to saw more than the said 400 loggs yearly on the said



mill, and at the expiration of the 20 years the mill with all the appurtenances are to belong to this corporation in the same order it is in before they saw the last loggs upon it; and in case the said saw mill should happen to come down, they or their heirs or assigns shall have leave to build a new one under the same restrictions and rent that is abovementioned, and that as often as any such accident shall happen, that they are to pay the tax for said mill during the said 20 years. That in case of a French or Indian war, so that they can't saw loggs upon said mill, they are not to pay any rent during such time.

Teunis Van Veghten petitioned for a piece of land at Schaahkook, which was referred to farther consideration.

1743, April 11. Mr. Roseboom and Mr. Bratt having been at Schaahkook to view a parcell land petitioned for by Simon Danielse and another by Teunis Van Veghten, bring their returns of the same upon paper.



The clerk was ordered to draw on the Treas'r to pay the foll'g sums:

To Mr. Ed. Collins for a fee ag <sup>t</sup> Ja. Glen ab <sup>t</sup> the Court house,	£1:10
To Joh's Myndertse for iron work to the stocks,	7
To Mr. Roseboom and Mr. Bratt for going to Schaachkook to view lands, each 20s.	2: 0

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1743, April 20. This board sold Simon Danielse a piece of ground lying at Schaahkook, containing about 25 morgans, for which he is to pay ten pounds upon executing of the deed, and twelve skiple of good merchantable Winter wheat yearly for ever, on the 20th April, the first payment to be made the 20th April 1746; he is also to pay for the deeds. He is not to make any other

mill on the creek q<sup>t</sup>. within the bounds of this land than a Griss mill and not to boalt any flour ground on said mill for sale.

This board drew up a Petition to the members of the Assembly in General Assembly convened, viz<sup>t</sup>:

The Humble petition, &c., Humbly sheweth,

That whereas your Petitioners by an Act of the General Assembly passed in the present sixteenth year of his majesties reign, were impowered to assess a sufficient number of Stockadoes on the inhabitants of this city and to put the same in a posture of defence, your petitioners have accordingly in every article proceeded according to the directions of the said Act, as far as their ability reaches, but your Petitioners beg leave to represent to the Honourable House the great hardships they labour under, being oblidge by the said Act to make all the necessary fortifications directed by the same at the charge of the city only, which we declare we are not able to do, and therefore pray the the Hon'ble House to consider how very reasonable it is that the county of Albany at least should assist this city, which is really the frontier of all North America, and it is very plain and evident that this is the only place if fortified as it ought to be, that must and can protect the people of the county with their wives and children in case of a french war, and prevent the enemy from overrunning the whole country, which must evidently be the case if the city is left defenceless.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Honourable House to take into consideration and to pass an Act, that the sum of three hundred pounds be raised as speedy as may be, upon the inhabitants of the city and county of Albany (except Schinechtady and the Mohawks river) in the same proportion as the quota was last year divided, to enable your petitioners to proceed in the fortifying the said city, which said sum of three hundred pounds will however come very far short of what will be wanted.

1743, April 21. This board compounded with Maria Winne for 160 sk. wheat she owes this corporation, for

which they have agreed to take £18, for which sum her son Marte Winne has passed his bond payable in two years.

1743, May 3. This board ordered the clerk to draw an order on the treasurer to pay to Kiliaen Van Renselaer £13:12:3, for a p. of ground he sold to this corporation, lying near the Dutch church:

Ordered that the clerk draw an order on the treasurer to pay John Bell £6, for the last half year service as publick whipper, to the first instant.

This board agreed with John Bell for the year ensuing to be publick whipper upon the same terms he agreed last year for twelve pounds, and said Bell agreed with this board that they pay £3:10 of his salary for the year to come to Mr. Depeyster, and £1:10 to Jacob Ten Eyck, and to Elizabeth Van Olinda £3 for house hire for the year to come for said Bell, and that their respective rec'ts shall be a discharge to the corporation for so much of his salary as those sums amount to.

1743, June 18. This board allowed an acc<sup>t</sup> of Leendert Gansevoort for a barrel beer, 18s. and for house hire 40s. and ordered the clerk to draw an order on the treasurer to pay the same.

1743, June 20. This board ordered the clerk to draw an order on the treasurer to pay Schiboleth Bogardus 6s. Johannis Knickerbacker for his trouble to come down from Schaachkook, 12s., and to Anthony Bratt 9s. for his trouble to fetch down said Knickerbacker.

The following Letter was wrote to Collo. Philip Schuler:

Collo. Schuyler: Sir—Although severall complaints have been made to you as Colonel, that most of the watches in this city are very negligently kept, and some do not watch at all, and it was hoped you would have given the necessary orders herein, yet no orders have been given, we are of opinion that if stricter orders are not given to the Captains, that you had better order them to give over watching entirely, that we might know what we have to depend on, and take the necessary reso-

lations accordingly. We desire you will signify your intentions herein. We are.

1743, June 30. The mayor executed a deed to Symen Danielse for a piece of ground at Schaashkook, sold him 20th April last.

1743, July 12. This board ordered the mayor to execute a deed to Jacobus Hilton for a piece of ground sold him by this corporation on the 4th of October last, being broad twelve feet ten inches and an half English measure, and the same length as expressed in the minutes of that day and bounded in the same manner, wherefore he is to pay four pounds twelve shillings.

Resolved that the clerk draw an order on the chamberlain to pay Cornelia Schuyler £1:19:2, for the ballance of an ace<sup>t</sup> of her husband, deceased, and 2s. to Cornelius Bogaert.

1743, July 13. Resolved that this board allow £6 towards repairing a well near the English church in the first ward and laying a drain from the spring near the fort, which is to be paid to Hend'k Cuyler when the work is done. The work is to be finished before the first of October next.

This board Resolved that the aldermen of the second ward order a drain to be made in the street from opposite to the house of Jacob Ten Eyck to the street at Gerrit Marselius house, at the charge of the corporation.

Resolved that a bridge near the house of Mrs. Kitchiner be repaired at the charge of the corporation.

1743, July 30. Robert Lansing was appointed the sealer or stamper of weights and measures in this city, and was sworn to seal or stamp all weights and measures pursuant to the ordinance this day published relating thereto, according to the best of his knowledge.

The city weights and liquid measures were accordingly delivered to the said Robert Lansingh.

1743, Aug. 13. Gerret Lansingh and Anthony Bratt agreed to sett up the Stockadoes from the gate as you go to Schinechtady to the top of the hill in the pasture of Elbert Gerritsae along the line of the city as it was

last laid out to be fortified, for ten pence half penny each Stockadoe, that is to say: To square them on two sides, take of all the bark, put them three feet in the ground, and work a ribb into them three feet from the topp, and to putt a large pinn in every Stockadoe thro' the ribb; to make them square under and sharp above, and to make loop holes at such convenient distances as the mayor, recorder, and aldermen shall direct, for small arms.

Guysbert Vanden Bergh agreed to sett up 600 Stockadoes for 12d. each in the manner abovesaid, to begin at the south side of the fort and so towards the Ruten Kill.

This board agreed with William Bromley that he keep the house he now lives in another year, and that the rent of last year and the year to come be given him for the repair of said house, for which he is to repair the roof.

1743, Aug. 18. Barnardus Bratt agreed with this board to sett up 500 Stockadoes, beginning from the Blockhouse that stands behind the lime kiln of Luykas Hooghkerk and so along the line of the city so far until it takes up 500 Stockadoes to putt them in the same manner as agreed with Ger<sup>t</sup> Lansing the 13th instant, for 100 whereof he is to have 12d. and for the remaining 400, each 10½d.

Lambert Redliff, Evert Sixbury and Peter Jones and William Hilton, Jun'r agreed to sett 500 Stockadoes for 10½d. each, in the manner abovesaid, to begin upon the plain as they shall be directed by the mayor, recorder and aldermen.

This board agreed with Kiliaen Winne to remove the block house that stands in the pasture of Elbert Gerritse, lower down as he shall be ordered and to make a new roof and to find all the materials that shall be wanting to said block house, for the sum of thirteen pounds four shillings.

1743, Sept. 26. The mayor and aldermen directed two warants to the sheriff under their hands and seals to summon two Jurys, the one to appraise the ground of Elbert Gerritse and the other the ground of Wilhellmus Vanden Bergh, on which the fortifications of this city

are directed to be built, they not being willing to sell the same at a reasonable price. As also a warrant for a jury to apprise the ground of the heirs of Cornelius Van Schelluyne.

1743, Sept. 27. Pursuant to the warrants directed by the mayor and aldermen to the high sheriff on the 26th instant, the Jurys viewed and appraised the ground of Elbert Gerritse at thirty pounds.

The ground of Wilhellmus Vanden Bergh at eleven pounds ten shillings.

The ground of the heirs of Cornelius Van Schelluyne at four pounds.

1743, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of this city, this being the day appointed for electing aldermen, assistants and constables and for appointing a chamberlain and marshal, the following persons were chosen and appointed:

*First Ward*—Johannis Marselis and Jacob C. Ten Eyck, aldermen; John Van Veghten and Philip Livingston, Jun'r, assistants; John Jo. Wendell and John Fryer, constables.

*Second Ward*—Jacob Ten Eyck and Nicolaes Bleeker, Jun'r, aldermen; John H. Ten Eyck and John R. Bleeker, assistants; John M. Roseboom and Philip Hansen, constables.

Gerret C. Vanden Bergh was chosen and appointed chamberlain for the ensuing year.

John Jo. Wendell was appointed high constable.

Johannis Seger was appointed marshal.

1743, Oct. 4. This board agreed with John Visher for twenty English feet front of the west part of his lott in the foxes creek for the sum of thirty-two pounds; one half to be paid him at the delivery of the deed and the other half thereof pmo. May next.

1743, Oct. 12. This board agreed with Johan's Lansingh, Jun'r for a part of his pasture in the first ward of this city, being the south part thereof, which said Lansingh promises to release to this corporation for the sum of sixteen pounds, to be paid in six months.

The mayor and aldermen directed warrants to the sheriff to summon Jurys to appraise the ground of the heirs of Abraham Kip and Philip de forest, of Margret Livingston and of David Verplanck, necessary to erect fortifications on.

1743, Oct. 15. The jury sworn to appraise the possessions of Margret Livingston appraise the damages to fourteen pounds ten shillings.

The possessions of David Verplanck and damages to fourteen pounds ten shillings.

The possessions of the heirs of Abraham Kip and Philip deforest to five pounds.

Margret Livingston's is fourteen feet and a half in front and twenty-six feet and an half rear.

That of David Verplank 16 feet on the west side of his pasture and twelv feet five inches on the east.

That of the heirs of Abraham Kip and Philip deforest one foot and two inches on the west side of the pasture, and seven feet and seven inches on the east side.

1743, Oct. 25. This board ordered the clerk to draw an order on the chamberlain to pay Anthony Bratt and Gerret Lansingh the sum of £28:7:10½, being in full for the one half of an account of £56:15:9, the other half is to be paid next spring.

A warrant was directed to the sheriff to summon a jury to appraise the ground of Evert Wendell, as also another to appraise the ground of Rutger Bleeker, Nicolaes Bleeker and Hendrick Bleeker.

This board addressed His Excell'cy Governour Clinton, a copy of which address is as follows:

To his Excellency George Clinton, Esq., Captain Generall and Commander in Chief of the province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America, and Vice Admirall of the same, &c., The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the city of Albany in the Colony of New York in America:

May it please your Excellency!

We the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of his Majesties Loyal City of Albany take this opportunity to

congratulate your Excellency upon your and your families safe arrivall at New York, the Metropolis of your Government, where we sincerely wish your Excellency and family may long enjoy health and happiness.

We can not sufficiently acknowledge the goodness and fatherly care of our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King George the Second towards us, in that it hath pleased him to send your Excellency to govern us, who have so early and earnestly expressed your good intentions to make the welfare and happiness of this Colony your chief care and study, for which kind and tender expressions we make your Excellency our gratefull and sincere acknowledgements.

We as the frontier city of this Colony, in case of a french war will stand in need of great share of your Excellencies care and vigilance, which we assure ourselves your Excellency will with pleasure bestow upon us.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency that we will allways make it our business, as we know it is our duty, to do what in us lies to make your Excell'cys administration easy and happy.

Voc Aro.

May it please your Excellency.

1743, Oct. 26. The Jury appraised the ground of Evert Wendell at thirty pounds, and the ground of Rutter Bleeker, &c. at thirty-six pounds.

A warrant was drawn on the treasurer to pay Lamb<sup>t</sup> Redliff and Evert Sixbury each four pounds.

The following ordinance was published:

Whereas severall evil minded persons have presumed to cutt, pull down and carried away of the old Stockadoes of this city without authority so to do, for the preventing whereof for the future, Be it ordained by the mayor, aldermen and commonality in Common Council convened, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that if any person or persons shall presume to cutt, pull down or carry away any of the old Stockadoes of this city, lying and standing or being in and about the same, without order from the Common Council of this city, such person or persons shall forfeit for every such



offence the sum of forty shillings for the use of this corporation, to be recovered before the mayor, recorder or any of the aldermen of this city. Dated in Albany, y<sup>e</sup> 26th October, 1743.

This board agreed with Anthony Bratt to remove the block house near the City Hall to the place where the powder house stands upon the plain, and to putt it up there, to find all the materials necessary, to mason the stone of the foundation above the ground with lime, to put a new roof of squared white pine boards thereon, to mason the pipe of the chimney above the house with lime and to make it of hard bricks, and to make draws before the port holes below, and to finish all compleat, for which he is to have thirteen pounds four shillings.

1743, Nov. 12. The following persons were appointed fire masters for the currant year:

*First Ward*—Andries Van Woort, Johannis F. Mynertse.

*Second Ward*—John Glen, Niclaes Cuyler.

*Third Ward*—Peter D'Wandelaer, Gerret Ja. Lansingh.

1743, December 7. Whereas John Cortney desires by writeing, under his hand and seal, that Jacob C. Ten Eyck may have title for the lott of ground he the said John Cortney bought of this corporation pmo. September 1739. This board resolves that title be given to the said Jacob C. Ten Eyck, his heirs and assigns for said lott of ground upon his payment of £7, yet unpaid upon said lott of ground, and that the mayor execute a deed in behalf of this corporation for the same.

Peter Vielen petitioned this corporation for ten morgans of land lying on both sides of Lewis's creek and for the stream of the said creek for a mill. Resolved that his petition be taken into consideration.

This board agreed with Robert Lansingh, Barnardus Hartsen and Michael Basset, that they shall manage the fire engine in case of fire, and always be ready upon any occasion that it may be wanted. They are each to make a key to open the lock of the shed that the engine stands in and to place the keys in some parts of their houses

where it may be found when they are absent, for which they are to have each 6 sk. wheat per annum.

1743, Dec. 20. This board agreed with Jacob Wendell for four pounds for the ground on which the block house stands, being four feet and an half in front and twenty-six feet and an half rear.

This board agreed with Jacob Glen for £45, to be paid the first of May next, for a lott of ground he bought of Abraham Lansingh, Jun'r, lying on the Rense bergh.

174 $\frac{3}{4}$ , Feb. 7. This board agreed with Abraham Lansingh for priviledge to cutt 20 or 25 gutters at Schaachkook, for which he is to pay 1s. each.

Ordered that the clerk draw an order on the chamberlain to deliver Joh's Seger 6 sk. wheat.

174 $\frac{3}{4}$ , feb'y 21. Resolved that the land of the heirs of Dirk Van Veghte and the Forts at Schaahkook be surveyed; as also ten morgans land Peter Viele petitioned for, lying at Schaahkook on bot sides of Lewis's Killetie.

1744, May 21. Resolved that Eva Vandriese have 12 acres of land of this corporation upon Tienondoroge flatts for 6 sk. wheat per annum, and that after John Bleeker shall have surveyed it and a draft thereof made, a deed be executed for the same by this corporation.

N. B. This piece of land lyes between the land granted by this corporation to Abraham Cuyler and that granted to Peter Brower.

1744, June 9. This day the mayor executed in Common Council to Jacob C. Ten Eyck a deed pursuant to the minutes of the 7th December, 1743.

1744, June 9. Resolved that his Excellency and the gentlemen that attended him from New York, be asked to dine at the house of Will. Peters on Saturday next.

1744. Johannis Pruyn, Johannis W. Quackenboss and Anthony Bratt being sent for according to the directions of an Act of Assembly entitled an Act for the more effectual fortifying the city of Albany, to agree for so much of their ground as the fortifications of this city are directed to be built upon, who all appeared at this board and as the price can not be agreed upon, it is Resolved

that warrants issue directed to the sheriff to summon jurors to appraise the same according to the said Act of Assembly.

Resolved that an order be drawn on the treasurer to sell 185 sk. of the cities wheat at 3s. and not above 6 sk. to a family for ready money.

1744, June 28. John Waters, Thomas Floyde, Peter Bogaert and Ahasuerus roseboom being sent for according to the direction of an Act of Assembly, entitled an Act for the more effectual fortifying the city of Albany, to agree for so much of their ground as the fortifications of this city are directed to be built upon, who all appeared at this board, and as the price can not be agreed upon, it is Resolved that warrants issue to the sheriff to summon jurors to appraise the same according to the said Act of Assembly.

Resolved that an order be drawn on the treasurer to pay Barnardus Bratt £10, in part of Stockadoes.

1744, July 4. Coenradt Ten Eyck, Gerrit Lansing and Christopher Yates being sent for according to the directions of an Act of Assembly, entitled an Act for the more effectual fortifying the city of Albany to agree for so much of their ground as the fortifications of this city are directed to be built upon, who all appeared at this board, and as the price can not be agreed upon, it is Resolved that warrants issue to the sheriff to summon jurors to appraise the same according to the said Act of Assembly.

Resolved that the clerk draw an order on the treasurer to pay Volkert van Hoesen for 19 days' work at 6s., £5:14, and to Johannis Seger 1 bag wheat.

Harme Van Veghte having been asked to sell his ground, as above, and refuse in the same, the resolution was taken as in the above cases.

1744, July 20. Resolved that if the persons of whom this corporation want ground for fortifications along the water side, refuse to give liberty to the corporation to erect fortifications and for round passage of twenty feet next the line dureing in the war, that then we will cause it to be appraised.

1744, July 31, This board agreed with Anthony Bratt to bring to this city at high water mark, 320 Stockadoes at 1s. each, if squared then  $13\frac{1}{2}$ d; to be 13 English feet long and 11 inches thick at the thin end, and also 40 Stockadoes of  $26\frac{1}{2}$  feet long at 2s. each.

This board agreed with Guyleyn Verplank to bring the like quantity at the same rate.

1744, August 17. To the Honourable Representatives of the Colony of New York in Generall Assembly convened: The Humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the city of Albany, humbly sheweth,

Whereas your Petitioners did last year petition your Honourable House to raise the sum of £300 upon this city and county in order to putt this city in a posture of defence, which petition was accordingly granted; and whereas that sum has been expended by your petitioners and considerably exceeded in fortifying the said city, so that your petitioners are now in arrear upon said account, and the fortifications of this city not being yet completed for want of more money, your petitioners do therefore humbly pray the Honourable to pass an Act to enable the supervisors to raise upon this city and county as soon as may be (in the same manner as the other county charges are raised) the sum of £300, to enable your petitioners to go on and finish the fortification of this city, which is necessary should be done with the utmost expedition, and your petitioners shall ever pray.

The following Letter was this day wrote to the representatives sent out of this county, with the petition on the other side inclosed:

Gentlemen: We enclose you a Petition to the Honourable Generall Assembly to raise the sum of £300 upon this city and county for the fortifying this city, which we shall actually want for that purpose, and as we are convinced that you well know how very necessary this is, we desire you to deliver this petition to the House, and we doubt not but you will do your endeavour to gett an Act passed according to the same.

We hope you will remember to gett as much of the  
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powder your House bought at the provincial expence to be sent up to us as you can.

1744, Sept. 13. This board agreed with Anthony Bratt to build a block house at the water side on the south end of the town where the foundation is now laid, and to finish it compleatly with a good heerth and chimney, of hard bricks above the roof, and the roof to be of good boards, and port holes for cannon and small arms, and every thing that belongs to a block house to be made in the best manner and to be compleatly finished, for which he is to have £36 and two gallons rum.

Johannis Seger agreed with this board to lock the gates of the city, from the south side of the fort to the little gate neer Ryer Gerritse's including said gate, at eight of the clock every evening and to carry the keys to the mayor of the city or where he shall be ordered by the Common Councill for the time being, and to open the gates again every morning directly after Reveille, for which service he is to have £6 per annum, to commence the 25th instant.

Michael Basset agreed to do the same service, from the north side of the fort, round to the gate at the river side near Leend<sup>t</sup> Gansevoort, including said gate, for which he is to be paid at the same rate, and the time to commence the 25th instant.

1744, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of this city this being the day appointed for electing aldermen, assistants and constables and for appointing a chamberlain and marshal, the following persons were chosen and appointed.

*First Ward*—Jacob C. Ten Eyck, aldermen, John Marcellis and Sybrant G. Van Schaick having an equal number of voices; John Van Veghte and Phil. Livingston, Jun'r, assistants; Cornelius C. Vanden Bergh and John Price, constables.

*Second Ward*—Nicolaes Bleeker, Jun'r and David V. D. Heyden, aldermen; John H. Ten Eyck and Hend'k M. Roseboom, assistants; Marte Hogan and Schiboeth bogard's, Jun'r, constables.

*Third Ward*—Jacob Visser and Jacob Wendell, aldermen; Gerrit Ja. Lansing and Killiaen Winne, assistants; Benj. Van Veghte and Will. V. D. Bergh, Jun'r, constables.

Mr. Gerret C. Van den Bergh was appointed treasurer. Johannis Seger, marshal, and Marte Hogan, high constable.

1744, Oct. 2. Whereas on the 29th September last, Johannis Marselius and Sybrant G. Van Schaick had an equality of votes for aldermen of the first ward of this city, wherefore this board ordered that a new election be held on Saturday the seventh instant, at two of the clock in the afternoon of that day, for an alderman for the said ward, and that the aldermen of the said ward do give notice accordingly.

1744, Oct. 13. Pursuant to the order of this board of the 2d instant, last Saturday an election was held for an alderman for the first ward of this city, and by a majority of voices John Livingston was elected, who was this day returned accordingly by the aldermen of the said ward.

1744, Nov. 16. The following persons were appointed fire masters:

*First Ward*—Evert Wendell, Jun'r, Jacob van Schaick.

*Second Ward*—Jacob Lansing, Hendrick Ja. Beekman.

*Third Ward*—John Dow, Isaac Hansen.

1744, Dec. 11. This board agreed with Peter Brower that he should pay the first day of february next 84 skiple good merchantable winter wheat for the use of his land at Tienonderoge in full to that day.

1745, July 9. This corporation ordered that three pounds be given out of the treasury to the man who brought the Express giving an acco<sup>tt</sup> of the taking of Cape Breton.

1745, August 24. This board agreed with John Bell to be comon hangman for this city and county and whipper for this city, for which he is to have £14 per annum, the time to commence the first day of May last. The Comon Council ordered him a Hanger and Bell.

An order was drawn on Gerrit V. Denbergh for six pound in full for John Bell's salary as Whipper to the first of May last.

1745, Sept. 29. Pursuant to the directions of the Charter of this city, this being the day appointed to chuse city officers, the following persons were chosen:

*First Ward*—Jacob C. Ten Eyck, John Livingston, aldermen; Philip Livingston, Jun'r, Johannis Van Veghten, assistants, and William Thayer and Joseph Van Sante, constables.

*Second Ward*—Nicholas Bleecker, Jun'r, David Vanderheyden, aldermen; Hendrick M. Roseboom, Frans. Pruyn, Jun'r, assistants, and Abraham Yates and Bastiaen D. Garmoy, constables.

*Third Ward*—Jacob Vischer, Gerrit Van Ness, aldermen; Gerrit Ja. Lansingh, Killiaen Winne, assistants, and Ant. A. Bratt, constables.

Gerrit C. Vandenberg was unanimously chosen chamberlain, and Johannis Seger, marshal for said city.

Anthony A. Bratt was chosen high constable.

1745, Nov. 19. This board agreed with Thomas Floyd for the House of Tobias Ryckman, on the dock near Gansevoort's Point, for the rent Zecharia Haas agreed for with Ryckman. The corporation to pay the rent from first of May and the cartidge of his things, and to keep the house in repair.

1745, Dec. 6. James Stevenson, Esq. produced a deputation of Philip Livingston, Esq. appointing him his Deputy to exercise and execute the office of town clerk, and clerk of the peace and clerk of the common pleas for the city and county of Albany, and also to exercise the office of secretary and agent to the Indians, his majesties subjects at the city of Albany, and after taking the oaths by law appointed, he took an oath for the well and truly executing s<sup>d</sup> offices.

1745, Dec. 9. Resolved by this board that the three market houses of this city be made up with all speed for the lodging of the King's Troops expected from New York, each with double chimneys in the middle.

174<sup>6</sup>, Feb. 1. An ordinance was publish'd directing the inhabitants of this city to quarter the forces sent here to keep watch.

1746, Sept. 29. This being the day appointed by the Charter for electing and chusing corporation officers, the following persons were elected to serve for the year ensuing according to the directions of the Charter:

*First Ward*—Jacob C. Ten Eyck and Sybrant Van Schaick, aldermen; Egbert Bratt and Barnardus Bratt, assistants; William Fryar and Joseph Jos. Van Sante, constables.

*Second Ward*—Johan's G. Roseboom and Jacob H. Ten Eyck, aldermen; Jacob Jas. Lansingh and Barent Ten Eyck, assistants; Abraham Yates and Reynier v. Alstyn, constables.

*Third Ward*—Gerrit Van Ness and Ahasueris Roseboom, aldermen; Cornelis Maase and Johannes V. Douwe, assistants; Jacob Evertse, Jun'r and Ab'm Boghaert, Jun'r, constables.

The Common Council appointed Gerrit C. Vandenberg for city treasurer, Johannes Seger for city marshal, William Fryar for high constable.

1746, Oct. 14. John R. Bleecker produced a commission for sheriff of this city and county and took the oaths appointed by law and also the oath for the due execution of his office.

174<sup>6</sup>, March 24. Order'd a petition to be drawn in order to be laid before the Assembly, praying a sum of money may be raised to pay the debts contracted by the corporation since the commencement of the war.

Resolved that three great guns be placed on the Battery behind the Court House, and that the Recorder, Barnardus Bratt and Egbert Bratt be managers to see the same well done. The corporation to pay the charge of doing it.

1747, April 7. This board on the request of the minister, elders and deacons of the Dutch church, Resolve to release a piece of ground to them lying behind the lott they already bought of Edward Holland. Ordered that



the mayor execute a deed for the same and cause the city seal to be thereunto affixed.

A petition was signed and ordered to be laid before the General Assembly as mentioned in the minutes of Common Council the 24th day of March last.

Resolved that John Depeyster and James Stevenson go down to New York and lay the same before the General Assembly.

1747, May 4. An order was drawn on Gerrit C. Vandenberg, city treasurer, to pay John Depeyster and James Stevenson four pounds and four shillings. Also an order was drawn to pay to Jacob S. Bogardus four pounds to buy fire wood for the service of the corporation.

1747, May 12. The Comon Council order that ten loads of fire wood be carr<sup>d</sup> from Jacob Bogardus's sloop to each of the Market Houses where the King's Soldiers are quartered; to each of the Block Houses, N. 3 and 4, each 3 load to be carr<sup>d</sup> to Johannes Seger's yard.

To Johannes Seger himself 3 load; to the block house N. 8, 4 load; to the block house N. 7, 3 load.

1747, June 16. An order was drawn on Gerrit C. Vandenberg, city treasurer, to pay John R. Bleecker, Esq. £1 for wine to entertain the Judge when he came here to hold Court of Oyer and Terminer.

1747, June 20. A warrant was drawn on the treasurer to pay Thomas Powel ten shillings.

Ordered that in case of any alarm in the night, all and every the inhabitant of this city sett candles in their windows to give light to every man to repair to their posts.

Ordered that a great gun be placed at the corner opposite to Gerrit Isaac Lansingh, one in the Rutten Kill, and another to be taken from the Grand Battery and placed in the foxes creek.

Ordered that the ordinance relating the Round Gangs be put in execution.

Ordered that the Recorder, Barnardus Bratt, Egbert Egbertse and Gerrit Van Ness be managers to see the above three great guns duly ordered and placed.

1747, July 27. The following Petition was drawn and sign'd in order to be sent to the Representatives of our city and county to be given in to the Assembly:

To the Honourable the Representatives of the Colony of New York convened in General Assembly, The Petition of the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Albany humbly sheweth:

That the inhabitants of the corporation of the city of Albany are in circums of great misery and distress by reason of the present war with France and with the Indians in their alliance. That the inhabitants of the said city ever since the commencement of the war by their frequent watching have been very much taken off from themselves and families. That every man of our corporation have been obliged to attend in person or pay a hired man in their stead upon watch and ward every third or fourth night during the whole time, excepting a small interval of time in the spring the duty was demanded only every fourth night, but now and for sometime past for the safety of this frontier and the poor inhabitants we are obliged again to come upon a fourth night. That our corporation by occasion of the present war are indebted the sum of eight hundred and fifty pounds and upwards, for repairing our fortifications about this city, supplying fire wood and candles for the night watches, and for powder and ball for the poorest of the inhabitants without any fund provided for the payment thereof, besides what the inhabitants have done by a voluntary taxing themselves, for providing and setting up new Stockadoes where the old ones were gone to decay. And whereas this city is now the northern frontier of this Province, your petitioners humbly conceive that whatever charge or expence our corporation have been already at or hereafter may be put to by reason of the present war ought in reason to be a general charge for the whole Province, and not to fall on the inhabitants of this corporation only, who are in no circumstance to support the growing expence or have one penny rent to come in to discharge the debts already contracted, or can we expect any during

the war, nor probably for many years after the war is over, Your Hon's Petitioners have never heard that the corporation of the city of New York have been at the charge of building or repairing the fortifications made for the defence of their city, but that the same hath been a general charge to the whole Province, altho' they have had the happiness to enjoy the blessings of peace during the whole war without any alarm, disturbance or molestation from the enemy.

Your petitioners therefore do most humbly beseech your Honourable House in tender consideration of the premises to raise by a general tax on the whole Province, the said sum of eight hundred and fifty pounds to discharge the debts contracted by our corporation since the commencement of the war, which the deplorable circumstances of this city is reduced to render us incapable to pay. And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

ALBANY, July 27th, 1747.

Gentlemen: We inclose a Petition which we beg the favour of you to deliver in to the General Assembly, and beg also the favour of you to use your interest to gett our prayer granted, for unless some method be fallen upon to discharge the debts already contracted it is impossible the publick charge can be longer supported.

You will see by the inclosed what the articles of fire wood and candles for the block houses only amount to, and if you judge necessary we shall send you down a list of the several persons to whom, and the respective sums we are indebted. By order of Comon Council.

JAS. STEVENSON, D. Cl'k.

1747, August 11. The following petition was signed by the present members, who order'd the Recorder and Alderman Van Schaick to go to New York and deliver the same to his Excellency the Governour, and that the corporation would pay their reasonable charges and expences:

To his Excellency the Hon'ble George Clinton, Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over the province

of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admirall of the same and Admirall of the Red Squadron of his Majesties Fleet, The petition of the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of Albany, Humbly sheweth:

That whereas the time allowed by Act of Assembly for the Wood Rangers to scout through the woods on the west side of Hudson's river near the city of Albany, is expired, and for want of Wood Rangers both the city and inhabitants that yet remain in the county are liable to be suddenly surprized, the inhabitants both of city and county are much decreas'd since the war begun, many barbarously murdered and schalped, and numbers taken prisoners by the enemy, and others removed from city and county to places of greater security, so that the few that are left, of whom the most part are obliged to labour and expose themselves to great danger to earn a subsistence for themselves and families, are not sufficient to keep the night watches, much less to make a defence in case of a sudden attack.

Your petitioners most humbly beseech your Excellency to lay our distressed condition before the General Assembly and to use your Excellency's interest to prevail on their Honourable House to prolong the time allowed for the Wood Rangers or to raise a sum of money to pay a sufficient number of white men and Indians to go on the outshout; and your petitioners also farther pray that a number of men be raised out of the lower counties to be placed in the city of Albany to ease the inhabitants of the hard duty of watching, which now is to every man in town a fourth night, notwithstanding three block houses and one guard house remain still empty for want of men.

And your Excellency's petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

Resolved that Major Collins, the Recorder and Alderman Van Schaick go down to New York with the above petition and deliver it to his Excellency and to endeavour to gett what the petition setts forth, or any other thing may be for the good of the city, and that this corporation

bear their expenses and allow them at their return what the corporation think reasonable for their trouble, and that the clerk give them a copy of this resolve.

1747, Sept. 14. Resolved to send an Express to the representatives of the city and county of Albany, with a Letter and inclose to them the affidavits of Johannis Wendell, Benjamin Bratt, Johannis V. Douwe and Gerit C. Vandenberg, and acquaint them that our corporation petitioned his Excellency, our Governour, to recommend to the General Assembly to make provision for a sufficient number of men to be posted in the city of Albany to ease the inhabitants of the hard duty of watching. But as we are informed Collo. Roberts intends to send three companies of the new levies to be quartered in the block houses, which considering how ill they have all along behaved themselves and threatened often to burn the town before they went away, an Collo. Roberts' own behaviour, make the inhabitants unwilling to have them in town, wherefore we beg you will use your endeavour to gett a sufficient number of men from the lower counties to be posted in the city according to the prayer of our petition, presented to his Excellency by Major Collins and Mr. Van Schaick.

1747, Sept. 28. Ordered that a Letter be writt to Collo. Schuyler, one of the members of Assembly for the city and county of Albany, desiring him to gett an Act of Assembly passed to lay a tax on the Province for purchasing and setting up new Stockadoes round the city of Albany where the old ones are daily going to decay, and if the Assembly will not pass an Act for the whole Province to contribute toward the charge thereof, that an Act be pass'd to oblige the inhabitants of the city and county (Schenectady excepted) to do y<sup>t</sup>.

Major Collins and Sybrant Van Schaick laid their acco<sup>ts</sup> before this board amounting to the sum of £1:18:4, which the board allowed, and gave an order on the treasurer to pay the same out of the first money that comes to his hands.

1747, Sept. 29. This being the day appointed by the

Charter for choosing and electing corporation officers, the following persons were chosen to serve for the year ensuing according to the directions of the charter :

*First Ward*—Jacob C. Ten Eyck and Sybrant G. Van Schaick, aldermen; Barnardus Bratt and Egbert Bratt, assistants; Luykas Yates and Johannis Vander Heyden, Jun'r, constables.

*Second Ward*—Jacob H. Ten Eyck and John Roseboom, Jun'r, aldermen; Jacob I. Lansingh and Barent Ten Eyck, assistants; Isaac Verplanck and William Groesbeeck, constables.

*Third Ward*—Gerrit Van Ness and Coenraet Ten Eyck, aldermen; Cornelis Maase and John V. Douwe, assistants; Rutger Lansingh and Peter Boghaert, Jun'r, constables.

The Common Council appointed Gerrit Vandenberg for city treasurer or chamberlain; Johannis Seger for marshall; Isaac Verplanck for high constable.

1747, Oct. 2. Collo. Roberts sent yesterday to the mayor a Letter from his Excell'y the Gov'r, dated the 26th day of September, 1747, acquainting the corporation he had directed Collo. Roberts to order three companies of the new levies to be quartered in the block houses in the city of Albany, or in such other places therein as they should provide. The Letter sett forth that his Excellency expected the corporation would provide for them fire wood and candles and assured them he would recommend to the General Assembly to make sufficient provision to defray the expense they might be put to.

Resolved to try to gett fire wood and candles for said three companies as soon as possible, and then to acquaint Collo. Roberts therewith, and that Alderman Ten Eyck and Cornelis Maase, one of the assistants, acquaint him with this resolution.

1747, Nov. 14. This board appointed the following persons to look after the chimneys and other places where the inhabitants kept their fire, &c.

Peter, Jones and Johannes Wendell, son of Johannes Wendell, for the first ward.

Gysbert Fonda and Obadiah Cooper, for the second ward.

Jan Maase, Jun'r, and Abraham Fonda, son of Isaac Fonda, for the third ward.

1747, Dec. 4. An order was drawn to pay Dirck Ten Broeck, Esq., mayor of the city of Albany, one pound nine shillings and five pence out of the money now in the treasurer's hands, he having paid so much to George Burnes.

Evert Sixberry agreed to supply the block house N. 1 to pmo. May next, from twesday next, at 3s. per load, to bring one load every day, and on Saturday two loads.

Isaac De Voe agreed for N. 6 at 3s. 6d. per double load.

Peter Benneway agreed for N. 7 at 3s. 6d. per double load.

Evert H. Wendell agreed for N. 5 at 3s. 6d. per double load.

1747, Dec. 7. Hendrick Van Buren agreed to supply the Market house in the third ward to pmo. May next at 3s. 6d. for a double load, two loads every day and four on Saturdays, to begin this week.

Rutger Vandenberg agreed to supply the Market house in the first ward to pmo. May next, as above.

Volkert and Cornelis Vandenberg agreed to supply the Block house No. 8 at 3s. 6d. for the double load, and 3s. for the double load till pmo. May next as the others agreed before.

1747, Dec. 12. This board agreed with Vanderheyden to supply Block house N. 4 on same terms and for same time as the others. He begun last Thursday, being the 10th instant.

Resolved that if anything happen to be wanting to the Sentry boxes or Batteries round the walls of this city, that the mayor or recorder or the aldermen of the ward where such defect happens to be, or any of them, take care that the same be made, mended or repair'd at the charge of the corporation.

Resolved that Johannis Hunn and Cornelis Boghaert make up the deficiencies in the city wall at the several

places as mentioned in a memorandum given to Johan's Hunn for that purpose.

Benjamin Bratt undertook to open and shutt the Gates and sweep the snow from off the Batteries in the northern division of this city at seven pound per annum from the first day of February next. N. B. He begun to open, and shutt the Gates afores<sup>d</sup> the 28th day of January last.

Johannes Seger undertook as above for the southern division at the same price.

Bastiaen Teymesse undertook to supply Block house No. 3 on the same terms and for the same time as the others agreed the 4th and 7th of this month.

1747, Feb. 10. This board agreed with John Fryer to supply the Block houses with candles at the rate of one shilling per pound, from the eleventh day of this month to the fifteenth day of October next, and to deliver every evening as many as will be sufficient for the night then ensuing to Joh's Seger; said Fryer agrees to have his first payment the first of September for the candles he supplies to that time.

1747, March 24. Resolved that Christiaen Lagransie be permitted to set up a Blacksmith's shop near to the shop of William Hogan, Jun'r, on the north side thereof, but to ready to take it down at any time when the corporation may have reason for it.

1748, April 6. Collo. Johnson's Letter to the mayor was read in Common Council desiring he might have the Barrack wherein the Governour's men were lodg'd to keep for a main guard in.

1748, May 26. Ordered that Jaecob C. Ten Eyck and Sybrant G. Van Schaick, aldermen, together with the Treasurer, overlook the accounts which are intended to be laid before the treasurer, and make report thereof to the Common Council.

1748, July 18. Ordered by this board that Gerrit Van Ness, Luykas Wyngaart, and Anthony Van Der Zee, make a new bridge behind Johannis Lansingh's on Ruttenkill, in the first ward at the water side; that they like-



wise repair all the Batteries which are fallen down and all the bridges which want repairing in the round gang.

1748, Sept. 17. Jacob C. Ten Eyck and Sybrant Van Schaicke, together with the Treasurer are by this board allowed further time till next munday to overlook the accounts which are to be laid before the treasury and make report thereof to the Common Council.

Resolved by this board that Barent Ten Eyck and Johanniss Vol: Dow go and desire Langaserie and the other french Gen<sup>t</sup> that came with the flag Truces from Canada, to come to Ackerman's to let the mayor and corporation know the meaning of their coming to this town.

The french Gen<sup>t</sup> accordingly appeared, and being askd their business, said their Pass was with Collo. Johnson, but if the mayor pleased they would wait on him tomorrow in the afternoon with their Pass, which was resolved to be sufficient.

1748, Sept. 20. The mayor reports to this board that Messrs. Lingrey and Langaserie had been to his house last Sunday in the afternoon, the time appointed by the Common Council last Saturday convened, but did not produce their Pass as they engaged to do, but promised to do it on Munday, which they have not done, and that Major Collins asked them what reason they could give why they did not show their Pass to the mayor, who had an undoubted right to demand it, they replied that they were given to understand by Collo. William Johnson that they were not obliged to do it, as they were directed to him.

1748, Sept. 29. 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 directions of the Charter:

*First Ward*—John De Peyster and Jacob C. Ten Eyck, aldermen; Folkert P. Dow and Joseph Yates, assistants; Jacobus Sharpe and Jacob Cooper, constables.

*Second Ward*—Hans Hansen and John Glen, aldermen; John R. Bleecker and John Beekman, Jun'r, assistants; David Becker and Marta Freest, constables.

*Third Ward*—Coenraet Ten Eyck and Abra: Dow, aldermen; Harmanis Wendell, Jun'r, and Harme Gansevoort, assistants; William W. Van Den Bergh and David Abeel, constables.

The Common Council appoints Gerret C. Van Den Bergh for city treasurer or chamberlain; Johannis Seeger for marshal; William W. Van Den Bergh, high constable.

1748, Oct. 12. An order was drawn on the treasurer to pay unto Dirck Ten Broeck and Jacob C. Ten Eyck for an account which was due unto John Bell as whipper for the city from pmo. May 1745 to pmo. Nov'r following, being 6 months, each £3.

1748, Oct. 14. Jacob C. Ten Eyck produced a commission for mayor of the city of Albany, &c. for the ensuing year and took the oaths appointed by law, sign'd 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.

Thomas Williams, Jun'r, produced in Comon Council a commission wherein he was appointed high sheriff for the city and county of Albany, he took the oaths appointed by law, sign'd the Test, and took an oath for the due execution of his office.

1748, Oct. 27. Ordered the clerk to draw a Petition, and send Joh's Seger to the mayor to have it signed, to be laid before the General Assembly of this Province of New York. The Petition is as follows:

To the Honourable the Representatives of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, humbly sheweth:

That the corporation of the said city of Albany have been put to the Expence of severall hundred pounds in repairing their fortifications about the city and in supplying fire wood and candles for the night watches over and above what the Generall Assembly have already allowed for fire wood and candles and for providing powder and ball for the poorest of the inhabitants, without any fund provided for the repayment of that expence besides what the inhabitants did by voluntary taxing themselves for providing and setting up new Stockadoes

where the old ones were gone to decay, and whereas the corporation have received no rent from their tenants since the year 1744, or are like to receive any for some years to come, tho' a peace should be actually concluded, the settlements of their tenants being destroyed by the enemy during the war, and will require some time before they can settle again.

Your W<sup>ps</sup> Petitioners have directed the Representatives of the city and county of Albany to lay before your Hon'ble House sundry accounts, all attested except a few persons who are dead, removed or absent, amounting to the sum of £1082:9:2½, which were actually laid out for the defence of the city against the enemy. Sevrall other sums of money are due from the corporation which your petitioners think not proper to trouble your Hon'ble house with, tho' they have no fund at present to pay the same.

Your petitioners therefore do most humbly beseech your Hon'ble House to take the premises into your wise and serious consideration and grant to your petitioners such relief as the distressed circumstances of their corporation do call for and as to your wisdom shall seem meet, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

The following Letter with accounts were sent to the Representatives of the city and county of Albany:

ALBANY, 27 Oct. 1748.

Gentlemen: We give you the trouble of a petition to be laid before your Hon'ble House, praying relief to enable us to pay the debts we have contracted by occasion of the war, we have likewise sent a list with the accounts themselves, all attested, except a few persons, some of whom are dead, some removed and others absent from home; our corporation debts are some hundred pounds more, but as they are not for the imediate expence of the war, we have not troubled you with them.

Mr. Philip Livingston, Jr. can well inform you, if you make any doubt of any of the accounts. We begg you will use your endeavours with your Hon'ble House to lay a Provincial tax to extricate us out of this debt or the cor-

poration must fall, for you know the city has not at present one penny of income or like to have for some time should a peace be concluded.

1748, Nov. 12. The Common Councill appoints fire masters for the ensuing year, viz':

*First Ward*—Dowe Van Veghte and Joh's son of Johannis Jan Lansingh.

*Second Ward*—Gerret Staats and Luykas T. Wittbeck.

*Third Ward*—Johannis Jacobus Lansingh and Johannis Pruyn, Jun'r.

Whereas on the 29th Sep' last Jacob C. Ten Eyck was elected alderman for the first ward of the city of Albany, and whereas since that time (to wit) on the 14 Oct. following, he produced a comission for mayor, &c. of this city, took the oaths appointed by law, sign'd the Test, and the same day was sworn into his office, Wherefore it is ordered and resolved by this board that a new election be held on the 17th of this instant for chusing another alderman for the first ward of this city, and that John De Peyster, Esq., al'n for first ward do give notice accordingly.

Ordered the clerk to give warrents to the fire masters to go round every mayor's court and from thence once every fortnight and make report every mayor's court to the mayor and aldermen of their proceedings, and that the clerk sign said warrants by order of the Common Councill.

1748, Nov. 22. Pursuant to a resolve made the 12th instant for electing an alderman in the room of the present mayor on the 17th instant, Tobias Rykeman is returned for alderman by plurality of votes.

The mayor this day laid the city before the Comon Councill and said that Dirck Ten Broeck, Esq. late mayor had delivered the same to him as was formerly usual for the mayor going of to do to the new mayor, but that as the present mayor's opinion always was that the city seal should be delivered to the keeping of the clerk of the Comon Councill, he desired the consent of this board that the same may be delivered to Mr. Philip

G. Livingston, the present clerk, and that he may be prohibited by the Comon Council to affix the same to any instrument before the mayor certified the same and gave an order to affix the same to his certificate: That he be prohibited to affix the same to a lease or release without order of Comon Council and in Comon Council, but in the mayor's absence the clerk may affix the same to any instrument by the order of three aldermen, which they are impowered to do by the charter, and that in case the clerk should go out of town that he leave the seal in time of his absence with the mayor or any one of the aldermen, who are not to make use of the same, but pursuant to the above directions, and deliver it back again on his return. Resolved, that the above regulations concerning the city be a standing resolution of the Comon Council, and that no mayor for the future have the keeping of the city seal unless in the absence of the clerk as aforesaid.

Resolved also that no freedom of this city be given privately to any stranger, but that all persons, natural born subjects or naturally desiring to be admitted freeman of this corporation may have their freedoms publicly given in Comon Council and an entry made thereof in their minutes; likewise no honorary freedom be given to any person of distinction but by consent of Comon Council.

The mayor pursuant to the above resolve delivered the city seal unto Mr. Philip G. Livingston in Comon Council.

Madam Van Renselaer agreed this day with this board at her house to let the corporation have the same liberty in the woods of the manor of Renselaerswick as was granted by Collo. Kiliaen Van Renselaear, Esq., late lord of said manor, on the 18th feb. 171<sup>6</sup>, in consideration they pay her eleven pounds per annum. Agreed during her adm'n.

1748, Dec. 21. Ordered the clerk to sign a receipt in behalf of the corporation for a half barrel powder rec<sup>d</sup> from Sybrant G. Van Schaick, in lieu of powder he bor-

rowed from the corporation when the Gov'r was here last.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this board that a night watch of fifteen or sixteen men be kept in this city, and hope the inhabitants will not screen themselves from that duty while they think it is absolutely necessary for the welfare of this city.

Robert Lansing agreed with this board to keep the stores belonging to the Gun whereof he is Gunner, and give an inventory thereof to the clerk, and keep the powder, shot and other materials belonging to the same at his own risque till demanded by Comon Councill.

Christiaen Legransey agrees as above for Blockhouse No. 4.

Nicholas Van Schake agrees as above for Blockhouse No. 7.

Jellis De Garmow agrees as above for Blockhouse No. 3.

Johannis Hunn agrees as above for Blockhouse No. 1.

Dirck Hunn agrees as above for Blockhouse No. 2.

Tobias Ten Eyck, for Ten Eyck's Battery, agrees as above.

Michael Bassit agrees as above for the Grand Battery.

Geluyne Verplank agrees as above for the Blockhouse No. 5.

John Dow agrees as above for Blockhouse No. 9.

William Fry, single Gun, whereof he is Gunner, agrees as above.

174 $\frac{2}{3}$ , March 13. Resolved that the freedom of this city be presented to Mr. Philip G. Livingston, and that the mayor sign, seal and deliver the same unto him as a free gift in behalf of this corporation.

As likewise its Resolved that the freedom of this corporation be given unto Cap<sup>t</sup> Volkert P. Dow.

Resolved that the request of Peter Brower, that after he resign his deed for a tract of land lying on the Mohawks river, containing six morgan more or less, from this corporation for two sk: of wheat for each morgan per annum, a new one be executed for the annual rent of one sk: of wheat per morgan, and that the deed be exe-

cutted for the land surveyed by Mr. Jno. R. Bleecker in the year 1740, containing eleven morgan.

1749, April 8. This board agrees with Dan'l Mac Michael, to let him have the house and land formerly in the possession of Isaac Van Valkenbergh, to have it five years for repairing the said house in such a manner as shall afterwards be agreed on, and to have it fifteen years after the expiration of five years, for the rent of four pounds per annum, to be paid annually.

The constables of this city were ordered to notify the following persons to appear before this board, and the following appeared and were ordered to appear next mayor's court with sufficient sureties for their appearance at the next Generall sessions to answer what they know of breaking down the market houses in this city of which they are suspected to be concerned in breaking down part of that one which stands in the second ward, viz: Wouter De Foreest, Jno. Knoet, Dirck M. Van Der Heyden, Daniel R. Winne, Bastiaen Fisher, Jacob Van Der Heyden, Jacob De Garmo, Dirck Ahu: Roseboom.

The following were likewise suspected, viz: William G. Van Den Bergh, David D. Groesbeek, Lewis Van Antwerpe, Volkert G. Van Den Bergh, Harmanis Jacobse Wendell.

Gerret Roseboom, and Tobias Ten Eyck is suspected to have been assistant in breaking down that market house in the third ward.

1749, May 6. The following ordinances were published, viz: An ordinance for cleaning the streets. Do. for preventing cutting down the Stockadoes of this city or breaking down or carrying away the boards affixed to the top of the same, or the boards and other timber belonging to the Blockhouses and Batteries.

This board agrees with Johannis Seger that he shall have about seven or eight morgan of land lying upon the Beaver kill, beginning a litle above the place called the five Steene, running up from thence along both sides of the Kill till it contains about 7 or 8 morgan, upon condition that he has it ten years for clearing it

and ten years after for the annual rent of 8s. for each morgan; to commence from the first day of this inst., May.

1749, May 27. Resolved by this board that the boards fixed on top of the Stockadoes be sold at publick vandue on the third day of June next, and that an advertisement be put up to give publick notice hereof.

1749, Sept. 12. Whereas the powder belonging to this corporation may be spoil'd by keeping, this board judging it most for the publick good that the same be sold, have resolved that the said powder be sold at publick vandue on fryday the 15th inst.

1749, Sept. 18. Johannes J. Lansing made application to this board for a small streek of land lying in the third of this city between the lots of Abraham Dow and Hester Switts, containing in length two feet on the north side and three feet on the south side, and twenty feet in breadth along the street, all Dutch measure, which was granted, and ordered that the mayor execute a deed for the same on behalf of the corporation for the consideration of thirty shillings.

Samuel Cuyman made application for the creek behind his lot in the first ward of this city as far as the breadth of his lot, which was granted. Order'd that the mayor execute a deed for the same on behalf of the corporation for the consideration of twenty shillings.

1749, Sept. 29. This day being appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing corporation officers the following persons were chesen to serve for the year ensuing according to the directions of the Charter, viz:

*First Ward*—John De Peyster and Isaac Staats, aldermen; Volkert P. Douw and Evert H. Wendell, assistants; Gysbert Marselis and John 5 Lansing, constables.

*Second Ward*—Hans Hansen and John Glen, Esqs., aldermen; John R. Bleeker and John Beekman, Jun'r, assistants; Sam. Pruyt, Jun'r and William Verplank, constables.

*Third Ward*—Abm. Douw and Harme Gansevoort, aldermen; Harm's H. Wendell and Jerse De Forest, assistants; John M. Beekman, constable.



The Common Council chose for the ensueing year Cornehius Santvoort, treasurer or chamberlain. He to find sufficient sureties to be bound in £500 for the due execution of his office. Joh's Seger, marshall. Joh's 5 Lansing, high constable.

1749, Oct. 14. Richard Miller, Esq. produced a commission appointing him high sheriff of the city and county of Albany, and took the oaths appointed by law, sign'd the Test and was sworn to the due execution of the s<sup>d</sup> office.

1749, Oct. 21. This board appoint the following persons Fire masters for this city for the ensueing year, viz:

Peter Waldron, for the first ward; Gerret Js. Lansingh and Egbert Benj'n Egbertson for the second ward; William Winne and Joh's S. Pruyn for the third ward.

Order'd that warrants be given to the Fire masters of each ward accordingly, and that the clerk sign the same by order of Comon Council, which warrants are in the following words, viz:

Whereas the mayor, aldermen and comonality of the city of Albany have this day in Comon Council appointed and nominated you to be Fire masters of the . . . ward of this city for the year ensueing, you are therefore hereby required and commanded to go round the said . . . ward on Monday the fourth day of December next, and thence once every fortnight, viz: on the Monday next before every mayor's court, and view the chimneys, hearths, fire places and places where people do gather their ashes, and where you find any chimneys, hearths or fire places extraordinary foul or dangerous, or ashes gather'd in any dangerous place the first time you go round your ward, you are to give warning to the owner or owners to sweep, mend or remove the same within five hours after warning given, and if they do not comply with your directions within the time limitted, you are hereby empower'd and authorised to fine the owner or owners in the sum of three shillings to your own use and behoof and to sue for the same before the mayor, recorder or any one of the aldermen of this city. And

every time afterwards when you go round your ward and find any defect as afores<sup>d</sup>, you are hereby impower'd immediately to fine the owner or owners in the sum of three shillings for the use and to be recover'd as afores<sup>d</sup>, and you are then to warn such person or persons where such defect shall be, to clean, mend or remove the same within five hours, which if they shall neglect or refuse to do you are to fine them in one other sum of three shillings for your use and to be recover'd as afores<sup>d</sup>. You are likewise to take notice that no hay, straw or other combustible matter be laid in any dangerous place to the owner or his neighbour under penalty of six shillings for each day such combustible matter shall lye in such dangerous place after warning given, for your use and to be recovered as afores<sup>d</sup>. And you are to make report to each mayor's court how you find the chimneys, hearths, fire places, &c. in your ward. And for your so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant. Dated in Albany the 21st day of Nov. in the twenty-third year of his Majesties Reign, 1749. Sign'd, By order of Comon Council.

JOHN COLDEN, Clerk.

1750, May 19. Mr. Gerrit C. Van Den Bergh, late treasurer, laid on the board the book of the city accounts whereby it appears that there is a ballance due to him of £15:11:2. Resolv'd by the board that a note of hand be given him for the same payable out of the first money that comes into the treasury, and that the mayor sign the same on the behalf of the corporation.

1750, Sept. 29. This day being appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing corporation officers the following persons where choosen to serve for the year ensuing according to the directions of the Charter, viz:

*First Ward*—John De Peyster and Joh's van Sante, aldermen; Evert Wendell, Jr. and John E. Wendell, assistants; Roelof Segor and Daniel Huson, Jr., constables.

*Second Ward*—John Glen and Jacob Ten Eyck, aldermen; John Rutse Bleecker and John Beekman, Jr., assistants; Evert Joh's Wendell and John H. Roseboom, constables.

*Third Ward*—Abraham Douw and Harme Gansevoort, aldermen; Isaak Swits and Harmanis H. Wendell, assistants; Wouter de Foreest and Tueniss Bratt, constables.

The Common Counsel appointed for the ensuing year Cornelis van Santford to be their chamberlain, and it is further agreed by the board to agree with him on new for his commissions for his trouble, and did likewise nominate and appoint Joh's Seger to be marchel for the ensuing year.

1750, Oct. 8. Whereas disorderly persons have cut some of the cows in this town to the great detriment of the citizens, and the offender being as yet unknown and difficult to be found out: It is therefore Resolved by the Common Counsell that a reward of three pound be given to any person or persons who shall find out or discover the offender or offenders in order that they may be prosecuted according to law, and we do hereby order the clerk to publish this our Resolve, by putting up advertisements in the most publick places in this town, and that the cryer do give notice of this our Resolve by crying it about the town.

Johannis Seger made application to this board for two small slips of wood land on the Gallis hill, that is to say, a small tryangle to y<sup>e</sup> southward of his land, containing about one acre, and lyes between his land and the old Schonectady road, the other slip lyes at the west side of his land and is also bounded by the said road, and contains about one acre, which was granted and order'd that the mayor execute a deed for the same on behalf of the corporation for the consideration of fiftien shilling.

1750, Oct. 15. Sybrant G. van Schaick produced a commission for Recorder of the city of Albany and took oath appointed by law, sign'd the Test and sworn to the office of recorder and justice of the peace.

Robert Sanders produced a commission for Mayor of the city of Albany for the insueing year and took the oaths appointed by law, sign'd the Test and was sworn unto the office of mayor and coroner and clerk of the

market for this city and justice of the peace for the city and county of Albany.

Richard Miller produced a commission in Common Council wherein he was appointed high sheriff for the city and county of Albany, he took the oaths appointed by law, sign'd the Test and took an oath for the due execution of his office.

1750, Oct. 23. Jacobus Reatliff made application to this board that his son John should have the ringing of the Bell at twelf a clock at noon and at eight of the clock at night, which is granted according for his son.

This board appoints the following persons Fire masters for this city for the insuing year, viz :

William Fryer, Joseph Jo's Yaets, for the first ward. Abraham Yaets, Pieter Williams, for the second ward. Dirck Bratt van Schoonhove, Sander J'se Lansing, for the third ward.

1750, Oct. 24. An ordinance published for the due observance of the Lord's day and the regulating Negre slaves.

Resolved by this board that the city bounderies shall be forthwith surveyed by John Rutse Bleecker, who has undertaken to do the same for the sum of three pounds for his trouble, and to pay when the city is in capacity.

1750, Dec. 8. Jacob Ten Eyck and Evert Wendell offered their service gratis, to go and assist John R. Bleecker in surveying this city boundaris, and the said Ten Eyck and Wendell has undertaken to gitt three men to bear the chain.

1750, Feb. 26. Resolved by this board that an order be drawn upon the Treasurer of New York for £250, which is allowed by the Generall Assembly for the use of the corporation of the city of Albany, and that Abraham Douw, Esq. is appointed to receive the same and his receipt shall be sufficient voucher and discharge for the same.

Ordered by this board that advertisement shall be published that on Saturday next the city ferry to Greenbush

shall be lett to farm to the highest bieder, on each of the said ferry one person for the ensuing year. For every person if single, 3d.; if more 2d. a p. For every head of cattle 9d. For every hundred weight of skins or beaver, 3d. and so in proportion in a greater or lesser quantity.

175<sup>o</sup>, March 2. A petition presented to this board from severall inhabitants of this city for to make a well in third ward near the house of Mr. Dirck Ten broeck, deceased, which is granted accordingly, and the place appointed opposite the middle of the street that leads towards the mill about ten foot distance to the north of the lott ground of Dirckje van Vranke.

Ordered by this board that the aldermen and assistants of each ward are to view the city Laders each in their own ward and bring report thereof to the Common Councill.

According to the last Resolve, this day sold at publick vandue the ferry on the east of the river to Cornelis van Vechten for the sum of three pounds nineteen shillings currant money of the province of New York.

As also the west side of the river of the said ferry to Jeremiah pemerton for the sum of three pounds four shillings currant money as aforesaid, and to give suerity for the money to the corporation, as also to observe the Resolve made by this board.

1751, March 26. Resolved by this board that notice shall be given to Cornelis van Vegte and Jeremiah Pemerton that they are to come to the clerk between this day and next Saturday before one of the clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon of that day in order to pay or give surety to the Resolve made on the 2 day of this instant, march, for the sum they have bought the ferry or else it will be sold to any other person.

Whereas application is made to this board by the Carmen of this city that their is no mention made in the last ordinance about riding bricks and hay, therefore it is resolved by this board that they shall have for every load of bricks sixpence, and for every load of hay two

shillings, and for every load of grain or salt, if they must carry it from or up a garret, out or in a seller, for every such fruit sixpence and no more.

1751, April 4. Pursuant to a Resolve made on the 26th day of March the said Cornelis van Vegte and Jeremiah Pemerton were sarved with a copy and sumons thereof, and no notice is taken of the same by them or either of them, therefore this board is of opinion that y<sup>e</sup> said Cornelis and Jeremiah are from henceforth discharged.

Whereas Mr. Joh's Ten Broeck and Mr. Barnardus Bratt have this day farmed the city ferry from this board for five pounds New York currancy and to give surety within fourteen days, and to take no more ferriage than is Resolved by this board on the 26 day of February last, and an ordinance be published that no person or persons shall presume to ferry than the above named persons on forfeiting three shillings for every default.

1751, Aug. 15. John Carindus appeared here in Common Councill and produced a kind of ore which he says he has found within the limits of this city, and agreed with this board to show to two persons of this board the place, and if it appears to be a mine then he is to have one thousand pounds and fifty pounds yearly during his naturall life out of the said mine, after all charges paid and not otherwise.

1751, Sept. 29. This being the day appointed by the Charter for choosing and electing corporation officers, the following persons where choosen to serve for the year ensueing according to the directions of the Charter:

*First Ward*—John De Peyster, Johannis van Sante, aldermen; Jellis de Garmo, John Wendell, assistants; Marta Mynderse and John Danels, constables.

*Second Ward*—Jacob Ten Eyck, John Glen, aldermen; John Rutse Bleecker, John Beekman, Jr., assistants; Hendrick Bleecker, Jr. and Phelip Lansing, constables.

*Third Ward*—Abraham Douw, Harme Gansevoort, aldermen; Isaak Swits, Harmanus Wendell, assistants; John Cluet, Jr. and Volkert G. van den Bergh, constables.

The Common Councill choose John Roseboom treasurer or chamberlain, he to find sufficient sueretyes to be bound for the due execution of his office. Johannis Seeger, marchell, John Cluet, Jr., high constable.

1751, Oct. 8. Resolved by this board that the Block-houses be repaired and that the aldermen and assistants of each ward shall view the same, each in their respective wards, and order to be done what is necessary and that the cost thereof shall be paid out of the wheat now in the treasurer's custody.

It is further Resolved to send a Letter to the members of the city and county of Albany with the accounts for the matirals and work done, &c. occasioned by the late warr to the following persons, chiefly imployed by order of the corporation, as judging at that time necessary for the security of this city and county, which runs thus:

Gentlemen: We inclose you once more a list and the accounts of the debts contracted the past warr in the defence of this city and county, which we have carefully examined, and what we adjudged did particularly belong to this city we have deducted thereout, as you will find per the inclosed accounts, which are all attested except a few persons, some of whome are absent, some removed and some dead. The debts of this corporation are very considerable and the income hetherto very inconsiderable, so that we are at present in a very deplorable condition. We therefore beg you use your endeavour with the Honourable House to give this corporation such relief as the distressed circumstances of this corporation require, as they in their wisdom shall seem meet. We wish you all helth and are with due respect, Gentlemen,

Your most obliged Humble Servants.

To Mr. Hans Hansen:

Sir—We have this day wrote the members of this city and county, and as you are one of them, we think it needless to give you here the contents thereof, shall therefore only refer you to it, and beg the favour of you that you will use your utmost endeavour to put things forward for a Collony charge, and if that can't be done

then desire you to use your endeavour to gitt the same to be paid by this city and county; and as you have lately been a member of this corporation it needs not to informe you of our deplorable condition. We are with due respect.

P. S. This please to keep to yourself, and if you judge proper we desire you to speak to the chief justice whom we doubt not but will assist you to make it a Colony charge.

1751, Oct. 25. This board appointed the following persons fire masters for the ensueing year:

John Williams, Cornelis Clase van den Berg, first ward; Anthony Bleecker, Gerardus Lansingh, second ward; Johannis Jacobse Lansing, Johannis Gansevoort, third ward.

1752, April 28. Resolved and ordered by this board that the old Seal of this corporation now in the hands and possession of the present mayor be changed and altered, and that there be a new Seal in its place, which new Seal being now produced to this board and approved of by them, the same is ordered to be lodged in the hands of our present clerk in his office for the use and behoof of this corporation, and that the present now new Seal be henceforth our Seal and called, deemed and esteemed the Common Seal of this corporation untill it be altered and changed, and the aforesaid former Seal be null and void and dead in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and that the same be hereafter no more called the Common Seal of this corporation, nor to be made use of as such to any act, instrument, deed or other writeing hereafter at the perill of the possessor thereof, And it is further Resolved and ordered that our present new Seal shall not be made use of to any writeing or instrument whatsoever, except it be in our Common Councill, and that a majority of our Common Councill shall have the direction to what instruments and purposes it shall be made use of and not otherwise.

1752, June 8. The mayor acquainted this board that Peter Wraxell, Esq. had produced his majesty's Signet and Royal sign manuel to be town clerk of this city in



the last mayor's court held for this city, did then and there require of the mayor and aldermen then present to qualify him there in said office; whereupon this board Resolved to send the mayor to said Wraxell, Esq. with the following answer, viz: That they desired some time to consult with men of more judgment in such matters as they could pretend, and that this board should then give him their answer; whereon it is further Resolved by this board to write to his Excellency the Honourable George Clinton, Esq. the following Letter, and that the mayor sign the same in behalf of this corporation of this city.

ALBANY, y<sup>e</sup> 8 June, 1752.

To his Excellency the Hon'ble George Clinton, Esq. &c.

May it please your Excellency—After our Respects to your Excellency in the most Humblest manner presented, we beg leave and think it our duty to acquaint your Excellency that Peter Wraxell, Esq. appeared on the second instant in the mayor's court then held for this city before the mayor, recorder and some of the aldermen of this city then present, and did then and there produce to us in court his majesty's Signet and Royal sign manuel, unpresided unto us, whereby the said Wraxell was constituted and appointed town clerk, clerk of the peace and clerk of the common pleas in the city and county of Albany, and to be the secretary or agent for the Government of New York to the Indians; the said commission appeared to us to be recorded in the Secretary's office of New York, in Lib: Comissions C 1, page 4, and also appeared thereon a certificate under Goldbrew Banjard, Esq's hand and seal, that said Wraxwell had taken the oaths appointed by law, and that he the said Banjard had administered unto him an oath for the full execution of the severall offices mentioned in said comission (except the office of town clerk of the city of Albany), further added in said certificate that the office was to be sworn by the Charter of the said city before the mayor and aldermen of the said city, and demanded in said mayor's court of the mayor, recorder and alder-

men then and there present, to quallifye him in the office of town clerk, did the same in the court of sessions and common pleas. Whereupon the Common Council of this city met, and it was Resolved as it was a cause of great consiquence and unpresidented to them, and a town clerk already qualified in obedience to a former commission under the great Seal of our province of New York, to reserve our answer untill we had considered and consulted those of more experience and judgment in such matters as we can pretend to, for which reasons we hereby humbly apply to your Excellency to write us a few lines signifying to us therein how and in what manner your Excellency thinks best and safest for us and our Charter to act in this dubious and important affair, as we trust your Excellency and believe will give us better advise as we can expect of any other we can apply to. We conclude wishing your Excellency and all yours, health and prosperity, and are with profound respect,

Your Excellency obedient and most humble servants.

1752, June 16. Resolved by this board to give Mr. Smith three pound for his advise relating the swearing Mr. Wraxel in the office of town [clerk] for this city. Mr. Jacob Ten Eyck disbursed the said three pounds as also eighteen shillings to Joh's Seger, which is allowed to him by this board.

Resolved that an order be drawn upon the Treasurer for so much wheat to be paid to Jacob Ten Eyck for the £3:18, at the rate of 3s. 9d. per skiple, and to charge Joh's Seger account for 18s.

1752, June 25. The mayor produced a Letter from his Excellency the Governour, dated y<sup>e</sup> 18 June, 1752, which is an answer to our Letter entered on record the 8 of this instant, June.

The mayor also produced Mr. Smith's advice under his hand what regular steps to be takein relateing the swearing of Mr. Wraxell in the office of town clerk, and according to a Resolve made the 16 of this instant, Mr. Jacob Ten Eyck has paid him three pound.

1752, June 29. Whereas Peter Wraxell, Esq. pro-

duced a commission to us, from his majesty, under his Royall Signet and sign manuel, dated at St. James on the 15th November, 1750, and delivered to us a copy thereof certified thereon it to be a true copy of his majesty's signet and sign manual, and the certificates thereon of the deputy secretary of the province of New York to be also true, the same is recorded in the Secretary's office of this province appointing him town clerk, clerk of the peace and clerk of the common pleas in this county and city during his majesty's pleasure, and also hath produced a certificate of Golbrew Bangar, deputy secretary of this province, that by virtue of his majesty's writ of didimus Potestatem to him directed, dated 23 day of October, 1746, to swear all officers then and thereafter to be appointed within the said province, he did on the 27th day of May last administer to the said Peter Wraxell, Esq. the usual State oaths and also the declaration as by law appointed and received his subscription to the said oaths and declaration, and that he did then also administer unto him an oath for the full execution of the several offices mentioned in his majesty's Signet and Royal sign manual, except the office of town clerk of the city of Albany, which officers is by the Charter of the said city to be sworn before the mayor and aldermen of the said city, as by the said certificate dated in the city of New York the twenty-seventh day of May, 1752, doth appear, and the said Peter Wraxell thereupon hath desired us to administer to him the oath required by law for the faithful execution of the said office of town clerk.

And whereas Harme Gansevoort, Esq. hath produced to us a commission in his majesty's name under the Seal of this province, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of September, 1750, appointing him town clerk, clerk of the peace and clerk of the common pleas in this city and county of Albany, to hold the said offices for so long a time as he shall behave himself well, and it appears to us that on or about the second day of October, 1750, he produced the said commission and was duly sworn faithfully to execute the said offices, and thereupon entred

upon execution of the said office and took possession of the public records belonging to the offices and now hath possession of the same, and the said Harme Gansevoort still claimeth right by vertue of the said commission to hold the offices and the appurtenances pursuant to the said commission.

We therefore being willing to pay all due obedience to his majesty and the law, and by no means to prejudice the right of the contending parties, but to have them dispute each others title in due course of law, do therefore at the desire of the said Peter Wraxell, Esq., in conformity to what hath been already done by vertue of the didimus potestatem aforesaid, consent to administer to him the oath for the faithfull execution of the office of town clerk, at the same time by no means intending to convey or transfer any right thereby other than what is consistant with law or to prejudice the right of the said Harme Gansevoort.

June 29th, 1752, Peter Wraxell, Esq. was sworn in the said office of town clerk accordingly.

1752, June 30. Whereas Peter Wraxell, Esq. made application yesterday in Common Councill and demanded an order from them on Mr. Harme Gansevoort for the records, whereupon it is Resolved by this board to inform themselves further, and that they can not as yet give any such order untill they have further advise, and that the said Gansevoort lays claim thereto by vertue of his commission.

Be it ordained by the mayor, recorder, aldermen and assistants of the city of Albany in Common Councill convened, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that our new Seal which is called the common seal, now in the possession of the present clerk, shall and may be forthwith used to all instruments, writings whatsoever (excepting to such grants, leases, bonds, bills) relating to this corporation, which are to be executed and sealed in Common Council. And be it ordained by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be paid to the mayor or aldermen three shillings for their fees and to

the clerk for putting the seal to any instrument six shillings for the use of the corporation and one shilling for the clerk's own use. If used to a freedom, of every merchant, trader, shopkeeper, the sum of thirty shillings current money of the colony of New York, and every handicraft tradesman the sum of twelve shillings and not under, to be remitted into the office for which the clerk is accountable to the corporation.

1752, August 31. The mayor produced to this board a true copy of the minutes of the Governour and Council wherein they desire the mayor, aldermen and comonalty of this city to have such repair done at present as is necessary for this winter season for y<sup>e</sup> Sweg Garrison, and that the Governour and Council will strongly recommend to the Generall Assembly for the payment thereof. And be it Resolved by this board that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Holland, now commanding officer of the said Garrison, to procure so much bark to make the roof tyth, and that two glass windows be made and sent by the first oppertunity.

1752, Oct. 12. Resolved by this board that the order was given to Mr. Abraham Douw on the treasurer of New York, by a resolution made on the 26 day of February, 175<sup>o</sup>, is hereby countermanded, and that notice be given thereof to the said Abraham Douw.

And it is further Resolved by this board that a new order be given to Mr. James Stevenson on the treasurer of New York for £250, which is allowed by the Generall Assembly to this corporation, and his receipt shall be a sufficient discharge, and that the clerk shall sign the said order by vertue of this resolution.

1752, Sept. 29. This day being appointed by the Charter for electing and choosing corporation officers, the following were choosen to serve for the ensuing year according to the directions of the Charter:

*First Ward*—John de Peyster and Johannis Van Sante, aldermen; Volkert P. Douw and Barent H. Ten Eyck, assistants; Harmanus Schuyler and Gerrit Van Sante, Jr., constables.

*Second Ward*—Jacob Ten Eyck and John Glen, aldermen; John R. Bleecker and John Beekman, assistants; David Groesbeck, Jr. and Jacob Bleeker constables.

*Third Ward*—Abraham Douw, Harme Gansevoort, aldermen; Peter de Wandelaer, Joh's Ja. Lansingh, assistants; Hendrick Everse, William G<sup>t</sup> van den Bergh, constables.

The Common Councill appointed John Roseboom for city treasurer or chamberlain; Johannis Seger for marchall.

1752, Nov. 3. This board appointed the following persons fire masters for this city for the ensuing year:

John Van Deusen, Peter Lansing, for the first ward; Anthony Bleecker, Samuel Pruyne for y<sup>e</sup> second ward; Johannis Becker, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Anthony van der See, for y<sup>e</sup> 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 Common Councill.

Whereas Mr. James Stevenson, by an order of the mayor, aldermen and assistants of this city received from y<sup>e</sup> treasurer of New York the sum of £250, New York money, which said sum of money was allowed by the Generall Assembly to this corporation. Resolved by this board that Mr. James Stevenson's bond be discharged out of the said £250, which bond with the interest amount to £139:13; done accordingly. That the overplus remain in his hands till further orders.

It is further Resolved that on the King's birthday, which will be the tenth of this instant month, shall be spent the sum of three pound ten shillings.

1752, Dec. 6. Resolved by this board that y<sup>e</sup> clerk write a Letter, directed to Harme Knickerbaker, Johannis de Wandelaer and Wouter Groesbeck, to consult with the rest of their neighbours to send a proper person to give an answer wether they will consent to leave the disputes for the rent and arrearages due to us to three indifferent persons, and make their answer on or before the 25 day of this instant, December, otherwise they

may expect to be prosecuted, and that the clerk sign the same in behalf of the Common Councill.

1753, Jan. 9. Resolved that an order be drawn upon the treasurer to deliver unto Joh's Seger all the paper money now in his custody belonging to this city to pay Jacob Ten Eyck part of a bond, and that y<sup>e</sup> clerk sign y<sup>e</sup> same in behalf of the Common Councill.

By vertue of the above order, Joh's Seger delivered here in Common Councill the sum of thirty pounds in paper bills.

Mr. James Stevenson has this day delivered in Common Councill the sum of one hundred and ten pounds seven shillings, which being the remainder of the two hundred and fifty pounds which he has received by vertue of an order from the Common Councill from y<sup>e</sup> treasurer in York.

This board has this day in Common Councill paid to Jacob Ten Eyck the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, and also one pound ten shillings interest for y<sup>e</sup> same, in part of a bond of two hundred pounds and have taken receipts upon the back of the said bond for the same.

This board sends by Joh's Seger one Bag with eighteen pounds twelve shillings in pennys and one five shilling bill, as also a note of hand from Marta Mynderse for twelve pounds, to deliver y<sup>e</sup> treasurer and take a receipt for the same, which receipt is to be delivered to y<sup>e</sup> mayor.

1753, April 6. Resolved that an order be drawn on the treasurer to pay Joh's Seger £3:2 in pennis and 3 skipple wheat, and charge his account for y<sup>e</sup> same. To John Flansburgh 6s. for mending y<sup>e</sup> Stocks.

1743, May 8. This board ordered the clerk to draw an order on the city treasurer to pay Elisabeth van Olinde the sum of three pounds-ten shillings out of the seven pounds allowed to John Bell y<sup>e</sup> 7th day of December, 1745, for being hangman and whipper and charge the same to his account; the clerk to sign in behalf of the Common Councill.

## CITY DOCUMENTS.

## FREEDOMS PURCHASED, 1781.

To Gerrit G. Lansingh, Merchant.....	£3 12
Hugh Orr do .....	3 12
John Shepherd do .....	3 12
John Waters do .....	3 12
Henry Hart do .....	3 12
Edmund Buttler do .....	3 12
John Easton, Cordwainer.....	1 16
Gerrit Hyer, Peruke Maker.....	1 16
Henry Cook, Blacksmith.....	1 16
Charles Newman, Merchant.....	3 12
John Folson, Silver Smith.....	1 16
John Maley, Merchant.....	3 12
Robert Wright, do .....	3 12
Ivie Chambers do .....	3 12
John Fontfreyde, French Merchant a Permitt.	3 12
Colin Gibson, Taylor.....	1 16
Joseph Hall, Silver Smith.....	1 16
Benjamin Wallace.....	3 0
Edward Cumpston, Merchant.....	3 12
Andrew Abel, Cordwainer.....	1 16
John Ram, Baker.....	1 16
Hugh McAdam, Merchant.....	3 12
Melancton Smith do .....	3 12
Maus R. Van Vranken do .....	3 12
Nathaniel Stephens do .....	3 12
Francis Carbines do .....	3 12
Thomas Sickles do .....	3 12
Henry Finn do .....	3 12
Coenradt Scherp do .....	3 12
James Campbell, Feltmaker.....	1 16
John Robison, Merchant.....	3 12



## ANCIENT BURIAL GROUND.

[It appears by the following document found among the common council papers, that the plot of ground used for sepulture on the west of Eagle street, between State and Lancaster streets, was appropriated to that purpose in 1789. The property owned by the Lutheran church on Park street was the site of their allotment as a burial place. Before this time each church had its grave yard adjacent to or near the church to which it belonged. The Dutch Reformed Church was at the foot of State street, and its grave yard was where the Middle Dutch Church now stands. The Lutheran Church was where the Centre Market stands and its grave yard adjoined on the south. The Episcopal was in State street opposite to Chapel street, and its grave yard near the present site of St. Peter's. The Presbyterian Church was near the corner of Grand and Hudson streets, and its grave yard adjoined on the east. The High Dutch Church, as it is here called, was between Patroon and Orange streets, west of Ten Broeck, with its grave yard adjoining. It was now proposed to have a common burial place, and the site recommended by the Committee was adopted by the common council.]

The committee appointed to locate a place for a common burying ground for the city report that on the east adjoining the lot on which the barracks were burned lately conveyed by the board to Barent Bleeker on which a vault has lately been made is five acres of ground very proper to be appropriated for that purpose being of excellent soil and a very gradual descent and on the Southern declivity of the hill, will never prove pernicious to the springs which supply the city with water and which is a very important objection to the present burying in the ground of the Episcopal and Lutheran churches the boundaries of which common burying ground we would locate as follows: bounded on the North by Prince street, on the East by Duke street, on the South by Predeau

street, on the West by the lot of Barent Bleeker in which the vault is made which ground contains five acres.

Sept. 19, 1789.

THOS. HUN,  
T. V. W. GRAHAM.

The committee further report that the most eastern acre of the above burying ground be granted to the corporation of the Presbyterian church, and the next acre to the Episcopal church, and the next acre to the Lutheran church, and the east half of the third acre be for the reformed high Dutch church, and the most western acre and remaining half acre to the Dutch church.

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#### AGREEMENT WITH THE WHARF ASSOCIATION.

We the Trustees of the Associated Company of Proprietors of the Wharves and Quays in the City of Albany being fully impowered by the Articles of our Association to receive any additional Associates do hereby covenant and agree to and with the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, to receive into our Association, the Public Wharves belonging to the said City, for and during the term of our Association. Provided, that the rates of Wharfage shall be continued during the said term at one shilling and sixpence per Ton, and in the same proportion by the day; and we do in behalf of ourselves and Associates further covenant and agree to and with the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of Albany, that we will pay to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, or their order, the full proportion of all monies which shall be collected for Wharfage and other Duties arising from or upon the said Wharves and Quays aforesaid, estimated according to the number of feet of Wharf owned by each of the said Associated Proprietors, deducting only the Expense of Collection and the rents of the Wharves leased by the said Proprietors from other persons. And we do further covenant and agree to and with the said Mayor, Alder-

men and Commonalty that the Books and Accounts of our Wharfinger shall be produced for Examination to the Mayor or Recorder at any time and as often as they shall think proper, or to the Chamberlain by their order. In witness whereof, we the Trustees of the Associated Company of Proprietors of Wharves and Quays in the City of Albany, have hereunto set our hands this twenty second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred.

G. W. V. SCHAICK,  
JOHN ROBISON,  
FRANCIS BLOODGOOD,

Trustees of certain Proprietors of Wharfs.

Witness,  
ABRAHAM GROESBEECK.

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#### WARRANTY DEED OF A NEGRO SWEEP.

This Indenture made the fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, between the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, of the first part, and Abraham Bloodgood, of the City of Albany, Merchant, of the second part,

Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part in consideration of the sum of eighty-five pounds of lawful money of the State of New York, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the en-sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part, his executors, administrators and assigns, a certain Negro Man Slave being a Chimney Sweep, called Cæsar, which Negro, the said parties of the first, shall and will at all times hereafter warrant and defend to the said party of the second part, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns against the lawful claim of all persons whomsoever. And the said party of the second part, for

himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, doth covenant with the said parties of the first and their successors in manner following, that is to say, that the said party of the second part, his Executors and Administrators, shall and will during the life of the said Negro or so long as he remains, his or their slave cause him to work in the City of Albany as a chimney sweep, subject to the ordinances and resolutions of the parties of the first part and their successors in common council convened, and that the said party of the second part, his executors or administrators shall not at any time hereafter sell the said Negro, before he or they shall by writing directed and delivered to the said parties of the first or their successors in common council convened, have given them the refusal of the said Negro at the sum of eighty-five pounds or such less sum as he shall bona fide be offered for sale at. In witness whereof, I Abraham Yates, Junior, Mayor of the said City, have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the said city, to be affixed the day and year first above written. And the said party of the second part hath hereto also set his hand and seal the same day and year.

ABRAHAM YATES, Jun.,  
Mayor.

Sealed and delivered in the }  
presence of }

ELBERT WILLET,  
JOHN CAMPBELL.

ABR. BLOODGOOD.

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**BILL OF SALE OF POMPEY, A SLAVE, TO  
THE CORPORATION.**

Know all men by these presents, that I, Davis Hunt, of the town of Watervliet, in the County of Albany, for and in consideration of the sum of sixty-five pounds of lawful money of New York, to me in hand paid by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany at the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt

whereof, I the said Davis Hunt, do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, and their successors, a negro man slave named Pompey, of the age of forty-two years. To have and to hold the said negro man slave above bargained and sold or mentioned or intended so to be to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany and their successors forever, and I the said Davis Hunt, for myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, the said negro man slave, unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, and their successors against me the said Davis Hunt, my Executors and Administrators, and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at the City of Albany this twenty-second day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

Sealed and delivered in the } DAVIS HUNT.  
presence of }

JOHN J. OSTRANDER.

The word Aldermen wrote on erasure in the eleventh line of this instrument before execution hereof.

Sealed and delivered in the }  
presence of us }

PETER BEEKMAN,

ISAAC SLINGERLANDT, JUN.

#### OPENING OF FERRY STREET.

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Consistory of the Dutch Church, report that the Committee of the Dutch Church propose as follows :

1st. To lay out a Street of sixty feet wide in the Pasture from the house of Jacob Truax to the Ferry Lot on a straight line.

2d. To give up their ground as present occupie d as a street, leading from the Ferry House to Washington street.

and to relinquish their right to a compensation therefore, this Corporation consenting that the consistory stop up the road as it formerly run through their Pasture to the South Ward and of the Ferry House.

3d. The Corporation of the Church to give as much ground in the rear of the lot on which the Ferry House stands, as to replace the quantity of ground of the said lot, appropriated to the use of the said street, leading from the East corner of the Ferry House to Washington street.

The Corporation of the Church to be permitted to remove the Bridge across the Treols Kill so far West as to bring it in the aforesaid sixty feet street, they to be at the expense of removing it.

21 Sept., 1789.

LEONARD GANSEVOORT, JUN.

JOHN PRICE,

HENRY TEN EYCK.

Resolved that the said Committee be authorised to accede to the above proposals on behalf of this Board, 21st Sept., 1789.

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## PROPOSALS FOR KEEPING THE WATCH, 1787.

Proposals from the Subscribers on which they will undertake and engage to perform in a Rotation their part of the Duty of Watchmen for the City of Albany.

That the said Watchmen be allowed and paid the sum of two shillings and six pence in cash for every night they may do duty as watchmen, which money or wages to be duly paid quarterly at the expiration of every three months.

That the Corporation make an allowance of six pence per night during the winter season for wood and candles, that is from the first of November to the last of April, and three pence a week during the rest of the year.

That the Corporation find a convenient room for a watch house in some convenient part of the City.

That the Corporation allow three shillings per night to be paid as aforesaid, the watchmen finding every thing but a room to watch in on the above conditions, we are willing to undertake and perform our part as watchmen.

ROBERT HEUSON,  
HENRY RADLIFF,  
JAMES THOMPSON,

JACOB BLOOMENDALL,  
JAMES RADLIFF,  
MARTIN REISE.

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COMMON COUNCIL ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC  
ON THE GREAT FIRE OF 1793.

The Corporation of the City of Albany viewing the conduct of those who were present at the calamitous disaster occasioned by the late destructive fire in this city, while with pain and regret they recollect the inactivity and seeming unconcern of some few, can not pass by expressing their hearty and unfeigned thanks to all those who in that time of general anxiety and distress, generously and freely stepped forward and gave their aid to the relief of our fellow citizens, in subduing the destructive flames then surrounding us, while we express the gratitude of the citizens whom we represent to the one class, a contemplation of the other fills us with feelings too painful and disagreeable to be uttered, would the exertions of individuals be noticed with propriety, the tribute would gratefully be paid, the thanks of the corporation, however, are hereby publicly given to all those and particularly to our neighbours from the country and adjacent towns who so generously and opportunely give their needed aid, exertions and assistance. The conduct of the citizens and country people at the last fire in the stable of General Gansevoort in Maidens Lane, and their strenuous efforts, particularly demand and have the warmest thanks and hearty approbations of this Board. We must at the same time remark, that if a strict silence was observed by all except those who are intrusted with the command, and who will be at such times distinguished by a white sash, it would be the means of preventing the confusion which is too frequent on those melancholy occasions.

**FAST DAY RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL BY THE CLERGY, ON ACCOUNT OF THE FIRE OF 1797.**

Gentlemen: Albany, August 9th, 1797.

Having taken into consideration the late dreadful calamity which has befallen our city, and convinced that the judgment of God and their procuring cause the sins of the community, call for deep humiliation and repentance, we have determined to observe next Wednesday as a day of fasting and humiliation and prayer. This purpose we thought fit to communicate to your worshipful body, in order that you might if it seemed good, recommend it to the citizens at large.

We remain, Gentlemen,  
with good consideration,  
Your very humble servants,

ALEX. MILLER,                      DAVID S. BOGART,  
JOHN B. JOHNSON,                JOHN BASSETT,  
   ANTHONY T. BRAUN,

**A CORPORATION BILL FOR PUNCH.**

On the 3d of Sept. 1782, Hugh Denniston, who kept a noted tavern in Green street, furnished certain persons for the benefit of the city, with the following articles :

9 Boals of Punch.....	£1 16 0
1 Mug of Beer.....	0 0 9
1 Boal of Grog for Sager.....	0 2 0

The Mayor was requested to pay the bill out of the corporation money. The following is a facsimile of the signature of the person who drank the two shilling boal of grog.



*Thomas Sager*



## GEOLOGY OF ALBANY COUNTY.

*Some Remarks respecting a point in the Geology of Albany County, submitted to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.*

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The attention of the writer was invited, at an early day, in the area of his nativity, to the mineralogical interest, revealed by the heavy dust deposits of the county. These led him to visit the deep cutting of its streams, which revealed agencies of a prominent kind, which must have had general power of action on the structure of plains and valleys; but which action had long ceased, and exercised but little present influence. Such action came to be regarded, as soon as we got books, as geological.

In offering a few remarks on a feature in the stratification of a part of the country familiar to him from early days, embarrassment is felt in not having recently revisited the localities referred to. What is said therefore, is, to some extent, the reminiscence of past years. Some apology may, indeed, be due for calling attention to the facts at all, under the circumstances; nor should he do so, at a time when there are so many eminent and zealous observers in the field, whose studies are directed to geological phenomena, were the facts I am about to name of such a character, on the scenic surface of the country, as to be likely to attract general notice.

The most prominent feature of the county is the range of the Helderbergs, an off-shoot of the Catskill mountains. This highest range divides the county into two general levels of unequal width, characterized as being *above* or *below* that elevation. The lower level is distinguished for nothing, on the surface, of so striking a character as its diluvial and drift deposits of arable layers, clays, sands, analogic pebbles and boulders. The rock strata, as generally denoted by geologists, and more

particularly described by Mr. Hall, are, beginning at the apex of the Helderberg, chert limestone, neutral colored sandstones, fossiliferous limestone, graywacke, sedimentary, horizontal slate, or graywacke slate, and argillite. This stratification, first noticed, it is believed, by the late Dr. T. Romeyn Beck, is exposed to view wherever the streams of the county have worked their beds immediately into it.

The city of Albany rests on the edges and top of the terraceous blue clays and their associated sand strata. I do not know the height of the foundation of the Capitol, above the Hudson river. It can not be less than 140 feet, and the stiff escarpment of the clay beds cut down, at this point, preparatory to the building of the Capitol, were probably 18 or 20 feet. This terraceous clay is covered with a mantel or plateau of diluvial sand, which at the assumed elevation, extends northwestwardly from the Hudson to the valley of the Mohawk. It is sixteen miles from river to river, by about half the distance in breadth, where it is merged in the arable uplands. The area of this sand plain, sometimes called the Honicroisa tract, can not be less than one hundred and twenty square miles. It is not all equally arid, equally barren and unfit for every species of agriculture; but it is, perhaps, to the impeachment of our agricultural acumen, a tract of remarkable dimensions, and that lying in the heart of the state, abstracted from the area of husbandry. Originally covered with a magnificent forest of the *pinus resinosa* and shrubbery peculiar to arenaceous plains, the surface is now well nigh denuded: the winds have insinuated into the sides of hills, creating a species of dunes.

Across this plain, in their journeys from the West, laid the ancient path of the Iroquois, who, impressed by its peculiarities of soil and growth, whichever way they crossed it, called it, in their expressive language, the *Skenektadea*\*, a term which has been applied, with

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\* The elements of this compound term are the word *ska*, meaning through or among; *Nek*, a pine tree; *ta* or *dah*, a formation of rock or hard soil, and *dea*, a plain or valley. The latter termination is heard in *Tahopataea*, the Iroquois name of the Hudson in Canada, &c.

modifications, at successive periods, to each of the cities situated on its eastern and western verge.

This mantle of sand rests, throughout its entire extent, upon the terraceous blue capitoline clay. Rains and atmospheric moisture speedily sink through it, till arrested by its impervious aluminous basis. The effect of this arrangement has been to convert the strata into a vast filtering apparatus, by which the surface waters are at the same time, purified and cooled, and find their outlet, on the surface of the clay beds, into the nearest streams. But this filtering process has had another striking effect on the mineral physiognomy of the central and southeastern parts of the county. The trickling of springs on the line of the aluminous strata, has carried along the quartzose grains of sand, causing the superincumbent beds to cave in. The result of this action has been to cut up the surface of the plains into gulfs, gorges and minor valleys. By throwing the arenaceous on the clay beds, a new soil is produced very favorable to the growth of deciduous trees. These gorges and sub-valleys are therefore filled with hard wood species, while the arid and dry plains bear only pines. They furnish cool retreats for every species of animated nature, during the heats of the day, and it is from the close and vigorous growth of the foliage, in these numerous gorges, that the wolf still maintains his position, and defies the farmer and his sheep-folds from these inaccessible positions.

It is by the union of several of the outlets of these spring gorges of the pine plains, that the Honger kill is formed. Small in its volume, it is of unsurpassed purity and unfailing supply and flows with a force sufficient to sink its channel through the deep clay stratum, and enter its recipient, the Tawasentha, or Norman's kill, through the boulder and pebble drift. Like other streams of primary or secondary importance, the banks of this stream—the ample space left for its outflow, and the elevation of its bordering hills, force the mind, on one of two conclusions, either that fluvial action was, at former periods of comparatively immense force, or, that the time consumed

by the present feeble action on the earth's surface must have been very great. Feeble as the action of the stream is, it has been sufficient to reveal a formation of red sandstone, which, apparently, underlies the under Helderberg series of graywacke and slates, and the upper series of fossiliferous limestone, and its superimposed porous and marly horizontal new sandstones.

This disclosure was made in a depressed part of the Honger kill valley, in the course of excavations made in the heavy embankment constructed by the Western turnpike company, in crossing that valley. The rock, in colors and grain, resembles the Piermont or Haverstraw sandstones of the lower Hudson. It is perhaps, characteristically less quartzose and compact. It is also less apyrous, as was tested by placing a massive block, in the high heat of a glass burner. Another locality of the same rock, penetrates through the soil, in the same valley, at a higher point. \* These localities are at the now decayed manufacturing village at Hamilton, within about a mile from the entrance of the stream into the Norman's kill, or Tawasentha. Geologically, but not topographically, the Honger kill sandstone underlies the state.

The deepest cutting into the geological column of the county, is made by the Tawasentha. This stream in its western fork, the Roga or Mad creek, originates on the Helderberg range. In passing through the series of newer sandstones and limestones and graywackes it lays bare the succession of rocks, and hurries with a rapid channel to its junction, with the Swarte, or Black, and the Tiergæa, or north-east branch. Reinforced by these tributaries, it sweeps its way through the alluvial coverings, for the Hudson. In its progress it sinks its level quite through the graywacke, and deeply into the Tawasentha slate, which is a sedimentary or graywacke slate.

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\* This latter locality was pointed out to me, as an anomaly, by the late John Schoolcraft, Jr., Esq., of Hamilton Village, or Guilderland.

At the rapids of the Globe mills, or French's and other parts of Guilderland, this rock stands in perpendicular facades, from eighty to, perhaps, a hundred and twenty feet high. They are least prominent opposite the Boulder banks at Mulberry hill, near the entrance of the Honger kill. At lower points of its course, the valley assumes a greater expansion; and its precipices have suffered more from the degradations of elemental action. The river finally enters the Hudson, two miles south of the city, between the ancient Iroquois cemetery of Tawasentha \* and Kiddenhooghten.

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\* This curious natural mound, or hillock, is connected with the diluvial formation, by a narrow rock, or peninsula. It was a spot sacred to sepulture, from the earliest time; and furnished them a natural cognomen for the stream. There is no object of higher antiquarian interest in the vicinity, and it is worthy of municipal care.

## THE CITY'S ANCIENT RAVINES.

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Three considerable streams of water, which anciently traversed the city, have within the memory of many inhabitants, been converted into sewers, namely, the Foxen kill, the Rutten kill and the Bever kill. The Foxen kill, when the city was first settled, and for a long time after, afforded abundance of fish. It ran outside of the stockades, which for a great many years formed the northern boundary of the city. It is but little more than a quarter of a century since it was crossed by a bridge in North Pearl street, near Orange.

The Rutten kill was a lesser stream, having its source above Lark street, but which sent down a formidable volume of water in times of freshet. The inhabitants of the upper end of Beaver street, have an inkling of what it may have been when they are refreshed by a heavy rain storm. This also was a never-failing brook, stored with fish, and was the only one that came within the old city walls. Passing down the Hudson street ravine, it crossed Pearl street where the Congregational church stands, and entered the river a few feet below State street. In the oldest map of the city 1676, (see *Annals* vol. iv, p. 200), a *brug* marks the spot where it crossed the street now called Broadway. The city records frequently allude to these bridges. In January, 1701, we find the following entry:

"It is further concluded since ye Bridges by Coll. Schuyler's doth decay, that Mr. Roseboom, Hendrik Oothout and Harpert Jacobse vizite ye same, and make returne ye next court what is required to be repaired."

A meeting was held on the next day, when the following report was made:

"Relating the bridge at Coll. Schuyler's, ye gentlemen yesterday appointed to vizite ye same do return that it requires to be repaired with one oak logg, of 17 foot, 12

inches square; four posts, 10 foot, 10 inches square; two pine loggs of 10 foot, 1 foot square; three ditto 17 foot apiece; three ditto of 20 foot; and one of 37 foot."

In 1706 the following entry was made in the common council minutes relating to another of these bridges:

"The petition of William Hogen relating ye bridge by ye Lutheran church being much out of repair desyreing that ye Common Council will take ye same into there wise consideration yt ye Bridge be repaired. It is

"Resolved that in convenient time ye same shall be made sufficient to passe and repasse without danger."

The Lutheran church alluded to occupied the ground of the Market house in South Pearl street, and its burial ground was the site of the vegetable market adjoining. Pearl Street, for a century after this, was but a lane, many persons now living remembering when a gate swung across it at State street.

On the 13th April, 1706, the following record was made in the common council minutes:

"As to ye Bridge towards ye Lutheriaen church, Mr. Hansen is agreed to make a sufficient and strong new bridge, laid with good plank two inches thick, wherefore he is to receive ye £5: 10 due from Evert Janse."

Two years later we find the following entry:

"The Commonalty being informed yt ye Bridge over ye Rutten kill in ye street lately known by ye name of ye ffuddamart is very much out of repair & decade, doe therefore order yt ye sd Bridge shall be made anew and yt Mr. Robt. Livingston & Coenraet Ten Eyk are appointed to see ye sd bridge made upon ye City charges."

"September 28. This day Mr. Robt. Livingston, Jun. & Conraet ten Eyk brought in their acct of makeing of ye Bridge over ye Rutten kill in ye street calld ye fodde mart, amounting in all after £2: 9: is deducted, wh is payd to them £7: 14: 4½ wh is approved of by ye Commonalty & ordered yt those persons are to have credit in ye City book for what there is due to them."

Whether the name of this creek is derived from *rats*, as some suppose, it is infested with myriads of the lusti-

est specimens of that vermin to this day. The creek is now a sewer throughout its entire length. The grading of the ravine which it traversed was nearly completed in 1847, from Hawk to Lark street, and from Lydius to State. So late as 1827 it was an unbroken waste. Eagle street then extended no farther than the Lancaster School, now the Medical College. There were not a dozen buildings even on Lydius street from Pearl to Lark. When the unfortunate Strang was executed in its grassy valley in the above mentioned year, its green hills on either side were darkened by a multitude numbering full thirty thousand. The clay banks on Lydius street furnished the city with bricks for a great number of years. During a period of about three years, two hundred and fifty men and sixty teams were employed upon the work of grading and filling this large area. The ravine, three hundred feet broad and fifty feet deep received the lofty banks upon its borders, and was raised to a convenient grade, whereby a large tract was reclaimed for habitation, that had been useless except for brick kilns, or basins where water gathered, furnishing reservoirs for bathing and fishing to truant boys. Not less than six hundred thousand yards excavation was made in blue clay, and an equal amount of filling was done by one contractor. By this improvement Hudson street has become the most inviting avenue to the city, and comely blocks of dwellings already adorn most of the streets which intersect the area of the ancient Rutten kill.



## SCRAPS FROM THE DUTCH RECORDS.

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The fort at Albany, the first Fort Orange, was built in 1614 by Hendrik Christianse. There is a dispute where it was situated, although it is usually located on the Island at the lower end of the city.

Barent Van Slechtenhorst, agent for the patroon, having quarreled with Gov. Stuyvessant about a question of jurisdiction, was arrested in 1652 and confined at New Amsterdam several months.

There was a great mortality of cattle here in 1661.

Also very high water Oct. 11 of the same year.

Brick imported from Holland sold in 1661 for \$4.16 a thousand, payable in beaver skins.

The small pox produced great mortality at this place in 1663.

In the oath of allegiance taken by the officers of government, they swore to "maintain the reformed religion in conformity to the word of God and the decrees of the synod of Dordrecht."

As early as 1628 frequent mention is made of blacks owned as slaves in the colony.

The custom of sons adopting the Christian names of their fathers for their own surnames, came into use as early as 1638, and leads to a good deal of confusion. Thus Gerrit, the son of Wolfert Gerritsen, was known as Gerrit Wolfertsen—that is, Gerrit the son of Wolfert.

Seven morgens of land were equal to fifteen acres.

When two fought with knives, a custom of frequent occurrence at this time, the survivor was held guilty of murder if he stabbed his antagonist and death ensued; but only of manslaughter if he cut or slashed him. In 1642 fighting with knives was wholly prohibited.

A beaver skin was worth 2s 6d in 1641.

An ordinance was passed in 1645 forbidding the sale of powder and ball to the Indians on pain of death.

The trial of an appeal from the court in Rensselaerwyk was held before the governor and council in 1645.

The salary of the Rev. Gideon Schaats, minister at Fort Orange, was 1200 guilders, about \$480.

Beaver skins were not to be sold at Boston, 1663.

Claverack received its name in 1664.

About the same time a sloop was permitted to sail every Monday from New Amsterdam to Fort Orange, provided that not more than six passengers at a time be allowed to go in her.

Although the name Ten Broek occurs so frequently in the very entertaining history of New York by Knickerbocker, yet no mention is made of such a family in the Dutch records. It is probable, therefore, that they emigrated to this country after 1664. The name Hardenbroek is found in the records.

## MACAULEY'S ACCOUNT OF ALBANY.

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In the year 1610 the Dutch East India company sent hither one ship for the purpose of trading with the natives. Ships belonging to the same company visited New York bay and Hudson's river successively, in the years 1611, 1612, and 1613, but no attempt was made at settlement.

The States General of the Netherlands, in the early part of the year 1614, granted a patent to sundry merchants for an exclusive trade on Hudson's river. In the grant the country was styled New Netherlands. The company the same year built a fort and trading house on an island in the river, about half a mile below where the city of Albany now stands. Henry Christiaens was entrusted with the command. This seems to have been the first establishment formed by the Dutch in the New Netherlands. It was judiciously selected for defence against savages. The island at present is called Dunn's island, and contains about seventy acres of land. It is near the west side of the river. It is alluvial and very fertile, being mostly subject to annual inundations. The land was cleared and under cultivation. The Mohawks every year planted it with corn. On this island they had a small village. Dunn's island now contains one house.

Towards the latter part of the same year the company erected another small fort and a trading house at the southerly end of Manhattan island. The fort occupied a part of the battery, and some of the grounds adjoining it on the north. To this establishment they gave the name of New Amsterdam. Both were enclosed with stockadoes and mounted with some small pieces of cannon. The Mohawks, Mohiccons, &c. gave to the Dutch a very friendly reception. They sold them furs and provisions, and treated them like brethren. They

imagined that the residence of these strangers would be only temporary.

In 1615 the company constructed a small fort at the mouth of Norman's kill, about a mile and a half southerly of the fort on Dunn's island. The place where the city of Albany stands and the adjoining parts, the Mohawks called Schaunaughtada, that is, a place beyond, on the other side, or over the plains. The designation was, in respect to Ohnowalagantle, on the river Mohawk or Canneogahakalononitade. At the time the Dutch arrived several small bands of Mohawks resided on the west bank of the Hudson, and on the islands in that stream. The eastern bank of that river was occupied by bands of the Moheakanneews. The river was the boundary between those hostile tribes. Violent disputes then existed between the members living on its banks in relation to the islands. The Hudson was called by the Mohawks Cahohatatea, and by the Lenni Lenape, Mahackanegtuck. To Schaunaughtada the Dutch first bestowed the appellation of Aurania, and then Beverwyck.

The company in 1618 built a redoubt at the Kingston landing, and established a post at Esopus, now Kingston, in the county of Ulster. This place is on the south side of Esopus creek, and two miles west of the landing. The banks of the Hudson below Catskill, and those of Walkill and Rondout rivers, and of Esopus creek, were inhabited by bands of the Mahiccons and Mohickanders, or Wabingas. The Mahiccons and Wabingas belonged to the confederacy of the Lenni Lenape, and were kindred tribes.

Between the years 1616 and 1620, about twenty persons belonging to the company went from the fort on Dunn's island, below Albany, to Ohnowalagantle, now Schenectady, where they entered into a compact with the Mohawks, from whom they bought some land on which they erected a trading house. This they surrounded with pickets and fortified. Then Ohnowalagantle was a considerable town, and contained several villages and hamlets. The principal village stood within the bounds

of the present city. The rich and beautiful intervale lands on the Mohawk, around the city, were mostly cleared and cultivated. On these the Mohawks grew corn, beans, and squashes, which in part afforded them subsistence. According to tradition, the village of Ohnowalagantle occupied the site of Connughariegugharie, the ancient capital of the Mohawks. The same tradition informs us that it was abandoned some ages anterior to the colonization, and that Icanderago, at the mouth of Schoharie creek, was selected for the new capital. We have no certain information in respect to the number of the Mohawks residing at Ohnowalagantle when the Dutch came to it. According to some accounts there were eight hundred fighting men, and according to others less. The same accounts inform us that three hundred warriors lived upon the lands which have since been included in one farm. Without attempting to reconcile these jarring accounts, we may reasonably infer that the numbers were considerable.

The States General of the Netherlands, in the year 1621, made a grant of the whole country to the Dutch West India company. In 1623 this company built fort Orange on the west side of the Hudson, about half a mile above Dunn's island. A village soon rose in its vicinity. Fort Orange stood in the southeasterly quarter of the city of Albany.

When the Dutch arrived at Albany, violent controversies existed between the Moheakannews and Mohawks, about the alluvial lands on the east side of the Hudson, and some of the islands in the river. To end these controversies, the commander of fort Orange invited the hostile chiefs into the fort, and persuaded them to bury the hatchet.

In the beginning of August, 1678, Colonel Dongan met the Agoneasean chiefs at Albany, and made a speech to them. He advised them not to treat with the French, without consulting him; not to kill their prisoners, but to exchange them for their own people; to dispatch messengers to the Indians, with whom they were then at

war, and propose peace, and bury the tomahawk ; telling them at the same time, that whatever things they wanted hereafter, the English would let them have, upon cheaper terms than the French.

Colonel Dongan, in his interview with the Aganuschionian chiefs at Albany, seems to have acted with an overheated zeal in rousing the passions of this ferocious people against the French. Probably not being much acquainted with the savage character, he did not foresee the consequences. The innocent inhabitants of Canada and New York soon became the sufferers.

De Callieres, who went to France in 1688, projected a scheme for the reduction of the province of New York, but the plan miscarried.

The force demanded for this enterprize was one thousand three hundred regulars, and three hundred Canadians. Albany was said to contain only three hundred inhabitants, and to be fortified by an inclosure of stockades, and a little fort with four bastions, and that it contained but one hundred and fifty soldiers. New York was represented to contain about four thousand persons.

In 1689, the count de Frontenac, the governor of Canada, proposed peace to the Aganuschioni who called a grand council at Onondaga. The chiefs, from the several tribes, convened to the number of eighty, about the 22d of January, 1690. The people of Albany were notified but did not attend. Sadekanaghtie an Onondaga chief, opened the conference. According to the French accounts, the whole was managed with great art and formality, and concluded in showing a disposition to make peace without perfecting it.

Among other measures to detach the Agoneaseah from the British interest, and to raise the depressed spirit of the Canadians, count de Frontenac thought proper to send out several parties against the English colonies. D'Aillebout, de Mantel and Le Moyne, commanded one against Schenectady, consisting of about two hundred French, and fifty Mohawks belonging to the Caughnawaga clan.

The people at Schenectady, though they had been informed of the designs of the enemy, were in the greatest security; imagining it impossible for any men to march several hundred miles in the midst of winter, through the snow, bearing their provisions on their backs.

After a march of twenty-two days, the enemy reached the vicinity of Schenectady, on the 8th of February, 1690, and were reduced to such straits that they thought of surrendering themselves prisoners of war. But their scouts, who were a day or two in the village, returned with such favorable accounts of the absolute security of the people, that they determined on the attack. They entered on Saturday night, about eleven o'clock, at the gates, which were found unshut; and that every house might be invested at the same time, divided themselves into small parties of six or seven men. The inhabitants were in a profound sleep, and unalarmed till their doors were broke open. Before they were risen from their beds the enemy entered and began the work of death. The whole village was instantly in a blaze. Sixty persons were killed, and twenty-seven carried into captivity. The rest fled, naked, towards Albany, through a deep snow, which fell that night in a terrible storm; and twenty-five of these fugitives lost their limbs in the flight through the severity of the cold.

The news of this dreadful tragedy reached Albany about break of day. A universal dread seized the inhabitants. A party of horse was immediately dispatched to Schenectady. The enemy, in the mean time, pillaged the town till noon the next day; and then went off with their plunder, and about forty of the best horses. The rest, with all the cattle they could find, lay slaughtered in the streets. Several women and children were released, at the instance of Capt. Glen, on the score of his wife's civilities to certain French captives, in the time of Col. Dongan.

A party of Albanians and Mohawks pursued the enemy in his retreat and either killed or captivated five and twenty.

The taking and burning of Schenectady had such an effect upon the people of Albany, that they were almost on the point of abandoning it.

In this state, bordering upon despair, several of the Mohawk chiefs arrived, and urged them to stay. They addressed them affectionately, recommended a union of the colonies, and a perseverance in the war. In their native simplicity they say, "The French have broken open our house at both ends; formerly in the Seneca country, and now here." This expression had reference to entering both ends of their country.

The French, in this expedition, set out from Chambly, on Sorel, and proceeded up lake Champlain to Wood creek, or the head of South bay, from whence they crossed over to the Hudson, at Sandy Hill, and then went down that river on the ice to Saratoga. Here they left it, and marched through the woods to Schenectady. Most of the way was on the ice. The advance went forward on snow shoes. The main followed their trail. Incredible were the hardships suffered by this veteran band.

This summer, 1691, Major Schuyler with some volunteers, and a party of Mohawks, passed through lake Champlain, and made an irruption into Canada, and devastated some of the French settlements on the Sorel. M. de Callieres, the governor of Montreal, to oppose him, collected a small army, and encamped at La Prairie. Several skirmishes took place between the hostile parties, and in these, it is said, that Schuyler slew about three hundred of the enemy, a number which exceeded that of his own force, a thing not at all likely. Major Schuyler's design in this incursion, was to reanimate the Mohawks, and preserve their enmity against the French. They accordingly, with the other members of the nation, continued their hostilities, making numerous inroads into Canada, and keeping the country in constant alarm.

Col. Benjamin Fletcher arrived with the commission of Governor, on the 29th of August, 1692.



Fletcher was brave, active, passionate, bigoted, and avaricious, and withal of inconsiderable talents. In the autumn after his arrival he repaired to Albany, where he had an interview with the Agoneasean chiefs, and confirmed the old league.

While at Albany he became acquainted with Major Schuyler, a man of talents, enterprise and courage. No person then in the province, understood the state of our affairs with the Agoneaseah better than him. He had so great an influence over them that whatever he recommended or disapproved had the force of a law. This influence over them was supported, as it had been obtained, by repeated offices of kindness, and his singular bravery and activity in the defence of his country. These qualifications, so rarely to be found in a single individual, rendered him singularly necessary, both to the province and the governor. Fletcher, who possessed some sagacity, perceived that such a man would be highly useful, not only for himself, as an adviser, but for the country, took him into confidence, and made him one of the council. Under the tutelage of Major Schuyler, the governor became daily more and more conversant with the Agoneasean concerns: his constant application to which procured and preserved him a reputation and influence in the colony.

The indefatigable and gallant count de Frontenac, finding that all his measures for accomplishing a peace with the Agoneaseah had proved abortive, was now meditating a blow upon the Mohawks. He accordingly collected six or seven hundred French, Adirondacks, and Caughnawagas, and supplied them with every thing necessary for a winter's campaign. They set out from Montreal, on the 15th day of January, 1693, and proceeded by the way of lake Champlain; and after a march attended with incredible hardships, they passed by Schenectady on the 6th of February, and that night took five men, and some women and children, at the first castle of the Mohawks. They met with the same success at the second castle, the Mohawks being in perfect security, and many of them at

Schenectady. At the third they found about forty men engaged in a war dance, preparatory to going out on some enterprise the next day. Upon their entering the castle a conflict ensued in which the French lost some men. Three hundred of the Mohawks were made captives in this expedition.

The Mohawks were greatly enraged at the people of Schenectady, because, they had not given them notice of the enemy's approach, nor any assistance. But this was atoned for by the succors from Albany. Colonel Schuyler upon hearing of their misfortunes, immediately put himself at the head of two hundred volunteers, and went out against the enemy. On the fifteenth of February, he was joined by three hundred Mohawks badly armed. With these forces, he went in pursuit of the enemy, whom he fell in with, on the seventeenth, when some skirmishes ensued. The French being apprehensive that colonel Schuyler would receive a reinforcement from Albany, continued their retreat on the eighteenth. Indeed this apprehension was well founded; for captain Syms arrived the next day with eighty men. Colonel Schuyler then resumed the pursuit; but did not think it advisable to provoke an attack. When the French had reached the north branch of Hudson's river, it is said, that a cake of ice served them to cross over, being open on both sides, and also above and below.

The frost was now extremely severe, and the Mohawks being fearful of an engagement, dissuaded Colonel Schuyler from pursuing them, and he returned.

On the tenth of April, 1693, six thousand pounds were voted for the payment of three hundred men, to be employed in reinforcing the frontier posts, in the then county of Albany.

In 1701, the British crown gave two thousand pounds for the defence of Albany and Schenectady.

Great were the struggles, at the ensuing election, between the Leislerians and the Anti-Leislerians, but the former prevailed.

Among the opposers of Leisler there was a Mr. Liv-

ington. The measures of the convention, at Albany, had been very much directed by his advice, and he was now obnoxious to his adversaries, not only on these accounts but because he was a man of sense and resolution, two qualifications rarely to be found united in one person at that day. His intimacy with the late earl had till that time been his defence against the rage of the party which he had formerly opposed. They were, therefore, now bent upon his destruction. Several charges were made against him which were false; and it was proposed to pass a law to confiscate his estate. One of the charges was his refusing to account for moneys received as commissioner of excise. He could not account because his opponents had, previous to making the charge, drawn out of his hands the books and vouchers, which they declined allowing him access to.

In 1709, a road was opened by the colonial troops from fort Anne to White Hall, near the head of lake Champlain.

The forces under general Winthrop, in 1690, had made a road from the upper part of Saratoga, to the place where fort Anne was built.

Colonel Schuyler was dispatched with five of the Agoneasean chiefs to England, with an address. No man at this time was better calculated for this design, than colonel Schuyler. He had been born and brought up at Albany, then the seat of the Indian trade, and influence. He was perfectly acquainted with the manners, customs, and character of the Indians. His influence with the Agoneaseah was greater than that of any other man. Whenever their chiefs came to Albany, he invited them to entertainments at his house. It was in this way, that he had acquired an ascendancy over them.

Colonel Schuyler's arrival in England with the Agoneasean chiefs excited considerable notice. Wherever he went the people collected in crowds.

The peers, lords, and commons, desired to see them. The queen and her court were no less solicitous.

The court of St. James was then in mourning. The

chiefs were therefore dressed in mourning, and had an audience with her majesty. Sir Charles Cotterel, master of the ceremonies, conducted them from their quarters to the court, where they were introduced by the lord Chamberlain, into the royal presence. Their speech on the 19th of April, 1710, is preserved by Oldmixon.

The legislature, on the twenty-fourth of June, 1719, voted a sum of money to construct a bridge over Kinderhook creek, in the county of Albany. The place located for this bridge, was close by the village of Kinderhook in Columbia county.

In the same law, provision was made for altering some roads in the province. Claverack was settled about the same time that Kinderhook was. The first settlers at the latter place were a few Swedish families. The Dutch and English came afterwards.

William Burnet, Esq. superseded colonel Schuyler, the president, as governor of the province, on the 17th of September, 1720.

The year 1722 was remarkable for a congress of several governors and commissioners at Albany. The ancient friendship with the Agoneaseah was renewed at the same time. Mr. Burnet prevailed upon them to send a message to the Eastern Indians, threatening them with a war, unless they concluded a peace with the colonies of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, which were greatly harrassed by their frequent irruptions.

Albany was at this time a great mart for fur. In July, 1723, the house appropriated a sum to defray the expense of two sheds, which had been erected for the accommodation of the Agoneaseah and other Indians, who came there to vend their skins.

In 1724, provision was made for fortifying Albany. In an act passed by the assembly, July 24th, Claverack is described as a precinct in the manor of Rensselaerwick. The Dutch then occupied the flats along Claverack creek.

From an act of the same date, it appears that Schoharie was then called a precinct. The act provided for laying out, and opening a road therein. Schoharie was

settled in 1713, by the Germans. Some Dutch families seated themselves there soon afterwards.

In March, 1744, war broke out between England and France. Three thousand two hundred pounds were voted for placing the frontier posts in attitudes of defence; besides an additional sum for the works at Albany.

The English ministry, in the early part of the year 1745, instructed the governor of New York, to carry the war into Canada.

Military sentinels were established in the city and county of Albany, in order to sound the alarm, in case the enemy should send marauding parties into the province. England and France were now preparing to prosecute the war with vigor. The colonies of both countries were also making preparations.

Intelligence had found its way into the province, that the French intended to invade it from Canada, with fifteen hundred veterans, and one hundred Indians. This occasioned considerable alarm. Colonel Schuyler, and Major Collins, who commanded a body of provincials then at Saratoga, were obliged to suspend the construction of six block-houses, which they had begun to make, in consequence of the assaults of the Indians in the employment of France, on their men. These parties in a measure intercepted the supplies of men and provisions, going to Saratoga.

Murders were often committed by the enemy, within a few miles of Albany. Two hundred men were drafted to increase and strengthen the garrisons at the latter place and Schenectady. These were drafted from the militia of Suffolk, Queens, Westchester, Dutchess, Ulster, and Orange. The settlements of Saratoga and Hoosack, were broken up, and the inhabitants retired either to Albany, or those parts near it. Most of the houses were burnt by the Indians, and the districts entirely devastated; and no inconsiderable number of the people were killed, or carried away into captivity.

The assembly, in the month of February, 1746, passed a law giving rewards for such scalps, and prisoners of

the enemy, as should be taken. In palliation for the enactment of such a law, the framers alleged it was retaliatory, and made to induce the enemy to conduct the war with more humanity on their part.

In the early part of this year, the enemy and their Indians had become so emboldened with success, that small marauding parties came frequently in the very vicinity of Albany, and there were not instances wanting of their entering the suburbs at night, and carrying off persons.

Thirteen thousand pounds were voted for the defence of the province.

The borders of the province, notwithstanding the measures adopted by government for their defence, continued to be exposed to all the horrors of savage warfare. In May, several persons were murdered hard by Schenectady, and some buildings burnt.

The border inhabitants were filled with consternation. In general, the settlements were deserted, the people having retired to the block-houses, and other places of security. To guard against the inroads and attacks of the enemy, was impracticable, on account of the extent and insular positions of the settlements. All the men in the province would have been inadequate to have completely protected the county of Albany.

Those of Schenectady, Caughnawaga, Esopus, and Minisink, were nearly in a like condition. Even Kinderhook, Claverack, and Poughkeepsie, although on the east side of the Hudson, were not exempt from danger. A thick forest extended all the way from Kinderhook to the St. Lawrence. The forsaken settlement at Hoosack, scarcely formed a highway across it.

An idea may be formed of the feebleness of the settlements of Claverack and Kinderhook, from the consideration that there was only one block-house at each place. Under these alarming circumstances, when destruction menaced the interior and remote parts of the province; several spirited individuals came forward and volunteered their services. Among these was a Mr. Abraham Glen of Schenectady, who headed one hundred volunteers.

The assembly, among the laws which it enacted, passed one whereby ship carpenters, house carpenters, joiners, sawyers, and all artificers, and laborers, were arbitrarily pressed into the public service; and also horses, wagons, and all other things which could tend to the invasion, were placed at the discretion of the officers entrusted with the management of the enterprise. The county of Albany alone had to furnish three hundred men.

The city of Albany in the summer of this year, was visited by a contagious disease, which swept away no inconsiderable number of its inhabitants. The Agoneaseah then encamped in its environs, were not exempt from the same disease, which proved fatal to many, and occasioned the governor to send the survivors home.

In 1747, some differences occurred between the assembly and the governor in respect to the provincial troops. From it, we learn that there were four companies of men stationed at Halfmoon; two at Schaghtikoke; three at Saratoga; three at Connestigune; two at Schenectady; one at fort Hunter; and one between that place and Schenectady. In addition to these, there were men stationed at Kinderhook, Schoharie, Caughnawaga, Stone Arabia, Canojoharie, and Germanflats; Ulster and Orange had also some small garrisons. The main body of the provincial forces was stationed at Albany.

The Indians of the enemy, this year, waylaid a party of men belonging to Schenectady, who went out for timber, and killed thirty-nine. The place where these men fell, is about four miles north-north-west of the city, in the town of Glenville.

On the eighth of April, 1748, the assembly passed a law, which authorized the inhabitants of Schenectady, to construct two block-houses for its defence.

The treaty of peace concluded between Great Britain and France, on the seventh of October, 1747, put an end to the war; but the Indians did not cease their hostilities till some time in the year 1749.

Albany was settled in the year 1614, by some Hollanders, and very soon after New York, but it was not erect-

ed into a county till the first of November, 1683. It is bounded eastwardly by the Hudson, southwardly by Greene, westwardly by Schoharie, and northwardly by Schenectady and Saratoga; the outlines of this county have enough of uniformity. Its greatest length from east to west is about twenty-four miles, and its greatest breadth from north to south is twenty-two. After making some small deductions from its length and breadth, as given, it will be found to contain about three hundred and nine thousand seven hundred and sixty acres of land, or four hundred and eighty-four square miles. The number of acres under improvement, in 1825, was one hundred and ninety thousand five hundred, very nearly two-thirds of the whole. The county, exclusive of the city of Albany, is subdivided into eight towns. Its population is forty-two thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, which gives rather over eighty-eight to every square mile

Albany displays almost every variety of aspect and soil. On the east are extensive sandy plains, interspersed with tolerably productive spots; in the middle are champaigns, beautified with gentle swells, while in the west and south-west there are hills, and the precipitous and craggy Helderberg. The lands along the bank of the Hudson are rich. Those of the champaigns and hills are middling, and very improvable. Most of the plains, which were formerly considered mere barrens, are susceptible of cultivation, and under good husbandry may be made to yield abundant crops. The plains are from five to eleven miles broad, and stretch from north to south nearly through the county.

Exclusive of the Hudson and Mohawk, which wash the county on the east and north as far as the county of Schenectady, there are the Norman's kill, Cat's kill, Fox creek, and some other smaller streams. Norman's kill enters from Duanesburg, and flows south-easterly eighteen miles, and mingles with the waters of the Hudson. Cat's-kill crosses the south-westerly corner of the county from Schoharie into Greene. Several branches of this creek



rise in the county of Albany. Fox creek descends westwardly into the Schoharie.

Albany,\* the second city in the state in population, commerce, and wealth, is situated on the west side of the Hudson, about one hundred and forty-five miles northwardly of the city of New York, in north latitude forty-two degrees and thirty-nine minutes. It is built partly on a flat, and partly on the side of a hill. The streets are generally crooked and narrow. The hill rises with a pretty steep acclivity, and has an elevation of about one hundred and fifty feet at the distance of half a mile from the river, and two hundred and ten at the distance of one mile; here the plain, spreading westwardly, begins. From the border of this plain there is an extensive view eastwardly, and south-eastwardly.†

Albany in 1825 contained about sixteen thousand inhabitants, and three thousand dwelling houses and stores, twelve houses for public worship, a state-house, three banks, the capitol, a court-house and jail, an academy, theatre, museum, and an arsenal. Its population at present (1829) is about twenty thousand.

The academy is constructed of red sandstone. It is ninety feet square, and three stories high, apart from its basement. The Albany Lyceum is kept in it. It is the handsomest edifice in the city.

\* The spot where this city now stands was at first called by the Dutch Aurania; then Beverwyck, till 1625; then Fort Orange, till 1647, and Williamstadt, till 1664. All this time it had also the name of the Fuyck. Fort Orange was built in 1623, and Williamstadt, in 1647. At first a hamlet, then a village, and afterwards a town, and lastly a city. For a long time after its foundation it was enclosed with pickets (palisadoes.)

† By a late survey the distance between New York and Albany, by the road on the west side of the river, has been found only 145 miles. According to the latitudes the distance is still less, being only one hundred and thirty-five miles and a half, and eight rods. The received distances of all the intermediate towns and villages on and near the river from these two cities are incorrect. Hudson, for instance, is about one hundred and eight miles by its latitude from the city of New York. By the river the distance does not exceed one hundred and sixteen miles. The latitudinal distance from Hudson to Albany is about twenty-five miles.

The Capitol, or State-House, stands at the head of State street; its base is about one hundred and thirty feet above the Hudson; the structure is brick faced with red sandstone. It is one hundred and fifteen feet long, ninety broad, and fifty high, exclusive of the basement story and the roof. The legislature of the state, the supreme and county courts sit in it. In the structure of this edifice the rules of architecture, whether Egyptian, Hindoo, Chinese, Grecian, Roman, Saracenic, Gothic, or composite, have been violated.

The Erie and Champlain canals terminate at the city in a spacious basin. Sloops carrying from ninety to one hundred and fifty tons come up to the city. The bars below are serious impediments to the navigation of the river; these might be obviated by a canal ten or twelve miles long, and then vessels of two or three hundred tons might make their way up.

Albany was incorporated in the year 1686, by Colonel Dongan, governor of the colony. In 1750 it contained three hundred and fifty houses. From its foundation till the close of the revolution it was palisadoed and fortified. Here all the treaties with the Agoneaseah, and other Indians, were concluded. It used to be a great mart for fur.

The exact time when Albany was founded is not known. In 1614 the Dutch erected a small fort and a trading house, on an island half a mile below the site of the present city. In 1623 they built fort Orange on the west side of the river, within the bounds of the present city. Some have alleged that they made the latter fort in 1614. If this be true, Albany is the oldest town in the United States, but if the preceding, then New York, Esopus, and Schenectady take precedence. Notwithstanding the allegation, we have no doubt New York is the oldest of the two. A village sprung up near the fort, which was afterwards enlarged and became a city.

Mr. Stuyvesant, the governor of the New Netherlands, in a letter to Col. Nicolls, September 2d, 1664, says, that

the Dutch came up the North River, in the years 1614, 1615, and 1616, near fort Orange, where to hinder the invasions and massacres commonly committed by the savages, they built a small fort. A little before in the same letter he says, we have enjoyed fort Orange about forty-eight or fifty years, and the Mannhattans about forty-one or forty-two years. See Smith's Hist. p. 28. Albany was called Schau-naugh-ta-da, by the Agoneaseah. The definition of which is, *over the pine plains*, or *across the pine plains*, on the Cahohatatea. (Hudson's River). The Dutch in after times applied it to the place where Schenectady now stands, as being over the plains from Albany. Hence the radical of Schenectady.

Greenbush is on the east side of the Hudson, over against the lower part of the city of Albany. It is built on the river bottom, and has about one hundred houses. The present village was founded in 1812.

Troy was also situated on the east side of the Hudson, at the head of sloop navigation. It is six miles north of Albany, and one hundred and fifty-one north of New York. The Erie and Champlain canals are joined to the Hudson by side cuts, and locks, so as to benefit this place. Troy is built on a handsome plain, of several miles extent, lying between the river and hill; and contains about eleven thousand inhabitants. There are here two banks, and six or seven houses for public worship; also a court house and jail. After Albany, Troy is the most wealthy, commercial and populous city on the Hudson. It was founded between 1787, and 1790; incorporated as a village in 1801, and as a city in 1816. In point of location, it nearly equals Albany. It is the shire town of the county of Rensselaer. The tide ascends to this place.

Gibbonsville in the county of Albany, west of Troy, contains about eighty houses. There are two large basins here appended to the Erie canal. The one is connected with the Hudson by a side cut, and two locks. There is an arsenal at this place.

## RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS.

[The following reminiscences were written by GORHAM A. WORTH, Esq., who was sometime Cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank in this city, and afterwards president of the City Bank in New York. He died in that city in 1856, aged 73. Like all other *Recollections* they are occasionally discrepant. An octogenarian, on the publication of Mr. Worth's pamphlet, wrote some strictures upon it for the newspapers, which are appended as notes with his initials. The last one is by another hand.]

In commencing these reminiscences, I prefer to say that my first visit to Albany was just before the election of Mr. Jefferson, or the *Great Apostle* as he is sometimes called. Not that the visit had any thing to do, either with the election of Mr. Jefferson or the fortunes of his followers, but because it was an epoch in my own personal history, as the election of Mr. Jefferson was, in the history of the country.

I had then just launched my "light untimbered bark" upon the ocean of life; with no guide but Providence, and with no hand but my own to direct its course. Never shall I forget the deep feeling of loneliness that came over me when the receding headlands of my native bay disappeared in the distance, and I found myself, for the first time in my life, *alone on the waters*.

It was at the age of eighteen, and in the autumn of the year eighteen hundred, that I first set my foot within the precincts of the ancient and far-famed city of Albany. It is true, I had passed *through* the city some ten or twelve years before, but 'twas on a rainy day, and in a covered wagon; and as the only glimpse I had of the town, was obtained through a hole in the canvas, I set it down as nothing, since, in reality, it amounted to nothing.

I am, however, well aware that an intelligent, sharp-sighted English traveler, such for instance, as Fearon, Hall, or Marryat, would have seen, even through a  
[*Annals, x.*]

smaller aperture, and under less favorable circumstances, enough to have enabled him to have given you, not only the exact topography of the town and its localities, but a full and accurate account of its different religious denominations, the state of its society, the number of its slaves and the character of its inns; together with many sage reflections upon the demoralizing tendency of republican governments!

But this faculty of taking in all things at a single glance; this ability to see more than is to be seen, is one of the many advantages which the English traveler possesses over all others, and which in fact distinguishes him from the traveler of every other country on the face of the globe—the *land of Munchausen* not excepted! I mention these things merely to satisfy the reader that I *might* have made something out of the affair of the *covered wagon*, had I been so disposed. But 'tis not my intention, nor was it when I commenced these reminiscences, to draw upon my imagination for a single fact. I have materials in abundance, and can not, therefore, be tempted to go out of my way to *recollect incidents which never happened*, or to describe things which I never saw.

The city of Albany, in 1800, though the capital of the state, and occupying a commanding position, was, nevertheless, in point of size, commercial importance, and architectural dignity, but a third or fourth rate town. It was not, in some respects, what it *might* have been; but it was, in all respects, unlike what it now is. Its population could not, I think, have exceeded some seven or eight thousand.

Albany has probably undergone a greater change, not only in its physical aspect, but in the habits and character of its population, than any other city in the United States. It was, even in 1800, an old town (with one exception, I believe, the oldest in the country), but the face of nature in and around it had been but little disturbed. Old as it was, it still retained its primitive aspect, and still stood in all its original simplicity; maintaining its quaint and quiescent character, unchanged,

unmodified, unimproved; still pertinaciously adhering, in all its walks, to the old track and the old form.

The rude hand of innovation, however, was then just beginning to be felt; and slight as was the touch, it was felt as an injury, or resented as an insult.

Nothing could be more unique or picturesque to the eye, than Albany in its primitive days. Even at the period above mentioned, it struck me as peculiarly naive and beautiful. All was antique, clean and quiet. There was no noise, no hurry, no confusion. There was no putting up, nor pulling down; no ill-looking excavations, no leveling of hills, no filling up of valleys: in short, none of those villainous improvements, which disfigure the face of nature, and exhibit the restless spirit of the Anglo-Saxon race. The stunted pines still covered the hills to the very edge of the city, and the ravines and valleys were clothed with evergreens, intermixed with briars, and spangled with the wild rose.

The margin of the river, with the exception of an opening at the foot of State street, extending down to the ferry, was overhung with willows, and shaded by the wide spreading elm.\* The little islands below the town were feathered with foliage down to the very water's edge, and bordered with stately trees, whose forms were mirrored in the stream below. As far as the eye could

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\* [It is said that there were docks at this time from Maiden lane to the Watering place, as it was called, now the Steamboat landing. At the latter place was Hodge's dock, and above it the State dock, built in the French war.] At the foot of Maiden lane was Fish slip, where the sturgeon were sold. On Quay street were stores and dwelling houses, and a tavern. If our author, when he first set his foot in this "jewel of antiquity," had taken a walk to this world-renowned sturgeon slip, "a little after sun rise," he would have witnessed a scene that would have cast the willows and elm trees into the deep shade of a forgotten past. There was the quiet ancient burger, elbowed aside by his Old and New England, Scotch and Irish brethren, more clamorous and eager for Albany beef than himself. If he had not beforehand entered into a confederacy with the Etsbergers and Reckhows, lords of the slip, he must infallibly have gone home dinnerless and desponding.

extend, up and down the river, all remained comparatively wild and beautiful, while the city itself was a curiosity; nay, a perfect jewel of antiquity, particularly to the eye of one who had been accustomed to the "white house, green door, and brass knocker," of the towns and villages of New England. Nothing, indeed, could be more picturesque than the view of North Pearl street, from the old elm at Webster's corner, up to the new two steepled church. Pearl street, it must be remembered, was in those days, the west end of the town; for there the town ended, and there resided some of the most aristocratic of the ancient burgers. There, a little after sun rise, in a mild spring morning, might be seen, sitting by the side of their doors, the ancient and venerable mynheers; with their little sharp cocked hats, or red-ringed worsted caps, (as the case might be), drawn tight over their heads.\* There they sat, like monuments of a former age, still lingering on the verge of time; or like milestones upon a turnpike road, *solus in solo!* or, in simple English, *unlike* any thing I had ever seen before. But there they sat, smoking their pipes, in that dignified silence, and with that phlegmatic gravity, which would have done honor to Sir Walter Van Twiller, or even to Puffendorf himself. The whole line of the street, on either side, was dotted by the little clouds of smoke, that, issuing from their pipes, and, curling round their noddles, rose slowly up the antique gables, and mingled with the morning air; giving beauty to the scene, and adding an air of

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\* If the seer had looked a second time, he would have seen the simple side hill street, the grass covering the east half of it. He would have seen the quiet citizens returning from their business or their morning walk—but he would not have seen a single cocked hat, nor red ringed worsted cap, upon the head of one of them, except may be that of the venerable Dr. Stringer on his professional morning tour. He would have seen the upper half of each front door open, and here and there a neat and thrifty house-wife, bending forward over the closed lower half, watching for her husband or her sons, as they came home to breakfast. He might have seen that brass knocker, in the form of a dog, on the door of Lafayette's head-quarters, unlike any "knocker" on any "green door" in New England. J. Q. W.

life to the picture. But the great charm was in the novelty of the thing. I had seen a Dutch house before, but never till then had I seen a row of Dutchmen, smoking in a Dutch city.\*

Albany was indeed Dutch, in all its moods and tenses; thoroughly and inveterately Dutch. The buildings were Dutch—Dutch in style, in position, attitude and aspect. The people were Dutch, the horses were Dutch, and even the dogs were Dutch. If any confirmation were wanting, as to the origin and character of the place, it might be found in the old Dutch church, which was itself always to be found in the middle of State street, looking as if it had been wheeled out of line by the giants of old, and there left; or had dropped down from the clouds in a dark night, and had stuck fast where it fell.†

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\* Shade of the immortal Diederick! and shall he not smoke? When one of these "ancient and venerable Mynheers," who was coeval with those willows and elms, looked back to the many times when, in his canoe, he breasted the downward and devious current of the Mohawk, with its rifts, falls, and portages, descended into Oneida lake; followed its outlet to Oswego; coursed along the winding shores of Ontario and Erie to Detroit, up that river to the St. Clair, and along the shores of Huron, crossing Saganaw bay to Macinac, where he traded with the Indian for his furs, and of his returns thence to his family in Pearl street, laden with the riches so hardly earned, the labor of which has reduced him to early decrepitude, shall he be jeered at for his apathy? Shall he not smoke, and rejoice to see his quiet and contemplative neighbor, who has been in another way equally prosperous, do so likewise—without being ridiculed for his grave dullness?

J. Q. W.

† It is now more than forty years since this old edifice was removed, and the only thing left to mark the place where it stood, is a long flag-stone a few feet from the cross-walk between Douw's building and the Exchange, on the north side [since removed by some modern Vandal]. There are very few of the present generation left who remember the position and appearance of this antique but venerable building, and fewer still who can realize the interesting recollections which from tradition cluster around it. The first church was built at a very early day, and of much smaller dimensions. It was placed in the position where it stood, at the intersection of what is now State street and Broadway, as a security against Indian at-



All the old buildings in the city—and they constituted a large majority—were but one story high, with sharp peaked roofs, surmounted by a *rooster*, vulgarly called a weathercock. Every house, having any pretensions to dignity, was placed with its gable end to the street, and was ornamented with huge iron numerals, announcing the date of its erection; while from its eaves long wooden

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tacks, commanding Broadway north and south, and State street, east and west. The windows were high from the ground, to guard against an escalade, as it was too far north to be protected by the guns of Fort Orange. It was a little fortress within itself. In those days all the men went armed to church. The young men were seated in the galleries, that they might be ready in case of an attack to sweep the street either way by their fire from the windows. The old men were seated on a raised platform along the walls, and the women were in the slips in the centre and out of the way of any danger.

Those therefore who have been unwise enough to ridicule the position of the church, have done so in their ignorance of the reasons for its location. The condition of these Dutchmen and the Pilgrims of New England were alike; both worshiped their Maker with arms in their hands. The tradition goes that when this old church was to be replaced by a new one, the same spot was selected for it, and the new church was built round the old one, and that during the time the new one was building, public service was regularly carried on in the old one, which was interrupted but one sabbath. The new church was like the old one, and did not differ from it, except in size. The same high windows, the same arrangement of seats, and the same separation of the sexes. There was one striking difference, however. The congregation had become more numerous and wealthy, and each window bore the escutcheon of the several families who were disposed to pay for it, in colored glass. Each window had an outside shutter, which was fastened by a latch. These shutters were never opened, except on Sunday. Such was this church, with its steep roof, uniting in the centre, and surmounted with a belfry and a weathercock. Here in this church, and perhaps also in the old one, the dead of distinguished families were buried. Here Lord Howe, who was killed near Ticonderoga, in the French war, found a resting place, till his remains were removed to England. Here preached "Our Westerlo," by which endearing appellation the old members of the flock used to designate their minister, which in the Dutch language, and from the lips of an aged matron (Elsie Fonda), had an affectionate softness about it which the English translation can not convey. Is it strange that a church from its commencement so ancient, and from its position so interesting, should be dear to the hearts

gutters, or spouts, projected in front some six or seven feet, so as to discharge the water from the roof, when it rained, directly over the centre of the sidewalks. This was probably contrived for the benefit of those who were compelled to be out in wet weather, as it furnished them with an extra shower bath free of expense.

But the destined hour was drawing near. The Yan-

of those whose fathers and grandsires had worshiped and been buried there ?

But this old church might, to the informed sons of the Pilgrims, have called up a train of thought in which it would have been profitable for them to have indulged. Here, in this church, as late as the year 1800, the Dutchmen assembled on the sabbath, coming out of the mixed population which even then existed in the city. Here were to be found the descendants of the generous Hollanders, who in days long passed, had given shelter and protection both to the persecuted Pilgrim and to the Huguenot—and for aught we know, knelt on the shore of Delftshaven, prayed with, and bade God speed to the company on the *May-flower*—or who had shielded the Huguenots of Rochelle from the hot pursuit of their red assassins. It was on a sabbath in July, of the year above mentioned, when the writer, for the first time, entered this church, fully aware of the kind of people he was to meet there. But the narrow aisles and slips; the separation of the sexes; the raised wall seats filled with old men, and the members of the corporation in their allotted seats; the young men in the gallery; the clerk's desk under the pulpit, and the old Holland made pulpit itself, with its hour-glass and iron movable frame to support it; the high windows with their bright stained glass coats of arms; the stoves standing on platforms raised outside of the gallery and nearly on a level with its floor; the figures in large German text hanging on each side-wall, denoting the chapter of the Bible to be read, and the first psalm to be sung; the reading of that chapter and decalogue by the clerk; the giving out of that psalm by the clerk, the singing, the salutation, and the *exordium remotum* by the minister—all so new and all combined, had less effect upon the writer than the people themselves—every drop of his Pilgrim and Huguenot blood, and it was all he had, warmed to those whose forefathers had been kind to his—and he felt the full force of the injunction,

“Thy fathers' friends forget thou not.”

He never has, and he never will.

Nearly all those in that church on that day, of full age, have departed from among us. The fires that warmed the ashes of some of them are hardly yet extinguished. Let no unhallowed heel tread upon them.

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kees were creeping in. Every day added to their number; and the unhallowed hand of innovation was seen pointing its impertinent finger at the cherished habits and venerated customs of the ancient burgers. These meddling eastern Saxons at length obtained a majority in the city councils; and then came an order, *with a hand-saw*, to "cut off those spouts." Nothing could exceed the consternation of the aforesaid burgers, upon the announcement of this order. Had it been a decree abolishing their mother tongue, it could hardly have excited greater astonishment, or greater indignation. "What!" said they, "are our own spouts then to be measured and graduated by a corporation standard! Are they to be cut off or fore-shortened without our knowledge or consent!" But the Dutch still retained the obstinacy, if not the valor of their ancestors. They rallied their forces, and at the next election, the principal author of the obnoxious order (my old friend, Elkanah Watson) was elected *a constable* of the ward in which he lived! This done, they went to sleep again; and before they awoke, new swarms had arrived, and a complete and thorough revolution had taken place. The Yankees were in possession of the city! and the fate of the Dutch was sealed.

The old families, however, still claimed the lead in all matters relating to good society. The city assemblies were still under their control, as well in regard to time and place, as in the power of admission and exclusion. In the exercise of this prerogative, a little jealousy of the Yankees was occasionally manifested. The difficulty was, *to know who was who*; to distinguish between those that were entitled to admission, and those that were not. Mere respectability was not of itself sufficient; nor was wealth to be considered as a *certain* passport. It was necessary that there should be something of rank, of family, or of fashion, to entitle a *new comer* to a seat among the notables. These matters, however, were, as a matter of course, left to the younger branches of the ancient aristocracy, to regulate as they saw fit.

Now it happened, that into this ancient and somewhat exclusive circle of good society, had slid many families, with their twigs and branches, who had in reality none of the rights and claims of the genuine Knickerbackers; and who were, as far as *antiquity* was concerned, mere squatters; yet they were found to be greater sticklers for exclusion and probation, than the veritable mynheers themselves. Still, up to 1803 or 4, things went on tolerably well: at all events, there was no complaint. The assemblies were sufficiently select as to quality, and perhaps sufficiently liberal in their range as to number. But, somewhere about the period referred to, the self-constituted managers held a meeting, at which it was determined that the city assemblies should in future be "*more select*;" and that "*a line of distinction*," as they termed it, should be drawn. Accordingly a new list was made out, by which it was soon ascertained that several, heretofore admitted, had been left off, and many others excluded, that were thought to be better entitled to admission than many that were retained. The measure, therefore, was taken in high dudgeon by the friends of the excluded parties, and was considered as a piece of arrogance, even by those who had no personal cause of complaint.

A paper war was immediately commenced, and the character and pretension of the managers were ridiculed and satirized in a style as new as it was amusing. A series of poetical epistles, odes, satires, &c., &c., appeared in rapid succession; some of them displaying a good deal of taste and cleverness. One piece in particular, entitled *The Conspiracy of the Nobles* written in mock heroic verse, contained some capital hits. It gave a highly poetic description of the first meeting of the managers, and an amusing sketch of their persons, pretensions, characters and debates. The most ridiculous speeches were of course put into their mouths, and they were thus made to exhibit themselves in a light that was as laughable as it was absurd. These squibs were answered by the conspirators, but without the wit or the

humor that characterized the pieces of their opponents. The fire, however, was kept up on both sides for several weeks, to the great amusement of the town. The result was a mortifying defeat on the part of the exclusionists. The assemblies, as a matter of course, fell into the hands of the victorious party, and to their credit, be it said, were conducted with more taste and propriety, and were indeed more brilliantly attended than they had ever been before.

This was considered as a victory of wit over impudence, or rather of sense over nonsense. It is but just, however, to add, that the real old Knickerbacker families took but very little interest in the contest, and were probably not much displeased at the discomfiture of their quondam allies.

Let us now turn to revolutions of a graver import.

A restless, leveling, innovating spirit, now prevailed throughout the city. The detested word *improvement* was in every mouth, and resistance was unavailing. The stunted pines became alarmed, and gradually receded. The hills themselves gave way. New streets opened their extended lines, and the old ones grew wider. The roosters on the gable heads, that for more than a century had braved the *Indians and the breeze*; that had even flapped their wings and crowed in the face of Burgoyne himself, now gave it up, and came quietly down. The gables in despair soon followed, and more imposing fronts soon reared their corniced heads. The old Dutch church itself, though thought to be immortal, submitted to its fate, and fell! not at the foot of Pompey's statue, exactly, but at the foot of State street, which, freed from that obstruction, thenceforward became the Rialto of the city, where pedlers of stale sea-cod, and country hucksters, now do congregate.

Even the dogs now began to bark in broken English: many of them, indeed had already caught the Yankee twang, so rapid was the progress of refinement. In the process of a few brief years, all that was venerable in the eyes of the ancient burgers disappeared. Then came the

great eclipse of 1806, which clearly announced the fall and final end of the Dutch dynasty. It is hardly necessary to say, that not an iron rooster has crowed upon the gable heads, nor a civil cocked hat been seen in the ancient city of Albany, from that day to this!

But let it be remembered, that if the growth of Albany was slow, its position rendered it sure. The great west, in 1800, was comparatively a wilderness. With the growth of this vast interior, Albany has grown: it has increased with its increase, and strengthened with its strength. No hand, however strong, no enterprise, however active, could have carried it forward one hour faster than it went. Its trade was necessarily dependent upon the population and products of the west, and with these it has fairly kept pace.

It is, however, true that the ancient Dutch families, though among the most wealthy and respectable, were not the most enterprising, nor the most active. Many of them possessed large landed estates, lived upon their incomes, and left to others the toils and profits of trade. At the head of this class, and distinguished for his many excellent and amiable qualities, stood the late patroon, Stephen Van Rensselaer: a man widely and honorably known; rich without pride, and liberal without ostentation. I may also mention the name of Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, a whig of the revolution, and for several years lieutenant-governor of the state: a frank, stout-hearted old gentleman, universally respected.

General Ten Broek, also of the revolutionary school, distinguished for his activity, intelligence and public spirit.

Cornelius Van Schelluyne, the then best living type of the ancient race; rich, honest, independent, unlettered, and unpretending.

In alluding to these ancient and wealthy families, that of the Gansevoorts should not be omitted: for it is connected with the patriotism and the triumphs of the revolution. "The hero of Fort Stanwix" has left to his descendants a time-honored name—a name that belongs

to the history of the country, and to one of its most interesting and important periods.

But those of a more active and business-like character among the Dutch, were the Bleeckers, the Lansings, the Douws, the Van Schaicks, the Ten Eycks, the Ten Broecks, the Pruyns, the Hochstrassers, the Van Loons, and the Staatses. The principal merchants of the city, however—those who gave life and character to its business interests—were citizens of a more recent date, coming from different parts of the Union, but mostly from New England. Among these, were James Kane,\* Dudley Walsh, William James, Isaiah Townsend, Gilbert Stewart, Thomas Gould, Thomas Mather, William, John, and Alexander Marvin, Peter and John I. Boyd, John Spencer & Co., John and Spencer Stafford, Isaac and George Hutton, the Messrs. Webbs and many others.

There was still another class, not less active, nor less important, in a business point of view. I allude to a

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\* James Kane died on the 2d April, 1851, aged 80. The following tribute to his memory was paid by Bishop Alonzo Potter.

“ He had been for years the merchant prince of the city in which he lived. His ventures all seemed successful; his mansion was the home of a delightful hospitality; his grounds the delighted resort of all ages and ranks. There was no public charity, no plan of local or general improvement, which he did not gladly help forward. All at once he was arrested by one of those sudden and wide-spread revolutions that sweep like a tornado across our commercial world. The storm left him a complete wreck; everything he had on earth was surrendered to his creditors, and he stood forth rich in character and self-approbation, but penniless in purse. It was too late in life, as he thought, to retrieve his fallen fortunes. He loved books: he had neither wife nor child. He was surrounded by the friends of his youth, at whose houses he was always a welcome guest.

A few creditors remitted their claims, and insisted upon his applying the proceeds to his personal wants. He reluctantly consented. For more than twenty years he lived amidst the scenes of his former prosperity a poor but contented and happy man. Books were friends that rarely parted company with him. They turned on him no cold looks; they gave him no half-welcome; and I verily believe that never, even in the most brilliant days of a career that made him the observed of all observers, did he enjoy himself so well as while his whole stipend was two hundred dollars a year.”

then comparatively new, or recently established body of mechanics, of which Benjamin Knower was confessedly at the head. Mr. Knower was indeed a man of strong mind and persevering energy of character. Through his influence, the charter of the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank was obtained; and the mechanics of the city of Albany rose in consideration and respect, personal and political, to a height which they had never before reached.

Among the merchants (I speak of the period from 1800 to 1808), Mr. Kane was perhaps the most prominent. He was, indeed, in many respects, the most prominent man in the city: prominent from his extensive operations, and business connections; prominent from his wealths, his liberality, his marked attention to strangers, his gentlemanly style of dress, and bachelor mode of living. He was distinguished, too, by an address and manner so singularly polite and courteous as seemingly to border upon excess. But let it be remembered, to his honor, that as no man in the city was more generally known, so there was no one more generally or more highly respected. The courtesy or politeness of Mr. Kane did not, however, consist in mere words or modes of expression. It had its foundation in good feeling—I may say in humanity, which speaks to the heart, and is understood where words are not; which, rising superior to forms and fashions, borrows nothing from art, nothing from eloquence.

I shall venture, by way of illustration, to give an instance of this sort of politeness. There appeared at the dinner table of the Tontine Coffee House, where Mr. Kane then boarded, and at a time when the house was crowded to excess, an old gentleman and his wife. They were very plainly dressed, but still respectable in their appearance. They were, evidently, country people, "from down east;" and were probably bound on a visit to their relations in the west. The servants, always too few in number, were now altogether insufficient to attend to the wants of the company at table. The old people,  
[*Annals, x.*]



therefore, being strangers, and unknown to any one, were totally neglected. It was shameful! I made one or two efforts to get a servant to attend to them, but all in vain: there were too many louder and more authoritative calls. At length, however, they were noticed by Mr. Kane, who looked round for his own servant, but finding him engaged, immediately left his seat and walked down to the lower end of the table where the old couple sat, and politely asked them what they would be helped to; took their plates to a side table, carved for them himself, helped them to vegetables, bread, &c., and then returned quietly to his seat. He was doubtless taken by the old people, and perhaps *by other* strangers, for the master of the house, or the *head waiter!* There was certainly no gentleman present who dared to run the risk of being so mistaken. But Mr. Kane could afford it. The politeness, or, more properly speaking, the humanity of the act, did him honor, and far outweighed the momentary, or rather the *imaginary* loss of dignity.

As a people, we can not be sufficiently grateful to Providence for the character of our ancestors. From the Puritans of England, the Huguenots of France, and the Protestants of the Netherlands, did this country derive the seeds and elements of its greatness: its purity of faith, its principles, and its power. To them, under Providence, are we indebted for our civil and religious liberties, the character of our institutions, and the hardy, resolute and enterprising spirit of the nation. Talents and virtues are alike hereditary, though the stream is not always unbroken by shallows, nor the measure of its greatness always full. There must, I think, have been a strong fund of good sense and native talent in the early Dutch settlers. We have seen it break out occasionally, even in the fourth and fifth generations; and sometimes, too, quite unexpectedly, as in the case of Ex-President Van Buren, whose immediate antecedents gave no promise of such an eruption, or even foreshadowed the probability of such an event. Still, in all such cases, there

must have been a living spring (no matter how remote) from whence the waters flowed.

Among the Dutch families of Albany, in which a strong vein of original talent, occasionally manifested itself, were those of the Schuylers, the Van Vechtens, the Lansings, and the Yateses. General Schuyler, of the Revolution, was a man of great vigor of mind, strong sense, and sound judgment; which was happily associated with liberal feelings, and principles of honor and patriotism. He should by right have commanded that army in the revolutionary war, which, in the day of battle, he joined as a volunteer—a man greatly his inferior having been placed over his head. But no neglect or injury could alienate his feelings, or weaken his attachment to the cause of his country.

The talents and character of Abraham Van Vechten, are still fresh in the memory of the living. He was one of the ablest members of the Albany bar, when that bar was studded with eminent names.

Chancellor Lansing, though not possessed of shining talents, was nevertheless a man of good abilities and of strict integrity. His brother, Abraham G., was a man of sound sense and vigorous tone of mind; rough, and somewhat abrupt in his manner, but upright, frank and fearless, in conduct and in character.

Old Judge Yates, one of the members of the convention that framed the Constitution, was a clear-headed, strong-minded man; straight forward, honest and patriotic. His son, John Van Ness Yates, was a man of talents, both natural and acquired. He was equal to the duties of any station, and to the difficulties of any task. He was a wit, a poet, a belles-lettres scholar, and a boon companion, whose joke was ever ready, and whose laugh was contagious. He wanted nothing but industry and self-respect, to have made him eminent as a lawyer. His associations were beneath him, not only in point of talent, but in character; yet they affected his interests rather than his principles. He possessed the readiest apprehension, and the most retentive memory, of any

man I ever knew. All that he had ever read, and he read a vast deal, was at his fingers ends. He was often consulted by the younger members of the bar, while walking in the streets; and, without a moment's hesitation, would take out his pencil and write down what was the law in the case, and where it was to be found—volume, chapter and verse! From these frequent street consultations, he was called "the walking library."

But the cleverest man of the name or family, was JOHN W. YATES. He was a man of education, of talents, of natural eloquence, and of extensive reading. He was the best classical scholar in the city—Judge Kent not excepted. He was familiar with the Greek, Latin and French languages and literature; a mathematician, and a passionate lover of belles-lettres. He was bred to the law, but never attempted to practice; yet, I repeat, he was naturally eloquent, and, in his buoyant moments, one of the most lively and agreeable men in conversation that I ever met with.

Such a man, it is natural to suppose, made a figure in his day: no such thing; he made no figure at all. He was not appreciated by the public, because the public knew nothing of him. He was not known even to his friends, for the very good and sufficient reason that his friends knew nothing of Greek or Latin, of mathematics or of poetry. It was curious to find him reading Homer with a pipe in his mouth; and to see him turn from the page of Thucydides, to talk Dutch. Yet this alternation between the languages of Athens and Amsterdam, was in some measure unavoidable; for many of his old friends, and indeed most of the old families, continued to speak, in their domestic circles, the language of their ancestors long after the period to which these sketches refer.

Though no man set a higher value upon literary acquirements than himself, yet he took no pains to exhibit, much less to profit by those he possessed. Political distinction he never sought, and never desired. He had no taste for popular parade, no love for public display. He was, in fact, better acquainted with Pericles and Xeno-

phon than he was with the aldermen of the ward in which he lived. His knowledge of ancient history was more perfect than that of any other man I ever knew, nor was that of modern Europe less familiar. History, poetry and philosophy; Egypt and Asia, Athens and Rome, with all their classic superstitions and diviner arts, were the subjects of many an evening conversation, to which I listen with delight.

To this faint sketch of his literary character, I may add, that no man possessed a higher sense of honor, or was governed in his conduct by purer principles. His talents and his tastes were, indeed, altogether above the position in which he was placed; and hence, instead of giving him celebrity, they served but to render him, in some measure, unsuited to the station he held. But never will that station, or that official rank, be again honored with so much learning, combined with so much talent.

Let it not be supposed that this is a mere fancy sketch, "writ for the sake of writing it." It is a tribute justly due to the memory of a man whose merits were unappreciated, and comparatively unknown. It is a tribute which I owe to the recollection of his partiality and kindness; to the memory of many a friendly lecture—many a social—many a pleasant hour.

Of the public men of Albany, office holders, politicians and jurists, it may be expected that I should say something. Among the most prominent were Geo. Clinton, John Taylor, Ambrose Spencer, James Kent, Chancellor Lansing, Abraham Van Vechten, John V. Henry, John Woodworth, Thos. Tillotson, Abraham G. Lansing, Elisha Jenkins, Edmond Charles Genet, and last, though not least, the editor of the *Albany Register*, SOLOMON SOUTHWICK! These are names too well known to require any comment. Many of them are identified with the history of the state, and will be chronicled in its pages.

I can not, in courtesy, however, pass over my old friend Southwick, without some other notice than that of a mere casual glance of recognition. Southwick was a

man of genius, with all the peculiarities that belong to that temperament—its strength and its weakness, its excellencies and its errors; its delusive dreams and visions, its improvidence and its instability. He had great fertility of mind, united with great enthusiasm. This was the source of his eloquence and his power. His writings were rather *outpourings* than compositions. Yet he imbued them with so much life and animation, that he seldom failed to carry his readers with them. His style, though well adapted to the popular ear, was redundant in epithet, inflated and declamatory, and his language, though often strong and impressive, was yet in the main, loose and inelegant. He read but little, and only from necessity. He referred to books for particular facts, rather than for general information.

He was, by nature, honest, warm-hearted, and generous to a fault, but seemed to have no fixed or settled principles. In ethics, as well as in politics, he traveled from pole to pole. Yet, the kindness of his nature went with him and never forsook him. His heart and his hand were always open; and as he was credulous to excess, and even superstitious, he was as a matter of course, swindled by every knave, and duped by every impostor, he met with upon the road.

He was extremely fluent and event eloquent in conversation. But he had little knowledge of the world, and the predominance of interest or of passion, left his judgment too often at fault. He had the finest eye and forehead that ever belonged to mortal man, but every other feature of his face was either indifferent or defective. His countenance, therefore, was a correct index to the character of his mind—incongruous, mixed, and full of contradictions.

The *Albany Register*, which he so long and ably edited, was pronounced, by Judge Spencer, to be the "*Political Bible of the Western District.*" A greater compliment was certainly never paid to the conductor of a political journal.

Mr. Southwick held, at different periods, the office of

state printer, clerk of the house of assembly, sheriff of the county of Albany, president of the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank, and postmaster of the city. Even in the cloudy days of his latter years, when friends, fame and fortune, had forsaken him, when every objectionable act of his life was spread upon the record, and all his faults and weakness blazoned to the public eye; even then he received over *thirty thousand votes* for governor of the state.

Of the clergy of those days, if I am wise, I shall say but little: first, because I recollect but little; and secondly, because, with me, the subject is not a debatable one. One's opinions, unless moulded early, are often formed by accident, or spring up as the result of circumstances. It has often occurred to me as not a little singular, that my attention should have been turned to the unkindred subjects of politics and religion, at about the same period of time. The noise and triumph of Mr. Jefferson's election to the presidency, led me to look a little into the mysterious philosophy of party politics; and the preaching of Dr. Nott, carried me, *nolens volens*, into the Presbyterian *brick church* of South Pearl street. Thus I acquired, at nearly one and the same time, a decided inclination to *church and state*; or, in other words, a marked taste for politics and preaching. No one, certainly, could have studied under abler masters: and for many of the opinions I entertain to this day, I hold those masters responsible.

But the only names belonging to the church, of which my memory took cognizance, at the period referred to, or of which I have any distinct recollection, are those of Nott, Romaine and Bradford.

Mr. Bradford was a well educated, well read, and gentlemanly man. He was, moreover, one of the handsomest men in the city, which in the minds or fancies of the fairer part of his congregation, added no doubt to his eloquence, and of course to his usefulness in the church. Mr. Romaine was an able man, of a denunciatory and vehement style of oratory—altogether too Calvinistic to suit

the taste of his hearers. But it must be remembered

“ That no rogue e'er felt the halter draw  
With good opinion of the law.”

Doctor Nott, I should say, was neither a Calvinist nor a Lutheran. In other words, he was no bigoted sectarian; and in this respect, he bore, and still bears, I think, but little resemblance to many of his clerical brethren. In *mind*, as well as in *manner*, he stood alone.

The narrow dogmas, and common place oratory of the church, were beneath him. His ambition was to make men *wiser* and *better*, rather than to promote the sectarian interests and speculative tenets of the church. The eloquent enforcement of that single injunction “to do unto others as you would have others do unto you,” would to an unsophisticated mind be of more efficacy than a dozen dry discourses *upon evidence*, which no novice requires, or upon those knotty points in theology, which no intellect can comprehend. But it is not my business to preach, nor am I disposed to criticise the preaching of others. All I mean to say is, that Doctor Nott was by far the most eloquent and effective preacher of the period to which I refer; that he drew together the largest congregation—made the deepest impression, and commanded the profoundest respect.

His church was filled to overflowing. His appearance in the pulpit, his style of eloquence, his very look,

“ Drew audience and attention still as night,  
Or summer's noontide air.”

His elocution was admirable, and his manner altogether better, because more impressive, than that of any other preacher of the day: yet he could not, I think, have been over twenty-eight or thirty years of age when I first heard him, which was in 1803. Shortly afterwards, I had the pleasure of becoming personally acquainted with him, and soon found he possessed powers and qualities of which his congregation little dreamed. His talents were by no means confined to pulpit eloquence, nor even to the wider range of clerical duties. His information extended to almost every department of life; and with the

whole fabric of human society, he was perfectly familiar. He understood the animal *man*, not only in the abstract, but in all the detail of action, passion and propensity. He was, moreover, a mechanist, a political economist, a philosopher, and what is of more consequence in *any walk of life*, a man of keen observation and sound sense. But he is still living, and too widely known, to require any portraiture from my pen.

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### BATTLE IN STATE STREET.

Among other incidents and events, falling within the range of these reminiscences, was the famous *passage of arms*, that took place between an eminent citizen and a distinguished general, in one of the principal streets of the city in open day. It was a perilous, hand to hand encounter, that brought together, at least, one half of the male population of the town—not as spectators merely, but as combatants, who, like the knights of old, entered the lists with an alacrity and a spirit, that would have done honor to the heroes of chivalry, when chivalry was in its prime, and knighthood in its glory. The full breadth of State street, from Pearl down to the intersection of Court and Market, was literally filled with the combatants; while the doors, porches, windows, and even the house tops on both sides, were crowded with astonished and terrified spectators. The street, viewed from any elevated position, resembled a tumultuous *sea of heads*, over which clattered a forest of canes; the vast body now surging this way, now that, as the tide of combat ebbed or flowed. It was certainly, one of the most classic or Greek-like battles that had been fought since the wars of Ilium, and the heroic days of Hector and Achilles. But as it respects the origin of the war, the names of the combatants, and the details of the fight, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel! If not, they may perhaps, be found in the chronicles of the lives of the illustrious fathers of the city.



Certain it is that the battle has already been described; and the record, like the Iliad, will be found imperishable!

It is a little curious, when we consider what Albany now is, to look back and recollect, that so late as 1803, there was but *one* public house in the city; or at least, but *one* in any respect better than a common signpost tavern, such as no gentleman of the present day would put his foot in: but that *one* was an excellent one. I allude to the Tontine Coffee House in State street, kept by Mr. Gregory: a house distinguished from all other public houses of that day, by the quiet order that reigned through all its departments; by its perfect neatness, and the total absence of a bar. The higher rates of fare charged at the Tontine, and the fact that no liquors were sold except to its own boarders, nor *ever seen* except at table, excluded the *low* and *thirsty*, and left it, as it were by a law of its nature, open to good company alone. I need not say that it was well filled: it was, at least half the year, redundantly full. All travelers of any note or consequence; all foreigners of distinction; in one word, all *gentlemen* put up at the Tontine. For a period of some ten or twelve years, Mr. Gregory had no competition, no rival house to contend with; and was therefore compelled, I do not say *reluctantly*, to make a fortune!

Manners, 'tis said, change with customs; and customs, we all know, change sometimes for the worse. I have seen something of public houses and hotels since Mr. Gregory's day, and am forced to acknowledge, that on the score of gentlemanly habits, politeness, and courtesy among their guests, and in reference also to the civility of their keepers and waiters, the present bears no comparison with the past. The inmates of the best hotels of the present day, are as varied in their aspects, habits and character, as were the motley herd that took lodgings in the ark; while of their keepers and waiters the best that can be said, is, that they are in keeping with the character of their company. An occasional exception does but strengthen the rule.

It was at the Tontine that I became acquainted with

many of the leading politicians and distinguished men of the state. It was there I first saw De Witt Clinton, Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, Doctor Mason, Morgan Lewis, Daniel D. Tompkins, John Armstrong, Chancellor Livingston, and many others. It was while there, I had the opportunity and the pleasure of examining leisurely, and with a critical eye, that lightest twig of the great Corsican tree, Mr. Jerome Bonaparte; and of observing the fine form, the careless, abandoned air, and soldierly aspect of the celebrated Moreau, the rival at once of Xenophon and Napoleon. The Tontine was, indeed, for several years, my local observatory, from which I watched the transit of the political planets, and noted the restless movements of the wandering stars. It was, in fact, the best school house I ever entered, and the only one, I am sorry to say, in which I ever took much delight.

I can not resist the temptation (though I know I shall make nothing of it) to relate a ludicrous circumstance which took place at the Tontine, in the summer of 1804. I am well aware that many a good joke has been spoiled, and many a *laughable* incident rendered *grave*, by an attempt to put them on paper. 'Tis useless, said Doctor Johnson, to print Quin's jokes, unless you print his face with them. Nevertheless, I shall venture to relate the circumstance to which I have referred. I shall call it.

#### THE STORY OF MONSIEUR GARROT.

Among the many foreigners at the Tontine in the traveling season of 1804, was a French gentleman by the name of Garrot, apparently about twenty-five or thirty years of age; remarkable for the simplicity of his manners, for his taste in music, and for his inability to speak a word of English. His personal appearance was greatly in his favor; being stout, well made, and of a most agreeable countenance. Sitting near him at table, and speaking a little French, I soon became acquainted with him. He was, I found, a German by birth, born in

Frankfort, but a resident of Nantes. He remained several months in the city, was flush of money, and liberal, not to say profuse, in his expenditures.

His object, if indeed he had any, was to obtain information as to the form and character of our government; the institutions and condition of the country; its extent, population, trade, commerce, agricultural products, arts, manufactures, &c., &c. Of all the travelers I had ever met with, he was the most inquisitive. He asked ten thousand questions about things of which I knew nothing, or next to nothing—questions, some of which, it would have puzzled Chief Justice Marshall, Mr. Madison, Mr. Clay, or Mr. Anybody Else, save John Quincy Adams, to have answered off-hand. But as I perceived he entertained a high opinion of my abilities, I had not the heart, nor was it indeed my business, to undeceive him. I was ashamed to confess ignorance upon *any point*, and therefore gave him prompt and specific answers to each and every question, let it relate to what it might: but the mischief of it was, they were all taken for gospel, and immediately noted down in his tablets.

I could not but laugh at the idea. It was, perhaps, *unfair* on my part, but the *fault was his*. To suppose a young man of twenty-two or three, of sufficient authority for the history and statistics of an empire, was absurd. He should have known better. Many a book, however, has been written upon information of an inferior quality to that with which I furnished Monsieur Garrot, and from a less rational, not to say reliable source. It was through the priests and poets of Egypt and Assyria, that Herodotus obtained the materials for his famous history; and who thinks the less of his history on that account? The credulity and child-like simplicity of the author, together with the traditional and poetical character of its testimony constitute, in fact, its greatest attractions.

But Monsieur Garrot, no doubt, congratulated himself upon his good fortune in finding a person so full of information, and so ready to impart it. On the other side, I

did the best I could, under the circumstances. I studied day and night to prepare myself for Mr. Garrot's questions; and if monsieur published his book, I flattered myself that it would be found in the truth of its statements and the *accuracy of its details*, at least equal to the history of Herodotus, or the travels of Basil Hall!

But this has nothing to do with the *circumstance* which it was my intention to narrate. It may serve, however, as a preface to the story, which runs thus:

Monsieur Garrot and myself after a long walk one *Sunday* afternoon, returned to the Tontine about six o'clock. The weather was extremely hot; and as the private parlors below were filled with strangers, I accompanied Mr. Garrot to his own chamber, where, complaining of the heat, he threw off his coat, and, somewhat to my surprise, continued the operation of stripping, until he came to the last article, over which, however, he threw a light silk morning gown—light, indeed, as gossamer: this he tied loosely at the neck, and then sticking his toes into a pair of yellow slippers, began walking backward and forward between the window and door, both of which were thrown open to admit the air. The window looked into the street; the door opened into a wide hall, with dormitories on either side. While thus cooling himself in the breeze, which swept his loose drapery from side to side, he suddenly turned to me and inquired whether I was fond of *music*. I answered, of course, in the affirmative. When, without further ceremony, he opened a long case filled with musical instruments of various kinds, and asked me which I preferred. I could hardly believe it possible that he really meant to exercise his musical talents on that day of the week; but being a little curious, and, I must confess, a little mischievous at the same time, I pointed to the *violin*, which he immediately took out, and began to twang and tune. The discharge of a 12 pounder in the hall, would not have set the house in greater commotion. The first scrape of the bow brought half a dozen chambermaids to

[*Annals*, x.] 19

the door; who, catching sight of monsieur's bare legs, &c., ran down stairs, and reported that there was a Frenchman fiddling in the chambers, *stark naked!* By this time, my friend Garrot had got fairly a going; and, with his head inclined to one shoulder, and his eye turned upwards, stalked up and down the room, fiddling as if the devil, together with Apollo and the whole nine were in him. The figure he cut was so ridiculous, that I thought I should have died in the effort to suppress my laughter.

In less than five minutes from the time he began, it appeared to me that not less than five hundred heads had passed the door, each one catching something more than a glimpse of monsieur's fine form. The wind seemed to increase with the music, and the stride of the performer became more lofty and majestic. At every turn the morning gown filled and swelled with the breeze—now waving and flapping in the cross current, and now extending out, as it were, upon a taught bowline. The hall was literally crowded with spectators, and the several questions *Who is he? Where did he come from? Is he mad?* were whispered in rapid succession. But Monsieur Garrot saw nothing but the ceiling of his room—heard nothing but the clarion voice of his own fiddle.

I was amazed at his abstraction—at his enthusiasm; and yet found it difficult to prevent myself from laughing aloud. He fiddled with such force and energy, that his elbow seemed to move like a whipsaw driven by steam. I had no idea that 'twas in the power of a single instrument to produce such a tumult of sounds.

The *Battle of Prague*, roared from ten "forty piazzas" (as Johnny Robison used to call them) would be a mere tinkling, compared with this uproar of Mr. Garrot's fiddle. I could not but confess, that in variety, force and compass, he surpassed even my old friend Mr. Giles. This is no light compliment. A greater, indeed, could not in sincerity be paid to the most celebrated performer.

But Mr. Gregory, at length, made his appearance, and as he worked his way through the crowd at the door, I

could perceive that he was not only angry, but a little frightened. He was about to speak to Mr. Garrot, but Mr. Garrot was too much engaged to take the least notice of him ; he therefore addressed himself to me, and said—" For God's sake, Mr. Jones, what is the meaning of all this !" I was so full of laughter that I could not speak, and of course said nothing. He then turned to Mr. Garrot, and raised his hand as a sign for him to stop. Now, Mr. Gregory had no more the appearance of an innkeeper than he had of an emperor. It was natural, therefore, that the Frenchman should consider him as an intruder, and order him out of the room ; which he did. But 'twas in French, which he perceived Mr. Gregory did not understand. He therefore collected all the English he was master of, and exclaimed, in an offended tone, " Vat you vont !" Mr. Gregory was about to reply, when monsieur, waving his hand, cried " Go vay ! go vay !" and thereupon commenced fiddling fiercer than ever. This produced a universal burst of laughter ; and so loud and long was the peal (in which I was compelled to join), that monsieur paused, and seemed now, for the first time, to be sensible that there was an unusual collection in the hall, and that something was wrong somewhere.

The scene at this moment was picturesque in the highest degree. There stood Mons. Garrot, in the middle of the room, with his fiddle in his hand ; his pantaloons hanging upon a chair, and his morning gown floating behind him ; looking first at Mr. Gregory, then at me, then at the cluster of heads at the door, utterly at a loss to know what it all meant. There stood Mr. Gregory, too, in his neat drab colored coat and Sunday inexpressibles, the very impersonation of order, decency and decorum, looking at the brawny, half naked Frenchman, with wonder and surprise. There, too, was the crowd of curious faces, male and female, peering in at the hall door ; exhibiting every variety of expression, from the most serious to the most comic ; all staring in profound silence, at the Frenchman and his fiddle. It was ridiculous

enough; and had it continued a moment longer, it would have been discreditable too. At my suggestion, Mr. Gregory left the room. I then closed the door, and endeavored to explain to Mr. Garrot the cause of the collection in the hall, and the motives of the individual who had interrupted him. But I found it difficult to make him comprehend it; for I was not a little puzzled myself to shape the matter in such a way as to render the explanation *satisfactory*, as well as plausible. At length he *seemed* to understand it; and taking out his tablets, wrote down what I suppose he considered *the substance of my explanation*, and then handed it to me and read. It ran thus: "Americans have very little taste for music, and never listen with pleasure to the violin on Sundays, *except in church!*"

'Tis very well, said I, monsieur; 'tis very well.

Half an hour afterwards, we walked deliberately down stairs, and took our seats at the tea table, as carelessly and as composedly, as if nothing had happened. But I observed, what Monsieur Garrot probably did not, that every eye in the room was occasionally turned upon him. Though in one sense the author of the mischief, and certainly the most censurable of the two, yet I received the thanks of Mr. Gregory, for having put an end to the confusion occasioned by the musical taste of Monsieur Garrot.

It is near the breakfast hour and the city boarders, I perceive, are already dropping in. That well dressed, handsome faced gentleman standing upon the stoop, with his hat under his arm and a rattan in his hand, is Mr. James Kane, of whom you have heard me speak so frequently. The tall, spare man, with whom he is conversing, is Mr. Walter Clark, a merchant of the city, plain and simple in his character and manner, but polite and gentlemanly. The person that has just joined them, is an exceedingly clever man in his way—a little self-complacent, perhaps, but a gentleman and a wit: the latter he inherited, among other goods and chattels, from his father, who had a great deal more, by the by, than he

bequeathed to any one. He is, as you perceive, extremely civil and polite; but it is rather because he deems it due to himself, than to others. His wit, though perfectly good natured, is not scattered at random. It has its mark, and is always intended to tell. But notwithstanding his piquancy, and self appreciation, he is a clever companion, particularly over a bottle of good Madeira. His fine rosy face shows this. In short, among the gentlemen of the Tontine, Mr. Caldwell holds no second rank.

That young man standing in the centre of the group on the left, is a Mr. —, somewhat remarkable for his flow of spirits and fluency of speech. He has acquired some reputation in the city, as a *business* man, and is quite a favorite with Mr. Kane. He is said to be something of a reader too, and, by the aid of a retentive memory, sustains himself in the midst of a class of young men, much better educated than himself. He has a disposition to satire, which he frequently indulges at the expense of others, but without any taint of malignity. In his open and somewhat random mode of talking, he certainly says some things, and tells some truths, which it would be difficult for any other person to utter without giving offence. He has the advantage, too, of being older, if not abler, than he looks; and, under the guise of a frank and heedless manner, is keenly observant of the conduct and character of those around him. I have no doubt that he has, at this moment, in his portfolio, a full length portrait, not only of many of his personal friends and acquaintances, but of most of the distinguished men of the state. But he is no scholar, and can not give to his sketches an abiding interest.

That plain but gentlemanly looking man, now talking with Mr. Kane, is Mr. Sedgwick, a member of the bar, and one of the most promising young men in the city. His character may be read in his countenance: in which, I think, you may also read that he is from Massachusetts. He brings with him the advantages of family reputation, character, and talents; and sustains these antecedents by



personal merit, purity of mind, and cleverness of manner. He is the professional partner of Mr. Harmanus Bleecker, a gentleman of sterling merit, and withal the best *Dutch scholar* in the city.



**Dutch Church.**

**Ancient Costume.**

## REMINISCENCES OF ALBANY.

From Memoirs of Elkanah Watson, p. 267.

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1788.

Curiosity conducted him to the "old Dutch city of Albany," that he might compare their habits and manners with those of the cities of Holland, from whence their ancestors had emigrated more than one hundred and fifty years before; the one surrounded by the progress and refinement of Europe, and the other in contact with savage barbarism. At that period Albany was the second city in the state, containing about six hundred dwellings, generally constructed on the old Dutch model, but was rapidly modernizing, as well in its architecture as customs. The city he regarded as awkwardly situated upon the declivity of a hill. The houses were principally of brick, and many were elegant. Vessels of eight feet draught plied constantly and in great numbers between the city and New York. The trade was immense, and rapidly increasing. A branch of this trade, formerly of great value, had then become nearly extinct—the traffic in furs, which the British had found means to avert from this avenue, chiefly by the ascendancy they derived from their forts, within our own territory.

The inhabitants were mostly Dutch, attached to their own customs, and cherishing their national prejudices.

As foreigners intermixed with them, these peculiarities were relaxing, and insensibly softening. They had generally adopted in the instruction of their children the English tongue, by the establishment of English schools. Mr. Watson expressed in his journal, the prediction that the Dutch language, in half a century, would be unknown in that city as a spoken language.

He proceeded eight miles from Albany to the new glasshouse, erected by John De Neufville, a former cor-

respondent of Mr. Watson, and an inhabitant of Amsterdam. Mr. De Neufville was the negotiator of the treaty made by Holland with the American congress, which essentially produced the war between the former and England in 1781. He commenced business with an hereditary capital of half a million sterling, and lived in Amsterdam and at his country seat in the highest affluence and splendor. He sacrificed his fortune by his attachment to the cause of American independence, and in his efforts to sustain it. The fragments of his estate he had invested in the hopeless enterprise of establishing this glass factory. Mr. Watson found this gentleman, born to affluence, in a solitary seclusion, occupying a miserable log cabin furnished with a single deal table and two common chairs—destitute of the ordinary comforts of life.

Ibid, p. 275.

My curiosity satisfied, I sent my horse towards Albany, and embarked on board a returning bateau, and proceeded down the Mohawk to Little Falls, anxious to examine that place, with an eye to canals. We abandoned ourselves to the current of the river, which, with the aid of our oars, impelled us at a rapid rate. We met numerous bateaux coming up the river, freighted with whole families, emigrating to the "land of promise." I was surprised to observe the dexterity with which they manage their boats, and the progress they make in polling up the river, against a current of at least three miles an hour. The first night we encamped at a log-hut on the banks of the river, and the next morning I disembarked at German Flats.

The meanderings of the river, by my estimate, about doubles the distance of a direct line. We passed a valuable tract of 16,000 acres of land, situated on the north side of the river, which has been granted by the state to Baron Steuben. From Schenectady I pursued the road across a thickly settled country, embracing many fine farms, to Ashley's Ferry, six miles above Albany. On the east side of the river, at this point, a new town has

been recently laid out, named Vanderheyden.\* This place is situated precisely at the head of navigation on the Hudson. Several bold and enterprising adventurers have already settled here; a number of capacious warehouses, and several dwellings, are already erected. It is favorably situated in reference to the important and growing trade of Vermont and Massachusetts; and I believe it not only bids fair to be a serious thorn in the side of New City,† but in the issue a fatal rival.

I spent a day in examining this locality, and then walked on the banks of the Hudson, a distance of three miles, to New City, where I continued several days. This place is thronged by mercantile emigrants, principally from New England, who have enjoyed a very extensive and lucrative trade, supplying Vermont and the region on both banks of the Hudson, as far as Lake George, with merchandise; and receiving in payment wheat, pot and pearl ashes, and lumber. But, as I remarked, I think Vanderheyden must, from its more eligible position, attain the ultimate ascendancy.

I crossed the river at Half-Moon, a small hamlet containing about twenty dwellings; and about a mile from this place I visited the Cohoes falls, upon the Mohawk river. Nothing so much charms and elevates my mind as the contemplation of nature in her bold and majestic works. Fixing my position on the margin of the bank, which descends in a vertical precipice of about seventy feet, I beheld the volume of the Mohawk, plunging over a fall of about the same height, and nearly perpendicular. The barrier of rocks—the lofty banks—the roaring and dashing of the waters—and the cloud of mist, presented a spectacle of surprising sublimity. The river divides immediately below the falls into three branches, and empties into the Hudson, nearly opposite New City. The bed of the stream is filled with rocks, among which it rushes and surges in terrific impetuosity.

\* The original name of the present beautiful city of Troy.

† The city of Lansingburgh was then known by that name.

In the view of ascending by locks from the Hudson into the Mohawk river, it appears to me that the obstacles at this place will be much greater than to cut a canal across the pine plains, into a grand basin, back of Albany. I took passage in a bateau at New City, to Albany, for the purpose of sounding the river. The result of my examination satisfied me, that in ordinary tides five or six feet may be carried to within a mile of New City, and from thence to that town fifteen to eighteen inches. The tides sensibly rise and fall as far up as Vanderheyden.

Upon careful investigation and mature reflection, it appears to my mind that Albany is one of the most favorable positions in America for the future enjoyment of a vast internal commerce. It is favorably situated in reference to the trade of Vermont, and the extensive eastern country. It may control the fur trade of the lakes; it must occupy the avenues which penetrates into the valley of the Mohawk; and will be the depot of the produce from the luxuriant territory of the Genesee.

From Albany, Mr. Watson proceeded to New York by a packet, and occupied three days in the passage. He speaks of the Overslaugh three miles below Albany, as sounding only eight feet of water, while immediately below it deepens to twelve or fourteen feet, and suggests that the impediment might be removed by closing two channels, and throwing the whole current of the river into the third. This obstacle being removed he expresses the opinion that Albany would become a mart of foreign commerce.

**PETITION OF REV. G. DELLIUS  
FOR PAYMENT OF SERVICES.**

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1714.

To the Honorable the Generale Assembly for the collony of New York.

The Humble petition of Godefrius Dellius, by his At-tourney Adolph Philipse.

Sheweth: That during the time your Honor's Petitioner was minister to the Dutch Congregation of Albany, he undertook, at his great cost and Labour to Convert the 5 Nations & River Indians to Christianity. And having Laid the first Foundation of that Pious work, and made a Progress therein beyond expectation, It was Esteemed of that utility, not onely in Propagating the Gospel among those Heathens, but Likewise to stedy them in their Interest and Obedience of the Crown of England, That the Then Governor and council allowed to your Petitioner a Sallary of sixty pounds pr. Annum for that service, which was accordingly payd from time to time (as he believes) Except for one year and some odd months, which still Remains unpayd.

That upon the conclusion of the Former Peace with France, the Right Honorable the Earl of Bellmont, then Governor of this Province, sent Coll. Peter Schuyler and your Petitioner on an Ambassy to the Governor of Canada, For which they were to have a Reward of one hundred pounds. And your Petitioner is informed that Coll. Schuyler has Received £50 for his moyety thereof; the other £50 due to your Petitioner for that service Remains unpayd.

That your petitioner having some Reasons to Remove with his family back to Europe, could not Personally

sollisist the obtaining warrants or Payment of the Respective Sumes above mentioned; and the severall Attourneys your Petitioner had here from time to time, have been the more Remiss in procuring Either the one or the other, because they found the Revenue so much Anticipated before. So that the onely Relief Left your Petitioner is from this Honorable House, who having now under their Prudent consideration the Payment of all the Just Debts and Claims of this Collony, and your Petitioner Conceiving the said two sumes to be such,

Doth therefore humbly Pray your Honnors in your great Justice will please to order and enact that the two Respective Sumes of £60 and £50 for the services above-mentioned, may be payd for his use to his said Attourny, In the Like manner as other the Debts and Claims of this Government are to be payd, or in such other manner as to your great Wisdom shall seem meet. And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray &c.

A. D. PHILIPSE,  
FOR GODFRIEDUS DELLIUS.

New York, 19th May 1714.

[“ Considered by y<sup>e</sup> Council and allow’d for Instructing y<sup>e</sup> Indians halfe, the other Disallowed.”]

## NOTES FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

Continued from vol. ix, p. 283.

1834.

May 1. It appears by the semi-annual report of the Chamberlain that the debt of the city was \$118,000; that \$46,166 had been paid during the previous six months. Among the expenditures were the following:

City Watch,.....	\$4,159·60
City Lamps,.....	2,668·72
Paving and draining,.....	48,865·47
Ferry, including purchase of lots, &c.,..	11,562·26
Schools,.....	3,788·31
County Poor,.....	11,025·27
Contingencies, .....	12,309·38

May 21. Dr. C. Humphrey, eldest son of Chauncy Humphrey, died in Calcutta, aged 33.

June 23. The common council elected Harmanus Van Ingen chief engineer of the fire department. William McElroy and Charles Pohlman were elected assistant engineers.

The canal basin having been constructed without any outlet, became a nuisance, and the corporation was indicted for it. The recorder, James McKown, was instructed to defend the action, on the ground that the bulk head at the lower part of the basin had been placed there by the pier company under the sanction of an act of the legislature, and being private property, the corporation could not be bound to abate the nuisance. The Albany court of sessions decided against the corporation, but the supreme court reversed the decision.

A law was passed to construct a stone arch over Beaver creek in Johnson street. The creek was still an open stream throughout its entire length, to the river.



July 4. The Albany Burgesses Corps made its first public parade, with about fifty rank and file, making a new military feature in the city both as to uniform and tactics.

July 4. The new bell of the Second R. P. Dutch church was rung for the first time on this morning. It was the third bell that had been suspended in the tower of that church. The first was imported from Holland in 1818, and weighed 2842lbs, at a cost of nearly \$2000. It was broken the same year. The second was recast from the materials of the first in December of the same year by Julius Hanks, of Gibbonsville, and weighed 2430lbs. It was cracked in May of the present year, and recast by Lewis Aspinwall of this city, on the evening of the 27th June, and suspended in time to announce the day of independence. Its weight was 2737lbs, the largest bell in the city.

July 4. William Cook, an Albany merchant, died at Saratoga Springs.

July 5. Sally Ann, wife of Lemuel L. Steele, died, aged 28.

July 7. The steam boat Helen, built on a new principle by Mr. Burden, arrived on her first trip from New York. She broke some part of her machinery twice during the passage, and made the trip in 9h. 58m.

July 9. Erastus Corning, chairman of the commissioners, gave notice that an election for thirteen directors of the Albany City Bank, and for three inspectors of the first annual election thereafter, would be held at the City Hotel on the 24th July. Subsequently Erastus Corning was elected president, and Watts Sherman, cashier of the bank at Little Falls, was appointed cashier.

July 10. Mrs. Pheby Taylor died aged 80, and was buried from the house of her son John Taylor, in Lydius street.

July 11. Isaac O. Davis advertised a mercantile general agency and collecting office, No. 67 State street.

July 14. Edmund Charles Genet died at his residence, Prospect Hill, Greenbush, aged 71. He took an active part for many years in the vain endeavor to procure a

permanent improvement in the channel of the river near this city.

July 15. James Hunter died, aged 38. He was one of the editors of the Albany Daily Advertiser, from 1823 until October, 1832, and in the course of that period he labored assiduously in maintenance of the principles of the Clintonian party until the death of the governor left it without a head. He had recently been engaged in editing the *Albany Daily News*, which he relinquished only four days before his death.

July 16. James Parker died, aged 24.

July 17. George Greer died, aged 74.

Ruth, widow of Stephen Lobdel, died, aged 61.

July 18. Charles R. Webster, founder of the Albany Gazette, died at Saratoga Springs, aged 72. He had been ill several weeks of a glandular affection, but was not supposed to be in imminent danger. Only a few minutes before his death he was walking about his room. He was a native of Connecticut, served his apprenticeship with the ancient house of Hudson & Goodwin at Hartford, and in 1782 he established a weekly paper here in connection with S. Ballentine, and two years later commenced the Albany Gazette, at the head of which he remained about forty years, and was also extensively engaged in bookselling. During half a century he was conspicuous for a liberal philanthropy, and an unvarying readiness to give aid and impulse to every enterprise calculated to advance the interests of the city, or secure the beneficial results of a discriminating charity. As a natural consequence he had become identified with the interests and growing prosperity of the city. For a biographical sketch of him see *Annals*, vol. 5, p. 230. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of citizens, including several societies of which he had been a conspicuous and valuable member.

July 25. The funeral ceremonies in honor of Lafayette were performed in this city with great splendor and effect. The military, firemen, the societies and trades swelled the pageant. Major-General Stephen Van Rensselaer, Jr.

headed the procession as marshal. The pall bearers were nine revolutionary companions of Lafayette, Messrs. Gregory, Winne, Hilton, Van Rensselaer, Ryckman, Kidney, Van Alstyne, Shields and Russell. The Yorktown ordnance, a twelve-pounder, captured by Lafayette at Yorktown, was borne in the procession. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Sprague. A torch light procession by the Burgesses Corps under Capt. Cole and the firemen, at 11 o'clock at night, bore the urn and eagle from the church to the Capitol, and closed the imposing ceremonies of the occasion.

July 28. George G. Simpson died, aged 33.

July 28. At a meeting of the common council G. W. Carpenter, city surveyor, reported a level for that part of the city lying south of Ferry street and west of Pearl street. At the same meeting it was resolved to alter the level of Patroon street from the pavement west.

The directors of the Hudson River Steam Boat company reduced the fare between New York and Albany on all their boats to \$2.

July 28. The annual examination of the Albany Academy took place, when the honors were awarded to the following *boys*: Aurelian Conkling (took the Caldwell Medal), John Newland, Isaac Vanderpoel (1st in Daboll), Maunsell Van Rensselaer, James B. Weed, Frederick Townsend, Aaron Hill, Wm. A. Miller, Wm. Davis, George H. Monteath, Robert Townsend, George B. Hoyt, A. A. Dunlop, Robert Waterman, Duncan Campbell, Henry Q. Lansing. These lads are now filling creditable positions in divinity, law and trade.

Aug. 6. Samuel Harbeck died in New York, aged 50.

Aug. 9. Francis W., son of Lemuel Pierce, died, aged 23.

Aug. 11. Jane Ann, wife of John Manning, died, aged 28.

Aug. 11. At a meeting of the common council, John Preston, "a sojourner in this city," presented a petition urging the planting of elm trees on each side of the streets.

A communication was received from John Forsyth,

acting secretary of war, in relation to the appropriation recently granted by congress for the improvement of the Hudson river. There was a difference between the common councils of Troy and Albany about this work, the former wished to have it commence at the upper end, the latter at the southern and extend north as far as the appropriation would carry it.

Aug. 11. Cases of cholera occurred. On the 15th the board of health reported that there had been 15 cases and 3 deaths since the 12th.

Aug. 15. Julia Ann, wife of Orison Filkins, died, aged 21.

Aug. 18. Fourteen new cases of cholera and nine deaths occurred since the 15th.

Aug. 19. Five new cases and one death.

Aug. 20. Seven new cases, six deaths..... John I. Evertsen died, aged 45.

Aug. 21. The new Universalist meeting house in Green street was dedicated.

Aug. 25. Lewis Grinnell died, aged 41.

Aug. 26. Mrs. Jane Lamphire died, aged 67.

Mrs. Jane Ann Mancius died.

Sept. 1. Margaret, widow of Harmanus Ten Eyck, died, aged 79.

Sept. 3. Matilda, widow of John B. Van Steenbergh, died.

Sept. 7. John L. Burrows died at Caughnawaga.

Mary C., wife of Dr. Richard Dusenbury, died in Westchester county.

Sept. 8. The Theatre which had been some time closed, was opened by William Duffy, remodeled, and decorated by the skill of John Leslie.

A new line of steam boats was now running on the river in competition with the old line, having two boats, the Nimrod and Champion, under the title of the People's Line.

Sept. 8. Frances, wife of Daniel Powers, died, aged 47.

Sept. 9. The common council, on the application of Lemuel Jenkins directed Jay street to be provided with lamps.

Sept. 9. Mary, widow of Duncan McLachlan, died, aged 44.

Sept. 16. The board of health congratulated the citizens on the continued good health of the city since the month came in; the reports of the physicians were no longer required, and the hospital opened for the reception of cholera patients had been closed.

Sept. 17. A general convention of the Universalists of the United States was held at the new meeting house in Green street; the occasional sermon being preached by the Rev. Hosea Ballou.

Sept. 17. Phoebe, wife of Capt. Eliakim Ford, died, aged 47.

Rebecca, wife of Schuyler Van Rensselaer, died at Huron, Ohio, aged 39.

Sept. 22. Fergus McLachlan died, aged 63.

John Hallenbeck, formerly of Albany, died at Havana, aged 28.

A wandering religious imposter, Mathias, was apprehended upon suspicion of many crimes committed against individuals in New York, whose confidence in his divine mission he had unaccountably succeeded in obtaining.

Sept. 22. At a meeting of the common council a petition was presented for opening Quay street from Lydius to Ferry street.

The committee on schools reported a resolution to raise \$1262.77 for the support of the common school east of Ferry street.

The three infant schools that were now maintained by charitable contributions, had about 1200 pupils, and cost \$1,000 per annum. A part of the money was raised by collections in the churches.

Sept. 30. Henry Carpenter died.

Oct. 1. John W. Cushman died, aged 30.

Oct. 6. At a meeting of the common council P. Norton and two or three hundred others of all parties petitioned for a law to prevent the burning of tar barrels, throwing of fire balls composed of tow, turpentine and other inflammable articles, about the periods of elections, and other times of public excitement.

The legislature had passed a law on the first of May, that the time of holding the annual election for aldermen, prescribed in the charter the last Tuesday in September, should be changed to the first Tuesday of May, and authorizing the aldermen to hold over the intervening seven months. A controversy arose in the board about the constitutionality of such a law, Israel Williams in a long speech maintained that it was unconstitutional, and the recorder, James McKown and Mr. Lovett defending the law. On motion of alderman Wasson the subject was laid on the table, 12 to 6.

Mary, widow of Joseph Ives, died, aged 71.

Nancy, wife of Loammi Carter, died.

Mary A., wife of George M. Sayles, died.

Oct. 8. The Albany Burgesses Corps celebrated their first anniversary by an excursion to Troy and Gibbonsville.

Oct. 11. Gilbert Ackerman died.

The sale of the pews in the new Pearl street Baptist church produced nearly \$19,000, leaving 70 unsold.

Oct. 12. Paul Hochstrasser died of apoplexy at his residence in Perry, Genesee county, aged 71.

John Southmayd died at New Bedford aged 30.

Rev. Mr. Ide preached his first sermon in the Green street Baptist church.

Oct. 15. Wm. Henry Shaw died, aged 24.

Wm. A. Tweed Dale gave notice that having finished a term of twenty-three years in this city, and relinquished the business of school teaching, he proposed to instruct young men in a course of reading in connection with the Apprentices' Library.

Oct. 16. The committee (consisting of S. S. Fowler, B. P. Staats, and S. Schuyler) appointed by the board of supervisors to erect an additional prison on the penitentiary system, gave notice that they had discharged the duty assigned to them, and requested all citizens who felt an interest in the punishment and reformation of offenders to call and examine said prison, which would be open for the purpose.

Oct. 20. James King petitioned the common council to have Ten Broeck street excavated; Henry Newman and others in behalf of the Lutheran church and John Meads in behalf of the water works company remonstrated against the opening of a square adjacent to the contemplated State House; John Vosburgh and others petitioned for the change of the name of Orchard street to Pearl; James McNaughton and others applied for the \$1500 appropriated by the board for the improvement of Clinton square.

Oct. 21. An anniversary of all the sabbath schools took place by a procession from the Park to the Second Presbyterian church, where the exercises were conducted by the Revs. Dr. Sprague, J. N. Campbell, Meeker, Kirk and Ferris.

Elizabeth, daughter of the late Chancellor Lansing, died.

Oct. 23. The steam boat Novelty with a load of Nott's stoves struck a hommock on the overslaugh and sunk.

Oct. 24. William Teeling died, aged 63.

Oct. 25. Mary, widow of Wm. Brown, died, aged 79.

Oct. 26. The Pearl street Baptist church was opened for public worship, the sermon by the Rev. Mr. Ide, pastor of the Green street church.

The Rev. Dr. Ludlow of the North Dutch church was appointed provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and professor of moral philosophy.

Oct. 27. Killian H. Van Rensselaer died, aged 23.  
Daniel Sickles died.

Nov. 5. Sarah, wife of Jellis Winne, Jr., died.

Nov. 5. At the annual election the following vote was cast in the city, except in the three first lines the first ward is not included.

*Governor*, Seward 1523, Marcy 1434.

*Lt. Gov.* Stillwell 1525, Tracy 1427.

*Senator*, Miller 1529, Lawyer 1425.

*Congress*, Barnard 2137, Lansing 1930.

*Assembly*, Wheaton 2135, Waldron 2125, Frisbee 2117.

(Dem.) Livingston 1943, Conner 1922, Seger 1927.

*Clerk*, Haswell 2051, Ten Eyck 2004.

*Sheriff*, McDuffie 2169, Niles 1980.

Mr. Marcy's majority in the county was 29.

Gerrit Y. Lansing was elected to congress by a majority of 123 votes over Daniel D. Barnard, having received 4944.

Edward Livingston was elected to the assembly by a majority of 5 over Henry G. Wheaton.

Angus McDuffie was elected sheriff, the only candidate of the whig party that was elected.

Conrad A. Ten Eyck received 5028 votes for county clerk, the largest vote received by any candidate.

Nov. 12. Richard Rhodes died, aged 34.

Nov. 15. Elizabeth, wife of John Hamilton, late of the Albany Theatre, died, aged 30.

Nov. 16. Isaac Hamilton, an eminent lawyer, died at St. Mary's, Georgia, aged 55. He had practiced his profession in Albany more than thirty years, and was noted for strict integrity and unwearied industry. He was repeatedly elected to the offices of supervisor and alderman in his ward, and member of assembly once. In every public station in which he was placed, he evinced a noble disinterestedness of character and elevated views of public duty and public virtue.

Nov. 19. At an election for officers of the St. Nicholas Benevolent Society, the following were chosen for the year ensuing.

Abraham Van Vechten, president.

Harmanus Bleecker,

Solomon Van Rensselaer, } vice presidents.

John B. Van Schaick,

John V. L. Pruyn, secretary.

Volkert P. Douw, treasurer.

Rev. Robert Bronk and Rev. Cortland Van Rensselaer, chaplains.

Drs. Jonathan Eights and John W. Bay, physicians.

Richard Varick De Witt, Egbert Egberts, Conrad A. Ten Eyck, William Lush, G. V. S. Bleecker, Peter Lansing, Jr., Herman Wendell, William Smith, George M. Bleecker, Rensselaer Van Rensselaer, managers.



Nov. 19. Mrs. Sarah Douglass died, aged 74.

Nov. 22. John Lightbody died, aged 88.

Mrs. Bridget Courtney died, aged 75.

Israel Tufts died, aged 61.

Nov. 23. Rev. Joseph H. Price was instituted rector of St. Paul's church.

Nov. 24. The following bill of fare was proposed to the common council by alderman Wasson for the Alms-house: Breakfast, bohea tea sweetened with molasses and bread thinly spread with butter before put on the table. Dinner, beef soup and bread every day except Tuesday and Friday, on which days codfish and potatoes with bread. Supper, mush sweetened with molasses, of which two spoonsfull allowed each person.

Sarah, wife of Azor Taber, died.

Nov. 25. Walter Easton died, aged 65.

The magnates at the Albany Theatre at this time were J. Sheridan Knowles, and Miss Watson, the pupil of Paganini.

Dec. 3. Simeon De Witt, surveyor of the state, died at Ithaca, aged 79.

While a student in Queens college he joined a volunteer company formed of students, which was broken up by the capture of New Brunswick by the British army; he then removed into this state, and was present and serving as a volunteer from Ulster county, in the line of the Continental army at the capture of Gen. Burgoyne on the 17th October, 1777, and was shortly after appointed assistant geographer to the army. The next year, on the resignation of Col. Erskine he was appointed geographer-general, which office he held until the close of the war, and was always distinguished for zeal and efficiency. After the peace of 1783 he was appointed surveyor-general of the state, and held the office until the day of his death, having served his country in war and in peace for upwards of half a century; and by the courtesy and kindness of his manner, and the strict integrity of his conduct, acquired in an eminent degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Dec. 4. Elisha Kane died at Philadelphia, aged 64.

Dec. 6. William Carpenter died.

Dec. 7. The new church erected in Hallenbake street by the Methodist Protestant Society, afterwards known as the House of Prayer, was dedicated. It was situated between Beaver and Hudson streets, and the first preacher was Rev. C. W. Denison, a baptist. It was claimed that this "forcibly illustrated the liberal character of the congregation."

Cornelius Thayer died.

Dec. 8. At a meeting of the Fire Department, Elias A. Brown was elected president, Dennison Worthington vice president, John Cuyler secretary, Elisha N. Pratt treasurer.

Dec. 13. Jacob I. Evertsen died, aged 31.

Dec. 14. A fire broke out in Van Schaick street which destroyed Josiah Wynant's soap and candle factory and several other buildings.

The Half Way House of Peleg Noyes on the Water-vliet turnpike having been burned, by which he was reduced to poverty, the citizens held a meeting to raise money for his benefit, and the Theatre set apart an evening's performances for the same purpose.

Dec. 15. Thermometer 7 deg. below zero.

Charles Dillingham died, aged 35.

Edwin M. Bosworth died, aged 27.

Henry Truax died, aged 74.

Dec. 16. Leonard Gansevoort died, aged 81. He was for thirty years a member of the common council, and many years a judge of the court of common pleas. At the time of his death he was the oldest attorney and counselor on the roll of the Supreme court.

Dec. 17. Peter Bain, of the firm of Gregory & Bain, died at Galway.

Dec. 22. Henry A. Wilson died, aged 22.

A secession took place in the Reformed Presbyterian church, effected by the pastor, Rev. J. S. R. Willson, who left the city and resumed his former charge in Orange county.

The following is a list of the clergymen of the city at this time, as their names appear with an engagement to deliver a lecture each on temperance.

Wm. B. Sprague, 2d Presbyterian church.

Horatio Potter, St. Peter's.

J. N. Campbell, 1st Presbyterian.

B. T. Welch, Pearl Street Baptist.

H. Meeker, Wesleyan Methodist.

Charles Smyth, Catholic.

Isaac Ferris, South Dutch.

Wm. James, 3d Presbyterian.

J. H. Price, St. Paul's.

F. G. Mayer, Lutheran.

S. Stebbins, North Pearl Street Methodist.

E. N. Kirk, Fourth Presbyterian.

J. D. Williamson, Universalist.

C. Sherman, Division Street Methodist.

George Ide, Green Street Baptist.

James Martin, Reformed Presbyterian.

S. Center.

North Dutch, no pastor.

The Third Dutch church had just been organized.

Rev. Edwin Holmes preached his first sermon, Jan. 25, 1835, in a church in Westerlo street belonging to the Ref. Presbyterians; the first service was held there Dec. 7, 1834, by Rev. Dr. Ferris.

Dec. 23. A fire took place in Apothecaries Hall which damaged goods to the amount of \$300; supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Dec. 26. Hezekiah Scovel, long a resident of Albany, died at Warren, Herkimer county.

Dec. 29. Mrs. Belinda Buswell died, aged 45.

The following were elected managers of the city assemblies for the ensuing year. The city assemblies were dancing parties.

John Keyes Paige.

John A. Dix.

Benj. Tibbits.

Augustus James.

James Stevenson.

James Dexter.

George Brinkerhoof.

John Van Buren.

Dec. 30. Snow fell to the depth of 18 inches.

An election was held in the first ward to fill the vacancy in the board of aldermen occasioned by the resignation of Angus McDuffie, elected sheriff. The whole number of votes cast was 622, of which Gerrit Hogan received 357, and Aaron V. Fryer 246.

At a meeting of the board on the same evening Mr. Hogan was sworn in. An old controversy was renewed between Recorder McKown and Alderman Wasson on the subject of impounding swine, which is reported in the *Evening Journal*. Erastus Corning was unanimously reelected mayor, and Rufus H. Peckham was unanimously elected clerk.

## 1835.

Jan. 1. Elizabeth, wife of Richard Van Rensselaer, died, aged 35.

Jan. 13. John Fitzsimmons died, aged 26.

Jan. 15. Dwight Storrs, late of Albany, died at An-  
gram, aged 30.

Jan. 31. The ice in the river gave way and moved off in a body, leaving the channel unobstructed.

The mean temperature of the month was 22 deg. The mean temperature of the month of January in the previous year was 23 deg.

At a meeting of the board of common council, the superintendent of the Almshouse reported 435 paupers in the institution; there had been 47 deaths and 7 births in 5 months. The chief engineer of the fire department reported 4 fires and 7 alarms in 6 months; losses \$4,000.

Feb. 2. At a meeting of the common council, the superintendent of the Almshouse reported the inmates as follows: of citizens 45 men, 39 women, 61 children; transient persons, 91 men, 95 women, 104 children; total 375.

Feb. 4. A meeting was held at the Eagle Tavern to consider the project of a bridge across the river at this  
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city. A committee of thirty was appointed to draw up a petition.

Feb. 8. Rev. E. N. Kirk preached a sermon in the evening for the benefit of the Apprentices' Library, and a collection was taken up amounting to \$57.64. The institution had now been in existence fourteen years, had on its shelves 2,200 books, 900 of which were drawn out every month.

Feb. 9. A meeting was held at the Capitol for the purpose of making an application to the legislature for the removal of the nuisance occasioned by the canal basin.

Feb. 10. John C. Donnely died, aged 43. His funeral was attended by the members of the fire department.

Alvah M. Lockwood died, aged 24.

Feb. 12. Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Strong, died, aged 44.

Feb. 14. Theophilus Carter died.

Feb. 17. Peter Lansing, Jr. died, aged 46. His funeral was attended by the St. Nicholas society, of which he was one of the founders.

Feb. 20. A fire broke out in the attic of Washington Hall, in South Pearl street, adjoining the Theatre, which was subdued after considerable damage had been done.

Feb. 22. John D. P. Douw died.

The paternal ancestor of Mr. Douw was a native of Holland, and was one of that chosen band of patriots who with many others of our respected progenitors, estimating the value of civil and religious liberty superior to all other blessings, in the early period of our colonial history left their homes and native land, and relinquishing the superior comforts of civilized life, sought for quiet and repose in the wilds of America. He settled on the eastern bank of the Hudson, in the present town of Greenbush, and it is worthy of remark, when we consider the vicissitudes of human life, and the uncertain changes of human destiny, that the original paternal estate has been retained in the family, descending from father to son, through the line of successive generations, for the period of one hundred and forty years. The father of

Mr. Douw was a native and resident of this city; at the commencement of the American revolution, of strong mind, great energy of character, and a whig of unshaken perseverance. He early took an active and decided part with his countrymen against the usurpations of the British ministry, and the various important offices to which he was elected and appointed, are full of evidences of the estimation in which his services were held by his countrymen. After the close of the war, when through the blessings of Providence our cause had triumphed, and our country under the care of Washington, was moving onward in the course of national prosperity, he retired from public life, and died at an advanced age, leaving to his children the most invaluable of all inheritances, the inheritance of an honest name.

Mr. Douw was just entering into active life at the commencement of the revolution, and served as an officer in the commissary department of the American army in the campaign of 1777, which terminated in the surrender of Burgoyne. On the return of peace he embarked in mercantile business in this city, and for a period of more than forty years was known as one of the most prominent, active and enterprising men in the line of his profession; and after acquiring a sufficient competency, retired from the pursuits of active life. Few men have passed through life more respected, and few will die more regretted. His manners, conversation and deportment, were those of a gentleman of the old school. Instructed in early life in the principles of the Christian faith, his soul was exalted by its exercise, and its hopes, exhibiting in the unvaried tenor of a long life how a Christian should live, and in its last solemn hour, how a Christian can die.

Feb. 23. Peter Douw Beekman died, aged 73.

Feb. 24. Mrs. Mary Arrol died, aged 44.

Feb. 26. Sarah, wife of Joseph Wilson, died, aged 62.

March. There was a project before the common council for macadamizing North Pearl street. There

was also a good deal of excitement about the grade of the great area below Ferry street, between Pearl street and the river, which was an unbroken waste.

March 10. John P. Jermain died, aged 28.

March 15. Hallenbake Stafford died, aged 42.

March 20. Eliza Bayard, wife of Wm. P. Van Rensselaer, died at Matanzas.

March 21. At a meeting of the master bakers at the Rising Sun tavern, Wm. G. Pruyn president, Stephen Paddock secretary, it was resolved to sell bread to retailers at \$9 per hundred loaves, and to families at 9 pence per loaf.

March 22. Joseph L. Townsend, of the late firm of Wm. Rice & Co., died at Charleston, S. C.

March 23. The committee entrusted with funds for the relief of sufferers by the cholera, reported that the amount received and disbursed during the years 1832 to 1835 was \$3,507.30.

Rebecca, wife of Rev. James Martin, died, aged 30.

Joseph P. Holmes died.

March 24. Mary, widow of Philip Conine, died at Coxsackie, sister of the late Gen. Van Schaick of Albany.

John T. Norton resigned the presidency of the Canal Bank on removing from the city, and Joseph Russell was elected in his stead.

March 25. A fire destroyed several buildings in Plane street.

The steam boat John Jay succeeded in reaching the city, being the first arrival on the opening of the river.

March 26. Eleanor, wife of Isaac Denniston, died, aged 72.

Louisa, wife of Jacob Hochstrasser, died, aged 29.

Margaret Fraser died, aged 26.

Nathaniel Rossiter died, aged 73.

March 28. Wm. S. Cobb died, aged 25.

March 29. The several Methodist Episcopal churches having procured the building in State street continued, known as the Primitive Methodist church, opened the same for public worship.

April 1. Mary, widow of the late James Scott of this city, died in New York, aged 80.

April 2. A fire destroyed a stable in Church street and two horses were burnt.

April 4. The following were elected trustees of the Albany Library: Jacob H. Ten Eyck, Volkert P. Douw, M. H. Webster, S. De Witt Bloodgood, P. S. Van Rensselaer and J. B. Van Schaick.

April 4. Mrs. Ann Henry died, aged 75.

April 6. Charles Augustus Little died at sea, aged 25.

April 7. Wm. G. Wasson died, aged 30.

April 8. Susan B., wife of James Edwards, died at Ballston, aged 28.

April 10. Polly, wife of Joseph Gates, died, aged 46.

April 13. Mrs. Jane Vredenburg died, aged 69.

April 15. A fire destroyed a stable in Dallius street corner of Bass, in which four horses and a cow were consumed.

April 19. Wm. Thompson, Jr. died, aged 28.

April 20. Charles Goodrich died, aged 62.

April 24. A fire broke out in a stable in the rear of the Rising Sun tavern, corner of South Pearl and Beaver streets, which destroyed all the buildings between Beaver street and the Theatre, owned by Isaac Denniston. The Theatre building was saved, but the scenery and properties were either burnt or destroyed.

April 24. William Boardman died, aged 64.

Mrs. Mary Dunlavy died, aged 84.

April 26. Eliza, wife of Peter E. Elmendorf, died of apoplexy, aged 58.

Jane, wife of Alexander McElroy of Trenton, Oneida county, died at the house of her son Thomas McElroy of this city, aged 75.

The Daily Advertiser announced that capitalists were turning their attention to investments in this city; that James Stevenson made sale of his property on the corner of State and South Pearl streets for \$42,000; and that E. C. Delavan had sold his estate for \$243,000. It is



mentioned in the same paper that a person crossing State street bridge counted 96 persons on foot and 18 teams passing over at the same time.

The Kane property on Pearl street below Lydius, was at this time valued at \$100,000.

May 3. Mrs. Achsa Fanning died, aged 63.

May 5. The ward and charter election took place, and resulted in a majority of whig members being elected.

## WHIG.

## DEMOCRAT.

*First Ward.*

<i>Aldermen</i> , G. V. S. Bleecker, ...	492	Levi Cornell, .....	392
		John S. Walsh, .....	468
<i>Assistants</i> , Chas. S. Olmstead, ..	480	George Monteith, .....	368
		Garret Hogan, .....	387
<i>Supervisor</i> , Michael Artcher, ....	464	B. S. Van Rensselaer, ..	384
<i>Assessor</i> , Stephen Paddock, ...	460	Barent P. Staats, .....	379
		Green Hall, .....	473
		Ebenezer Wright, .....	380

*Second Ward.*

<i>Aldermen</i> , I. L. Judson, .....	335	William Seymour, ....	336
		James D. Wasson, ....	335
<i>Assistants</i> , Richard D. Betts, ....	320	Hiram Perry, ..	340
		Jacob Downing, .....	309
<i>Supervisor</i> , William Davis, .....	333	John I. Burton, .....	341
<i>Assessor</i> , Jotham Hancock, ....	327	Daniel S. Kittle, .....	337
		Amos Adams, .....	323
		John Boardman, .....	326

*Third Ward.*

<i>Aldermen</i> , Israel Williams, .....	309	G. W. Ryckman, .....	202
		Arnold Nelson, .....	310
<i>Assistants</i> , John W. Bay, .....	307	J. S. Schoonmaker, ....	196
		P. H. Ostrander, .....	193
<i>Supervisor</i> , S. D. W. Bloodgood, .	297	G. Brinckerhoff, .....	211
<i>Assessor</i> , Egbert Egberts, .....	312	E. R. Satterlee, .....	198
		N. N. Quackenbush, ...	196
		Elisha Russell, .....	313

*Fourth Ward.*

<i>Aldermen</i> , James Robinson, ....	359	Lemuel Steele, .....	469
		James Maher, .....	452
<i>Assistants</i> , Erastus Chapin, ....	339	James G. Mather, .....	460
		Eben Murdock, .....	456
<i>Supervisor</i> , H. A. Williams, ....	356	S. S. Fowler, .....	455
<i>Assessor</i> , Seth Jarvis, .....	353	Lewis Farnham, .....	470
		Daniel Wilcox, .....	360
		Philip Hooker, .....	351

*Fifth Ward.*

<i>Aldermen</i> , John Van Ness, Jr. .	288	J. N. Quackenbush, ....	281
		James Gibbons, .....	270
<i>Assistants</i> , John L. Winne, .....	228	William Gillespie, .....	290
		S. V. R. Ableman, ....	296
<i>Supervisor</i> , Frederick Porter, ...	263	(No opposition).	
<i>Assessor</i> , Parker Sargent, .....	238	Josiah Patterson, .....	291
		Robert Shepherd, ....	514
		Benjamin Wilson, ...	258

May 6. In the house of assembly the bill chartering the Troy and Schenectady rail road was passed; the bill for the Greenbush and West Stockbridge rail road was lost, 75 to 19.

May 7. John McDole died, aged 38.

May 8. John Stone died, aged 42.

Amos Gay died, aged 56.

May 10. James P. Van Benthuyzen died, aged 62.

May 11. The legislature adjourned, having passed 311 laws, among which were the following relating to the city:

An act to incorporate the Young Men's Association for mutual improvement.

An act to amend the charter of the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, giving it a right to invest a portion of the control of its affairs in pew holders, not members of the consistory.

An act known as the Albany Ward Bill:

An act allowing the Albany and Schenectady turn-pike company to improve their road by laying down blocks of stone to form a track for the passage of vehicles.

An act authorizing the removal of the bulkhead in the Albany basin.

An act incorporating the Orphan Asylum.

May 12. Isaac Jenkins, engineer of the steam boat Ohio, died in New York, aged 59. He assisted in building the engine of the North River, the first steam boat engine made.

May 15. Peter Edmund Elmendorf died, aged 70.

May 16. Hannah R. Morgan died, aged 27.

May 25. The steam boat Robert L. Stephens, thought at the time to be the perfection of a steam boat model, began to ply on the river.

The infant schools were suspended, and the managers of the society gave notice that if sufficient funds were not provided within one month, they would be permanently discontinued.

Edward Artcher contracted to furnish the city with oil at 80 cts. a gallon.

May 27. The Graham Garden on Arbor Hill was sold by Davis & Gill, in lots, for \$9,975, by auction.

May 31. Wm. Snell died, aged 34.

June 1. The Siamese twins, Chang and Eng, made their first appearance in Albany at the Museum. They were at this time 18 years of age.

June 2. Mademoiselle Celeste made her appearance at the Theatre.

June 8. At a meeting of the common council, the inspectors of the special election held for the choice of an alderman in the Second ward (Aldermen Wasson and Judson having received 335 votes each), reported that there were 725 votes given, of which James D. Wasson had 370 and Ichabod L. Judson, 355.

The attorney made a report of the litigation had with the Water works company for the several dividends due to the board, which the company withheld; a verdict had been rendered in favor of the board.

Also in relation to the square to be opened between Pine and Steuben streets, he reported that the Water works company owned a lot in the contemplated square, which they held the board had no power to take from them. The estimated cost of this improvement was \$18,000. The wooden buildings on the premises were ordered to be removed within thirty days.

The plot of ground, corner of Hudson and Liberty streets, was ordered to be enclosed, and \$250 appropriated for the improvement.

The sum of \$250 was appropriated to the celebration of the fourth of July.

It was also decided to ring the Middle Dutch Church bell at 8 o'clock in the morning.

June 11. William N. Capron died, aged 47.

June 13. A fire broke out in the Clinton furnace, belonging to T. Towers, corner of Beaver and Hallenbake streets, which was burnt down, as well as the bell foundry of Lewis Aspinwall, and several other buildings.

June 18. Mrs. Mary Cameron died, aged 53.

June 22. The name of Store lane was changed to Norton street.

June 25. William Groesbeeck died, aged 53.

July 2. William Morgan of Albany died at Buffalo, aged 58.

July 6. Lloyd Howard died, aged 40.

July 16. Samuel Townsend died, of the firm of Townsend & Shields.

July 17. Mrs. Catharine Fitzsimmons died, aged 67.

July 20. Daniel Quidley died, aged 40.

July 22. Patrick Cassidy died, aged 48.

July 25. *The Zodiac*, a literary periodical, was published by Erastus Perry. Its principal contributors were S. D. W. Bloodgood, James Eights, H. V. Du Coudray Holstein, &c.

July 29. Andrew A. De Witt, formerly of Ulster county, died, aged 74.

July 30. Solomon W. Southwick died, aged 32.

Aug. 3. The common council appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency and expense of translating the city records from the Dutch.

Aug. 8. Abigail, wife of Calvert Chadwick, died, aged 34.

Aug. 13. William Weston died, aged 72.

Mathew Kugler died, aged 78.

Aug. 14. Jacob J. Miller died, aged 53.

Aug. 21. Jeremiah Waterman died, aged 45.

Aug. 24. Almira, wife of Thomas P. Crook, died, aged 18.

Aug. 4. A meeting of ministers and laymen was held in the Pearl street Baptist church for the purpose of organizing a City Tract Society. The Rev. Dr. Welch was called to the chair, the Rev. Mr. Kirk chosen secretary, and the Rev. Mr. Campbell opened the meeting with prayer. A constitution was adopted, and the following officers elected:

Stephen Van Rensselaer, president.

Friend Humphrey, Israel Smith and John Woodworth, vice presidents.

E. H. Pease, secretary.

Ezekiel C. McIntosh, treasurer.

Rev. Mr. Vermilye, Teunis Van Vechten, Rev. Isaac Ferris, Wm. McElroy, Rev. Mr. Holmes, E. S. Herrick, Rev. Dr. Welch, Ira Harris, Rev. G. B. Ide, J. G. Wasson, Rev. Dr. Sprague, James Brown, Rev. Mr. Campbell, Israel Williams, Isaac Hand, Rev. Mr. Kirk, Lambert Norton, managers.

Aug. 26. Mrs. Mary Cummings died, aged 63.

Sept. 4. Guy Arms died, aged 47. He came to this city from Greenfield, Mass.

Sept. 8. The annual sabbath school celebration took place, when between three and four thousand children gathered in the Capitol park. The schools from that part of the city south of State street, marched in procession under Philip Phelps, through several of the streets to the First Presbyterian church, where an address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ferris. Those on the north of State street were under the direction of Thomas McElroy, and were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Vermilye in the North Methodist church.

Sept. 10. Michael Leyne died, aged 45.

Sept. 16. Eliza, wife of George C. Watson, died, aged 38.

Sept. 19. Ann Eliza, wife of Simeon M. Tenant, died, aged 25.

Sept. 20. Daniel Shields, a soldier of the revolution, died, aged 70.

Sept. 22. Barent Van Loon died, aged 42.

Sept. 23. The North America, Capt. Lathrop, arrived from New York in 10 hours, 7 minutes, and made the usual mail and passenger landings.

The steam boat North America made the passage up from New York in 8 h. 41 m., running time.

The Robert L. Stephens made the passage in 10 hours also, including twelve landings.

The number of landings made by the North America was 15, which occupied 1 h. 16 m.; time of running, 8 h. 44 m.

Sept. 26. The Rev. Nicholas Lansing died at Tappan,

aged 87. He was a native of Albany, and studied under the Rev. Dr. Westerlo.

Sept. 28. The common council appropriated half the expense of enclosing a plot of ground on Lydius street, between Eagle and Philip, provided the amount did not exceed \$1,000, and the remainder was raised by subscription.

The chamberlain was directed to pay on the warrant of the mayor, \$10,000 for the improvement of the navigation of the river below the city.

Peter V. Shankland was unanimously reelected chamberlain for the ensuing year.

Sept. 30. Benjamin Gilbert died, aged 42.

October. There had been for some time an unusual mortality at the Almshouse. Dr. John W. Hinkley, the physician, stated that in 1832, Peter P. Staats physician, the number of admissions was 583; deaths 100. In 1833 the number of admissions was 605; deaths 136, Samuel Shaw physician. In 1834, John W. Hinkley physician, number of admissions 677; deaths 90. In 1835, to October 1, admissions 391, deaths 66.

Oct. 12. The first penny paper was published in this city by C. F. Powell & Co., called *The Albany Transcript*.

Oct. 13. The president and directors of the Commercial Bank stated that the defalcations of Henry Bartow, the absconded cashier, were less than \$130,000; that an unimpaired capital of \$249,263, including earnings, remained, and assured the public that loss could fall only upon the stockholders, as by the charter of the bank, they were liable to the public in the sum of \$600,000.

Oct. 17. Mary Welden died, aged 45.

Chester Judd died, aged 45.

Oct. 19. William McDougall, formerly of Albany, died in New York, aged 44.

Oct. 21. The steam boat, Champlain, Capt. Gorham, arrived from New York at 4 h. 21 m. p. m. having made the passage in 8 h. 45½ m., running time. On the 23d the Champlain made the trip in 9 h. 31 m. including 16 landings.

Oct. 23. James Walsh died.

William M. Soulden died, aged 20.

Oct. 26. Judge Sutherland resigned his office as judge of the Supreme court, for that of clerk of the same court, which was better paid.

Oct. 27. Arrived at the Museum the famous Joice Heth, said to have been the nurse of Gen. Washington, and at this time 161 years of age.

The county clerk reported the population of the city, according to the returns of the canvassers, as follows:

Males,	13,712
Females,	14,373

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28,085

Number of voters, 4,489. Population in 1830, 24,200. Gain in five years, 8,886. Population of the county, 59,762.

Oct. 29. A house owned by Charles Chapman, at the rail road junction, nearly two miles west of the Capitol, was burnt, together with a barn, in which 500 bushels of onions were roasted.

The copartnership of Lewis C. Beck and Mathew Henry Webster, in the business of enameling hollow ware, was dissolved.

Nov. 2. James Martin died, aged 75.

Nov. 4. The election for members of assembly was as follows:

	DEMOCRATIC.		WHIG.
First Ward, Wm. Seymour,	379	Friend Humphrey,	465
Second Ward,	do 318	do	287
Third Ward,	do 227	do	352
Fourth Ward,	do 444	do	371
Fifth Ward,	do 241	do	252
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The majorities from the county elected Mr. Seymour, whose vote was 3,888 against 3,620 for Mr. Humphrey. Mr. Seymour, who had been twelve years in the board of common council, was now transferred to the legislature.

Nov. 9. At a meeting of the common council a committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of ordering a new census. There was universal dissatisfaction with the returns of the canvassers.

The superintendent of the Almshouse reported the expenses of the last quarter, \$2,595.25; receipts for labor, &c., \$425; number of inmates, 250.

Nov. 11. The Chinese girl, Afong Moy, attracted the attention of the curious at the Museum, by the exhibition of her foot, and the mode of bandaging and crushing by which small feet are produced in China.

Nov. 12. Maria, wife of Dr. Charles D. Townsend, died, aged 48.

Nov. 13. The hat factory of Edward S. Willett, corner of Green and Bassett streets, was burnt. He was the first to commence the manufacture of silk hats in this city. To show that Mr. Willett was not alone a man of fur merely, but also a poet, his advertisement is introduced. As a man of law he can speak for himself.

If e'er a man in earnest sought  
To make a hat as workmen ought,  
Substantial, and with beauty fraught,  
'Tis Willett.

And well may he take pains to please,  
When hosts of Fashion's devotees  
Are daily swarming in like bees,  
At Willett's.

Hundreds and hundreds who've surveyed  
The hats in other stores displayed,  
Have left them all and come to trade  
At Willett's.

Ask the genteel where'er you go,  
Who made that elegant chapeau?  
And ten to one he'll say, I trow,  
'Twas Willett.

Who showed those hats, so rich and rare,  
That took the prize *twice* at the fair,  
Causing the craft to wince and stare?  
'Twas Willett.

The Eagle with the hat that won  
The prize that dimm'd a certain *Sue*,  
Displays a taste that's touch'd by none  
But Willett.



Nov. 15. First fall of snow.

Nov. 19. Asahel Clark, of the firm of Rawdon, Clark & Co., engravers, died suddenly near Columbus, Ohio, while apparently in good health, and riding on a stage coach.

Nov. 23. The finance committee proposed to raise \$38,000 by tax for the city expenses for the ensuing year, which were estimated as follows:

For the lamps,.....	\$6,000
watch,.....	7,000
city debt,.....	5,000
contingent fund,.....	20,000

On motion of Alderman Seymour the salaries of the night watch were increased to \$1 a night.

Nov. 29. The river closed, leaving a great number of vessels laden with produce for New York, winter bound. An unusual number of boats were frozen in along the whole extent of the canal.

Nov. 30. Margaretta, widow of John Hooghkirk, died, aged 82.

The whole number of boats that arrived at and departed from Albany by canal, was 10,960; amount of tolls collected, \$357,565.26.

Dec. 6. John De Witt died, aged 31.

Dec. 7. Captain Stephen Stilwell, of the ship Rosalie, died off Cape Horn, aged 35; son of the late William Stilwell of this city.

Dec. 11. Cornelia, wife of Samuel H. Stewart, died, aged 24.

Dec. 13. Lucy, wife of Sylvester Wilcox, died, aged 55.

Dec. 14. Lucy Jacobs died, aged 67.

Sleighs loaded with merchandise left this city for Buffalo; a thing of rare occurrence since the completion of the canal.

Dec. 16. Cold day; thermometer 12 deg. below zero.

Dec. 17. John Van Zandt died, aged 32.

Dec. 18. A fire broke out in the hat store of Winne & Nelson, and destroyed the building corner of South Market and Hamilton streets, known as the Connecticut

Coffee House, owned by Smith Weed. The stores of A. G. Hindman, Levi Phillips and E. S. Willett, were also burnt.

At the same time a sloop was burnt in the basin.

Dec. 21. At a meeting of the common council Erastus Corning was reelected mayor by 10 votes; Francis Bloodgood received 8.

Dec. 22. A meeting of citizens was held at the Capitol to take into consideration the recent calamitous fire in New York. Erastus Corning was appointed chairman. Among other things it was resolved to send an expression of sympathy to the sufferers, and to assure them of the cordiality with which Albany would contribute her efforts toward the accomplishment of measures of relief, and the adoption of such other steps as the occasion might demand.

The mean temperature in 1834 was 49 deg.

“ “ 1835 “ 46 deg.

### 1836.

Jan. 1. The common council assembled at the City Hall and the oath of office was administered to Hon. Erastus Corning by the recorder, James McKown. Mr. Corning made an address on the occasion, alluding to the transactions of the board during the past year; the consolidation of the elections by which the members of the board were now chosen with the town officers annually in the spring; the equalization of the wards; the reduction of the rates of ferriage at the Greenbush ferry from 33 to 50 per cent; the improvements in the basin; the improvements being made by the government in the river; the improvement in the city finances, by which the city debt had been reduced \$65,000 in two years, and of nearly \$269,000 due in 1817, but \$95,000 remained to be liquidated. He called attention to the importance of supplying the city with pure water; of establishing grades between Eagle and Lark streets; to the near completion of the Utica and Schenectady rail road as a

source of increased business to the city, and the prospect of an uninterrupted rail road track to Buffalo; and to the great importance of a rail road to connect with the Boston road at Stockbridge.

Jan. 8. A fire destroyed Parson's carpenter shop in Montgomery street.

Jan. 9. Lucy, wife of Aaron Brown, died, aged 59.

Jan. 15. Ann, wife of Adam Kittle, died, aged 20.

Jan. 18. Daniel Wilcox died, aged 41.

Jan. 20. Nancy Eliza, wife of Stephen Wilson, died, aged 41.

Jan. 21. Barney E. Evertsen died, aged 37.

Jan. 25. Francis G. Roberts died, aged 36.

Jan. 26. John A. Van Allen died, aged 43.

Peter Hilton died in Guilderland, aged 92. He was born in Albany in 1744, and resided here 84 years.

Jan. 27. George Artcher died, aged 43.

Margaret Ann, wife of Jotham Hancock, died, aged 40.

Jan. 28. A tallow chandlery was burnt in Orange street; loss about \$1,400. It was owned by Patrick Murphy.

Jan. 31. Philip Hooker died, aged 69.

An organ was procured for St. Peter's church about this time, and the interior of the church much beautified and improved.

Hon. Myndert Van Schaick, at this time state senator from New York, made a donation of \$500 to the Third Dutch church of this city. Mr. Van Schaick was a son of Col. Gosen Van Schaick, and born in this city.

A large number of sleighs were employed by the corporation in taking the snow out of the narrow streets, in which it lay from 4 to 6 feet in depth.

Feb. 1. The clerk of the common council, R. W. Peckham, resigned the office, and Peter Carmichael was elected.

The number of paupers in the Almshouse was 340, being 100 less than the year before.

Estimates and surveys were being made with a view to the construction of a bridge over the Hudson. Also for a canal from Schenectady direct to Albany.

Feb. 2. Mrs. Lyntie Douw died, aged 66.

Feb. 3. A convention met to nominate Gen. Harrison for the presidency.

Feb. 4. Isaac D. Verplanck died at Coeymans, aged 77. He was formerly one of the judges of the common pleas of Albany county. Although a youth at the commencement of the revolutionary war, he was on duty, and entitled to a pension, but declined applying for it, saying that the services he had rendered had been amply rewarded by the enjoyment of a free government for more than fifty years. Major Verplanck and six of his townsmen, built the Reformed Dutch church at Coeymans at their own expense, of which he was a member, and elder until age induced him to resign his place. He was the last survivor of the original proprietors of Coeyman's patent.

Feb. 8. Prudence, wife of Seth Crapo, died, aged 40.  
James Puddy died.

Feb. 9. A fire broke out in the rear of Stark's New England Tavern, opposite the steam boat landing; which was extinguished with little damage.

William Thomas died, aged 38; late of Philadelphia.

Feb. 10. William Duffy, manager of the Albany Theatre, was fatally stabbed by one of his actors, John Hamilton, who was arrested and held to bail in \$2,000.

Feb. 11. A fire broke out in the dwelling of James Maher, which was consumed, with most of the furniture and a trunk containing \$350.

A meeting of citizens was held at the City Hall, Erastus Corning in the chair, to consider the project of a bridge at Albany. They resolved that the ferries were inadequate to the wants of the public, and that the common council be requested to memorialize the legislature in favor of this great city measure.

Feb. 16. The firm of Benedict & Roby was changed so as to admit Spencer S. Benedict.

Feb. 18. The leather store of Jared Holt took fire, and communicating with the adjoining buildings, caused a great deal of damage. The thermometer was 18 deg. below zero, and it was with the utmost difficulty that the hose could be prevented from freezing. The loss was about \$15,000.

Feb. 19. Rev. William Linn Keese, formerly rector of St. Paul's church in this city, died at Cuba, whither he had gone for his health, aged 33.

Feb. 22. Mrs. Catharine Darling died, aged 46, and was buried from the house of William Gould in State street.

Feb. 23. Ezra Ames died, aged 68.

Feb. 26. John Van Schoonhoven died, aged 42.

Feb. 28. Sarah, daughter of Wm. Risk, died, aged 22.

March 1. Caroline E., daughter of Amiel Barnard, died, aged 25.

Hon. Alfred Conkling published an educational work, called *The Young Citizen's Manual*.

March 2. Mrs. Maria Gaffers died, aged 79.

March 3. John Brower, formerly of Albany, died in New York, aged 48.

March 5. The firm of Wilder, Hastings & Co. was dissolved, consisting of Ephraim Wilder, Seth Hastings, Jason Paige and John P. Cassidy.

John N. Wilder and William E. Bleecker formed a partnership in business as wholesale dry goods merchants at the old stand of Wilder & Hastings, corner of State and Green streets.

March 6. Maria, widow of the late William Morgan, died.

March 8. Joseph R. Van Zandt died, aged 64.

March 11. The assembly committee reported against a bridge across the Hudson at this city. A writer in the *Journal* attributed the result principally to the joint efforts of the recorder, James McKown, and John N. Quackenbush, and stated further, that Mr. Quackenbush was the vehement opposer of the Erie canal, its termination at Albany, the building of the pier, and other similar innovations.

March 11. Willard H. Walker died, aged 29.

March 12. William Duffy, manager of the Albany Theatre, who had been stabbed by John Hamilton, died of the wound, aged 33. Mr. Duffy was a native of Albany, and had been an early companion of Edwin Forrest, whose friendship he always retained and reciprocated. In the capacity of manager he displayed an activity and enterprise which gave a high character to the Albany Theatre. His perseverance under discouragements, sufficient to have overcome most men, and a judicious husbandry of the means which favorable seasons gave him, enabled him to manage successfully, and with profit to himself and the public, an establishment in which we believe every one of his predecessors had failed. As an actor he was entitled to a high rank, though his business engagements necessarily prevented the closet preparation which has been pronounced necessary to histrionic excellence. Many of his efforts, notwithstanding, evinced a vigorous and a polished genius, and in some characters in the highest walks of the drama, he was acknowledged to be unsurpassed. As a citizen he was public spirited and upright; as a man, high minded, social and benevolent. Although young, his professional reputation stood high in other cities, and he was for a number of years a manager jointly with William Forest, of a theatre in Philadelphia.—*Argus*.

The Albany Bethel Union society was formed, with the view of furnishing the means of moral and religious improvement to boatmen and sailors, in providing for them a house of worship, and the stated ministration of the gospel. The first officers were the following:

Stephen Van Rensselaer, president.

Erastus Corning, vice president.

Nathaniel Davis, do

W. S. Rossiter, secretary.

William Adams, treasurer.

Thaddeus Joy, Levi Chapman, Horace Meech, Thomas McElroy, C. A. Keeler, F. J. Barnard, Isaac P. Hand, E. S. Herrick, and William Stead, directors.

March 13. The Green street Baptist church, which had been injured by the recent heavy snows, was repaired, and open on this day for service.

March 17. Hannah, wife of Col. Wm. Leavenworth, died, aged 79.

The infant schools, which had been closed in May last for want of funds, were opened again in August, and at this time had nearly 400 inmates. The expenses were a little short of \$1,000, towards which there was a permanent fund of \$200. A call was made upon the benevolent in their behalf.

March 19. There were four fires on this day; Thomas's American Hotel in State street, damage slight; Many's furnace in Beaver street; Stephen Rider's carpenter shop in Dean street; and the house, corner of Lodge street and Maiden lane.

March 24. Abraham Ehle died in New York, of the late firm of Young & Ehle, at 58 State street.

March 27. The stages still ran to Poughkeepsie on the ice.

March 28. The common council closed the doors of the old Lancaster School. Since the introduction of the common school system, the number of scholars had greatly decreased, and it was found that they might be accommodated in cheaper quarters. In the course of debate it was stated that education at the Lancaster school was cheaper than at the district schools, and that upwards of 10,000 boys, many of whom had grown up to great respectability, had there been initiated in the rudiments of learning. The establishment of a medical college and of a normal school, was contemplated at this time, and the Lancaster school building was looked upon as a suitable edifice for one or the other of them.

At the same meeting it was determined to open a space in the pier between the Columbia and State street bridges. Also to allow the Mohawk and Hudson rail road to continue their track from Gansevoort street north to Ferry street. There was a strong opposition by the property holders in the south part of the city to have the rail road brought through their streets.

The Rev. Isaac Ferris, having resigned his pastoral relation over the Middle Dutch church, also resigned the trusteeship of the Female Academy.

Mr. Bloodgood reported to the common council in favor of translating the Dutch records.

April 1. Mrs. Anne Lewis died, aged 73.

Homer Preston, formerly one of the firm of A. & H. Preston, of the Albany City Coffee House, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 43.

April 6. Joel B. Nott, James Vanderpoel, Stephen Van Rensselaer, Jr., James Stephenson and John Townsend, president and directors of the Albany Tunnel company, gave notice that books would be opened on the 10th May for subscriptions to the stock of the company.

Susan, daughter of the late Robert Cameron, died in New York, aged 26.

April 9. Zipporah, widow of Ezra Ames, died, aged 61.

April 10. The Emerald steam boat arrived from New York, the first boat of the season.

Hannah, wife of George Hepinstall, died.

An application was made before the legislature for the incorporation of a medical college.

April 13. Daniel Wood died, aged 71.

April 17. Mrs. Ann Christie died, aged 67.

Martha, widow of George Gill, died, aged 59.

April 25. William Mascraft resigned the office of city superintendent.

April 26. Malcom Jamieson died, aged 21.

Hannah D., wife of Lyman T. Doty, died, aged 28.

April 27. John Waddell died, aged 37.

April 30. A fire broke out in the old City Hall, corner of South Market and Hudson streets, which so completely damaged it that it was soon after pulled down.

May 3. James Harris died.

May 5. Schuyler Van Rensselaer died at Marietta, Ohio.

May 10. Amos F. Van Buskirk died, aged 28.

The subscription books were opened for the tunnel.



It was proposed to make an experiment of 100 feet, which would cost by estimate \$30,000. Half the capital stock was taken in small sums, and the remainder by capitalists.

The Albany Mutual Insurance company was formed, Dr. Barent B. Staats president.

May 11. Benjamin V. Clench died, aged 74.

May 17. Mrs. Mary Carter died, aged 56.

Ammon Rasey, keeper of the Rising Sun tavern, in South Pearl street, died.

May 19. A fire in North Market street destroyed three buildings adjoining the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, namely: the fur stores of Packer, Prentice & Co. and George C. Treadwell, and the looking glass store of Mr. Belknap.

In digging to make improvements in the north area of the Second Dutch church on Beaver street, a number of grave stones were thrown out, among which were the two following, the first being that of the second mayor of the city. (See Annals, vol. 1, p. 152.)

Here lies the body of John Abeel who departed this life ye 28 day of Jan'y, 1711, and in the 44 year of his age.

Dient begin van wel te leven  
Uyt den Hemel was gegeven  
Gingh der weer den Hemel waert  
Storf maer verliet de aert.

Here lies the body of Jeremiah Field, deceased Oct. 16, 1762, aged 32 years.

May 20. James Lloyd died, aged 31.

May 21. John Williamson died, aged 86.

May 23. James McLaughlin died, aged 31.

Bethiah, wife of Joshua Welden, died, aged 79.

May 26. The legislature adjourned, having been in session 143 days.

Subscriptions were open for building the Albany Exchange.

May 29. Hugh McGrath died.

Timothy Hays died, aged 50.

June 2. Elizabeth, widow of Benjamin Gilbert, died.

June 11. Eliza Ann, wife of J. F. Shaw, died, aged 36.

June 13. A fire broke out in the old Pye tavern on the Watervliet turnpike, which nearly destroyed that famous edifice.

June 14. Caroline M. Phelps died, aged 21.

Sarah, wife of J. Mortimer, died, aged 26.

Michael Cagger died in Liverpool, England, aged 27.

June 17. The Rev. Charles Smith having taken leave of St. Mary's church, a meeting of the congregation was called, over which Peter C. Doyle presided, at which complimentary resolutions were passed.

Christiana, wife of J. Bogart, died, aged 62.

June 18. A fire destroyed two houses in Swan street.

June 20. Petitions were presented to the common council for widening Exchange street; for a temporary bridge at the foot of Hamilton street; for increased pay of the bell ringer of the Presbyterian church; of E. H. Pease and D. Campbell, teachers of the African school, complaining of being turned out of their room by the military companies occupying the Lancasterian school house.

Resolutions were passed to remove buildings for the widening of Church street; appropriating \$250 for the celebration of the 4th of July; offered by James Maher authorizing the police justice to employ four constables at \$1-50 a day, to keep the peace on Sundays—he attributed all the disorders on the Sabbath to the retailing of liquors in the groceries; about the city's authorizing the enclosure of the Pottersfield; inquiring into the expediency of widening Maiden lane on the north side from Market street to the City Hall, and Middle alley on the west side from State street to Maiden lane; by the recorder, a law permitting S. Van Rensselaer, Jr. to make an experiment in paving North Market street north of his house.

The financial condition of the city presented the following aspect:

Bonds due the commissioners of the canal fund	
at 5 per cent, .....	\$75,000
Bonds to St. Peter's church.....	5,000

Temporary loans,.....		42,500
Award Maiden lane, balance due Mary Gansevoort and Thomas McElroy,.....		16,383
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		\$138,883
Amount due to the city,.....	\$117,242·37	
Stocks held,.....	43,120·59	
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Balance in favor of the city,..... \$21,479·96

June 21. Two two story buildings were burned in Malcom street.

June 25. Elizabeth, wife of John W. Netterville, died, aged 39.

June 27. Capt. Samuel Wiswall died in New York, aged 63, and was buried in Hudson. His name is associated with the memory of Fulton and Livingston in the navigation of the Hudson river by steam.

The Rev. Dr. Ferris of the Second Dutch church, accepted a call to New York, and Prof. John A. Yates occupied the pulpit temporarily.

July 3. Deborah B., wife of John A. Wilson, died.

July 5. Maria Vandenberg died, aged 101.

July 10. Stephen W. Johnson died at Detroit, Mich.

July 14. Samuel Payn died, aged 65.

July 18. Mary Ann, wife of Lawson Annesley, died, aged 29.

The common council ordered Middle lane to be opened on the west side 14 feet. An effort was made to have Maiden lane widened by taking ground on the north side, from North Market, to North Pearl street, but it was rejected.

July 20. Benjamin Allen, formerly principal of the Albany Academy, died at Hyde Park, aged 65.

Jacob S. Pruyn, formerly of Albany, died at Lafayette, Onondaga county, aged 72.

July 21. William A. Becker died, aged 56.

July 27. Douw B. Slingerland died, aged 55.

Aug. 5. Capt. Stuart Dean, a famous Albany navigator, died in New York, aged 90.

Aug. 18. Catharine, widow of John Randel, died, aged 75.

Aug. 19. Hannah, wife of Rev. Elias Vanderlip, died, aged 66.

Aug. 20. Mrs. Gertrude Tremper, daughter of the late Moses-Cantine, died.

The common council was petitioned to subscribe to the stock of the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road. Aldermen Gibbons and Maher thought that the board should deliberate with great circumspection upon this subject before they established a precedent.

Harmanus H. Wendell died.

Aug. 22. Thomas Hall died, aged 83.

Royette, wife of Patrick McQuade, died, aged 52.

Aug. 23. Lawrence Connor died, aged 40.

Aug. 25. The milkmen held a convention and resolved to hold milk at 6 cents a quart after the 1st of September.

Sept. 1. A banner was presented by the firemen and citizens of Albany, to the firemen of Greenbush for the alacrity with which they rallied to the fire in State street last winter.

Cecilia, wife of William Mitchell, died, aged 47.

Sept. 2. Asaph Sykes died, aged 35.

James Wands died, aged 65.

Mary, wife of Thomas Carroll, died, aged 32.

Sept. 11. A fire destroyed several wooden buildings on the corner of South Pearl and Hudson streets, occupied as a grocery, carpenter's and blacksmith's shop.

An attempt was made to run an omnibus through North and South Market streets, by Joseph Webster, but it did not meet with patronage; the people preferred to walk rather than ride for 6 cents.

Sept. 15. Books were opened for subscriptions to the Hudson River rail road.

Sept. 25. Edward H. Dunn died at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sept. 26. At a meeting of the common council P. V. Shankland was reelected chamberlain. Petitions from a large number of citizens, were presented asking the board to subscribe to the stock of the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road. The committee having the subject in consideration, reported that they had obtained the opinions of Harmanus Bleecker and James McKown, who concurred with them that the board had power to subscribe for and hold stock. But the subject was again laid upon the table, with a view of obtaining a more full expression of the public upon it.

Sept. 28. Isaac S. Cuyler died, aged 35.

Sept. 29. The new steam boat Rhode Island made her first appearance at the landing.

John Van Ness Yates was nominated for member of assembly.

Henry W. Delavan died at Ballston, aged 51.

It was announced that the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, of Catskill, had accepted the call from the Second Dutch church of Albany, to become its pastor.

Oct. 3. A fire destroyed a wooden building in South Market street below the steam boat landing.

Oct. 4. The steam boat Swallow, Capt. McLean, made her first appearance.

William A. Gay died, aged 30.

The common council, by a vote of 17 to 1, resolved to subscribe \$250,000 to the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road. The only vote in the negative was that of Dr. Bay.

At the annual election of the Albany Military association the following officers were chosen:

Lt. Col. John B. Van Schaick, president.

Brig. Gen. J. T. B. Van Vechten, vice president.

Major Asa Fassett, do

Lieut. Volkert Roth, secretary.

Major William Spencer, judge advocate.

Capt. W. I. Slingerland, treasurer.

Lieut. Edward M. Teall, auditor.

Major Edward Frisbee, adjutant.

Aug. 16. Mrs. Lydia-Ryckman died, aged 99.

Oct. 5. Miss Tempe Steele died, aged 76.

Oct. 7. Samuel H. Drake, formerly lessee of the American Hotel, died at Louisville, Ky., where he was a colonel in the Texan army of reserve.

Oct. 8. The steam boat Swallow, arrived from New York at 2 o'clock in the morning, having made the passage in 8 h. 42 m., the quickest trip on record.

Oct. 12. A fall of snow sufficiently damp and heavy to break down the branches of fruit and ornamental trees.

Oct. 13. Caroline, wife of Caleb N. Bement, died.

Louisa, widow of John Van Schoonhoven, died.

Oct. 19. Harriet, wife of George M. Sayles, died, aged 21.

Oct. 28. Helen, wife of Samuel Pruyn, died, aged 33.

Oct. 31. Charles Knower died, aged 21.

Nov. 1. The corner stone of the Albany Exchange building was laid with appropriate ceremonies. At 12 o'clock, noon, after an appropriate address by John Q. Wilson, one of the trustees, the stone was deposited in its place, with the customary forms, by John Townsend, president of the board of trustees, assisted by Joseph Russell, chairman of the building committee, and by Mr. Ruel Clapp, builder. Upon the side of the stone was a suitable inscription, and within it was placed a vase containing the current coins, a copy of the daily newspapers, &c., and a scroll containing a list of the subscribers to the stock, 367 in number.

The steam boats Rochester and Swallow left New York at 5 o'clock p. m., with the intention of reaching Albany in the shortest possible time. The Rochester arrived at 20 minutes past 1, having performed the trip in 8 h. 20 m. The Swallow broke down at Coxsackie, when she was about 6 m. in advance of the Rochester.

Nov. 2. James Cumming died, aged 70.

Horace Allen died.

Nov. 5. Francis Bryan died, aged 76.

Nov. 10. The election terminated in the choice of the democratic candidates.

Nov. 15. The *New York Express* was enabled to give the news in the morning from the *Albany Evening Journal* of the evening before, by the great speed of the steam boat *Swallow*. This was called annihilating time and space, and was thought to be quite as much in the way of speed as was desirable. Capt. McLean took the *Evening Journal* in his pocket on leaving the dock at Albany, and the next morning at 2 o'clock, walked into the office of the *New York Express* with it in season to spread its news before the readers of that paper, so that what was served to tea in Albany was given in New York at breakfast.

Nov. 16. A blacksmith and wheelwright shop in Lydius street, near Lark, were burnt.

Nov. 20. Abraham Oakley Miller died, aged 25.

The following were elected officers of the St. Nicholas Benevolent society:

Abraham Van Vechten, president.

Harmanus Bleecker, Wm. W. Groesbeeck, John B. Van Schaick, vice presidents.

John V. L. Pruyn, secretary.

Richard Van Rensselaer, treasurer.

Rev. Thomas E. Vermilyea and Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, chaplains.

John W. Bay and Harman Wendell, physicians.

Gerrit W. Ryckman, Egbert Egberts, Edward Brinkerhoff, Charles B. Lansing, Henry Bleecker, Jr., John Townsend, John Van Buren, Cornelius Ten Broeck, J. C. Van Schoonhoven, John C. Yates, managers.

Nov. 21. At a meeting of the common council Mr. James G. Wasson, of the finance committee, reported recommending the appropriation of \$46,000 for the expenses of the current year, as follows: \$7,000 for lamps, \$9,000 for city watch, \$20,000 for contingencies, \$5,000 on city debt, and \$500 on City Hall; which was adopted.

Nov. 24. A fire destroyed the dry goods store of McCabe & Holmes in South Market street; loss \$4,000.

Nov. 27. Shaw's rope walk was burnt.

Nov. 28. Catharine, widow of Gershom Fuller, died.

The river was closed so that the steam boats could not get above Van Wie's point.

Dec. 1. Mrs. Phebe Shepherd died, aged 59, and was buried from the house of her son-in-law, G. V. S. Bleecker.

Dec. 7. James Hilton, a revolutionary soldier, died, aged 84.

Anthony I. Quackenboss died in New York, aged 40.

The river was open opposite the city, and the Swiftsure and Oliver Elsworth, took a number of boats in tow in the expectation of reaching New York with them.

Dec. 8. The *Evening Journal* furnished its readers with the message 24 hours in advance of the mail. It was brought from New York to Rhinebeck by steam boat, and from thence to Hudson by stage; an express brought it from Hudson to Greenbush, 32 miles in 2 hours. The expense of getting the president's message before the public in Albany, at this time, was very great, and the stratagems resorted to by the publishers of the three papers to head each other off, were quite amusing.

Dec. 11. Sarah Lucretia, wife of James Keeler, died, aged 63.

Dec. 15. Evelina Ross died, aged 20, and was buried from the house of Mrs. Leonard Gansevoort, in Chapel street.

The following were elected officers of the fire department:

Dennison Worthington, president.

Walter R. Bush, vice president.

John Cuyler, secretary.

Ephraim N. Pratt, treasurer.

Stephen Mix, collector.

Dec. 16. The steam boats came up no further than Hudson, and the river was again closed to navigation.

Dec. 17. Alida, widow of D. I. Winne, died, aged 61.

Dec. 18. Mary C., wife of Alfred Dorr, died, aged 33.

The ladies held a fair at Stanwix Hall for the benefit of St. Paul's church, the receipts of which amounted to \$1,200.



Dec. 19. Erastus Corning was reelected mayor, 11 votes; Teunis Van Vechten received 7.

Dec. 20. The common council passed an ordinance to prevent forestalling in the market. The following salaries were increased:

Chamberlain,.....	\$250	per annum.
Supt. Almshouse,.....	200	do
Almshouse physician,.....	100	do
Clerk of the board,.....	100	do
City marshal, salary fixed at	400	do

Alderman Bloodgood laid on the table a resolution in relation to the subscription by the board, to the stock of the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road; the object of it being to prevent the city from becoming involved beyond the amount of its subscription.

Dec. 28. Henry Hoyt died.

### 1837.

Jan. 3. Eliza, wife of Theodore Olcott, died, aged 25.  
Mrs. Hannah Gladding died, aged 63.

Alexander Stevenson died, aged 31.

The legislature met.

Jan. 6. Abraham Van Vechten died. (See biographical sketch on a subsequent page).

Isabella, wife of Daniel P. Marshall, died, aged 41.

Jan. 7. Mrs. Martha Humphrey died, aged 88.

Jan. 8. Mary, widow of J. W. Rockwell, died, aged 64.

Jan. 9. Dr. Mareh applied to the common council for the Lancaster school house to be used as a medical college in the event of a charter being granted by the legislature. Another application was made at the same time for its use as a piano forte manufactory.

Jan. 11. Philo S. Webster died, aged 29.

Jan. 12. James Hickson died, aged 67.

John S. Salter, formerly an Albany merchant, died at Elizabeth town, N. J.

Jan. 23. Daniel Mott died, aged 74.

Jan. 26. Ebenezer Baldwin died at New Haven, aged 46; he distinguished himself in the political and literary circles of Albany, in the time of Governor Clinton.

Feb. 2. Alexander Finlay died.

Edward Elliott died at St. Croix, aged 23.

Feb. 5. Richard Leonard died, aged 37.

Feb. 6. Margaret, wife of Joseph Davis, died, aged 33.

Feb. 9. Jonathan Tilyou died, aged 54..

Feb. 14. Frederick Cuyler died in Romeo, Michigan, aged 33.

Feb. 19. Robert Gray died, aged 35. He was the first librarian of the Young Men's Association.

Feb. 21. Oscar F. Griffin died, aged 26.

Feb. 22. Mrs. Elizabeth Locherty died, aged 77.

Feb. 24. John I. Cluett died, aged 84; formerly of New York.

Feb. 25. Mrs. Margaret Boyd died, aged 30.

Feb. 28. Levintus Van Schaack died, aged 43.

March 5. George Fiske died, aged 58; formerly of Claremont, N. H.

March 10. Eliza Treat, wife of John W. Bay, died.

Silas Booth died, aged 79; a soldier of the revolution.

March 18. Daniel Hare, Jr., late a merchant in this city, died at Esperance, Schoharie county.

March 22. Rachel, widow of James Bleecker, died, aged 79, and was buried from the house of her son, G. V. S. Bleecker.

March 24. William Hinton died, aged 35.

March 28. The ice moved out of the river before the city without doing any damage.

March 29. Michael Strong died, aged 62.

A fire in Orange street destroyed the two story dwelling of John Shell.

March 31. George S. Knower died, aged 20.

A sloop arrived from New Baltimore, the first craft of the season.

April 1. The steam boat Emerald, the first of the season, arrived from New York.

April 2. Abraham Mansfield, formerly of Albany, died at Italy, Yates county, N. Y.

April 3. Rev. E. N. Kirk left the city to sail for Europe.

April 5. Elizabeth, widow of John Lansing, died, aged 80.

April 7. Louisa, wife of Henry Allan Grant, died, aged 25.

April 8. James Beekman died, aged 79,

April 14. Mary, wife of Liberty Wait, died aged 24.

April 16. Mrs. R. W., wife of John Savage, died, aged 52.

April 18. Mary Haring Knapp died, aged 20.

The *Daily Advertiser* was sold by Messrs. J. B. Van Schaick & Co., to Rensselaer Van Rensselaer. Taking advantage of the increased speed of the night boats, which arrived at two or three o'clock in the morning, they adopted a new arrangement by which the news of the New York evening papers was given the next morning in the *Advertiser*, making a difference of twenty-four hours over the old order of publishing.

April 20. The corner stone of the Third Dutch church was laid, corner of Green and Ferry streets. The Rev. Drs. Ferris, Thos. E. Vermilyea, I. N. Wyckoff of the Dutch Reformed churches, and the Rev. Dr. Sprague of the Presbyterian church, assisted in the ceremonies. The ground on which the church was to be erected, was given by the Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer. The corner stone was laid by the venerable Christian Miller, one of the fathers of the Dutch church in Albany. This church was organized 14th Dec. 1834, when it consisted of 19 members; it now numbered 79, and about 75 families.

April 24. A fire in Washington street destroyed a range of buildings from 65 to 81, inclusive.

April 28. Mahala Sanford died, aged 54.

May 2. Charter election, in which the Democrats were, for the first time in many years, left in the minority.

WHIG.		DEMOCRAT	
<i>First Ward.</i>			
<i>Aldermen.</i>	G. V. S. Bleecker, ... 595	O. R. Van Benthuyssen, 426	
	Chas. S. Olmstead, .. 578	Lemuel Jenkins, ..... 425	
<i>Assistants.</i>	Albert VanVoast, ... 568	Charles Dillon, ..... 457	
	John Thompson, ..... 543	George Warren, ..... 439	
<i>Supervisor.</i>	C. W. Bender, ..... 534	B. P. Staats, ..... 463	
<i>Second Ward.</i>			
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Ichabod L. Judson, .. 466	William Seymour, .... 325	
	Josiah Winants, .... 461	D. S. Kittle, ..... 334	
<i>Assistants.</i>	William Davis, ..... 449	R. W. Peckham, ..... 351	
	S. Rathbone, ..... 463	B. Robinson, ..... 328	
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Hazael Kane, ..... 445	John I. Burton, ..... 352	
<i>Third Ward.</i>			
<i>Aldermen.</i>	John W. Bay, ..... 269	John L. Wendell, ..... 124	
	John Groesbeck, .... 278	Andrew E. Brown, .... 127	
<i>Assistants.</i>	John Davis, ..... 275	William Froment, ..... 126	
	William Thorburn, .. 270	Wm. Hendrickson, .... 131	
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Friend Humphrey, .. 274	E. R. Satterlee, ..... 128	
<i>Fourth Ward.</i>			
<i>Aldermen.</i>	H. A. Williams, .... 464	James Maher, ..... 425	
	Seth Jarvis, ..... 467	George Hanford, ..... 445	
<i>Assistants.</i>	S. T. Thorn, ..... 484	C. Vosburgh, .... 455	
	Lyman Pilleo, ..... 459	John Sharts, ..... 427	
<i>Supervisor.</i>	James Keeler, ..... 411	P. P. Staats, ..... 444	
<i>Fifth Ward.</i>			
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Giles Sanford, ..... 284	James Gibbons, ..... 366	
	Gerrit L. Dox, ..... 270	Daniel D. Shaw, .... 389	
<i>Assistants.</i>	B. B. Fallman, ..... 285	J. A. Putnam, ..... 362	
	Parker Sargent, ..... 290	James McCabe, ..... 378	
<i>Supervisor.</i>	John Trotter, Sen., . 291	H. V. Hart, ..... 372	

May 5. Alexander Fulton died of wounds received by falling from a house in Washington street, at the late fire.

May 8. At a meeting of the common council Hon. Erastus Corning resigned the office of mayor, which he had discharged with zeal and ability, and with universal satisfaction.

An experiment was made with the steam boat N. Cobb, having on board Bennett's Improved Steam Generator, to reach New York with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cords of wood. The boat was detained by an accident and fell short of her destination 50 miles when the  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cords of wood were consumed.

May 9. The new board of common council met; Wm. Parmelee was chosen attorney, and George W. Weed clerk. There was a complete discharge of all the city officials, and new ones appointed in their places.

May 11. The banks stopped specie payments, the New York banks having stopped the day before.

May 12. Edward Mitchell died, one of the permanent recruiting party of the United States at this station.

May 14. Joseph Wilson died, aged 73.

May 15. Mrs. Abby Steele died.

Miss Cynthia R. Sherman died, aged 33.

Teunis Van Vechten was elected mayor by 14 votes.

May 16. The legislature adjourned after a session of days, having passed 478 laws.

May 22. Richard S. Treat died, aged 68.

Elisha B. Janes died, late principal of the Pearl street Academy, aged 36.

Louis De Witt died.

May 24. Ellen, wife of Dennis Cane, died.

May 28. Robert McLachlan died, aged 28.

Mrs. Elizabeth Parker died, aged 52.

May 29. At a meeting of the common council John Townsend and others petitioned the board to issue small bills, under five dollars, to supply the great scarcity of small change of all kinds. It was referred to the finance committee, who subsequently reported adversely to the petition.

June 6. The grocers held a meeting at which they resolved that under the present system of selling bread they were nothing more than mere collectors for the bakers, and that they would take no more bread of them at present, but would exert themselves to bring about a reform.

June 8. Jonathan Goldwait died, aged 42.

June 14. Francis C. Pruyn died.

Jesse Howe died, aged 37; of the firm of Howe & Watson.

June 17. Adam Kittle died, aged 24.

June 19. Miss Grace McNoah died, aged 21.

June 21. William Ettridge, proprietor of the Utica House, died, aged 51.

June 22. Susan, wife of Benj. Van Benthuisen, died, aged 52.

June 25. Elizabeth, wife of Wilson Robinson, died, aged 51.

June 26. Joseph Russell died, aged 80.

June 29. The common council removed George J. Loomis, Lemuel Steele and William Seymour, who had been appointed commissioners for the erection of school houses.

June 30. General Robert Dunbar, Jr., died, aged 64. He had been for more than thirty years the principal agent of the patrol. and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

July 6. Margaret, wife of John Nellegar, died.

H. C. Wendell died, aged 56.

July 11. Valentine W. R. Satterlee died, aged 46.

July 12. Catharine, wife of Ethan Allen Fay, died.

July 13. The pier company having applied to the common council for permission to widen the pier 15 feet, the petition was refused.

The competition was very great among the steam boats. There were the *Old line*, the *People's line*, the *Night line*, the *Day line*, and the *Eagle line*. One night several boats would leave crowded to suffocation at 50 cents a head; the next evening a solitary boat would depart at \$3 a head.

The Eagle Tavern, rendered so famous by its landlord Leveret Cruttenden, passed into the hands of H. H. Crane, from Rochester.

July 21. A fire broke out in South Market street which swept down the block bounded by that street on the west, and by Hamilton, Quay and Division streets. Among those burnt out were Ralph Pratt & Co., E. C. Aikin, Matthew Howe, James Goid, E. S. Herrick, George Gardener, Thomas Hill, Thomas Watson, J. B. Morgan, P. & H. B. Van Buren, James Gallagher. The Exchange Coffee House and one other brick building alone were saved.

- July 24. Leonard G. Van Vechten died, aged 25.  
Margaret, McKee died.
- July 28. David I. Boyd died, aged 50.
- July 30. Margery Cumming died, aged 50.
- July 31. There were 484 paupers in the Almshouse.
- Aug. 6. Erastus St. John died, aged 22.
- Aug. 7. Charles Pohlman resigned the office of assistant engineer of the fire department.
- Aug. 13. Jane, wife of Wm. Seymour, died, aged 41.
- Aug. 15. Ezra Thayer died, aged 72.
- Aug. 20. Catharine, wife of Ambrose Spencer, died, aged 58.
- There were 16 steam boats at the dock.
- Aug. 26. The common council was convened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the request of twelve members, to take into consideration the case of a circus company. They had erected a circus at Kane's walk, and the board had prohibited their performances. Alderman John Groesbeck advocated the granting of a license to them, but the board refused to do it.
- Sept. 3. A fire in Exchange street destroyed Thomas's cooperage.
- Sept. 4. A law having been passed by the common council prohibiting circus exhibitions in the city, it was repealed by a vote of 11 to 6.
- Sept. 5. A special meeting of the board was held, at which an appropriation was made of \$1,000 to aid in improving the channel of the river. Eagle street, which was still unopened, was directed to be pitched and paved from Hudson to Eagle street. The city attorney reported that he had sued the Albany City Bank for extending their building beyond the line of the street, and obtained a judgment of \$25, notwithstanding which, they continued to proceed with the building. The board directed the attorney to prosecute the bank from day to day until they suspended the progress of the work and removed the obstruction complained of. The edifice was completed as it was begun nevertheless.
- Sept. 6. John Phillips, Jr., died, 51.

- Sept. 6. Mary, wife of Dr. Joel A. Wing, died, aged 46.
- Sept. 7. Sanford Rowe died, aged 20.
- Sept. 8. Robert Martin, formerly one of the proprietors of the Albany Daily Advertiser, died, aged 39.
- Sept. 9. Catharine Ann, wife of Rev. Dr. Ferris, died in New York.
- Sept. 10. Charles L. Chapman died, aged 36.  
Harman Van Allen died, aged 22.
- Sept. 12. The sabbath schools of the city held their anniversary under the arrangement of Philip Phelps, John Winne, Jacob Hochstrasser, L. P. Noble, Charles M. Jenkins, and Archibald McClure.
- Sept. 13. Jane, wife of John Peebles, died.  
Grandin Augustus Bogart died at New Orleans, aged 23.
- Sept. 15. Catharine, widow of John L. Viele, died, aged 44.
- Sept. 16. Philip De Freest died, aged 38.  
Mary L. wife of Rev. Dr. W. B. Sprague, died, aged 33.
- Sept. 18. A new steam boat built by Peter Burden, arrived from New York in 13 hours, having been detained two hours.
- Sept. 19. Elizabeth, wife of Elisha Dorr, died.
- Sept. 20. Alanson L. Covell, pastor of the First Baptist church, died, aged 34.
- Sept. 29. Sanford Cobb was elected chamberlain of the city, vice P. V. Shankland resigned.
- Oct. 2. The board of aldermen discussed the proposition to appoint a comptroller of the city treasury. It was argued that at present about \$400,000 passed through the hands of the chamberlain annually, and that in the collection and disbursement of so large a sum there should be a check upon the officer having control thereof, although no loss had yet accrued. The subject was referred.
- At the same meeting Messrs. Britton B. Tallman, Simeon De Witt Bloodgood and Isaac N. Comstock, were elected commissioners under the act of the legislature, for the erection of district school houses.



Oct. 3. Matilda, wife of Douw Fonda, died.

Oct. 15. Thankful, wife of Joseph L'Amoureux, died, aged 54.

Caroline, daughter of the late Obediah Cooper, died, aged 56.

Oct. 23. Gertrude Wandell died, aged 85.

John C. Winne died, aged 40.

The board of common council created the office of auditor, and elected Robert Brown to perform its duties.

Oct. 29. Captain John C. Baker, Jr., died at New Orleans.

Oct. 30. A fire was discovered in the coal yard of Walter R. Morris & Co., corner of Quackenbush and Water streets, which was supposed to be a case of spontaneous combustion. Another fire in the evening destroyed the cabinet shop of James H. Turley and the spirit gas manufactory of John G. Webb, 290 North Market street. In removing a cask of gas it took fire and flowed down the gutter to Maiden lane, forming a novel and interesting exhibition.

The common council repealed a law which prohibited farmers selling meats in State street, or any other part of the city.

Nov. 3. Mrs. Jane McNoah died, aged 55.

Nov. 4. Eleanor, wife of Jonas Stafford, died in New York.

Nov. 6. Mary, wife of Lawrence Howard, died, aged 52.

Nov. 7. Mrs. Mary Stewart died, aged 85.

Sarah, wife of O. R. Van Benthuyssen, died, aged 52.

Nov. 9. The election which was still held during three days, terminated in the defeat of the democratic party. Daniel D. Barnard was elected to the assembly, John B. Van Schaick to the senate, H. B. Haswell county clerk, and Michael Artcher sheriff. The *Evening Journal* displayed the great eagle in its columns for the first time, with the motto "As goes the fourth ward, so goes the state," so often boasted by the *Argus*.

Nov. 10. Maria Antoinette McElroy died, aged 42.

Nov. 11. Henry Bleecker died, aged 75.

Nov. 13. The common council resolved to raise the following sums of money by tax:

For lamps and city watch,.....	\$15,000
contingencies,.....	20,000
city debt and interest,.....	5,000
on account of City Hall,.....	5,000
building school houses,.....	2,500

\$47,500

Nov. 29. Gertrude, wife of Francis Van Dusen, died, aged 57.

Conrad A. Ten Eyck had held the office of county clerk with ability during a long period; and on retiring the Albany county court and bar united in a complimentary letter to him.

Dec. 4. Mrs. Sarah Pemberton died, aged 59.

Dec. 6. Sally, wife of David N. Parker, formerly of this city, died in New Orleans, aged 32.

Dec. 14. Cornelius B. Marshall died.

Dec. 17. Robert B. Bennett died, aged 36.

William Alvord died at Savannah, aged 36.

Dec. 27. Teunis Van Vechten was reelected mayor.

Dec. 28. Sarah S., wife of William C. Miller, died.

### 1838.

Jan. 6. Solomon Southwick issued a new weekly paper called *The Family Newspaper*.

Jan. 12. James F. Linacre died, aged 32.

Jan. 26. The river was free of ice.

The first annual report of the harbor master, under a law of the last legislature, presented the following statement:

Vessels.	Tons.
249 sloops,.....	12,326
32 steam boats,.....	8,253
40 tow boats,.....	7,059
129 schooners,.....	8,318

1 brig,.....	120
3 perriaugas,.....	200
7 Philadelphia barges,.....	889
11 scows,.....	429

478 vessels.

37,595 tons.

These vessels made from 1 to 100 trips each, producing a revenue of \$563·91 at 1½ cents per ton.

O. M. Coleman, a mechanic of this city, produced an automaton which played upon a musical instrument distinct from itself, an achievement never before accomplished. It consisted of the figure of a female, and played any tune within the compass of an accordion.

Jan. 29. The fur manufactory of Packer, Prentice & Co., in Water street, was destroyed by fire, loss about \$5,000; \$2,100 insured.

Jan. 30. The grocery of Wm. M. Bender, corner of South Pearl and Lydius streets, was burnt, loss \$2,000; \$1,200 insured.

Feb. 3. Jane, wife of John Garnsey, died, aged 38.

Feb. 5. Peter Brown died, aged 57.

The superintendent of the Almshouse reported 639 paupers. The salary of the overseer of the poor was raised to \$550. The expenses of the last quarter were \$5,652·52.

The common council were petitioned to open Colonie street from North Market to Orchard street.

The eastern mail was lost in crossing the river by the breaking of the ice.

Feb. 17. Isaiah Townsend died, aged 61. He was a native of Orange county, and came to this city in 1799. As the senior partner of the house of I. & J. Townsend, he had been engaged in active and extensive mercantile and manufacturing business for the last 36 years. The house, by its enterprise and liberality, had done much to promote the manufacturing interests of the country, and still more to advance the prosperity of this city. He is characterized, as in all things, an upright, just and generous man, who lived a life of honor and usefulness.

At a meeting of the merchants, Erastus Corning chairman, it was resolved to close their stores and attend the funeral.

- Feb. 20. Thomas Duncan died, aged 28.  
John H. Angus died, aged 50.
- Feb. 23. Stephen Thorn died, aged 48.
- Feb. 28. Martha, widow of Dr. Abel Sherman, died, aged 65.
- March 2. Maria Hoffman died, aged 34.
- March 3. Dr. Jarvis Barney died, aged 33.
- March 4. Mary, wife of Linus McCabe, died, aged 23.
- March 5. Rosanna, widow of Sebastian Visscher, died, aged 65.

Alonzo L. Stewart, formerly of Albany, died at Kingston, Ulster county, aged 31.

- March 6. Susan, wife of P. V. Shankland, died.
- March 15. John Garnsey died, aged 41.
- March 16. Timothy Pitkin, Jr., sometime resident in this city, died at Columbus, Georgia, aged 25.
- March 18. Maria, wife of Edward Dunn, died, aged 26.  
Elizabeth, wife of John Wright, died, aged 44.
- March 19. The Utica arrived, first steam boat from New York.

The fifth ward burial ground having been advertised for sale, the board of common council ordered it to be discontinued, on the petition of David Pruyn and others.

March 22. A fire in Orange street destroyed several buildings.

March 24. Sophia, wife of William McHarg, died, aged 48.

It was announced that the Presbyterian church in Montgomery street was to have the addition of a steeple, in which one of the famous Spanish bells was to be hung. These bells were brought over from Spain and sold in New York.

March 26. Rev. James Jope died, of the State street Methodist church.

March 28. Isabella, widow of John Shaw, died.

March 29. Ann Eliza, wife of Henry Martin, late of Albany, died in Stanfortville, Connecticut.

March 31. A fire in Lawrence street destroyed a number of wooden buildings advertised to be sold by the canal commissioners.

April 2. Joanna, widow of John Hone, died, aged 73.  
Norman Seymour died, aged 22.

The common council passed a law for excavating the mound on the north side of Hamilton street, west of Eagle.

April 3. Alonzo Borne died, aged 49.

April 11. Lloyd Wm. Henry, died, aged 24.  
Catharine, wife of Thomas Fish, died.

April 13. John Mansfield died.  
Richard Tillman died, aged 88.  
Elizabeth M., wife of Anthony Blanchard, died.

April 14. Abram Burbank died, aged 60.

April 16. At a meeting of the common council, John Davis moved that the Lancaster school house be leased to the trustees of the Medical College for five years, rent free. He stated that application had been made to the legislature repeatedly for a charter, but that it had not been acted upon by that body, and it was proposed to commence a school without a charter; that the building was becoming dilapidated, and a nuisance; that the petitioners proposed to expend \$5,000 in repairs upon it, and would surrender the premises in good condition at the end of the term. The motion was adopted unanimously.

April 17. Lyman V. Moody died, aged 38.  
Mrs. Caroline Brown died, aged 34.

April 18. William Campbell died, aged 52.  
N. O. Covert died in Montreal.

Thomas Rector was arraigned on charge of having murdered Robert Shepherd on the 11th March last.

April 20. Mrs. Hannah, mother of E. C. Delavan, died.  
John W. Merrill died, aged 25.  
Robert P. Paine died at Pensacola.

April 23. Walter R. Morris, an Albany merchant, died at Louisville, Ky., aged 36.

April 25. Ephraim Wilder, of the house of Wilder & Hastings, died, aged 53.

April 26. The bank of Albany recovered so far from the late panic as to begin paying out its own bills again. Its emission was from new plates.

April 29. Margaret, widow of William Foster, died, aged 56.

April 30. Benjamin Lattimore, a revolutionary soldier, died, aged 78.

May 1. The expenses of the city for the year past were \$240,426.92.

May 2. The charter election terminated in the defeat of the democrats, every ward giving whig majorities.

## WHIG.

## DEMOCRAT.

*First Ward.*

<i>Aldermen.</i>	G. V. S. Bleecker, ... 600	John E. Lovett, ..... 365
	Chas. S. Olmsted, ... 591	Benjamin Thomas, .... 355
<i>Assistants.</i>	William Barney, .... 564	Adam Todd, ..... 387
	Nathan Kingsley, ... 559	Burgess Wands, ..... 367
<i>Supervisor.</i>	C. W. Bender, ..... 589	Edward Artcher, ..... 367
<i>Assessor.</i>	David Bensen, ..... 588	George Warren, ..... 367

*Second Ward.*

<i>Aldermen.</i>	Ichabod L. Judson, .. 442	Hiram Perry, ..... 398
	Josiah Winants, ..... 426	Timothy Seymour, .... 390
<i>Assistants.</i>	William Davis, ..... 438	John Kelso, ..... 393
	John F. Townsend, .. 431	Francis McGuigan, ... 393
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Hazael Kane, ..... 437	John I. Burton, ..... 392
<i>Assessor.</i>	Moses Tyler, ..... 436	Thomas Carson, ..... 394

*Third Ward.*

<i>Aldermen.</i>	John W. Bay, ..... 339	John R. Bleecker, .... 148
	John Davis, ..... 344	C. Y. Lansing, ..... 152
<i>Assistants.</i>	William Thorburn, .. 343	N. N. Quackenboss, ... 151
	Arnold Nelson, ..... 338	Cornelius Ten Broeck, . 153
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Friend Humphrey, .. 342	Seth Hastings, ..... 152
<i>Assessor.</i>	Elihu Russell, ..... 342	William Muir, ..... 152

*Fourth Ward.*

<i>Aldermen.</i>	Henry A. Williams, . 554	James Maher, ..... 474
	Seth Jarvis, ..... 566	George Hanford, ..... 491
<i>Assistants.</i>	Stephen T. Thorn, .. 576	John Sharts, ..... 475
	Joel R. Dickerman, . 563	John Osborn, ..... 486
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Chas. A. Keeler, .... 546	Peter P. Staats, ..... 502
<i>Assessor.</i>	Aaron Hawley, ..... 564	William Whiting, ..... 485

## Fifth Ward.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	Thomas McElroy, ... 366	Charles Chapman, .... 313
	Andrew Kirk, ..... 372	James McCabe, ..... 311
<i>Assistants.</i>	Parker Sargent, ..... 375	Timothy Spears, ..... 315
	Zebina Belknap, .... 370	John Kenyon, ..... 309
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Giles Sanford, ..... 375	John Van Ness, Jr., ... 300

May 3. Anna M. Slingerland, wife of Robert S. Lay, formerly of this city, died at Chesterville, aged 22.

May 8. The *Albany Daily Advertiser* establishment passed into the hands of its former owners, E. W., & C. Skinner, and was edited by John B. Van Schaick.

May 8. Abram Koonz and others petitioned the common council to have Hallenbake street paved from Hudson to Lydius, which was granted. Very few of the denizens of that street at this day have an idea of its aspect twenty years ago. The first house built upon it is believed to have been that of Mr. Koonz, on the north-east corner of Grand and Hamilton. It stood alone like an outpost upon the western verge of the city.

May 14. Joseph Wilson, died, aged 73.

May 17. Douw Fonda, died, aged 74.

May 16. The following were elected professors of the Albany Medical College:

Dr. Alden March, prof. surgery.

Prof. E. Emmons, chemistry and natural history.

Dr. Jas. H. Armsby, anatomy and physiology.

Dr. Henry Green, obstetrics and diseases of women and children.

Dr. David McLachlan, materia medica and pharmacy.

Dr. Thomas Hun, the institutes of medicine.

Amos Dean, Esq., medical jurisprudence.

David M. Reese, theory and practice of medicine.

The fees for the course were \$75.

May 23. Peter Allanson died, aged 65.

May 25. The coach factory of James Goold & Co., was destroyed by fire; loss \$45,000, insured \$19,500. There were a considerable number of other buildings burnt also in the vicinity. The loss of Mr. Goold was felt to be a public calamity, and a number of wealthy

citizens loaned him \$20,000 five years without interest, to rebuild his establishment and commence anew.

May 29. Isabella, widow of Barent Van Loon, died.

The following were the first trustees of the Medical College :

Teunis Van Vechten, mayor of the city,	
James McKown, recorder of the city,	
Daniel D. Barnard,	William Seymour,
Samuel Stevens,	Israel Williams,
John Taylor,	George Dexter,
Friend Humphrey,	Oliver Steele,
James Goold,	Robert H. Pruyn,
John I. Wendell,	John Groesbeck,
Andrew Kirk,	John Trotter,
Conrad A. Ten Eyck,	Charles D. Gould,
Ira Harris,	Arnold Nelson,
Bradford R. Wood,	Thomas McElroy,
John O. Cole,	P. S. Van Rensselaer.
John Davis,	

June 4. The common council removed John O. Cole from the office of police magistrate, which he had held several years to the discomfiture of evil doers, and appointed Hazael Kane in his place.

June 4. Erastus Corning was elected president of the Utica and Schenectady rail road.

June 8. Mrs. Susanna McKenna died, aged 80.

A purchase was made by the state of the house of Edwin Crowell, in Elk street, for the use of the governor, for which \$19,000 was paid.

A warm June ; state of thermometer :

	6 A.M.	3 P.M.	9 P.M.
June 10 Sunday,	66 deg.	93 deg.	82 deg.
11 Monday,	75	94	79
12 Tuesday,	72	80	77
13 Wednesday,	74	79	81
14 Thursday,	68	86	78
15 Friday,	71	88	75
16 Saturday,	72	88	77
17 Sunday,	73	87	77
18 Monday,	67	82	71



The average temperature of the first half of June for the past ten years was as follows:

1829	—70.30 deg.	1834	—64.38 deg.
1830	65.75	1835	70.63
1831	74.60	1836	66.77
1832	65.54	1837	69.50
1833	63.85	1838	71.11

June 21. A fire destroyed a carpenter's shop and several small buildings in Spring street.

June 25. Helen, wife of Gerrit Y. Lansing, died.

June 9. J. J. De Lissa, a teacher of languages, was drowned by falling from the Troy steam boat.

July 4. Oration by Thomas W. Harman; reading Declaration by J. B. Van Schaick. The procession had the unusual attraction of the presence of the Philadelphia State Fencibles. Oration before Young Men's Association by Wm. H. Fondey; reading Declaration by A. M. Strong.

The celebrated traveler, J. Silk Buckingham, at this time delivered a course of lectures in the Female Academy on Egypt, &c.

July 1. Mrs. Ruth Crane died, aged 86.

Dr. O. Crosby died.

July 2. Ellen E., wife of Rufus King, died, aged 26.

July 4. The *Daily Patriot*, an abolition paper, was begun by J. G. Wallace.

July 5. Susan, widow of H. Dyer, died, aged 28.

July 7. John McMillen died.

July 8. Lydia, wife of Simeon Fitch, died, aged 61.

Margaret, wife of Peter Smith, died, aged 45.

July 9. Elizabeth, wife of James Winne, died.

July 10. Magdalene, wife of Seth Arnold, died, aged 46.

July 14. Leverett Cruttenden, died at Bridgeport, Conn., aged 67. He was long and favorably known as Mine Host of the Hill, or in other words, the landlord of the celebrated public house, afterwards known as Congress Hall, and subsequently as the keeper of the Eagle Tavern. The

House of Lords, as his establishment was called from its superior character, was established in 1814, and continued about sixteen years. It was the head quarters of the old judiciary, which was swept away by the *Jacobin hurricane* of 1821-1822, and also of that glorious galaxy of talent, genius and learning which adorned the bar of New York at that day, and of the most distinguished members of the legislature. It was likewise the principal resort of distinguished gentlemen in other walks of life. Mr. Cruttenden was a man of reading, and of ready and brilliant humor, and from his talents and great popularity, was usually one of the after-dinner social circles, for many years—being not only witty himself, but the cause of wit in others. Here was held the original Kent Club, and the Spencerian judges met; and where were found such men as Williams, Emmett, Storrs, J. R. Van Rensselaer, Riggs, Harrison, Bunner, and a score of others. Mr. Cruttenden relinquished his calling about eighteen months before his death, and retired to Bridgeport, where he had built a house, and hoped to pass the evening of his days. But the change of an active life for one of leisure wrought unfavorably upon his health. He labored much of the time under a religious melancholy, which was followed by a paralytic attack. He was a native of Guilford, Conn.

July 19. Mrs. Jane Hanah died, aged 92.

July 20. Maria, wife of Isaac W. Vosburgh, died, aged 32.

July 22. The Third Presbyterian church, in Montgomery street, was opened for worship, having been closed some time for repairs, during which a steeple had been erected, and a Spanish convent bell, recast by Aspinwall, hung in it, and it was lighted by chandeliers.

July 24. James O. Wendell died.

July 29. Margaret McChesney died, aged 36.

July 30. Two frame buildings in Second street, Arbor hill, were destroyed by fire; one of them, the bakery of James Dey Ermand.

Beebe's carpentry shop, in Montgomery street, was burnt.

- July 30. David Orr died, aged 30.
- Aug. 1. Dr. Lewis H. Gregory died.  
Robert McFarlan died.
- Aug. 2. Alfred H. Collins, died aged 22.
- Aug. 3. Isaac P. Cole, died aged 53.
- Aug. 4. Sarah L., wife of Watts Sherman, died,  
aged 22.  
Alida, wife of James Boyd, died, aged 76.
- Aug. 5. Louisa B., wife of Eleazar Bliss, died, aged 42
- Aug. 6. William Strain, died, aged 69.  
Peter Drake died, aged 53.
- Aug. 8. Mrs. Elizabeth Brown died, aged 50.
- Aug. 10. Deborah Johnson died, aged 54.
- Aug. 12. Sarah, wife of James Harrison, died, aged 26.
- Aug. 15. Mary, wife of Thomas Morgan, died, aged 77.
- A fire in Church street destroyed a part of Stark's  
tavern and a dwelling house.
- Aug. 19. A fire in Van Schaick street burnt down  
several wooden tenements in that and Fox street, and a  
lad named Hagerman, perished in the flames.
- Aug. 20. Margaret, widow of James Rodgers, died,  
aged 72.
- Aug. 21. Mrs. Hannah Peck, died.  
Mary D., wife of Jeremiah M. Ball, died, aged 35.
- Aug. 23. Uri Scott died, aged 68.
- A new bell was put in the tower of the North Dutch  
church, weighing 3,123 pounds, cast at the foundry of  
Aspinwall of this city.
- Aug. 31. Notice was given that the Second Methodist  
Protestant church would open their meeting room over  
store No. 2 Green Street, on the next sabbath, seats free;  
that Rev. Thomas W. Pearson, recently of Hallenbake  
street church, had been duly appointed pastor of this  
church, and would officiate.
- Sept. 5. Mrs. Ann Annesley died, aged 63.
- Sept. 8. A fire destroyed the extensive stables on the  
southwest corner of Eagle and Hudson streets, occupied  
by S. W. St. John, and owned by Abel French; also 500

cords of pine woods. The Troy and Greenbush fire engines came to assist in its extinguishment.

Sept. 15. Hiram Finch died, aged 35.

Sept. 17. The navigation committee reported to the common council that \$96,090.55 had been expended in improving the basin, and that there were still 105,000 yards of excavation to be made, which would cost \$36,250.

Sept. 19. Levi Bartlett, died, aged 35.

Sept. 25. A public dinner was given to Harmanus Bleecker, on the occasion of his going abroad.

Oct. 4. Bayard G. Hand died at Savannah, Ga.

Oct. 14. The common council passed a law for the paving of Eagle street for the first time, between Hudson and Lydius.

Wm. Augustus Douglass died at St. Augustine, aged 23.

Oct. 15. Mrs. Jane Chapman died, aged 71.

Oct. 17. Nathaniel Judson died, aged 86.

Oct. 19. Daniel P. Marshall died, aged 48.

Oct. 20. Isaac M. Blake died, aged 27.

Magdalen Fonda died, aged 41.

Oct. 22. James Frazer died, aged 21.

Oct. 29. Harriet, wife of Josiah Clark, died, aged 32.

Nov. 5. Mrs. Phoebe Hewlett died, aged 74.

Capt. Orsemus Whipple died, aged 32.

Nov. 7. The fall election was closed, and the whigs were the winners. Daniel D. Barnard was elected to congress, and John Davis to the assembly. The vote for Gov. Marcy was 518 less than that of Mr. Seward.

Nov. 9. Franklin Hubbard died, aged 22.

Nov. 10. Margarey, wife of Joseph Briare, died aged 28.

Nov. 15. Abraham Oakey died, aged 38.

Elisha Dorr was chosen treasurer of the county.

Nov. 20. John Carmichael died, aged 32,

Nov. 21. Elsie Van Rensselaer died, aged 79.

James Hilton died, aged 49.

Nov. 7. Lavinia E., wife of A. J. Hill, and daughter  
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of Willard Walker, died in England, and was buried in the graveyard of the First Presbyterian Church.

Nov. 27. Hector H. Crane, of the Eagle Tavern, died, aged 44.

Nov. 29. Lavinia Augusta Wilson died, aged 29.

Ellen W., wife of Sylvester T. Carr, died, aged 35.

Nov. 9. Elizabeth, widow of John Carson, formerly of Albany, died at Geneseo, aged 85. She was the mother of David and Thomas Carson, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, as early as 1792.

Nov. 7. Mrs. Anne Grant, author of the *American Lady*, died at Edinburgh, aged 84.

Dec. 3. Elizabeth Brown died, aged 54.

Dec. 4. Catharine A., wife of Wm. Russell, died, aged 24.

Dec. 5. Joseph Clark, late of England, died, aged 70.

Dorephus Abbey, formerly a printer in this city, was executed at Kingston, Canada. He was second in command of the Patriots at Prescott, and captured.

Dec. 12. Mary, wife of Hazael Kane, died, aged 35.

Christian, widow of John Humphrey, and mother of the above, died, aged 79.

The association of the Albany Exchange Bank was formed, with a capital of \$100,000. John Q. Wilson was the first president, and Geo. W. Stanton vice-president.

Emily Ann, widow of Anthony I. Quackenboss, died in New York, aged 41.

Dec. 19. Mrs. Susan Kinnear died, aged 78.

Dec. 21. Agrippa Martin died, aged 72.

Dec. 23. Rachel Douw died, aged 64.

Dec. 25. Joseph Russell died, aged 62; president of the Canal Bank.

Dec. 27. Teunis Van Vechten was reelected mayor for the ensuing year.

Barnum Whipple, harbor-master, reported that there had arrived at and departed from Albany, during the year 1838, the following vessels, (exclusive of canal boats.)

226 sloops,.....	11,445 tons.
123 schooners,.....	8,159
7 scows,.....	360
14 steam boats,.....	4,853
15 steam tow boats,.....	1,618
2 brigs, .....	320
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444 vessels.	36,721

Averaging the number of trips at 2 each, the whole number of trips will be 6,180.

## 1839.

Jan. 2. The Medical College was opened by a lecture from David M. Reese, M. D.

Jan. 3. Col. John B. Van Schaick, editor of the *Albany Daily Advertiser*, and a gentleman of distinguished literary reputation, died, aged 35.

A meeting of the common council was called to consider the propriety of granting the petition, asking the corporation to assume the entire expense of the construction of the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road.

Jan. 6. William Ostrander died.

Jan. 7. Susan, wife of Samuel Stevens, died, aged 38.

The medical profession held a meeting, at which Dr. Jonathan Eights presided, and Dr. M. F. Cogswell was secretary, which passed a series of resolutions advocating the establishment of a hospital.

Jan. 10. John Van Ness Yates died, aged 60. He was the son of Chief Justice Yates, and came to this city at the age of 14, to study law in the office of John V. Henry.

Jan. 14. Adah, wife of Wm. Fitch, died, aged 26.

Jan. 19. Robert Bowie died, aged 60.

Jan. 21. Jared L. Rathbone was elected mayor in place of Teunis Van Vechten resigned.

Jan. 22. Cold day; thermometer 14 below 0.

Jan. 26. Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer, the venerable patroon, died at the Manor House, aged 75. Respected for his services on the battle-field and in the council

chamber of the nation ; eminent for the virtues which adorned his public and his private life ; beloved for the benevolence which made many partakers of the wealth bestowed upon him ; after a long career of honor and usefulness, he sank calmly and contentedly to his final repose. An account of his life and services may be found in vol. III, p. 281.

Jan. 26. An express was started by Messrs. Baker & Walker, to carry the intelligence of the Patroon's death to New York. A Mr. Dimmick left Albany 14 minutes before 6 p. m. in a sulkey. At Redhook, he found a bridge gone, but mounted his horse and swam the stream drawing the sulkey after him. At Fishkill the obstruction was much more formidable. The bridge was gone, and the road for more than half a mile inundated. He again mounted his horse, who pushed gallantly into the flood and swam, with his rider and sulkey over a quarter of a mile, bringing both safely to the opposite shore. Notwithstanding these and other obstructions the express arrived at the Carlton House at 20 minutes past 8 o'clock in the morning, having rode over the distance of about 150 miles in 14h. 31m. The record of such an enterprise enables us more fully to realize the advantages of the telegraph.

There was a great freshet at this time, and the river rose to an unusual height. A soup house was opened at the City Hall for the benefit of those who had been driven out of their homes.

Jan. 27. Loren Webster died at Toronto, Canada.

Robert Swain, Jr., died in Texas, aged 24.

Jan. 31. Mrs. Elizabeth Watters died, aged 64.

Adelia, wife of William Brown, died, aged 25.

The number of paupers in the Almshouse, was 532. There was besides a soup house for the accommodation of the hungry, which was a much abused institution.

The profits of the Greenbush ferry for the year past, amounted to \$1,081.92.

Feb. 1. Mrs. Mary McKay died, aged 62.

Feb. 5. Mrs. Rebecca McChesney died, aged 63.

Feb. 6. The Rev. Edward Allen was installed pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church.

Feb. 7. James Porter, register of the court of chancery, died, aged 52.

Feb. 9. Thomas Breeman died, aged 80.

Feb. 13. A fire destroyed the plaster factory of Thos. Carroll, in North Market street, and nearly destroyed the old Payn tavern ; loss about \$3,000.

Feb. 14. Mrs. Ann McConnell died, aged 70.

Feb. 15. Gertrude, widow of Richard S. Treat, and daughter of the late Dr. Stringer, died.

John Tayler Cooper was appointed Major-General of the 1st Division of New York State Cavalry, in place of Stephen Van Rensselaer, deceased.

A fire destroyed the stable of Gregory & Nelson, corner of Quay and Orange streets.

Feb. 19. Simeon P. Haskell died, aged 57.

Feb. 20. Joseph Barrett died, aged 21.

Feb. 21. Parmenas Jones died, aged 87.

Harriet, wife of Gerrit Lansing, Jr., died, aged 57.

Feb. 22. James Boyd died, aged 77.

Feb. 25. Edwin A. Seymour died in New York, aged 34.

Feb. 26. Eliza, wife of Henry Morse, died.

The chamberlain reported the receipts of his office for the month of February \$32,205.56 ; expenses, \$17,715.54. That the cost of the new steam boat for the Greenbush ferry was \$8,688.25. A resolution passed the board to allow the Mohawk and Hudson rail road to be extended from Gansevoort street north, to Ferry street.

March 1. Susan, wife of Isaac La Grange, died, aged 31.

Mary, wife of Matthew Howard, died, aged 51.

March 2. The Museum Building took fire, and greatly damaged that establishment and the stores beneath.

March 4. Irone, wife of John Rockenstyne, died, aged 39.

Books were opened at the City Hotel for subscriptions to the increased stock of the Exchange Bank.



March 9. Peter Van Wie died, aged 66.

March 11. Mary Augusta, wife of Oliver Steele, died, aged 37.

March 13. A fire destroyed a part of Many's furnace, in Beaver street.

March 14. John C. Shifter died, aged 36.

March 16. H. W. Preston announced that in consequence of the sudden and unexpected transfer of the Theatre to the vestry of St. Paul's Church, which prevented the fulfilment of many prominent engagements, he proposed to erect a new theatre.

March 21. The carpenter's shop of Ruel Clapp, corner of Franklin and Bass streets, was burnt.

March 23. Martha, wife of Denison Worthington, died.

March 25. The river was open, and the steam boat Swallow arrived.

March. Gen. Solomon Van Rensselaer was removed from the post office, where he had officiated seventeen years. His successor was Azariah C. Flagg.

April 2. The stable belonging to Hatch's tavern, corner of North Market and Orange streets, was burnt, with the entire contents including seven horses.

April 4. Hiram Traver died, aged 28.

Noadiah Johnson, a senator, from Delaware county, died.

April 9. The Centre Market building took fire, and was much damaged.

April 12. Jacob Hiney died, aged 66.

April 15. Mary Ann, wife of Richard Bedell, died.

April 16. Laura Ann, wife of Hiram Perry, died, aged 29.

April 20. A fire broke out in the stable of the Pearl Street House, which produced the greatest conflagration that had occurred in this city for a great many years. It burnt down almost the whole square formed by Pearl, Lydius, Rose and Hamilton streets; and the sparks from it set fire to an out building in Herkimer street, which extended to and destroyed the Methodist Church, in that street, and several other buildings. The loss was over \$100,000.

April 18. The journeymen masons held a meeting, and resolved to require \$2 a day for their labor.

April 22. The chamberlain reported the city finances for the last four years as follows:

	1836	1837	1838	1839
Expenses, .....	179,172·11	241,681·65	190,658·85	161,128·92
Taxes, .....	40,525·54	48,845·14	47,622·57	56,309·06
Poor tax, .....	10,000·00	17,000·00	25,009·00	24,000·00
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	50,525·54	65,845·14	72,622·57	80,309·06

April 23. Nancy, widow of Peter Bain died at Galway.  
Mrs. Wilhelmina Van Schaick died.

The number of paupers in the Almhouse had steadily increased from 257 in Aug., 1835, to 639 in Feb., 1838; the number was 527 in April, 1839.

April 27. Mary Margaret, widow of Capt. Isaac Seaman, died at Schenectady, aged 82.

April 28. A fire in High street, destroyed several tenements.

April 29. Martha, wife of Edward C. Dennison, died, aged 47.

April. The Committee which had been appointed by the common council to put a soup house in operation during the inclement season, reported that they began to deliver soup on the 28th January, and continued it till the 26th of March, in all 56 days; that during that time, they supplied 306 families, averaging five persons each, in all 1,530 persons supplied daily with a pint of soup to each person, with a piece of bread and meat to each family. The total expenses were \$1,473·46; received from private donations and concert of Sacred Music Association, \$923·10, leaving \$550·36 to be paid by the chamberlain, which was a fraction of one-third of a cent per day for each person.

May 5. Richard S. Treat died, aged 37.

May 6. Garret L. Dox was appointed justice of the Justices court.

Dr. John F. Townsend, aid to Gov. Seward, was unanimously elected Brig. General of the 1st Brigade of Horse Artillery.

May 8. Charter Election ; result as follows :

	WHIGS.	First Ward.	DEMOCRATS.
<i>Aldermen.</i>	G. V. S. Bleecker,..	600	Erastus Corning,..... 454
	*Ralph Pratt,.....	591	Barent P. Staats,..... 472
<i>Assistants.</i>	Jas. McClure,.....	603	Benj. Thomas,..... 465
	T. F. Bancroft,.....	595	Adam Todd,..... 461
<i>Supervisor.</i>	C. W. Bender,.....	593	Isaac Denniston,..... 459
	<i>Second Ward.</i>		
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Ichabod L. Judson,..	474	Hiram Perry,..... 390
	George Merrifield,..	475	Daniel S. Kittle,..... 391
<i>Assistants.</i>	Jesse Buel Jr.,.....	476	James M. French,.... 393
	Visscher Ten Eyck,.	470	Henry Cassidy,..... 391
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Wm. Newton,.....	470	John I. Burton,..... 393
	<i>Third Ward.</i>		
<i>Aldermen.</i>	E. W. Skinner,.....	314	C. A. Ten Eyck,..... 222
	John Groesbeck,....	305	Seth Hastings,..... 213
<i>Assistants.</i>	Arnold Nelson,.....	301	N. N. Quakenbush,.. 213
	Henry Russell,.....	306	Corn. Ten Broeck,.. 214
<i>Supervisor.</i>	George Dexter,.....	311	E. R. Satterlee,..... 215
	<i>Fourth Ward.</i>		
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Steph n T. Thorn,..	513	George Handford,.... 478
	J. R. Dickerman,..	504	Peter P. Staats,..... 484
<i>Assistants.</i>	Thos. McMullen,..	502	Peter Cagger,..... 475
	Wa'do Corbit,.....	501	C. Livingston,..... 492
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Henry Greene,.....	511	Russell Forsyth,..... 469
	<i>Fifth Ward.</i>		
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Thos. McElroy,.....	370	Adolphus Colburn,.... 371
	Gerrit L. Dox,.....	370	Timothy Spears,..... 372
<i>Assistants.</i>	Zebina Belknap,....	360	Richard T. Ferris,.... 376
	Wm. Winne,.....	364	George S. Gibbons,.... 372
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Giles Sanford,.....	365	J. Van Valkenburgh,.. 349

May 8. Gertrude, widow of John Gates, died, aged 85.  
Legislature adjourned.

May 13. Milo Shaw died, aged 71.

The North Dutch church relinquished their right to dockage at the old Watering place, in payment of a claim of the corporation.

May 19 Sylvester Lyman died, aged 63.

There were two infant schools in operation at this time ; one in Orchard street, and one in Spring street. One in the lower part of the city had been closed recently, and there was a lack of funds to carry on the others. During the ten years since they were organized,

it was estimated that about 6,000 children had been benefitted by them. The funds were mostly derived from church collections.

May 20. An election was held to decide whether the common council should be authorized to borrow \$400,000 to aid the construction of the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road. The result was 3,245 votes for the loan, and 625 against it. This was claimed by the newspapers to be the "first strong demonstration in favor of internal improvement."

May 23. Gen. H. V. Du Coudray Holstein, a distinguished officer and diplomat of Bonaparte, died, aged 76. He was a native of Germany, but entered the French service, and acquired the confidence of Napoleon. On the restoration of the Bourbons, he went to South America, where he found scope for his military skill. On leaving that service he went to New York, and delivered lectures on military tactics, which were attended by the first men of that city. He was soon after appointed to fill the chair of professor of modern languages, at Geneva college, whence he removed to Albany, and taught French in the Female Academy, and during his residence here, won the esteem of all who knew him. He had resided here six years.

May 27. The common council appointed its city officers: George W. Weed, clerk; Hazael Kane, police justice; Robert H. Pruyn, attorney.

Thomas M. Gillespie died, aged 40.

May 28. Welcome Esleeck died, aged 45.

May 30. Levi Steele died, aged 63.

Catharine, wife of Matthew Logan, died, aged 58.

Col. John B. Manning, died.

June 5. Susan S., wife of Wm. McCammon, died, aged 25.

June 10. William Gill died, aged 63.

A bell was directed to be palced in the cupola of the Jail, to be rung in cases of fire.

At a meeting of the common council, a communication

was received from Messrs. Thomas W. Olcott, Marcus T. Reynolds, and Lewis Benedict, stating that they had been appointed a committee by the directors of the Albany and West Stockbridge Rail Road Company, and asked the appointment of a similar committee on the part of the board; whereupon, the mayor appointed Messrs. Pratt, Ten Eyck, Skinner and McMullen.

June 11. Catharine Eliza Todd died, aged 25.

June 12. Francis Bloodgood was reelected president of the New York State Bank, and Rufus H. King, vice-president.

June 17. James Boughton died, aged 21.

Getty Ten Eyck died, aged 64, at Cazenovia.

June 25. Mary, wife of Henry H. Buckbee, died, aged 34.

June 26. Anna, wife of Isaac P. Garrison, died, aged 37.

July 1. The common council resolved to borrow \$650,000, with which to purchase \$300,000 of the stock of the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road, and to loan the remainder to subscribers to the stock, to enable them to make payments.

July 4. Thomas Rector, convicted of manslaughter in the second degree, for killing young Shepherd, was sentenced by Judge Nelson, to seven years of imprisonment.

July 4. John Bonner died, aged 75.

The customary oration of the day was delivered by Solomon Southwick, and published by order of the common council.

July 8. Mrs. Martha Bacon, mother of John F. Bacon, died, aged 72.

Thomas Shallow died, aged 53.

Jacob Brinckerhoff, died.

July 10. Smith Weed died, aged 85. He was a native of Stamford, Conn., and a commissary in the army, during most of the revolutionary war. At the battle of Danbury, he was badly wounded, and brought off the field with difficulty. On the close of the war he became an active and energetic merchant.

July 13. Fanny, wife of Wm. W. Wildman, died, aged 40.

July 13. Ann Jane, wife of Samuel Waddell, died, aged 38.

July 13. Mrs. Chrystie McGlashan died, aged 71.

July 15. William Vosburgh died, aged 66.

July 17. Rev. Nathaniel Paul, pastor of the Hamilton street Baptist church, died, aged 46.

Elizabeth, wife of James D. Fisher, died, aged 40.

July 24. Martin Van Buren, president of the United States, arrived in the city, and was addressed by Gov. Marcy, in front of the City Hall.

July 25. Joseph H. Gladding died at New Orleans, aged 38.

July 29. Henry Merchant died, aged 35.

Aug. 6. Sarah, wife of Wm. Chatfield, died, aged 62.

Aug. 8. Wm. D. McLaughlin died in New York, aged 23.

Aug. 10. Catalina Gibbons, daughter of Sanford Cobb, died, aged 20.

Aug. 15. Nathaniel Carpenter died, aged 37.

Gloriana, wife of James Wood, died, aged 45.

Aug. 16. A. D. Campbell, died, aged 37.

Aug. 17. Jane, widow of John Newton, died, aged 78.

Henry Clay, the American statesman, arrived in the city, and remained at the Eagle Tavern, until the morning of the 19th, when he took the steam boat to New York. He was accompanied from Troy, by Messrs. John Townsend, D. D. Barnard, John Bay, in a barouche. On entering the city, a very long procession had joined the escort, Gen. Townsend acting as marshal, with Messrs. Wm. Bloodgood, R. H. Pruyn, Samuel Van Vechten and B. F. Townsend, as assistants.

Aug. 23. Benjamin Knower died, aged 64. He was a resident of the city nearly forty years; and although he began life as a mechanic, soon entered upon extensive commercial transactions. His career was distinguished for enterprise and public spirit, and he passed through it with a reputation for integrity unsullied, and for business capacity unsurpassed. He was for a long time connected

with, and took an active part in the management of the Mechanics and Farmers' bank, of which he was president. In 1821, he was solicited to take the office of state treasurer, which he held until the fall of 1824, when he resigned. Mr. Knower was a hatter by occupation, and having many apprentices, most of them, as a matter of course, were without pecuniary means, or friends able to assist them. He seemed to regard it not only as a duty, but a source of personal gratification, to extend to them a helping hand at this critical moment in their lives. His place of business was a few doors below the corner of Hudson street, in Broadway, on the west side.

The steamboat Albany, Capt. Jenkins, left New York at 7h. 13m., and having made 15 landings arrived, at her deck at 4h. 20m., performing the trip in 9h. 7m.

Aug. 28. Eliza, wife of Frederick S. Barnard, died.

Sept. 1. Covell L'Amoreaux died at Mobile, aged 32.

Sept. 2. Frederick King died; aged 39.

The steamboat Rochester, arrived from New York, at 1h. 35m. in the morning, having come through, without landing, in 8h. 35m.

It was announced in *Southwick's Family Newspaper*, that Dr. O'Callaghan, one of the exiled patriots of Canada, having the reputation of a man of sound learning and science, had taken up his residence in Albany, with a view of retiring from politics and devoting himself entirely to his profession, that of a physician.

Sept. 4. Trinity church was organized. Services were held in Westerlo street, between Church and Dallius. A week subsequently, the Rev. Isaac Swart was chosen rector, and accepted the office. This formed the third Episcopal church in Albany.

Sept. 14. Thomas Robinson died, aged 42.

Sept. 18. Matthew M. Cole died in Washington.

Passengers who left New York in the Albany boats, arrived at Buffalo in fifty hours, which the *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser* thought was as quick travelling as any reasonable man could wish.

Sept. 25. John Van Valkenburgh died in New York, aged 29.

Sept. 25. The steam boat Albany arrived from New York in 8h. 49m. Deducting one hour for making ten landings, her running time was 7h. 49m., which had not been equaled.

Sept. 28. Wm. Gough died at Natchitoches, aged 27.

Oct. 2. Jennet, widow of Henry B. Cook, died, aged 47.

Oct. 6. Jesse Buel died at Danbury, Conn., aged 63. He was a native of Coventry Ct., and was bred a printer, He removed to Albany in 1813 from Ulster county, and established the *Albany Argus*, and was state printer from 1814 to 1821, when he retired to a farm in the neighborhood of the city, known as the Albany Nursery. He represented the city for a number of years in the legislature, and was a regent of the University. He was a candidate for governor in 1836. But it was as an agriculturist that he was preeminent, and had a world-wide reputation.

Jellis D. Winne died at Savannah, aged 29.

Oct. 8. Asahel North died, aged 53.

Oct. 15. Margaret, widow of John S. Pruyn, died, aged 68.

Oct. 19. John Meacham died, aged 86.

Charles W. Hills died, aged 23,

Rensselaer Van Rensselaer, tried at the United States circuit court, on a charge of setting on foot a military expedition within the United States against a foreign power, was found guilty, and sentenced to six months imprisonment, and to pay a fine of \$250.

Dr. Rensselaer Gansevoort died in Louisiana, aged 39.

Nov. 3. Harriet E., wife of James D. Wasson, died.

Nov. 6. The election closed. Friend Humphrey was chosen member of the senate, and H. G. Wheaton member of assembly, and the whig ticket succeeded.

Nov. 11. At a meeting of the board of common council, the following sums of money were voted to be raised by tax :

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For lamps and city watch, . . . . .	\$15,000
“ contingencies, . . . . .	20,000
“ interest on city debt, . . . . .	5,000
“ City Hall, . . . . .	5,000
“ building school houses, . . . . .	2,500
“ interest on loan for do, . . . . .	3,000
	\$50,500

Nov. 12. Phoebe, wife of John McKnight, died, aged 25.

Nov. 15. Allen Plum died, aged 62.

Nov. 18. Solomon Southwick died, aged 66. For a biographical sketch and portrait of him, see vol. v., p. 104.

Margaret McDonald died, aged 45.

Nov. 19. John F. Dunlop died, late of Boston.

Nov. 24. Mrs. Mary Linacre died, aged 28.

Nov. 25. Zachariah Booth died, aged 34.

Nov. 26. Elizabeth, widow of Jeremiah Osborn, died, aged 58.

Nov. 28. Robert Martin, dyer, died, aged 40.

Nov. 29. Wm. Bridgford died, aged 50.

Nov. 30. The sheriff of the county, Michael Artcher, having been resisted by the anti-renters in some of the towns, called out the *posse comitatus*. Nearly a thousand citizens were called upon to accompany him into the fastnesses of the Helderberg.

Dec. 2. Wm. Lathrop died, aged 42.

Sarah W., wife of Horace Meacham, died, aged 51.

Dec. 2. The sheriff's posse set out for Reedsville about 600 strong. They met with no opposition until they arrived at a place about four miles beyond Clarksville, when several hundred men on horses opposed their progress, and they were forced to turn back. They reached their homes about 9 o'clock at night, wearied and worn with the fatigue of a march to which they were wholly unaccustomed. This was the beginning of what was termed the anti-rent war.

Dec. 7. Harriet Gansevoort died, aged 59.

Dec. 9. The sheriff proceeded into the anti-rent district, accompanied by several military companies ; they halted at Clarke's tavern, in Clarkesville, and established military jurisdiction. On the following day, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring his determination to maintain the supremacy of the laws.

Dec. 10. Robert Stewart died, aged 72.

Dec. 11. Gen. Averill of Montgomery county, arrived in town with 500 troops from Montgomery county destined for the invasion of the Helderberg. The belligerents finding that formidable arrangements were being made for their overthrow, came in and surrendered. The sheriff thereupon, proceeded to serve the processes without meeting any opposition, and the Montgomery county army had permission to return home.

Dec. 15. The sheriff with the military companies from Albany and Troy, under the command of Maj. Bloodgood, which had been on duty during the week past, at the Helderberg, returned to the city, having marched over a heavy road, and through deep snow, 12 miles, amid a storm of great severity. They left the city one week before in a heavy rain storm, had been on active duty during the week, and subjected to many privations necessarily incident to so sudden and ill-provided an expedition. The military force employed by the sheriff consisted of

Albany Burgesses Corps, Capt. Bayeux.

Albany Union Guards, Capt. Brown.

Albany Republican Artillery, Capt. Strain.

1st Company Van Rensselaer Guards, Capt. Kearney.

2d Company Van Rensselaer Guards, Capt. Berry.

Troy Artillery, Capt. Howe.

Troy Citizens Corps, Capt. Pierce.

Troy City Guards, Capt. Wickes.

These companies consisted of the flower of the Cities of Albany and Troy, and acquitted themselves with great credit under circumstances of great delicacy and responsibility.

Dec. 15. Wm. Crandall died, aged 71.

Dec. 19. Wm. Giles Dunlop died, aged 28.

Dec. 20. Thomas N. Barker died, aged 24.

The river was closed ; the boats being merely able to reach Rhinebeck.

Dec. 22. William Chadwick died, aged 48.

Dec. 25. Mrs. Isabella Hunter died, aged 80.

Dec. 28. Elizabeth, wife of Asahel Hall, died, aged 58.

Dec. 29. Francis Horth died, aged 41.

Dec. 30. Jared L. Rathbone was reelected mayor of the city.

The chamberlain's report of the receipts and expenses of the Greenbush ferry showed a profit of \$828.42, for the year 1839.

## 1840.

Jan. 3. Mrs. Sophia Willard died, aged 67.

Jan. 6. Mrs. Susannah Miller died, aged 73.

George Combe, of Edinburg, delivered a course of lectures on Phrenology at the Female Academy. The fine collection of busts in that institution was purchased of him.

Jan. 11. Janet, widow of Donald Frazer, died, aged 66.

Jan. 13. Mrs. Hannah Dillingham died, aged 75.

Jan. 19. James Millbank died, aged 48.

Jan. 25. Hugh Johnson died, aged 48.

Jan. 30. Clarissa, wife of Robert Thompson, died.

Jan. 31. Mrs. Caroline Vanderhoof died, aged 38.

A meeting was held in the vestry of St. Peter's church, to organize a society for the purpose of providing a convenient place of worship for boatmen and others. Thaddeus Joy was appointed chairman, and James Taylor secretary. A committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements, consisting of E. P. Prentice, Israel Williams, Thomas McElroy, Daniel Peck, Wm. E. Bleecker, and the chairman and secretary.

Feb. 3. Arriet, wife of Solomon Van Rensselaer, died, aged 65.

Feb. 4. At the annual election of the Young Men's

Association for Mutual Improvement in the City of Albany, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Wm. E. Bleecker, president.  
 Charles T. Smyth, Robert S. Cushman, Arthur C. Southwick, vice-presidents.  
 Cornelius Ten Broeck, cor. secretary.  
 Stephen D. Van Schaick, rec. secretary.  
 Charles L. Garfield, treasurer.

Feb. 8. The carpenter shop of John Boardman, 27 Beaver street, was burnt; loss \$1,200, insured \$500.

Feb. 10. Mrs. Harriet Lansing died, aged 56.

Feb. 11. Maria, wife of E. M. Courtright, died, aged 32.  
 Polly, wife of Rev. Nathaniel Smith, died, aged 79.

Feb. 12. Richard Watson died, aged 43.

Dr. Benj. Shelton died at Mishawaka, Ind., aged 27.

Feb. 17. Mary, wife of Dr. John Fisher, died.

Feb. 20. Henry Diblee died, aged 62.

Elizabeth, widow of H. G. Spafford, died.

Feb. 21. The stables corner of Eagle and Hudson st. belonging to Mr. St. John, were burnt.

Mrs. Susannah Lansing died.

Feb. 22. St. Paul's church in South Pearl street, was consecrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk.

Feb. 23. Mrs. Cornelia Hallenbake died, aged 92.

The post office was removed in the Exchange building.

Feb. 26. The river was open and the Kosciusko arrived from New York.

March 1. Mrs. Margaret Russell died, aged 80.

March 2. The river was open and the steam boat Utica arrived.

The grade of Lodge street between Howard and Beaver, was established.

March 4. Moses B. Ward died, aged 22.

March 5. Francis Bloodgood died, aged 72. He had been during forty years a useful and respectable citizen.

He was a graduate of Yale College, pursued the profession of the law, and was many years clerk of the supreme court; several years mayor of the city; at the time of his death he was president of the State Bank, of which he was one of the founders, and the last of the original board of directors of that bank. He was distinguished for the excellence of his disposition and the integrity of his character.

March 15. Ann Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Todd, died, aged 29.

John F. Bacon for many years clerk of the senate, was appointed consul for the port of Nassau.

March 16. Teunis Van Vechten was elected president of the Albany Insurance Company to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Francis Bloodgood. Rufus H. King was also elected president of the New York State Bank, to succeed Mr. Bloodgood.

March 24. Dr. Ashbel Steele Webster died, aged 44.

William Blackall died, aged 73.

March 25. George Webb died, aged 27.

March 30. Wm. W. Coughtry died.

April 3. Aida, widow of Robert Dunbar, Jr., died, aged 67.

April 4. Dr. Stephen Arnold, died, aged 47.

April 10. Gertrude, wife of Jeremiah Smith, died, aged 77.

April 13. The common council appropriated \$50 towards purchasing a bell for the Third Dutch Reformed Church in Ferry street.

April 16. Mary, wife of James Sickles, died, aged 66.

April 18. A meeting of citizens was held at the Capitol, to deliberate on the construction of the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road; Jared L. Rathbone chairman, Thomas W. Olcott and Erastus Corning vice-chairmen; H. G. Wheaton and J. Q. Wilson secretaries. A series of resolutions was introduced by S. De Witt Bloodgood, for the active prosecution of the enterprise.

April 21. An *ostensorium*, partly silver, was stolen

out of St. John's church in this city; a reward of \$100 was offered for the thief.

The chamberlain reported the city debt to be \$388,187.29. The receipts for the past year were \$254,832.39; expenditures \$246,055.47.

April 23. Andrew Kerker died, aged 23.

April 24. William Boyd died, aged 65.

April 26. Israel Williams died, aged 55.

Alexander Cameron died, aged 39.

Mary, wife of Henry Smith, died, aged 29.

Wm. W. Staats, formerly of Albany, died at Penn Yan.

April 27. Jared L. Rathbone resigned the office of mayor of the city.

April 29. Mary, wife of Robert Morrow, died.

April 30. Orren Lincoln died, aged 47.

May 5. Charter election; polls open one day from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. The whigs carried the city.

## WHIGS.

## DEMOCRATS.

*First Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	Jared L. Rathbone,..	651	Erastus Corning,.....	501
<i>Aldermen,</i>	G. V. S. Bleecker,..	666	Barent P. Staats,.....	488
	John D. Hewson,..	660	A. C. Southwick,.....	473
<i>Assistants,</i>	James McClure,....	670	Isaiah Townsend,.....	474
	Wm. Broadman,....	669	Stephen G. Mink,.....	474

*Second Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	Jared L. Rathbone,..	512	Erastus Corning,.....	389
<i>Aldermen,</i>	George Merrifield,..	507	Daniel S. Kittle,.....	386
	Visscher Ten Eyck, .	484	Eli Perry,.....	412
<i>Assistants,</i>	Thos. Kirkpatrick, ..	504	Nathaniel Gallup,.....	390
	Spencer S. Benedict, .	504	John McKnight,.....	390

*Third Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	Jared L. Rathbone,..	361	Erastus Corning,.....	267
<i>Aldermen,</i>	John Groesbeck,....	372	Seth Hastings,.....	248
	Arnold Nelson,....	349	Beriah Douglas,.....	237
<i>Assistants,</i>	Henry Russell,.....	354	N. N. Quakenbush,....	249
	S. Van Vecthen,....	365	C. Ten Broeck,.....	261

*Fourth Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	Jared L. Rathbone,..	537	Erastus Corning,.....	528
<i>Aldermen,</i>	James Robinson,....	551	G. Hanford,.....	508
	Joel R. Dickerman, ..	556	C. Vosburgh,.....	504
<i>Assistants,</i>	Thos. McMullen, ...	540	P. Cagger,.....	513
	H. C. Whelpley,....	540	J. Osborn,.....	516

## WHIG.

## DEMOCRAT.

*Fifth Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	Jared L. Rathbone,..	410	Erastus Corning,.....	414
<i>Aldermen,</i>	Thos. McElroy,.....	435	R. I. Ferris,.....	385
	Zebina Belknap,....	413	C. Chapman,*.....	413
<i>Assistants,</i>	J. M. D. McIntyre,.	423	H. Q. Hawley,.....	400
	N. G. King,.....	427	A. Carroll,.....	398

May 5. Gerrit R. Van Zandt died, aged 72.

May 9. Edmund B. Child died ; several years printer of the American Masonic Record, and of the Albany Directory.

May 14. The legislature adjourned, having passed 318 laws.

A person of infinite leisure took the following account of vehicles and persons that passed the Montgomery Hall in South Market street, below Hudson, between the hours of 4 o'clock in the morning and 8 in the evening, after which hour he ceased to keep count, although more were then passing than at any previous hour.

Foot,.....	9,762
Wagons,.....	407
Stages,.....	146
Carts,.....	193
Horse and man,.....	41

The expenditures of the Fire Department for six years ending May 1st, were as follows :

1835	\$3,477.16	1838	\$ 3,834.60
1836	5,679.69	1839	4,107.98
1837	6,847.94	1840	10,950.30

May 15. Catharine, widow of Capt. Hugh Boyd, died, aged 67.

Stephen Lush Bradford died.

June 1. Barent Bleecker, died, aged 80. He was some time president of the Bank of Albany.

June 7. John D. Barry, pilot, died, aged 40.

Judith, widow of Capt. Elihu S. Bunker, died, aged 59.

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\* There were two ballots for C. Chapman which were counted and gave him a seat in the board.

June 14. Wm. J. Staats died, aged 29.

June 16. Judah Colt died, aged 33.

Edward Livingston died, a public man of distinction and talents; had been clerk of the assembly, district attorney, city representative, and speaker of the assembly.

John Selkirk died.

June 26. Ann Elizabeth, wife of Azor Taber, died, aged 25.

Mrs. Mary Milway died, aged 60.

Frederick P. James died, aged 42.

June 27. The friends of "Tippecanoe and *Tyler too*," raised a log cabin on the corner of Maiden lane and Dean street, as a part of the election machinery of what was termed the hard cider campaign. Persons from every town in the county assisted with enthusiasm in the construction, and it was finished in one day. At 12 o'clock the workmen were called to dinner by the blowing of a horn, in the loft of Grenville Slack's store, on the opposite corner; it consisted of corn bread baked by Stephen Paddock, pork and beans, cold ham, &c., and cider.

Ben. Atkins died, aged 44.

June 29. Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Benjamin V. Clench, died.

June 30. James Merrifield died, aged 52.

July 4. The oration on the occasion of this anniversary was delivered by Uriah Marvin, Jr.; reading the Declaration by George Vance, Jr.

At the celebration by the Young Men's Association, the oration was delivered by Robert H. Pruyn; the Declaration was read by B. R. Spelman; poem by Thomas H. Cushman.

July 6. James Hooghkirk died, aged 37.

July 14. Annah Elizabeth, wife of John S. Goold, died, aged 23.

July 15. Robert Packard, late of the firm of Packard and Van Benthuyzen, died, aged 66.

July 19. Linas McCabe died at Ballston.

July 20. A petition was presented to the common



council, signed by Dr. Charles D. Townsend and 180 others, owners and occupants of property in North Market street, praying that the name of said street might be changed to Broadway.

A remonstrance of Teunis Van Vechten and 60 others was presented against the proposed change.

The name of Capitol street was changed to Park street.

July 23. Elijah Brainerd died, aged 56.

July 25. Joseph L'Amoureux died, aged 56.

July 26. Daniel Manning died, aged 38.

July 27. Rev. Robert McKee died, aged 42.

Peter Germond died, aged 60.

July 28. Isaac Van Wie died, aged 65.

July 30. Dr. P. C. Dorr died, aged 42.

July 31. William Smith died, aged 60.

Aug. 2. Margarete Ryckman died, aged 72.

Aug. 3. Catharine, wife of John S. Putnam, died at Buffalo, aged 20.

The common council resolved to change the name of North Market street to Broadway, by the following vote: *Ayes*—Messrs. Boardman, Groesbeck, King, McElroy, McIntyre, Merrifield, Nelson, Robinson, Ten Eyck, 9. *Noes*—Messrs. Hewson, McClure, Van Vechten, 3.

Aug. 5. Alexander Cumming died, aged 76.

Rebecca Hendrickson died, aged 46.

Aug. 10. Caleb Johnson died, aged 49.

Aug. 18. Nelson Sweet died, aged 43.

Mrs. Matilda Cunningham died, aged 43.

Aug. 20. Richard Marvin died, aged 53. He was a native of Lyme, Conn., and had been successfully engaged in business here upwards of thirty years. He was for a long time a frequent contributor to the columns of the *Daily Advertiser*, and was peculiarly felicitous and pungent in his style. The very happy and beautiful sketch of the reception of Lafayette in 1824 was from his pen.

Aug. 22. The draw of the bridge across the basin at the foot of State street fell, while a large crowd was

standing upon it, attracted by the attempt of an insane man to escape, and 21 persons were drowned.

Aug. 25. Mary Pettinger died, aged 59.

Barent G. Staats died, aged 78.

Aug. 26. George Kirk died, aged 81 ; father of the Rev. E. N. Kirk.

Wm. McIntosh died, aged, 28.

Aug. 30. Elizabeth Anne, wife of Marcus T. Reynolds, died.

Sept. 6. Nelson W. Scoville died at Gaines, Orleans county.

Sept. 9. The Eureka, steam boat, Capt. Sherman, made her first appearance at the dock. The engines and boilers of the late Novelty were transferred to this boat.

Sept. 10. Jesse H. Montgomery died, aged 30.

Sept. 16. Wilhelmus Ryckman died, aged 81.

Sept. 19. A daily campaign paper, called the *The Unionist*, was commenced, edited by C. Loveridge and others.

Sept. 21. Lansing Visscher died, aged 42.

Sept. 24. John D. Smith died, aged 46.

The steam boat Albany made her trip in 8h. 27½m.

Sept. 28. Mrs. Catharine Bonner died, aged 69.

Oct. 3. Elisha Kane died at Washington, where he was navy agent, aged 63. He was long time a merchant of distinction in New York.

Oct. 6. Charles B. Fry died, aged 26.

Oct. 7. John Abbott died at Georgetown, D. C., aged 71. He was a native of Albany, and at one time engaged in commerce at St. Domingo, whence he escaped with the loss of his property during the massacre at that place.

Francis Walsh died, aged 29.

Oct. 13. Elizabeth Wendell died in Hudson.

Oct. 22. Jonathan Hoard, a soldier of the Revolution, died, aged 87.

Oct. 23. Mary Cassidy died, aged 52.

Oct. 29. Charles Cotton died, aged 32.

- Oct. 30. John Cutler died, aged 55.
- Nov. 8. Nancy, widow of John Gray, died, aged 49.
- Nov. 12. Calvert Chadwick died, aged 45.
- Nov. 13. Charlotte, widow of Benj. D. Packard, died, aged 52.
- Nov. 15. John S. Godley died, aged 26.  
 Maria L., daughter of the late Dr. Elias Willard died.  
 Edward H. Cooke, formerly of Albany, died at Little Rock, Arkansas.  
 Lois Maria, wife of Henry Holmes, died, aged 33.
- Nov. 18. At a meeting of the St. Nicholas Benevolent Society, held at the Mansion House, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:  
 Harmanus Bleecker, president.  
 Teunis Van Vechten, John S. Van Rensselaer and J. V. L. Pruyn, vice-presidents.  
 Robert H. Pruyn, secretary.  
 Charles B. Lansing, treasurer.  
 Isaac N. Wyckoff and Samuel Kissam, chaplains.  
 John S. Van Alstyne and John H. Trotter, physicians.  
 Wm. H. Fonday, B. S. Van Rensselaer, C. Ten Broeck, J. C. Van Schoonhoven, P. W. Groot, S. Van Vechten, P. E. Elmendorf, Francis Pruyn, A. Van Vechten, P. G. Dox, managers.  
 John V. D. H. Van Wie died, aged 24.  
 Cornelia, wife of Lawrence L. Schuyler, died, aged 33.
- Nov. 19. Minerva, wife of George Wait, died, aged 25.
- Nov. 20. Lucy, widow of Ephraim Snow, died, aged 60.  
 Alvin F. Baldwin died, aged 45.
- Nov. 24. Jane Elizabeth, wife of H. H. Little, died, aged 24.
- Nov. 26. David A. Kerker died, aged 28.
- Nov. 27. Mary, wife of David Hosford, died, aged 54.
- Nov. 27. William S. Boyd died, aged 32.
- It appeared by the report of the harbor master, that the trade and commerce of the city was as follows:

Steam boats,.....	27
Tow boats,.....	51
Schooners,.....	166
Sloops,.....	202
Scows,.....	1
Brigs,.....	1
Total tonnage,.....	39,016

Nov. 29. Thaddeus Kingsley died, aged 82 ; a soldier of the revolution.

Nov. 30. Mrs. Catharine Coyne died, aged 28.

Dec. 1. Mrs. Eleanor Lloyd died, aged 74.

Dec. 4. Margaret, wife of James Young, died, aged 71.

The population of the city was reported by the canvassers to have been 33,627, being an increase of about 36 per cent in the lapse of ten years ; the population of 1830 was 24,209.

	White males.	White females.	Colored males.	Colored females.	Total.
First Ward,.....	4,531	4,810	197	245	9,783
Second " .....	3,192	3,482	56	69	6,800
Third " .....	1,902	2,135	38	65	4,140
Fourth " .....	3,418	3,666	61	80	7,225
Fifth " .....	2,686	2,927	26	40	5,679
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	15,729	17,021	378	499	33,627.

The population in 1835 was 28,109.

Dec. 16. Jane Ann Morrison died, aged 22.

Dec. 21. Mary, wife of Alex. H. Beatty, died, aged 46.

The common council were making examinations with a view to introducing water from the Patroon's creek. James McClure from the select committee on the subject reported that Mr. Van Rensselaer would lease water from the creek for \$800 per annum. A survey was advised, and an application to the legislature for a charter.

Dec. 24. Benjamin Covell, a revolutioner, died, aged 88; formerly of Troy.

Dec. 27. Sarah Jane, wife of Tho. Dobbs, died, aged 39.

Dec. 28. Jacob Leddings, convicted of the murder of his wife in Bethlehem, was executed in the jail.

Dec. 30. Cornelia, widow of N. Kittle, died, aged 78

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Dec. 31. A meeting of citizens was held at the Young Men's Association rooms to take into consideration the propriety and importance of purchasing a plat of ground for a new public cemetery. Archibald McIntyre was called to the chair, and Ira Harris appointed secretary. Resolutions were reported by a committee consisting of Teunis Van Vechten, Amos Dean, Marcus T. Reynolds, Thomas W. Olcott, Gerrit Y. Lansing and Lewis Benedict. A committee was chosen to select a site and suggest a plan of organization, which consisted of B. T. Welch, Stephen Van Rensselaer, John A. Dix, John Q. Wilson, James Horner, Anthony M. Strong, Peter Gansevoort, Thomas W. Olcott, Ezra P. Prentice, John Y. Wendell, Ellis Baker, Ira Harris, Otis Allen.

Dec. 31. James W. Daniels died at Woodstock, New Brunswick, aged 27.

## 1841.

Jan. 5. The publishers of the New York American ran an express from this city to New York in 12h. 40m. This was thought to have been the quickest trip ever made by land.

Jan. 8. The warm rain which had fallen in torrents during two days, cleared the ice from the river, and flooded the streets near the docks.

Jan. 9. The freshet was within a few inches as high as the extraordinary one of 1839, and every thing in the lower part of the city was afloat.

Jan. 10. Josiah Burton died in New York, aged 34.

James McKown resigned the office of recorder, which he had held fifteen years with distinguished ability. During the term of his office he had often presided in the mayor's court, without ever losing a day. He was succeeded by William Parmelee.

Jan. 13. Mrs. Ann Thomas died, aged 85.

Jan. 19. William Bement died, aged 75.

Jan. 20. Jacob T. B. Van Vechten died, aged 40; some time judge-advocate-general of the state.

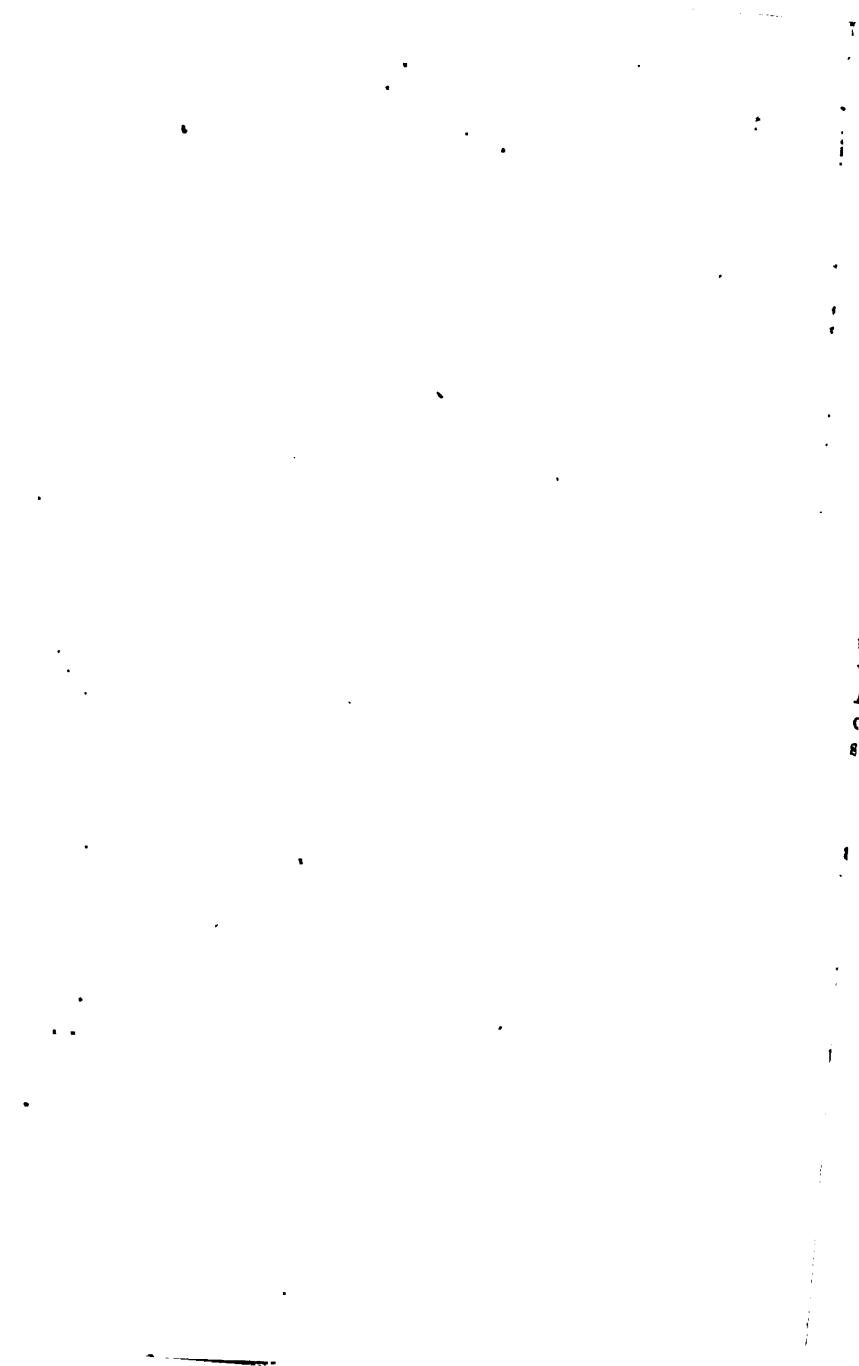
Jan. 23. Charles E. Dudley died, aged 60. His father











was the king's collector of the customs in Rhode Island, at the commencement of the Revolution, and educated his son at Newport; who came to Albany in 1819, and engaged in mercantile pursuits, during which he made one or more voyages to India. He had filled the offices of mayor of the city, and state and United States senator; and his name was associated with most of the improvements of the day.

Jan. 30. A meeting of citizens was held at the Young Men's Association rooms to take into consideration the propriety of an application to the legislature for a charter to build a bridge across the Hudson river-at this city. The mayor presided, and the meeting was addressed by Samuel Stevens and John V. L. Pruyn. The frequent breaking up of the ice during this winter, which rendered the river impassable for many days, and the near completion of the rail road to communicate with Boston were thought to be strong and sufficient reasons for providing without delay the means of crossing the river at all times. A committee was appointed to make the proposed application to the legislature, and to take all other necessary steps to expedite the business in hand.

Jan. 31. Hannah, wife of Edwin Thomas, died, aged 39.

Feb. 4. Thomas Waugh died, aged 37.

Feb. 5. Mary Sanford, wife of Peter Gansevoort, died, aged 27.

Hugh H. Van Steenbergh died, aged 21.

Feb. 6. Cornelia Maria, wife of Moses Cooke, died.

Feb. 10. Matthew Gill died, aged 68.

Feb. 12. Anne, wife of C. F. Pruyn, died at Bath, Rens. Co., aged 47.

Feb. 15. Mrs. Janet Winton died, aged 68.

Lydia Sybil, daughter of Oliver Kane, died in New York.

Feb. 18. Ann, widow of George Knowler, died, aged 60.

Feb. 19. Mr. Nichols, manager of the Amphitheatre appropriated the profits of the performances to the Apprentices' library, which yielded \$173. The tragedy of George Barnwell was enacted on the occasion.

Feb. 20. James G. Brooks, formerly editor of the *Albany Daily Advertiser*, died.

Feb. 23. At a special meeting of the common council, Mr. McElroy from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported favorably on dividing the city into ten wards, and the holding of the annual charter election on the second Tuesday in April, the day on which the town elections are held, and the charter election in New York also. It was thought that this change would prevent the presence of traveling voters. Application was directed to be made to the legislature for the proposed changes in the charter.

Feb. 26. James Aikman, late of Albany, died at Charleston, S. C.

March 1. E. P. Prentice and others, owners of property in Fox street, petitioned the common council to change the name of that street to Canal street.

March 3. The chief engineer of the fire department reported that for a period of more than six months there had been but three fires, and the total loss occasioned by them, did not exceed \$250.

March 4. A jubilee was held by the friends of William Henry Harrison, who assumed the duties of president on this day. The ceremonies began with the firing of cannon at sunrise; fire works were displayed in the evening at the Capitol, and an inauguration ball closed the programme.

David Godden died, aged 58.

March 6. N. L. Arms died, aged 47.

March 7. Hetty, wife of John Van Zandt, died.

March 10. Dinah, wife of Peter Keyser, died, aged 36.

March 13. Catherine Augusta, daughter of John Trotter, died, aged 25.

March 14. Augustus C. Dutcher, died at Mobile, aged 27.

March 21. Jotham Hancock died at Suffield, Conn., aged 48.

March 21. Joseph Ives died, aged 55; formerly a highly respectable merchant, but for many years the victim of

an incurable lunacy, which led him to enact the most singular and grotesque freaks.

March 23. The ice broke up opposite the city, but remained firm below.

March 26. The steam boat Utica, Capt. Shultz, arrived, the first boat of the season. The river had been frozen up nearly four months.

The assembly committee on the bridge over the Hudson at Albany, reported adversely.

Henry A. Bancraft died at Sandy Hill, aged 42.

Gen. Solomon Van Rensselaer was reinstated in the post office, from which he had been removed but a short time before.

March 27. Henry G. Wheaton was appointed district attorney of the county of Albany.

March 29. Elizabeth Van Rensselaer, widow of John Bleecker, died, aged 78.

March 30., Susan, wife of William Cooper, died.

April 2. Timothy Powers, a revolutionary soldier, died, aged 90.

April 3. William Akin died at Greenbush, aged 73.

April 4, Edmund Van Loon died, aged 24.

April 5. William Easton died, aged 77.

April 6. Intelligence of the death of president Harrison was received.

April 10. Funeral honors were paid to the late president Harrison. The exercises were held in the Second Presbyterian church, and in the evening of the following day, the fire department had a torch light procession ; it was delayed by the inclement weather.

April 11. Lydia, widow of Matthew Visscher, died, aged 88.

April 13. The charter election resulted as follows:

	WHIG.		DEMOCRAT.
		<i>First Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor,</i>	Teunis Van Vechten,	89	G. Y. Lansing,..... 205
<i>Aldermen,</i>	Joseph Fry,.....	95	John Simpson,..... 203
	Wm. Bissell,.....	81	Francis Bryan,..... 206
<i>Supervisor,</i>	Peter Van Buren,....	73	Andrew Moore,..... 229

*Second Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	Teunis Van Vechten, 207	G. Y. Lansing,.....	266
<i>Aldermen,</i>	Thomas Guest,..... 222	Thos. Blank,.....	255
	Daniel Fry,..... 209	W. P. Malburn,.....	265
<i>Supervisor,</i>	Peter Van Buren,.... 216	Andrew Moore,.....	259

*Third Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	Teunis Van Vechten, 364	G. Y. Lansing,.....	230
<i>Aldermen,</i>	G. V. S. Bleecker,.. 382	B. W. Hand,.....	333
	Wm. Stead,..... 371	John J. Hill,.....	306
<i>Supervisor,</i>	C. W. Bender,..... 372	Lemuel Steele,.....	326

*Fourth Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	T. Van Vechten,.... 419	G. Y. Lansing,.....	284
<i>Aldermen,</i>	John D. Hewson,.. 441	Samuel Cheever, ....	266
	Chas. S. Olmsted,.. 420	Benj. Thomas,.....	270
<i>Supervisor,</i>	Horace Meech,..... 441	Philip Phelps,.....	268

*Fifth Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	T. Van Vechten,.... 273	G. Y. Lansing,.....	261
<i>Aldermen,</i>	J. Q. Wilson,.. .... 274	John K. Paige,.....	261
	R. C. Russell,..... 269	Ed. Brinkerhoof,....	254
<i>Supervisor,</i>	Geo. Dexter,..... 283	E. R. Satterlee,.....	255

*Sixth Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	T. Van Vechten,.... 275	G. Y. Lansing,.....	185
<i>Aldermen,</i>	Thos. McElroy,.... 244	D. V. N. Radcliff,....	168
	Thaddeus Joy,.... 275	C. Ten Broeck,.....	220
<i>Supervisor,</i>	Samuel Prunyn,.... 277	A. Colburn,.....	181

*Seventh Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	T. Van Vechten,.... 178	G. Y. Lansing,.....	252
<i>Aldermen,</i>	Jas. F. Whitney,.. 177	Chas. Chapman,.....	254
	John W. Cluett,.... 182	John Kenyon,.....	244
<i>Supervisor,</i>	J. M. Newton,.... 161	D. D. Shaw,.....	264

*Eighth Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	T. Van Vechten,.... 132	G. Y. Lansing,.....	267
<i>Aldermen,</i>	Wm. Davis,..... 135	John McKnight,.....	272
	John Pemberton,.... 133	Wm. B. Stanton,....	258
<i>Supervisor,</i>	Wm. B. Scott,..... 148	Jas. A. Putnam,.....	247

*Ninth Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	T. Van Vechten,.... 325	G. Y. Lansing,.....	229
<i>Aldermen,</i>	Geo. Merrifield,.... 341	Eli Perry,.....	248
	Thos. Kirkpatrick,.. 335	J. Smith Jr.,.....	175
<i>Supervisor,</i>	J. D. Livingston, .. 350	D. H. Cary,.....	215

*Tenth Ward.*

<i>Mayor,</i>	T. Van Vechten,.... 187	G. Y. Lansing,.....	160
<i>Aldermen,</i>	Michael Artcher,.... 191	R. W. Peckham,....	170
	Joshua I. Jones,.... 179	Jacob Henry,.....	158
<i>Supervisor,</i>	J. D. Livingston,.... 187	D. H. Cary,.....	164

April 16. The steam boat South America arrived, to take the place of the Rochester in the People's line.

April 18. Hosea Hewlet died, aged 53.

April 21. Daniel Peck died, aged 55.

April 26. The name of Bass street was changed to Bleecker street, in honor of G. V. S. Bleecker.

Isaac A. Quakenbush died at Schenectady, aged 74. He had recently resided at Erie, Pa., and was a lawyer.

April 27. Mrs. Catharine Phelps died, aged 78.

An act passed the legislature incorporating the Albany Gas Light Company.

April 28. Mrs. Maria Denniston died, aged 89.

April 29. Ariantje Wendell died at Greenwich, aged 92.

April 30. Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Norton, died, aged 77.

May 1. Simon Glen died, aged 68.

The low buildings, south-west corner of State and Broadway, were taken down, and a four story block erected, known as Douw's Building.

May 2. A great snow storm set in about noon. The river was already so much swollen by rains, as to overflow the docks.

May 3. The trustees of the newly organized synagogue of Beth Jacob applied to the common council for a burial ground.

May 6. Rhoda, wife of Charles Barker, died.

May 7. Gertrude, wife of Cornelius Duane and daughter of the late Wm. Robison of this city, died in Schenectady, aged 28.

May 8. It was announced as a march of improvement that some one had started a cab in the city. That kind of vehicle entirely disappeared in 1857.

May 10. James Carmichael died, aged 68.

James Requa died, aged 52.

May 11. Waldo Corbit died, aged 44.

May 12. George W. Weed was reelected clerk of the common council.

May 13. Lydia, widow of Salem Dutcher, died, aged 63.

The steamboat Troy made the down ward trip from Albany to New York in 8h. 10½m., which was claimed as the quickest trip that had ever been made.

May 20. Levi S. Chapman died at sea.

May 21. The common council resolved to remove the South Market and lease the ground for a steam boat landing, \$1,500 per annum being offered for it on a lease of five years.

May 22. Thomas B. Hewson died, aged 37.

Parmelia, wife of Wynant Crannell, died, aged 39.

May 23. George Loomis died, aged 79.

May 25. The Jewish Congregation of Beth Jacob dedicated their synagogue No. 8 Rose street, believed to be the first in the city.

Charles L. Astin died, aged 26 ; formerly attached to the Amphitheatre.

The books for subscriptions to the Albany Gas Light Company were opened.

26. The legislature adjourned after a session of 140 days, and the passage of 352 laws.

May 31. William Hughes died ; he had long occupied the Mineral Spring Garden.

The chamberlain reported the city debt to be \$395,532.43. The actual cash receipts were \$241,662.46 ; the expenditures \$237,739.13.

June 1. Richard Rosekrans died, aged 20.

June 3. Eunice Eliza, wife of Solomon Drullard, died, aged 30.

June 5. Mrs. Mary Ann Dey Ermand, died, aged 54.

June 7. Elizabeth, wife of William C. Locherty, died, aged 41.

Wm. Brandon died, aged 27.

Mrs. Sarah Goodwin, died, aged 69.

June 9. Sarah, wife of Jacob N. Clute, died, aged 85.

June 14. The common council after several unsuccessful attempts during more than a month, succeeded in electing officers.

Hazael Kane, police justice.

- June 14. Robert H. Pruyn, city attorney.  
W. R. Coulson and Calvin Pierson, high constables.
- June 16. Aaron Thorpe died, aged 52.
- June 18. Reuben Fuller died, aged 72.
- June 20. James King, an eminent lawyer, died, aged 52. He had been a member of the board of regents of the university; and since the death of Simeon De Witt, chancellor.
- June 21. Samuel S. Lush, an eminent lawyer, and some time a member of assembly, died, aged 58.
- June 22. A fire on the dock destroyed five small buildings of little value, but a laboring man lost his chest containing \$240. It was the largest fire that had occurred for nearly a year.
- June 28. A law was passed by the common council for filling a part of the Hudson street pond.
- July 2. Alexander Davidson, died, aged 80.
- July 4. There were three distinct celebrations of the day.
- The civic and military procession marched to the North Methodist church, where the oration was pronounced by John A. Dix, and the Declaration read by Thomas McMullen.
- The Young Men's Association marched to the Second Presbyterian church, where the oration was delivered by Arthur C. Southwick, and the Declaration read by E. N. Horsford, and a poem by F. W. Cole.
- The Temperance societies made a procession through the principal streets to the Second Reformed Dutch church, where an oration was delivered by Benj. Nott, and the Declaration was read by Matthew Trotter.
- July 9. Catharine, wife of Charles Coates, died.
- July 11. Mrs. Angeline Brinkerhoff died, aged 63.
- July 12. Charles R. Wands died in New York, aged 47.
- July 13. Andrew Berger died, aged 72.
- July 14. Thomas Morgan, died, aged 84.
- A Bethel church was opened on the pier, near the



Hamilton street bridge, for the accommodation of such as were employed upon the river and canal.

July 20. A meeting of citizens was held at the Capitol for the purpose of interchanging opinions in regard to a general bankrupt law. The meeting was called to order by John Q. Wilson, on whose motion Thaddeus Joy was appointed chairman. Officers were appointed, Teunis Van Vechten, president; and resolutions were offered by John S. Van Rensselaer, expressive of the expediency of the measure, and a committee appointed to proceed to Washington with them.

July 22. A meeting of mechanics was held at the City Hall, who were opposed to the system of state prison labor then in vogue, by which advantageous contracts were made by manufacturers for prison labor, which were disadvantageous to the state, and injurious to the industrial classes by reason of the competition it engendered. George Vance, sen., presided, and the meeting was addressed by H. H. Van Dyck. Although a considerable effort was made by the mechanics of the state to abate some of the evils complained of, nothing of importance was effected.

July 23. Ann Eliza, wife of James Christie, died, aged 27.

July 26. The common council removed Hazael Kane from the office of police justice.

July 27. The Board of Trade was organized, George W. Stanton, chairman; Daniel Fry, secretary; a constitution was adopted.

July 29. James Born died, aged 28.

Aug. 1. Maria Gansevoort died, aged 90.

Aug. 9. Cicero Loveridge was elected police justice. Charlotte, wife of Edward M. Larcher, died, aged 41.

Aug. 10. Lydias, widow of Stephen Lush, died, aged 82.

Aug. 13. John Fisher died, aged 81; a native of Scotland.

Cathline, widow of Henry Van Benthuisen, died, aged 79.

Aug. 15. Martha, wife of Robert Bromley, died, aged 65.

Aug. 16. A fire destroyed all the out houses belonging to the Almshouse ; loss \$4,000.

Aug. 22. John Ezra Reese died, aged 28.

Aug. 24. Albert Ryckman died, aged 77.

Mrs. Susanna Van Heusenburgh died, aged 85.

Ambrose S. Townsend died, aged 28.

Sept. 2. A meeting of citizens favorable to the protection of American industry by the government, was held at the Capitol ; Thomas W. Olcott president. Resolutions presented by Messrs. Reynolds, Stevens and J. V. L. Pruyn were adopted, and Joseph Blunt of New York addressed the meeting.

A State convention of mechanics was held for the purpose of organizing an opposition to the state prison system.

Mary Jane, wife of John Burley, died, aged 31.

Sept. 3. Huldah, wife of Richard Wilson, died.

Sept. 5. James Purcell died in New Orleans, aged 21.

Sept. 6. Gerrit Visscher died, aged 49.

Sept. 9. The sheriff Adams, having been obstructed in the discharge of his duty in the vicinity of the Helderberg, went out with a military posse, to make a sale of property for back rents. Very little was accomplished, most of the property having been removed, and there were no bidders for what remained.

Frederick Van Wormer died, aged 56.

The Board of Trade was fully organized by the election of John Townsend, president ; Erastus Corning, Charles Chapman and John Taylor, vice-presidents ; Daniel Fry, secretary ; and William McElroy treasurer.

Sept. 15. Elizabeth, wife of Thomas J. Wood, died, aged 27.

Sept. 16. Dr. John W. Van Loon died, aged 33.

A meeting of citizens called by the Board of Trade condemned the change of the terminus of the Mohawk and Hudson rail road, abandoning the head of State street, and adopting the foot of Ferry street. On the following

day another meeting was held consisting of another class of citizens, which deprecated the proceedings of the Board of Trade, and sanctioned the change made by the rail road company.

Sept. 19. Joshua Weldon, a soldier of the revolution, died, aged 84.

Sept. 20. Mary B. Douglass died, aged 22.

The ancient building adjoining the American Hotel on the east, having been undermined in excavating the adjoining lot, fell to the ground. This was formerly the house of Thomas Shipboy who died in 1798. (See *Annals*, vol. I. pp. 284-286.)

Sept. 22. Isaac H. Bogart died, aged 77.

The Mohawk and Hudson rail road company having commenced breaking up their track from the late depot in State street to the Junction, certain citizens organized a line of stages to compete with the road, which was so successful that on the 22d, they had taken a hundred passengers over the old turnpike road before 10 o'clock in the morning. The following statement shows how lively a business sprang up suddenly on the Schenectady turnpike, which was unknown to it in the palmiest days of staging on that ancient thoroughfare.

Oct. 20,.....	196	passengers
21,.....	200	do.
22,.....	289	do.

On the 23d, 27 stages went over, and passengers for five or six more offered. During the first seven days 1,698 passengers were carried over by the stages. Fare 50 cents.

Sept. 25. Elizabeth Bayard Campbell died at the Manor house of Stephen Van Rensselaer.

Cornelius Van Schelluyne died, aged 23.

Edgar B. Ten Broeck died in New Orleans, aged 20.

Sept. 26. The Rev. Mr. Hodge, pastor of the Green street Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon.

Rufus Brown died, aged 59.

Sept. 28. The South Dutch church, corner of Green and Ferry streets was burnt. The fire took in the cupola, and destroyed every thing but the walls. It was erected in 1837 at a cost of \$13,000, and was insured for \$5,000.

Catharine, wife of Henry Yates, died.

Sept. 30. A meeting of citizens was held at the Exchange building to confer on a mode of affording relief to the Third Dutch church, whose edifice had recently been destroyed by fire. A committee of one from each ward was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and church collections were recommended.

Thomas Welch died at Windham, Conn., aged 56.

Oct. 1. Audley P. Knower died, aged 27.

James Linacre died, aged 57.

Oct. 9. A line of 12 stages passed down State street from Schenectady, having 112 passengers.

Oct. 10. Edward C. Denison died, aged 51.

Oct. 12. Catherine Eliza, wife of Angus McNaughton died, aged 22.

Mrs. Louisa Hilton died, aged 34.

Oct. 13. Edward Henry Delavan died, aged 21.

Oct. 16. George S. Lansing died, aged 21.

Oct. 21. James Brammall died, aged 29.

Oct. 23. Maria E. Benne died.

Oct. 26. Ann Catharine, wife of John Hodge, died, aged 33.

Oct. 29. Fanny Danson died, aged 36.

Oct. 30. Margaret, daughter of Israel Smith, died, aged 27.

Nov. 2. The election resulted in favor of the Democrats. John A. Dix was elected to the assembly by a majority of 535 over Azor Taber. Erastus Corning was elected state senator by 571 majority.

Nov. 3. Mrs. Isabella Holmes died, aged 78.

Charlotta Augusta, wife of Stephen B. Hall, died, aged 23.

William L. Stillman died, aged 22.

Nov. 8. Eliza, wife of John T. Carpenter, died, aged 26.

Henry Carey died, aged 28.

Charlotte N., wife of Dr. D. Newcomb, died, aged 27.

Snow fell and the atmosphere had the appearance of winter.

Nov. 9. The corner stone of the Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Washington and Swan streets was laid with appropriate ceremonies by the Rev. Dr. Sprague, of the Second Presbyterian church. The exercises were held in the hall of the Capitol. The building is 72 feet by 44. It was under the pastoral charge of the Rev. James Rawson.

Nov. 10. Walter Clark died at Brooklyn, aged 63.

Nov. 11. Mrs. Jane Johnson, died, aged 41.

Nov. 12. Murdock McPherson died, aged 45.

William Porter died, aged 24.

Nov. 14. Helen C., wife of H. H. Seaver, died.

Nov. 16. A special meeting of the common council was called to deliberate upon a proposition of the directors of the Mohawk and Hudson rail road company. They offered to the city their State street property and \$150,000 in the bonds of the company if the city would undertake the expense of doing away with the inclined planes at both ends of the road, the bonds to be secured by a mortgage upon the whole road ; the eastern termination to be brought as near the centre of the city as possible, and to be used with locomotive power. The proposition was accepted 19 to 1 ; Mr. Malburn.

Nov. 16. Thos. Hastings Cushman died, aged 26. He early manifested a genius for drawing, and finally took up the art of engraving, which he prosecuted some time in this city with success and increasing reputation. In the fall of 1840, with impaired health growing out of the anxieties of managing an extensive concern, he unfortunately engaged in daguerreotyping, then an embryo art, which he introduced into this place, in connection with Prof. E. N. Horsford. His experiments were made

under exposure to the unhealthful fumes of the necessary materials, and in less than a year he laid the foundation for the total ruin of his health, which sank irretrievably under the anxieties and unhealthful application which it exacted; for he gave all his time and thoughts to the object before him, and secluded himself as completely as the ancient alchemist in search of the philosopher's stone; but the reward fell from his lifeless hand untasted, although he made important discoveries, and improved the instrument. He is the author of several poetic pieces, harmonious in diction, and sparkling with happy conceptions.

Abraham P. Staats died.

Nov. 19. Charles Fondey died at Boston, aged 21.

Nov. 22. Catalina Quakenbush died, aged 75.

Nov. 21. Jacob N. Clute, a revolutionary soldier, died, aged 82.

Nov. 25. Horace W. Buckley died in New York, aged 56.

Nov. 26. David Wood, president of the Canal Bank, died, aged 48.

Timothy Chapin, Jr. died, aged 51.

Nov. 27. Henry Knower died, aged 23.

Lemuel Pierce died, aged 65.

Nov. 30. Maria, wife of Titus Bastianelli, died, aged 28.

Erastus Meacham died at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Dec. 4. The river was open to navigation, after having been closed.

Dec. 13. Mrs. McClure died, aged 63.

J. Hall and 42 others petitioned the common council for the removal of the Arbor Hill burial ground. At the same meeting Sanford Cobb was removed from the office of chamberlain for appropriating the city funds to his own use, and John Q. Wilson appointed temporarily.

Dec. 14. Mrs. Elizabeth Pollock died, aged 95.

Dec. 16. Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Brower, died, aged 33.

Dec. 17. Matilda, wife of George Patterson, died, aged 26.

Dec. 19. The locomotives of the Western Rail Road Company came through to Greenbush, thus uniting Albany to Boston by a continuous rail road. The completion of this road opened a winter route to New York by the way of Hartford and New Haven in 32 hours without night travel.

C. W. Bender was appointed city chamberlain, and Isaac Hempstead chamberlain's clerk.

Dec. 20. The river was closed by ice.

Dec. 21. Mrs. Orpha Strickland, died, aged 53.

Dec. 22. The thermometer was 2 degrees below zero.

Dec. 23. Rev. Duncan Kennedy was installed pastor of the North Dutch church.

Dec. 24. Margaretta, wife of Wm. Parmelee, died at Langsingburgh, aged 23.

Mrs. Nancy Saunders died, aged 63.

Dec. 28. A celebration in honor of the completion of the Western rail road took place. The train brought 125 delegates from Massachusetts, who were escorted from the ferry by the military. A dinner was given at Stanwix Hall, by Mr. Landon of Congress Hall.

Dec. 31. Nathaniel Cook, died in New York, aged 43.

### 1842.

Jan. 1. Lyman Root, an eminent merchant, died, aged 63. He had been identified with the commercial prosperity of the city during forty years, and by well directed enterprise and integrity acquired property and esteem.

Peter Roggen died, aged 52.

Jan. 3. Eliza, wife of Daniel Duesler, died, aged 27.

Jan. 9. William Hendrickson, died, aged 37.

Jan. 10. Robert Orr, died, aged 80.

Jan. 13. Maria A., wife of Hiram Bromley, died, aged 32.

Jan. 14. Jerome Beals died, aged 23.

Jan. 16. Charlotte, wife of Thomas Hewson, died, aged 65.

Jan. 17. Robert Carson died, aged 38.

Elizabeth, widow of Abraham Cuyler, died.

Jan. 18. Thermometer 50 deg. above zero.

Jan. 19. Ephraim De Witt died at Jersey City, aged 63.

Jan. 19. Sabra, wife of Nahum Rice, died at Lebanon Springs, aged 64.

Jan. 20. Robert Wilson Lawson died, aged 73.

Jan. 22. Elizabeth, wife of Charles Miller, died, aged 30.

Jan. 23. Eliza S., wife of Washington Phillips, died, aged 30.

Jan. 24. James Maddix died, aged 43.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church gave a concert, at which Braham, the famed English singer, participated.

Jan. 27. Christopher Oley died, aged 69.

Wm. Vandenberg died, aged 51.

Jan. 31. Stephen Gladding died in New Orleans, aged 37.

Feb. 1. Daniel S. Kittle died.

Gideon Hawley was chosen by the legislature a regent of the university in the place of the late James King.

H. Wendell, son of the late Harmanus A. Wendell, died in Philadelphia, aged 56.

Feb. 5. Peter Westervelt died, aged 60.

Feb. 6. A great freshet which cleared the river of ice, and the steam boat Telegraph, Capt. Brainerd, arrived from New York.

Elizabeth, daughter of Casparus F. Pruyn, died, aged 23.

Feb. 7. Daniel McKilvey died, aged 76.

Feb. 10. A. Ten Eyck Lansing died at Manheim, Herkimer co., aged 47.

Feb. 16. George Christie died, aged 34.

Feb. 17. Mrs. Cynthia Winne died, aged 75.

Feb. 18. Eben S. Wadley died, aged 30.

Isaac Pepper died, aged 22.

Feb. 19. James D. Fisher died, aged 42.

Mrs. Mary Freligh died, aged 84.

Feb. 26. Lucretia, wife of Wm. W. Frothingham, died, aged 44.



March 1. The river was open again, and a steam boat arrived from New York.

Alida D., wife of Allen F. Peck, died, aged 21.

March 3. George McPherson died at Columbiana, Ala., aged 22.

March 7. The common council, by a vote of 10 to 6, agreed to open South Pearl street 15 feet on the west side from State to Howard street.

Maria, wife of Peter C. Doyle, died, aged 40.

March 10. Charles Dillon died, aged 42.

March 11. Wm. P. Stone died, aged 33.

March 12. Catalina, wife of Chandler Foster, died, aged 30.

March 13. Mrs. Maria Strain died, aged 63.

Helena, wife of Dr. F. N. Selkirk, died.

March 14. Benjamin Gregory died, aged 68.

March 16. Sarah Anna, wife of James A. Hewson, died, aged 34.

March 18. Rebecca, wife of David Mink, died, aged 57.

March 21. Thomas Dowling died, aged 79.

March 22. Elizabeth, wife of James H. Peck, died.

March 27. John Berry died, in New York, aged 23.

Sarah, wife of Richard Sherwood, died, aged 30.

March 28. Mary, widow of Henry Turner, died at East Bloomfield, Ontario county.

March 31. Simeon De Groff died, aged 86.

Highest temperature of March 72 deg. ;  
lowest 12 deg.

April 2. Frances Ann, wife of Rev. John M. Van Buren, died, aged 24.

April 3. Jane Ann, daughter of Jesse Randall, died, aged 24.

April 4. Mrs. Jane Donnelly died, aged 80.

April 8. Oliver Kane died in New York, aged 75.

April 9. James Jordan died, aged 69.

April 10. Ananias Platt died, aged 80.

April 12. Emily Holland died, aged 38.

April 12. Charter election resulted in the success of the Democrats.

## DEMOCRATS.

## WHIGS.

		<i>First Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor.</i>	Barent P. Staats,.....	104	John Townsend,..... 104
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Wm. Chambers,.....	206	Stiles Mix,..... 132
	Wm. L. Osborn,.....	205	John A. Clark,..... 82
	John Simpson,.....	76	
	Francis Bryan,.....	39	
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Andrew Moore,.....	252	H. G. O. Rogers..... 112
		<i>Second Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats,.....	322	John Townsend,..... 190
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Wm. P. Malburn,..	318	Charles Conklin,..... 221
	David Burhans,.....	295	Daniel Smith,..... 187
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Andrew Moore,.....	299	H. G. O. Rogers,.... 206
		<i>Third Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats,.....	468	John Townsend,..... 319
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Bradford W. Hand,..	428	G. V. S. Bleecker,.. 361
	Argalus W. Starks,..	436	Seth F. Kelly,..... 343
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Wm. J. Fryer,.....	440	Miles Joy,..... 342
		<i>Fourth Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats,....	352	John Townsend,..... 387
<i>Aldermen.</i>	H. H. Martin,.....	318	Chauncey Whitney,.. 416
	Benj. Thomas,.....	322	Abram Koonz,..... 409
<i>Supervisor.</i>	Henry Rector,.....	318	H. Meech,..... 411
		<i>Fifth Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats,.....	287	John Townsend,..... 282
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Ed. Brinckerhoff,....	283	Visscher Ten Eyck,.. 295
	R. E. Temple,.....	281	Andrew White,..... 290
<i>Supervisor.</i>	E. R. Satterlee,.....	274	E. W. Skinner,..... 300
		<i>Sixth Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats,.....	247	John Townsend,..... 242
<i>Aldermen.</i>	James Maher,.....	231	John Groesbeck,..... 241
	C. Ten Broeck,.....	264	Jacob L. Winne,..... 251
<i>Supervisor.</i>	A. E. Brown,.....	238	Samuel Pruyn,..... 252
		<i>Seventh Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats,.....	291	John Townsend,..... 157
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Chas. Chapman,.....	293	Parker Sargent,..... 162
	J. Van Volkenburgh,.	278	Horace Pierce,..... 160
<i>Supervisor.</i>	D. D. Shaw,.....	288	David Martin,..... 157
		<i>Eighth Ward.</i>	
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats,.....	297	John Townsend,..... 130
<i>Aldermen.</i>	John McKnight,....	295	Josiah Winants,.... 133
	Jacob Downing,.....	292	Giles K. Winne,.... 134
<i>Supervisor.</i>	W. B. Stanton,.....	283	W. B. Scott,..... 146

	DEMOCRATS.		WHIGS.
	<i>Ninth Ward.</i>		
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats, . . . . .	266	John Townsend, . . . . . 375
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Jas. D. Wasson, . . . . .	271	Hazael Kane, . . . . . 366
	John I. Burton, . . . . .	277	Wm. R. Ford, . . . . . 358
<i>Supervisor.</i>	T. Carson, . . . . .	277	G. Traver, . . . . . 365
	<i>Tenth Ward.</i>		
<i>Mayor.</i>	B. P. Staats, . . . . .	234	John Townsend, . . . . . 246
<i>Aldermen.</i>	Garret Hogan, . . . . .	230	Michael Artcher, . . . . . 248
	R. W. Peckham, . . . . .	229	Joshua I. Jones, . . . . . 249
<i>Supervisor.</i>	T. Carson, . . . . .	226	George Traver, . . . . . 257

William Mayell received 43 votes as the abolition candidate for mayor.

April 15. Gertrude, wife of Wm. H. Hazard, died, aged 42.

April 16. Jane, widow of James Parker, died, aged 31.

April 19. Charles Smith died, aged 81; a revolutionary soldier.

April 20. Mary, wife of Thomas L. Hartness, died in New York, aged 30, and was buried from the residence of her mother, Mrs. Abigail Easton, 55 Maiden lane.

April 20. Mrs. Mary Brayton died at North Adams, aged 76.

April 23. Mrs. Elizabeth Malcolm died, aged 64.

April 24. Rosanna, wife of John McClintock, died, aged 31.

April 29. Harriet Maria, wife of Evert J. Lansing, died, aged 23.

The number of brick buildings from two to five stories, erected during the past year, was estimated at 250, mostly of a more courtly style of construction than before. The principal erections on State street were Douw's building, corner of State and Broadway; Blunt's Building, corner of South Pearl and State, and the five story store of Pruyn, Wilson & Vosburgh; in Broadway the store of Henry Newman.

May 5. Sarah Walsh, wife of Richard V. De Witt, died.

May 8. Jeannette B. James, wife of Wm. H. Barker, died.

May 9. At a meeting of the common council proposals were opened for supplying the Almshouse with meat, which varied from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cts. to 1 ct. a pound. The contract was given to J. C. F. Ladue at  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cents per pound.

May 10. At a meeting of the new board of common council, Barent P. Staats officiated as mayor, and the following officers were elected by a vote of 12 to 10.

James R. Rose, clerk.

John Osborn, marshal.

Andrew J. Colvin, attorney.

John Bratt, surveyor.

Aaron Hill, assistant surveyor.

S. V. R. Ableman, supt. Almshouse.

May 16. The board had before it the case of Engine Company No. 9, which, in revenge of some structures of the former board, had dragged their engine up before the City Hall and left it there. The new board having a democratic majority, they expected to be exonerated from the blame they had incurred in showing contempt of the late whig mayor; but they were ruled out by a vote of 10 to 9. This case exercised the board a good while, and resulted in the laying up of No. 9.

Capt. Samuel Schuyler died, aged 61.

May 17. Jane A., wife of Elias Colburn, died, aged 37.

May 20. Augustus Bruce died, aged 35; formerly of Wallingford, Vt.

May 22. The Methodist church, corner of Swan and Washington streets being completed, was dedicated.

May 23. Timothy H. Gidley died in Italy, aged 43.

May 26. Nancy, widow of Nehemiah Jenks, died, aged 72; formerly of Nantucket.

May 27. Dorcas, wife of Capt. David Olmsted, died, aged 71.

May 31. Le Roy D. L. Moody died, aged 46.

Capt. David Olmsted died, aged 72. He was a native of Ridgefield, Conn., and came to this city in 1798. He was engaged many years in navigating the Hudson, and was afterwards for a considerable time city super-

intendent. He survived his wife, with whom he had lived 54 years, but four days.

May 1. The receipts into the city treasury during the past year were \$197,639.16 ; the expenditures were \$193,877.50. The city debt, exclusive of the bonds issued on account of the Albany and West Stockbridge rail road, was \$435,732.43.

June 3. Garret W. Van Wie died, aged 73.

June 8. Josiah Whitney Carey died, aged 34.

June 12. Harriet N., wife of Joseph H. Howard, died at Hartford, Ct.

June 13. Catharine Maria De Witt died.

June 18. Anne, wife of Capt. Robert Wood, died.

June 22. A special meeting of the common council was called to reinstate Engine company No. 9. The recorder animadverted upon the call of a special meeting for such a purpose, and moved to adjourn. The vote upon the question of adjourning was 8 to 8, and the mayor gave his casting vote against the adjournment, when the whig members withdrew and left the board without a quorum.

June 23. Jane, wife of Robert Blackall, died, aged 43.

June 24. This day was devoted to a great temperance celebration ; the weather being fine and the arrangements extensive, it went off with great eclat.

June 27. Hugh Boyd died, aged 25.

John Kervin died, aged 31.

June 28. Wm. H. Gains died, aged 54.

July 4. There were four celebrations of the day. 1st, The General celebration, oration by Rev. Mr. Campbell ; reading declaration by Wm. N. Strong. 2d. Temperance celebration, oration by L. Sprague Parsons ; reading declaration by George W. Carpenter. 3d. Young men's Association, oration by Wm. H. Hill ; reading declaration by Isaac L. Lyon. At five o'clock in the afternoon, the wives and children of the Washingtonians (temperance societies) formed a procession with badges, and marched to the National Garden, where they held a celebration.

Anna, wife of Charles S. Olmsted, died, aged 40.

- July 5. Jane, wife of Patrick Murphy, died, aged 36.  
 July 7. Cynthia, wife of Giles Sanford, died.  
 July 8. Mrs. Elsie Pratt died, aged 45.  
 July 9. Sarah, wife of Benjamin Wilson, died, aged 74.  
 July 10. Rachel, widow of Isaac Hempsted, died, aged 72.  
 July 11. Lucinda, wife of Isaac Dickinson, died, aged 75.  
 July 12. Catharine, wife of Edward Mockery, died, aged 24.  
 July 16. Elizabeth, wife of Isaac N. Comstock, died.  
 July 19. Hannah H., wife of Eliphalet Steele, died at Oswego, aged 73.  
 July 20. Mary, daughter of James Maher, died, aged 22.  
 July 21. Mrs. Jane Fanyou died, aged 82.  
 July 23. Mrs. Rachael Van Wie died, aged 66.  
 The century plant which had been in the possession of Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer more than half a century, and which was now being brought to maturity by artificial heat, was opened to public exhibition at a small price for the benefit of the Orphan asylum.
- Aug. 1. Mrs. Magdalene Shoemaker died, aged 67.  
 Nicholas Whalen died, aged 32.  
 Aug. 3. Thomas Harvey died.  
 Aug. 5. Polly, wife of Joseph S. Clark, died, aged 54.  
 Benjamin Cooper died at Syracuse, aged 63.  
 Aug. 9. Thomas Perceval died at Havana.  
 Aug. 10. Sarah, wife of John Milliman, died, aged 48.  
 Aug. 13. John Galloway, who had resided here some twelve years, died near Stirling, Scotland.  
 Aug. 20. Anna, wife of John Stottler, died, aged 22.  
 Aug. 24. William H. Fondey died at Elizabethtown, N. J., aged 80.  
 Sarah, mother of Sybrant Kittle, died in Schenectady, aged 102.  
 Aug. 25. Mrs. Elizabeth Shell died, aged 87.  
 Aug. 26. Mrs. Mary Wright died, aged 71.  
 Sept. 4. Martha, widow of Joseph Weed, died at Syracuse, aged 65.

Sept. 4. Albert A. Smith, died, aged 38.

Sept. 5. William Sherwood died, aged 21.

Whole number of deaths during the month past, 54 ; males 30, females 24; of which 36 were under the age of 10.

Sept. 6. The common council, on motion of the mayor, B. P. Staats, appointed a competent person to translate the city documents that had been written in Dutch.

Sept. 11. Simon Cramond died, aged 38.

Sept. 13. The American aloe, or century plant, in the patroon's garden was now in bloom, and had the appearance represented in the engraving. This ancient denizen of the Manor garden, was purchased soon after the revolutionary war, at the sale of a confiscated estate in the city of New-York. It was then a well grown plant, and had now been standing in the green house of its present owner nearly sixty years, and was supposed to be between eighty and a hundred years old. For the

first time it now gave signs of putting forth a flower stem. When the bud appeared, it grew with astonishing rapidity (18 inches in 24 hours), and on this day it had



The Century Plant.

attained 21 feet in height ; and being a novelty, for very few had ever heard that such a plant existed anywhere, the numbers which visited it were very great, many coming from a great distance—one person came from Ohio expressly to see the phenomenon.

Sept. 17. A meeting of citizens opposed to altering the grade of State street, was held at the Capitol, Erastus Corning in the chair, which deprecated the extensive alterations being made by the common council in various parts of the city, at a time of great financial distress.

The South market, which had been erected over the old Watering place, was taken down, the lot filled and a dock built for a steam boat landing. As such it was leased to Isaac Newton for three years at \$1,000 a year.

Sept. 19. Oliver Teall, a soldier of the revolution, died, aged 84.

Sept. 20. Mrs. Christina Heaxt died, aged 102.

Sept. 23. John McAlpine died, aged 78.

Sept. 24. Dr. Ten Eyck Gansevoort died at Bath, Steuben co., aged 39 ; son of Conrad Gansevoort of Albany.

Sept. 26. R. Shepherd Clapp died, aged 24.

Sept. 28. Sarah C., wife of John I. Kane, died.

Sept. 29. William Nettle was elected chamberlain.

Oct. 3. At a meeting of the common council, the returns of the special election in the 10th ward for alderman were received : John Bucklin, 162 ; E. Thies, 94 ; Mr. Bucklin took his seat, in place of alderman Chapman, resigned.

Compensation was allowed the jurors for opening Hamilton and Dove streets.

Laws to open Herkimer street from Eagle to Lark, and for excavating and filling Morton street, were passed.

The board accepted the invitation of the New York common council to attend the Croton celebration.

Cicero Loveridge was removed from the office of police justice avowedly on the score of political opinions, and not for want of ability or from misconduct. Alderman Wm. L. Osborn was directed to take charge of the books and



papers in the office. The whigs had a minority of two in the board.

Oct. 5. Philip Miller died, aged 58.

Rebecca, widow of Samuel Shelley, died at Glenville, Schenectady co. She was the daughter of John Ledy, and it appears by the record in St. Peter's church that she was baptized in the year 1757.

Oct. 8. Eliza, wife of Thomas M. Wilson, died, aged 35.

Oct. 12. Ezra Amos, died, aged 27.

Oct. 17. Isaac D. Elliot died.

Samuel Norton died at Lyme, Ct., aged 73.

Oct. 18. The Washington Artillerists, Capt. Franklin Townsend, made their first target excursion.

Oct. 21. David Jackson died, aged 55.

Oct. 27. Cicero Loveridge died of scarlet fever, aged 31. As a political and general writer he distinguished himself as editor of the *Troy Morning Mail*; he possessed talents of a high order, and a soul alive to the most lofty and generous impulses.

John W. Leake died, aged 62.

Nov. 1. Mrs. Elizabeth Pepoon died, aged 72.

The century plant at the Patroon's garden having come to maturity, and been witnessed by a great number of persons, was removed to New York for exhibition there. The engraving opposite is a correct representation of it when it began to blossom. It was about 26 feet in height.

Nov. 8. Election. Daniel D. Barnard received 6,327 votes in the county for congress; James M. French, his opponent, 5,980. Willis Hall received 6,303 for Assembly; Bradford W. Hand 5,988.

Nov. 14. Alexander B. McDoual, some time a professor in the Albany Academy, died in Troy, aged 30.

Nov. 19. Andrew Miller died, aged 24.

Nov. 23. Daniel Pincott died, aged 20.

Nov. 26. Lewis Farnham died, aged 60.

James R. Webster died, aged 41.

Nov. 28. Catharine, wife of Isaac D. Guyer and daughter of Jonas Wickes, died, aged 23.



**The Century Plant at Maturity.**

- Nov. 28. Mrs. Catharine Fitzpatrick died, aged 45.
- Nov. 29. River closed.
- Dec. 2. Jane, wife of Abraham Herrick, died, aged 29.
- Dec. 4. Maria E. E., wife of J. Eustace Whipple, and daughter of the late John L. Viele, died at Lansingburgh, aged 26.
- Isabella, wife of Charles C. P. Chapman, died, aged 28.
- Martha Jane Blakeman died, aged 20.
- Dec. 10. Margaret, wife of Peter Cure, died, aged 47.
- Dec. 11. Margaret, wife of Benj. Austin, died, aged 82.
- Dec. 13. Freedom H., wife of R. H. Pitman, died, aged 24.
- Dec. 15. Malita, wife of Joseph S. Henshaw, died, aged 21.
- Dec. 20. Rev. Edward F. Allen, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church, died, aged 28. He had officiated in that church 6 years.
- Gertrude, wife of Abraham Van Vechten, of Catskill, died; daughter of the late Abraham Van Vechten, of this city.
- Dec. 22. Betsey Ingalls died, aged 50.
- Dec. 25. The large brick building, corner of South Lansing street and the dock, which had been occupied by Howard & Ryckman as a brewery, was destroyed by fire; loss \$10,000, insured for \$8,000.
- Dec. 29. Elizabeth, wife of Eldart J. Visscher, died, aged 26.
- Isabella, widow of Charles McPherson, died in New York, aged 86.
- Dec. 31. Rev. Frederick George Mayer, pastor of the Lutheran church, died. He had officiated 37 years.

1843.

- Jan. 2. Thermometer 10 deg. below zero.  
The governor's message was expressed to New York by horse power in 10h. 25m.
- Jan. 4. Thermometer 13. deg. below zero.

Jan. 4. Dr. John Scudder, the oculist, died.

Jan. 6. Sarah Ferguson died.

Jan. 16. Nathaniel M. Hazard died at Yorkville, aged 36.

Jan. 18. Martin Spencer died, aged 42.

Jan. 20. David Pruyn died, aged 72.

Wm. Henry Dickenson died, aged 44.

Jan. 21. The steamboat Oliver Elsworth, left her dock here, and in the language of the *Evening Journal*, "found a passage through the dammed ice at Barren Island." [For *Barren* read *Beeren*, which is good Dutch.]

The winter route to New York was by the Housatonic rail road.

Feb. 1. Redmond Hastings died at New Orleans of yellow fever, aged 26.

Feb. 2. Isaac Denniston, Jr., died.

Feb. 5. Esther, widow of Peter Rosekrans, died, aged 74.

Feb. 6. Austin Rising died, aged 29.

Feb. 10. Susan A., wife of R. D. Granger, died, aged 24.

William W. Crannell died, aged 32.

Aaron Springsted died, aged 39.

Feb. 15. Maria, wife of B. Bicknell, died, aged 41.

Feb. 17. Thermometer 15 deg. below zero.

Feb. 19. Elizabeth G., wife of Dr. L. Moore, and daughter of the late Horace Allen, died at Ballston, aged 34.

Mrs. Nancy Stevenson died, aged 59.

Feb. 22. James Van Ingen died, aged 76.

Feb. 23. George Vance, Jr., one of the publishers of the *Albany Atlas*, died.

A meeting was held at the Capitol for the purpose of organizing an Emigrant Society, Garret L. Dox, chairman; John Tracey, secretary. The following officers were elected:

Bradford R. Wood, president.

Teunis Van Vechten, John Q. Wilson, James McNaughton, and Thomas Gough, vice-presidents.

Anthony Gould, treasurer.

Arthur C. Southwick, secretary.

Wm. Cassidy, corresponding secretary.

And a board of 25 directors.

Feb. 24. Rosina M., wife of Andrew Colvin, died.

Feb. 27. Michael Brossett died, aged 68.

March 2. Robert Hunter died, aged 50. He was born in Londonderry, N. H., in 1793; removed to Palmyra in 1809, from which time till his death, he was engaged in the business of transportation. Until the completion of the canal he owned several of those cumbersome vehicles known as Pennsylvania six-horse wagons, one of which he drove himself for fifteen years. On the completion of the canal, he invested the whole of his earnings in the Pilot Line of canal boats, which by the mismanagement or dishonesty of agents in New York, brought ruin upon the association. Mr. Hunter soon found means to enable him to enter the Merchants' Line, in 1829, after which time his business relations expanded until he became prosperously concerned in the commerce of the Hudson river and the lakes, as well as the canal. He was at the time of his death president of the Canal Bank, and was the third president of that institution that had died within four years.

March 3. Joseph Dennison died. He was a native of Stonington, Ct., and came to this city in 1809, since which he had sustained the character of an intelligent merchant, a useful citizen and an honest man.

March 5. Harriet M., wife of Albert Conkling, and daughter of Erastus Hills, died, aged 22.

Harriet, wife of Stephen Van Schaick, died, aged 48.

March 6. The common council passed a law regulating the duties of the chief engineer of the fire department, and fixing his salary at \$600.

March 7. Amelia Gibbons, wife of Joab Stafford, died at Utica.

March 10. Richard Walker died, aged 53.

March 13. Magdalena, widow of Theodorus Van Wyck Graham, died, aged 77.

March 13. Isabella, widow of Finlay Stewart, died, aged 85.

March 14. Mary, wife of Col. John Taylor, died.

March 16. Nathaniel Smith, a soldier of the revolution, died, aged 82.

Mrs. Martha Hoffman died, aged 68; mother of Lewis G. Hoffman.

March 17. Otis Bishop died, aged 47.

A snow storm blocked up all the avenues to the city, and the country for a great distance around lay under three or four feet of snow.

Mrs. Cornelia Williamson died, aged 50.

March 20. Mrs. Jane Nugent died, aged 67.

March 22. John Weaver died, aged 69.

March 25. Harriet, wife of Dr. Isaiah Breakey, died, aged 47.

March 26. A fire at the corner of Green and Beaver streets, formerly Dunn's Hotel, burnt out several tradesmen; a Mrs. Coughtry was so severely burnt that she died; Fisher lost his eyesight and was disfigured for life; and Charles Pohlman, the chief-engineer, had both legs broken. Mrs. Coughtry kept a millinery store and boarding house, and thinking one of her children had been left in the house, could not be prevented from going in.

The extraordinary snow storms of the last week obstructed the railroads and shut up travelers in their hotels. It was estimated that 10 ft. 9 in. of snow had fallen during the winter.

March 30. William McCulloch died, aged 62.

April 2. Mary, widow of Leonard Gansevoort, died, aged 82.

William Proctor died, aged 42.

Solomon Van Rensselaer was removed from the post office, and was succeeded by James D. Wasson.

April 3. John Mabon died, aged 52.

April 5. Mark Little died, aged 33.

Adonijah Moody died, aged 72.

April 6. Daniel D. Stone died, aged 33.

Mary, wife of James Gibson, died, aged 71.

April 9. Alice Cagger died, aged 31.

April 11. The charter election resulted in the defeat of the democrats, who had carried the city two years in succession. The vote for mayor was as follows:

Friend Humphrey,..... 3,199  
Peter Gansevoort,..... 2,994

The vote for aldermen was as follows:

	WHIGS.	DEMOCRATS.
1st Ward.—	Styles Mix,..... 212	Wm. Chambers,..... 296
	Richard Bortle,..... 204	Peter Carmichael,.... 303
2d Ward.—	Peter Van Buren,.... 237	W. W. Forsyth,..... 289
	W. W. Frothingham, 241	Wm. W. Montearth,... 295
3d Ward.—	G. V. S. Bleecker,.... 445	M. Hendrickson,..... 484
	Chas. De Forest,.... 434	John M. Hughes,.... 484
4th Ward.—	Wm. Adams,..... 484	Henry H. Martin,.... 278
	D. Worthington,.... 483	George Warren,..... 331
5th Ward.—	Visscher Ten Eyck, 357	G. Y. Lansing,..... 291
	Andrew White,..... 344	Joel Rathbone,..... 292
6th Ward.—	Wm. McElroy,.... 305	D. V. N. Radcliff,.... 218
	E. M. Teall,..... 302	Nathan T. Higbie,.... 217
7th Ward.—	Rensselaer West,.... 280	James Maher,..... 247
	Robert McCollom, . . 257	John Bucklin,..... 255
8th Ward.—	Wm. B. Scott,..... 237	John McKnight,..... 304
	Wm. Jones,..... 231	Jacob Downing,.... 288
9th Ward.—	J. S. Van Rensselaer, 450	Bradford R. Wood,... 254
	Ichabod L. Judson,.. 454	Robert E. Temple,... 247
10th Ward.—	Joshua I. Jones,.... 354	Anthony Gould,..... 209
	Thomas Kirkpatrick, 345	Henry H. Van Dyck, 203

April 12. Anna, widow of Rev. John De Witt, died, aged 46.

April 13. The river was open, and the steam boat Utica arrived.

Mary A., wife of Priestly Young, died.

April 15. Thomas Bayeux was appointed justice of the Justices' court in place of Gerrit L. Dox.

April 16. Robert Talbot died, aged 35.

Martha, widow of Gilbert R. Livingston, and sister of James Kane, died in New York, aged 88. Mr. Kane was now the sole survivor of his family.

April 18. The new board of common council made the following appointments:

S. H. H. Parsons, clerk.  
 H. H. Hickcox, deputy chamberlain.  
 Horace B. Webster, attorney.  
 Wm. McC. Cushman, surveyor.  
 Isaac M. Comstock, police justice.  
 John Morgan, almshouse superintendent.

April 19. Abigail, wife of John Boardman, died, aged 70.

April 20. William Nettle resigned the office of chamberlain, and C. W. Bender was appointed.

April 25. James I. Wynkoop died, aged 52.

April 27. Rachel, wife of Robert Elliott, died.

April 30. Elisha Dorr died, aged 80. He was a native of Lyme, Ct., and a volunteer in the revolution under Capt. Winslow, who was stationed on Long Island. At the close of the war he left home on foot, and came to this city, where he was successful in business, and by his intelligence and enterprise, contributed largely to the prosperity of the city during the sixty years he continued here.

May 6. Cornelia A. Winne died.

Margaret, wife of Henry T. Mesick, died, aged 43.

May 10. Thomas P. Jones died, aged 32.

May 14. Mrs. Jane Brewster died, aged 71.

Comparison of the city finances for two years:

Receipts to May 1, 1842, . . . . \$197,639·16

Expenditures, . . . . . 193,877·50

Receipts to May 1, 1843, . . . . 273,128·72

Expenditures, . . . . . 271,252·88

May 22. Roger Magennis died, aged 34.

May 29. Joseph A. Rust died, aged 65; formerly of Chester, Mass.

May 30. Philemon Van Cott died at Norwich, Ct., aged 46; formerly captain of the New York State Artillery Company.

At a meeting of the friends of the Bethel at Stanwix Hall, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:



Wm. A. Tweed Dale, president.

Wm. N. Strong, vice-president.

P. Trainor, secretary.

Galen Batchelor, treasurer.

John Miles was elected chaplain, and Abraham Covert, general agent.

June 1. Elsie Lush died.

June 2. Juliaette, wife of Chauncey P. Kellogg, died, aged 29.

June 3. Ann C., wife of Daniel S. Flagg, died, aged 32.

The Manor House of the late Stephen Van Rensselaer, which had been under extensive repairs since his death, was now remodeled and rejuvenated, and the *Young Patroon* took possession of it.

June 4. George T. Bennett died.

June 6. David P. Winne died, aged 66.

John S. Van Rensselaer made a report to the common council on the Soup house, by which it appeared that there was a difference of \$1,800 in its expenses over those of 1838, and that gross frauds had been committed.

June 18. Aaron Brown died, aged 69.

June 19. Jonathan Shaw died, aged 60.

June 21. Laban W. Keith died, aged 23.

Catelina, widow of Peter Brooks, died, aged 62.

Christiana, wife of Wm. Rankin, died, aged 32.

A meeting was held at the Capitol; Dr. B. P. Staats, president, to discuss the topic of Irish repeal, which agitated Great Britain.

Seth Hastings, formerly a merchant here, was appointed post master at Brainerd's Bridge.

June 22. Hannah, wife of John Thomas, died, aged 42.

June 23. Sarah, widow of George Webster, died.

June 29. Elizabeth Sugden died, aged 62.

Mrs. Anna Cureton died, aged 73.

June 30. Philip Nash died, aged 45.

July 2. Hannah Nelligar died, aged 72.

July 4. General celebration, oration by Willis Hall; reading Declaration, by Edward S. Willett. Young Men's celebration, oration by Isaac Vanderpoel; reading Declaration, by Addison Low.

John V. L. Pruyn was elected secretary and treasurer of the Utica and Schenectady rail road company in place of Gideon Hawley, resigned.

July 6. Lewis Lewis died, aged 66.

July 8. Daniel Pohlman died, aged 75.

July 10. William Richards died, aged 44.

July 12. John Keyes Paige was elected president of the Canal Bank.

July 13. William D. Johnson died, aged 26.

July 17. John Gill died at Philadelphia, aged 66.

July 23. Phebe Ann, wife of Jubal T. Russell, died.

July 24. Mary, widow of Stephen Ball, died, aged 81; formerly of Ballston.

Aug. 2. John Quincy Adams arrived in the city and was received with great enthusiasm.

Aug. 7. It appeared by a debate in common council that the expenses of removing snow from the streets during the past winter was \$1,245.72; of which sum \$882 was expended during the first ten days of April.

Aug. 8. Emily Townsend died, aged 25.

Jesse Peters died, aged 23.

Charles C. Many died at Philadelphia, aged 35.

Aug. 9. Mrs. Nancy Bloomingdal died, aged 70.

Aug. 11. Mary, widow of Thomas Dowling, died, aged 61.

Aug. 12. John C. Yates died, aged 29; son of the late John Van Ness Yates.

Aug. 18. The Knickerbocker, steam boat, arrived from New York in 7h. 33m. running time; her first trip.

Aug. 19. Wilmarth Southwick died, aged 65; brother of Solomon Southwick.

Aug. 22. Julia A., wife of Stephen McKissick, died, aged 31.

Cornelius Vanderbelt, of the firm of Robinson & Vanderbelt, died, aged 53.

Aug. 23. Thomas Tilt died, aged 38.

Aug. 23. Mary M., wife of Daniel Berthelon, died, aged 45.

Aug. 27. Anna, daughter of Nathaniel Miller, died, aged 24.

Sophia Matilda, daughter of Wm. Gladding, died, aged 18.

Caroline, wife of Lansing Van Zandt, died, aged 23.

The friends of the late Cicero Loveridge erected a monument to his memory in the Reformed Dutch Church burial ground.

The common council abolished the sale of meat in wagons in State street, and directed that such vehicles should stand in Howard street or the vicinity of the markets.

Sept. 2. George M. Stevens died, aged 52.

Sept. 4. The *Daily Knickerbocker* was begun by Hugh J. Hastings.

Sept. 5. George W. Merchant died, aged 53.

Sept. 6. Elias Mather died, aged 67.

Sept. 19. Mrs. Grizel McHarg died, aged 96.

Sept. 20. Gen. James McCabe died, aged 53.

Sept. 24. Rev. Henry N. Pohlman was installed pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Ebenezer church, corner of Lodge and Pine streets.

Sept. 25. John R. Martin died, aged 32.

Oct. 3. James Vanderpoel died, aged 57; for many years one of the circuit judges of this state.

Oct. 6. Nancy, widow of John Lovett, died.

Oct. 13. The Rev. Samuel Fisher, of West Bloomfield, N. J., was installed pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church.

Oct. 16. The common council appropriated \$150 for a steering wheel ornamented in a peculiar manner, for the new government frigate which had been named Albany in honor of this city.

Oct. 16. Isaac Burton died, aged 67.

Oct. 17. Ann, wife of Spelman Hickcox, died, aged 48.

Oct. 20. Teunis Brinckerhoff, of the firm of J. & T. Brinckerhoff, died, aged 37.

Oct. 22. A snow storm commenced in the evening, leaving a coat of about one inch in thickness.

Oct. 23. Sarah, wife of Zebulon Utter, died, aged 80.

Oct. 27. Mrs. Elizabeth Nutt died, aged 97; the heroine of the Pye tavern robbery, on the Troy road.

The Unitarian society held their meetings in Blunt's Building, corner of State and South Pearl streets, but had no settled pastor.

Nov. 1. Mary, wife of Jeremiah J. Austin, died, aged 22.

Nov. 7. Election; whigs triumphant. Samuel Stevens was elected to the assembly, and Christopher Batterman sheriff.

Nov. 14. Joshua Tufts, an extensive merchant, died, aged 59.

Nov. 16. James McClure, of the firm of J. & A. McClure, died, aged 45. Mr. McClure was sometime alderman of the tenth ward, and found time, while prosecuting an active business, to assist in the furthering of important civil and benevolent enterprises. Long before the organization of the present gas company, he made an effort to engage the attention of capitalists in that direction, and made experiments to illustrate the advantages and the feasibility of the project, but without success. He was one of the founders of the Second Presbyterian sabbath school.

Nov. 17. Abel French died, aged 78. He was eight years a resident of Oneida county, and followed the profession of a land surveyor, and during the whole time was a representative in the state legislature. He had been a citizen of Albany nearly sixty years, and represented this county in the legislature for several years. He was an active participant in all the enterprises which attended the progress of the city, and contributed to its prosperity. He was a man of great force of character, sagacious, energetic and independent, and accumulated a considerable fortune.

Nov. 17. Uriah Hughes died, aged 63.

Nov. 21. Lemuel L. Steele died, aged 40.

Nov. 21. Myndersen Van Zandt died, aged 30.

Nov. 24. John G. Wasson died, aged 67.

Nov. 26. James W. Robinson died at Worcester, Otsego county.

Nov. 27. The common council sanctioned the contract executed by the mayor 26th September, with the Mohawk and Hudson rail road company, by which a loan of \$125,000 was made to them for 20 years at 5 per cent, at which rate it could be borrowed by the city. A sum not exceeding \$60,000 was to be expended by the city for the track and depot, and leased to the company for 20 years at a nominal rent ; at the expiration of that time the company was to pay for the track and depot the amount of its cost, or an annual rent equivalent to 5 per cent, on such amount. The company to proceed immediately to construct a new branch on the route of the Patroon's creek to the Boston rail road ferry.

Nov. 30. Joseph G. Jenkins, late commander of the steam boat Albany, died at Hudson, aged 49.

Daniel C. Gager died, aged 46.

Nov. 31. Adam P. Bradt died, aged 56.

Dec. 2. Jane Reynolds died, aged 22.

Dec. 5. The river was so nearly closed that the night boat did not venture above Hudson. The press relied upon the Harlem rail road for early news.

Dec. 6. Edward Brown died, aged 28.

Dec. 8. Horace B. Webster, city attorney, died, aged 31.

Dec. 9. Atwood Steele died, aged 25.

Wm. Darke died, aged 39.

• Dec. 10. James Waide died, aged 75.

Dec. 11. Abraham Van Vechten was elected city attorney in place of Horace B. Webster, deceased.

Dec. 14. John H. Dwyer, a noted elocutionist, and personator of Falstaff, died, aged 60.

Dec. 15. Sylvanus Jocelyn died, aged 53.

Dec. 16. Clarissa Ann, widow of Daniel S. Kittle, died, aged 43.

Dec. 25. The South Baptist Society dedicated their new church edifice in South Pearl street at the head of Herkimer.

Dec. 26. Edward Jordan died, aged 48.

Dec. 28. Lydia, wife of Abraham Grovestein, died, aged 50.

## 1844.

Jan. 1. Jane Shepherd, wife of G. V. S. Bleeker, died, aged 43.

Jan. 2. Otis Dimmick, who had made two remarkable express trips to New York, already noticed, carried the governor's message to Troy on horseback, in 24 minutes.

Jan. 8. Nicholas Bleeker died, aged 86.

Charles E. Jenkins, Matthew Trotter and Lafayette D. Holstein were admitted to practice as attorneys in the supreme court.

Jan. 17. Mrs. Urania Smith died, aged 69.

Jan. 22. Anthony Rhoades Armington died, aged 37.

Jan. 23. Mrs. Elizabeth Malcom died, aged 40.

Jan. 24. Mrs. Hannah, widow of Wilmarth Southwick, died, aged 75.

Elizabeth, wife of Francis Tows, died, aged 60.

Jan. 28. Thermometer 14 deg. below zero. The past week had been remarkably cold.

Jan. 30. Roswell Bellows died, aged 66.

Feb. 1. Henry L. Webb announced that he had sold his stock in trade to Gregory & Co., the successors of Gregory & Bain in the crockery business. The house of Webb & Dummer was established in 1807; the firm name was afterwards J. H. & H. L. Webb, H. & C. Webb, and Webb & Douglas, and finally Henry L. Webb, and was now discontinued after a period of 37 years. It was the first house in this branch of business that extended a credit to the merchants of the Northwest territory, then almost a wilderness, often astonishing the burgers of Albany by a display of packages marked Fort Winnebago, Green Bay, Chicago, Saut Ste. Marie, Pontiac, Detroit,

&c., places having a very uncertain whereabouts in the far west, absolutely beyond the reach of civilization. Michigan, until the establishment of their branch in Detroit in 1834, drew her supplies almost exclusively from them.

Feb. 1. Wm. W. Dougherty died in New York, aged 60.

Feb. 4. Mrs. Mary Mills died, aged 56.

Feb. 6. Charles Smyth died, aged 60. He was one of the pioneers of those extensive transportation enterprises to the far west which have enriched so many others, and was the first agent of the tow boats on the Hudson river.

Feb. 9. Catharine, widow of Rufus L. Slawson, died.

Feb. 10. Spencer Stafford died, aged 72.

Feb. 14. Benjamin Austin, a soldier of the revolution, died, aged 87.

Feb. 15. William R. Hills died, aged 50.

Feb. 19. Nancy, wife of Samuel Boyd, died, aged 60.

Feb. 23. Hannah Spencer died, aged 73.

Feb. 25. John McDowall died, aged 69.

Salem Dutcher died in New York, aged 41; formerly of the firm of Dutcher & Harris, of this city.

Feb. 26. John Goodrich died, aged 70.

Feb. 28. Hagar, wife of David Van Vrankin, died, aged 53.

Feb. 29. Sally, widow of Major Brown, died, aged 59.

March 1. Sybrant Kittle died, aged 68.

March 2. Ellen, wife of James Boyd, died, aged 31.

March 3. Lawrence Paddock died, aged 47.

March 5. Smith Cogswell died, aged 73.

March 8. Mary S., wife of Luther Tucker, died.

Charles Anderson died, aged 37.

March 10. Col. Robert Elliott, for nearly a quarter of a century assistant postmaster, died.

March 11. John V. Henry died at Jackson, Michigan. He was a son of the late John V. Henry, of this city, had been postmaster at Ann Arbor, and a judge of the county court.

March 14. Mary Anderson died, aged 27.

The ice broke up, and as usual, cut off all communication with the rail road terminus, on the opposite side.

March 15. John Van Vorst died, aged 60.

March 18. David Wooster died, aged 53.

March 21. Ephraim L. Van Buren died, aged 37.

March 22. Wm. H. Pitkin died, aged 33. He was a native of Connecticut, and a son of Hon. Timothy Pitkin.

Mar. 24. Dorothy wife of John M. Hughes died, aged 48.

March 25. John Carson died, aged 37.

March 29. Abraham S. Groat died, aged 61.

The Third Presbyterian Society sold their church edifice in Montgomery street, and purchased the site corner of Patroon and Chapel streets, on Clinton square.

March 30. Although the river had been open a few days, there came on a snow storm which, with the severity of the weather, prevented the arrival of boats for several days.

April 1. The common council took measures favorable to the project of the establishment here of the State Normal School.

April 2. Alexander Guthrie died, aged 25.

April 7. Susan Knapp died, aged 73.

April 9. Magdalene, widow of Benj. Van Wie, died, aged 67.

Charter election: Whig mayor elected.

Friend Humphrey,..... 3,268

George W. Stanton,..... 2,638—630 maj.

	WHIGS.	Aldermen.	DEMOCRATS.
1st Ward—	Samuel Watson,.....	197	Wm. Chambers,.... 278
	Wm Mink,.....	188	H. R. Phelps,..... 276
2d Ward.—	Stephen Groesbeeck,..	264	Peter Carmichael,.. 287
	A. D. L. Whipple,....	253	P. Van Benthuyzen,. 286
3d Ward.—	G. V. S. Bleecker,....	544	J. E. Hermans,.... 348
	Robert Freeman,.....	517	M. Hendrickson,.. 357
4th Ward.—	Wm. Adams,.....	434	Wm. Smith,..... 322
	D. Worthington,.....	476	J. W. Harcourt,.. 360
5th Ward.—	Thos. McMullen,.....	296	B. P. Staats,..... 202
	George Dexter,.....	300	Thomas Gough,.... 198
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Wm. Jones,.....	214
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## DEMOCRATS.

John Van Ness, Jr.,	230
Timothy Spears,...	282
John McKnight,....	283
D. D. Ramsey,.....	249
Eli Perry,.....	402
Watts Sherman,....	332
John K. Paige,.....	233
H. H. Van Dyck, ..	220

There was also a Native American ticket in the 7th ward of from 50 to 67 votes, and what was termed a Bolter's ticket in the 8th ward, of from 72 to 125 votes.

Bills passed the legislature about this time, incorporating the Albany Medical College, the Albany Penitentiary, and the Albany Hydrant company.

April 11. Rebecca, wife of John G. Whitney, died, aged 27.

April 14. Mary, widow of A. Richardson, died, aged 67.

April 16. The new board of common council elected its officers, when the following were reelected: S. H. H. Parsons, clerk of the board; H. H. Hickcox, deputy chamberlain; Abraham Van Vechten, city attorney.

At a meeting of the common council, it was announced that a contract had been made with Kirkpatrick and La Grange, to supply the Almshouse with meat at 2½ cts. a pound.

April 25. Anne, wife of Joshua I. Jones, died, aged 36.

Nancy, widow of Cornelius Van Wie, died, aged 77.

Hugh Humphrey, who had been superintendent of the Water Works company more than twenty-six years, resigned the office.

April 30. Angeline T., wife of H. W. Allen, died, aged 25.

The old Montgomery Hall was demolished; also the old hotel at the corner of Broadway and Steuben street was razed to make way for the Delavan House.

The chamberlain reported the receipts of the past year to have been \$322,809.65; expenditures, \$303,344.98.

May 6. Cynthia, wife of Benj. Deuel, died.

May 7. Adam Helmer died, aged 72.

May 8. Christiana, wife of N. B. Shaw, died, aged 28.  
Edmund Knower died in New York, aged 37.

May 11. Elizabeth, wife of James Selkirk, died, aged 79.

May 12. Dr. Henry Greene died, aged 54.

May 15. Dr. Abraham G. Lansing died.

May 18. Eliza Hoffman died, aged 50.

May 22. Andrew McMullen died in New York, aged 69.

May 24. Mrs. Anna Cook died, aged 71.

May 29. Funeral honors were paid to the memory of Col. John Mills, who fell in battle at Sackett's Harbor, 29th May, 1813. His remains had been removed to this city, and reinterred in the Capitol Park. A eulogy was delivered on the occasion by Robert E. Temple, Esq.

May 30. The steam boat *South America* made the passage from New York to Albany in the very short space of 7 hours, running time; the quickest trip ever made.

June 4. Capt. Thomas Bayeux died, aged 43.

June 9. Mary, wife of James Denniston, died, aged 52.

June 10. Stanwix Hall, which had been some time undergoing extensive alterations, was opened this day as a hotel by Wheeler & Bromley.

John L. Winne, Joseph Hall and others, having memorialized the common council in relation to the condition of the burial ground on Ten Broeck street, between Second and Third streets, the subject was referred to the land committee, consisting of George Dexter, H. R. Phelps and Wm. McElroy, who reported: That in 1765, this lot was conveyed by Stephen Van Rensselaer to D. Bradt and others for the purpose of a burial ground, on condition that the same should not be applied to any private purpose or secular use, but should remain as a burial ground for all persons in the manor of Rensselaerwyck; that in 1808, when the Colonie was annexed to the city of Albany, this lot came into the possession of the city authorities. Ever since the original grant it had been used as a burial place by the inhabitants of the north part of the city, but had now fallen into a ruinous condition, and comparatively few interments were made in it. By reason of the excavations which had been made around it, the ground was much higher than the adjoining streets and lots; the soil, loose and sandy, was easily washed away; and hence, from time to time, the

coffins and bones of the dead were exposed. This difficulty was likely to become more serious, since the excavation of the adjoining lot would have a perpendicular bank 15 or 20 feet in height, which would be continually giving way, and the coffins and their contents must be precipitated into it. In other respects, the ground was in a deplorable condition; the surface was broken and rough, and presented a ruinous aspect, which was not only painful to surviving friends, but a source of annoyance to a neighborhood daily becoming more populous. The committee proposed to remove the bodies to the projected Rural cemetery, and surrender the premises to Mr. Van Rensselaer, he having agreed to provide a suitable lot for the purpose of reinterment.

June 12. Ten clergymen of the city of different denominations signed a call published in the *Argus* for a hospital.

June 15. Philip Keith died, aged 33.

June 17. John Visscher died, aged 39.

June 18. Stephen V. R. Humphrey died, aged 43.

June 21. William Ellis died.

The remains of De Witt Clinton, which had been deposited in the cemetery in Swan street, were removed to New York, for interment under a monument erected by the family.

July 2. Major James Gibbons died, aged 46.

July 4. At the general celebration the oration was delivered by Charles L. Austin; reading the Declaration by A. D. Robinson. Colonel Samuel Van Vechten, marshal.

At the Young Men's celebration, oration by L. Sprague Parsons; poem by H. S. McCall; reading Declaration by M. Wendell L'Amoreux.

At the Youth's Temperance Society celebration, addresses were delivered by Philip Phelps, Jr., president of the society, by M. Wendell L'Amoreux and J. H. Canoll; reading Declaration by David Wyckoff.

July 8. Westerlo Van Rensselaer died.

A meeting of citizens was held at the Capitol, John L. Schoolcraft presiding, which passed resolutions on the subject of the repeal movement in Ireland.

July 12. Cornelia Pruyn died, aged 75.

July 17. Catharine A., wife of Wilber F. Osborne, died, aged 27.

July 20. Mrs. Emeline Blakeman, daughter of Greene Hall, died in Troy.

July 28. Elizabeth Gibbons, wife of Nicholas Quackenbush, died.

Thomas New died, aged 70.

July 29. The corner stone of the Third Presbyterian church at Clinton place, was laid with appropriate ceremonies.

July 30. Sylvester Wilcox died at Palmyra, aged 69.

James Gourley, Jr., died at Galveston, Texas, aged 39.

There were at this time 28 churches in the city, and four more in the process of erection, namely, a Methodist church in Hudson street, a Baptist church in State street, a Presbyterian church in Patroon street, and a French catholic church.

Aug. 6. Cornelia, widow of Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer, died in New York, aged 64.

Aug. 13. A public meeting was held in relation to the Colonie burial ground, Hon. Jacob Lansing, chairman. A committee was appointed to investigate the subject of its condition, and the necessity of protecting it from further dilapidation, or of removing the remains to some other place.

Aug. 15. Wm. L. Stone died, aged 52; formerly editor of the *Albany Daily Advertiser*.

Mrs. Lydia Ettridge died at White Pigeon, Michigan, aged 61.

Aug. 17. H. G. O. Rogers died in New York, aged 48.

Aug. 22. Eleanor, wife of Col. Samuel Hawley, died, aged 57.

Aug. 26. Augusta, wife of Joshua Brockway, Jr., died.

Sept. 6. Jane Betts died, aged 90.

Sept. 10. Peter V. Bradt died, aged 45.

Sept. 11. Catharine Amanda Van Heusen died, aged 22.

Sept. 19. Sophia, wife of Josiah Platt, died.

Sept. 28. Eliza, wife of Col. Nicholas Van Rensselaer, died at Greenbush, aged 85.

Sept. 30. The new route of the Mohawk and Hudson rail road having been completed, the trains began to pass over it on this day. The inclined planes were now dispensed with, and the locomotive passed down the Tivoli creek and into the heart of the city, to the Maiden lane depot and the Boston ferry, where two roads met, and the great mass of the traveling public was landed on the Maiden lane side walk from east and west. A very great change immediately came over this terminus. If any one had been curious about the exact number of carts, coaches, cabs, hacks and hand-carts which the city contained, he could have taken the census here when the cars arrived. Dean street was also metamorphosed. Nothing like the change now going on had been witnessed in that out-of-the-way place since Stewart Dean came home from China in his little Albany craft, when the corporation, in a paroxysm of public spirit, as the cheapest way of doing honor to the renowned skipper, changed its ugly name of Dock street to Dean street. It had out-lived its worst days, and its destiny henceforward was onward and upward. Stanwix Hall, too, was no longer



Stanwix Hall.

a doubtful experiment of desolate granite, splendid as a building, and melancholy as an investment; but a bril-

liant and thronged hotel; its windows glittering with light, its gay concert room alive with the beauty and fashion of the town, its rooms and its saloons rife with the stir of busy merchants and planning politicians. Old Fort Stanwix had a lively child in this, its namesake; and its enterprising proprietor, who had brave and honorable memorial associated with the name, saw brighter days smile at last on his spirit. Even the ice, which kept undisputed sway of Maiden lane for half the year, the sun having very little personal acquaintance with its pavement, now disappears before the first of July, and horses look less despairingly at its heavy ascent.

Sept. 30. Susan, wife of Wm. Mascord, died, aged 50.

Juliaette, widow of L. G. Renaud died, aged 31.

John Brower died, aged 85.

Oct. 1. Charles H. Boardman died, aged 35.

William Durant, an eminent merchant, died, aged 69.

Oct. 3. Jane, widow of Nathaniel S. Skinner, died, aged 72.

Oct. 7. The Albany Rural Cemetery was consecrated. The military and firemen joined with the citizens in an imposing procession, and the services were held on the grounds. An address was delivered by Hon. D. D. Barbard, and the clergy performed the customary exercises, which were published at length in the newspapers.

James Fitzpatrick died, aged 22.

Oct. 13. Wm. C. Covert died, aged 23.

Amanda, wife of Wm. Thorn, died, aged 31.

Oct. 16. Addison F. Guernsey died, aged 36.

George W. Wasson died, aged 24.

Oct. 17. Eliza C. wife of John M. Newton died, aged 36.

Oct. 24. John McCulloch died, aged 26.

David Strain died, aged 21.

Oct. 31. Cyrrel Gillett died, aged 52; keeper of the Washington Hall.

Nov. 1. Isabella, wife of Walter S. McCulloch, died, aged 33.

Nov. 3. Elizabeth, wife of James P. Gould, died, aged 54.

Nov. 5. Election. Henry G. Wheaton was elected to congress, and Ira Harris to the assembly. There was a whig majority in the county for Henry Clay. The aggregate vote of the county was very materially increased since the last gubernatorial election in 1842. At the presidential election in 1840, the county gave for Harrison, 6,372, for Van Buren, 5,944, and 45 for the anti-slavery candidate; total, 12,361. In 1842, the vote of the county for governor stood, for Bouck, 6,076, for Bradish, 6,272, anti slavery, 87; total, 12,435. The presidential vote for the present year was, for Clay 7,109, for Polk, 6,907, anti-slavery about 100; total 14,116.

Nov. 8. Julia Ann, widow of Hugh Frazer, died, aged 37.

Nov. 10. John Thomson, a noted botanic physician, and son of the founder of that system of practice, died in New York, aged 43.

Nov. 11. Levinus G. Winne died, aged 24.

Nov. 12. The projectors of the Gas light company having obtained a charter some years before this, but failing to get the stock subscribed, now made a new effort with entire success.

Nov. 18. Elizabeth, wife of John Van Buren, died.

Peter Joraleman died, aged 56.

Nov. 25. At a meeting of the common council, Alderman Dexter proposed to raise the salary of the deputy chamberlain to \$900; the city superintendents to \$600 each, and the marshal to \$600. Mr. Van Ness thought it singular that salaries should be raised at a time when produce was so low. Mr. McMullen remarked that butter was 15 cents a pound, and that was not low!

Nov. 28. Josephine L., wife of H. A. Hopkins, died, aged 25.

Nov. 29. Charles E. Whitney died, aged 24.

Nov. 30. Jane Ann, wife of Gerret W. Bell, died, aged 26.

The following report of the commerce of Albany was made by the harbormaster for the present year:

47 steam boats,.....	14,539 tons.
245 schooners,.....	17,431
65 tow boats,.....	10,256
411 sloops,.....	22,905
7 scows,.....	386

The tonnage for seven years was as follows:

1838,.....	36,721	1842,.....	49,356
1839,.....	40,369	1843,.....	55,354
1840,.....	39,416	1844,.....	65,507
1841,.....	50,797		

Dec. 1. Eleanor, wife of Adam Shields, Jr., died.

Elizabeth Gillespie died, aged 54.

Dec. 5. Susan, wife of Samuel W. King, died, aged 24.

Henry Trowbridge, founder of the Albany Museum, died, aged 69.

Dec. 6. Christian Miller died, aged 78. He was born in Hanau, Germany, March 7, 1767, and coming to this country at the age of 14 years, became a clerk to Mr. Thomas, an extensive grocer in the city of New York, with whom he remained until he was 21 years of age. His deportment during this time secured to him the confidence and esteem of others, who were anxious to secure his services. Through the solicitations of John Tayler, an Albany merchant, he was induced to come to this city in 1789. He continued in the employ of Mr. Tayler as chief clerk until 1792, when he opened a store on his own behalf, and continued actively and prosperously engaged until 1825, when he retired from business. He was some time agent for John Jacob Astor in the fur business. On the 30th April, 1789, he was on duty as an artillerist at the inauguration of Washington. For very many of the last years of his life he discharged with usefulness and ability, the duties of several offices, both civil and ecclesiastical. He was long an officer of the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch church, and noted for his charities. A tablet to his memory has been placed in that church.

Dec. 7. N. B. Bassett died at Schenectady, aged 74,

Dec. 8. John Meacham died, aged 59.

Dec. 11. James Hunter died, aged 21.

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Dec. 13. Catharine Ann, wife of Thatcher Pool, died, aged 37.

Dec. 17. The river closed.

Dec. 18. The State Normal School was opened in the building now known as Van Vechten Hall, which was leased by the city authorities of the Mohawk & Hudson rail road company at an annual expense of about \$1200.

Dec. 19. The supervisors in conjunction with the mayor and recorder, directed a proper site to be procured upon which to erect a penitentiary.

Dec. 25. Jane, widow of Adam Todd, died, aged 82.

The First Methodist society dedicated their new church edifice in Hudson street, near Philip, the Rev. John N. Maffit officiating.

The Burgesses Corps went down to Hudson at the requisition of the sheriff, to assist in protecting the jail against a threatened invasion by the Antirenters. The Emmet Guards went down also a few days after.

Dec. 28. Mrs. Hannah Rodgers died, aged 41.

Dec. 31. The Governor ordered out the Artillery, the Van Rensselaer Guards and the Washington Riflemen, to assist in quelling the disturbances in Hudson. The five Albany companies on duty numbered 250 rank and file.

During the past year there had been 29 fires and 9 alarms. Loss of property valued at \$17,278; insured, \$12,705.

#### 1845.

Jan. 1. The Townsend House, which had been erected on the site of the old Montgomery Hall, was opened as a hotel.

Jan. 5. Mrs. Betsey Wood, daughter of the late Stephen W. Johnson, died, aged 58.

Jan. 6. At a meeting of the common council, on motion of Alderman Worthington, the hour for ringing the morning bell was changed from 8 o'clock to sunrise, to commence on the 1st February. The time was afterwards changed to 7 o'clock. It was also ordered that the Fourth Presbyterian bell should be rung.

- Jan. 7. David V. P. Colvin died, aged 45.
- Jan. 13. James Leddy died, aged 53.
- Jan. 14. James Wilson died, late of Glasgow, aged 42.  
John S. Beeckman died at Greenbush.
- Jan. 15. Joseph W. Lloyd died, aged 39.  
Lucy Ann, wife of James C. Crocker, died,  
aged 25.
- Jan. 18. Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Thomas Hallett,  
died, aged 43.
- Jan. 20. Lydia, wife of F. G. Oliver, died, aged 25.
- Jan. 22. Isaac L. K. Miller died, aged 23.  
Mrs. Nancy Paul died, aged 103.
- Jan. 23. A defalcation of \$40,000 discovered in the  
account of Alex. H. Lovett, teller of the Commercial  
Bank.
- Jan. 30. Mrs. Walter Whitney died, aged 85.
- Feb. 3. John Ramsey died, aged 80.
- Feb. 5. Mrs. Catharine Burton died at Blandford,  
Mass., aged 70.
- Feb. 10. John Outwin died, aged 55.
- Feb. 13. Maria Catharine, wife of Wm. Egglestone,  
died, aged 37.
- Feb. 15. Henry, son of L. K. Norton, died, aged 26.
- Feb. 16. Samuel Carey died, aged 79.  
Elizabeth Harris died, aged 24.
- Feb. 17. Mrs. Anna Walker died, aged 57.
- Feb. 18. Lydia, wife of William Bishop, died.
- Feb. 19. Julia, wife of S. V. R. Watson, died, aged 23.
- Feb. 20. Mrs. Eliza E. Smith died, aged 26.
- Feb. 24. River open; steam boat Norwich arrived. It  
was again temporarily obstructed.
- Feb. 25. Rebeckah, widow of Samuel Payn, died, aged  
70.
- Feb. 26. Ten Eyck Quackenbush died, aged 26.
- Feb. 27. Sarah, wife of George Crawford, died, aged 45.
- Feb. 28. A fire destroyed the African Methodist church,  
a wooden edifice in rear of District school No. 2, on State  
street.
- March 2. Mary H. Moor died, aged 77.

March 7. Mary M., widow of Myndert Lansing, died, aged 78.

March 10. Tabitha wife of Lemuel Steele died at Utica.  
Leverett C. Dyer died.

Henry Y. Webb died, aged 88.

Sarah, widow of Wm. Bates, died, aged 84.

March 13. Enoch McCammon died, aged 70. He was reared in the iron region of New Jersey, and in 1807 was induced to take charge of what is now Townsend's Furnace, believed to be the oldest north of the Highlands, and established by men reared in an iron district, like himself. The connection continued uninterrupted for a single hour during nearly forty years; maintained by rare skill, untiring diligence and the most scrupulous integrity on the one side, and by warm respect and confidence without limit on the other.

March 14. Jane, wife of Evert Wynkoop, died.

Elizabeth, wife of John Hermans, died, aged 58.

March 20. Samuel Swazey died, aged 67.

March 22. John O'Neil died, aged 53.

March 25. Donald McDonald died.

The corporation, having obtained possession of the Arbor hill burial ground, resolved to convey it to Mr. Van Rensselaer. It appears that two lots, Nos. 35 and 36, north of the city of Albany, were conveyed by Stephen Van Rensselaer, 31st Oct. 1764, in consideration of £2, to Dirck Bradt and eleven other individuals, provided they did not apply the same to private or secular use, but the same to remain and be used for a cemetery or church yard, "to bury dead corpses of all persons whatsoever that now dwell in or may hereafter inhabit the manor of Rensselaerwyck, or any part thereof." (Deed Book G, p. 587.) This was not in the city, but what was afterwards Watervliet. In 1801, Colonie, a part of Watervliet, was erected into a separate district, with five trustees. In 1808, the town of Colonie was erected from the town of Watervliet. In 1815, that part of the town of Colonie in which the burying ground was

situated, was annexed to the city of Albany, and the other part to the town of Watervliet. In 1842, Sept. 27, the cemetery was sold by the corporation for assessments.

April 5. Obed M. Coleman, inventor of the Æolian attachment to the piano, and the automaton accordion player, died at Saratoga, aged 28.

April 6. Rebecca, wife of William B. Winne, died, aged 66.

The steam boat Swallow was wrecked near Athens, and several lives were lost, among whom were the following belonging to this city:

William Davis, aged 23.

Anna Wood, aged 30.

Lucinda Wood, aged 28.

This was felt to be one of the most appalling disasters that ever happened on the river, the particulars of which were fully given in the papers of the day, and also a diagram showing the position of the wreck; by which it would seem, looking at it from this distance of time, that it could only have been the result of design.

April 7. Charles S. Raymond died, aged 40.

April Charter election; the democrats elected a mayor and a majority of aldermen.

John K. Paige, democrat, for mayor,.... 3148

Friend Humphrey, whig,..... 3124

Jacob Lansing, native American,..... 160

Nathaniel Safford, abolition,..... 12

WHIG.

Aldermen.

DEMOCRAT.

1st Ward.—William Mink, .....	157	Pa'rick B. Rooney,..	296
Samuel Watson,.....	138	Homer R. Phelps,..	323
2d Ward.—Wm. H. Hill, .....	220	Benj. Thomas,.....	347
Elijah Cobb, .....	221	Samuel Westcott, ...	342
3d Ward.—G. V. S. Bleecker,....	477	John E. Hermans,..	424
H. B. Haswell, .....	459	John M. Hughes, ...	450
4th Ward.—James Goold, .....	425	John W. Harcourt,..	345
John D. Hewson,....	473	Legrand Smith,.....	307
Thos. Kirkpatrick, ...	83		
5th Ward.—Jacob H. Ten Eyck, ..	292	Edward Artcher,....	223
Robert H. Pruyn,....	282	Hiram Bromley,....	220
6th Ward.—J. A. Livingston,....	296	D. V. N. Radcliff, ..	210
Robert McCollom, ...	296	C. Van Benthysen, .	310

	WHIG:	Aldermen.	DEMOCRAT.
7th Ward.—	John W. Cluett,.....	142	Timothy Spears,.... 308
	W. Frothingham,....	134	S. V. R. Ableman,.. 317
8th Ward.—	Wm. B. Scott, .....	246	John McKnight, .... 329
	Giles K. Winne,.....	235	David D. Ramsey, .. 335
9th Ward.—	George Traver,.....	459	Eli Perry,..... 469
	Thomas Coulson,....	467	Watts Sherman, .... 416
10th Ward.—	Michael Artcher, ....	306	James Rose,..... 252
	Philander Coley, ....	285	Robert D. Watson,.. 280

In the 7th ward there was a Native American ticket for all the offices, numbering about 67 votes.

April 8. Ann Dunkin, wife of John S. Van Rensselaer, died.

April 9. A weekly Antirent paper was begun by Thomas A. Devyr, called *The Albany Freeholder*.

April 10. Catalina Visscher, widow of Isaac H. Bogart, died, aged 76.

Eliza, wife of P. J. Arnott, died, aged 37.

April 14. The *Albany Daily Advertiser*, begun in 1815, and the *Albany Gazette*, begun in 1784, and the oldest newspaper in the state of New York, were discontinued.

April 13. Sarah, wife of Abraham Vosburgh, died, aged 84.

Henry H. Bailey died, aged 35.

April 15. The new board of common council met and elected its officers.

S. H. H. Parsons, clerk.

H. H. Hickcox, deputy chamberlain.

Lewis Benedict, Jr., attorney.

April 16. Jacob Hochstrasser died.

John Gilligan died, aged 36.

April 21. Mrs. Mary McGourkey died, aged 77.

April 24. Abigail, wife of Asaph Beebe, died, aged 40.

April 27. Daniel Hawe died, aged 22.

April 29. Sarah A. wife of E. P. Freeman, died, aged 33.

Caroline M., wife of Christopher Y. Lansing, died.

Expenses of the almshouse for the past quarter, \$2,754. Expended in the year ending April 1844, for out-door relief, \$4,365.02; do 1845, \$2,015.79.

May 6. Timothy Fassett died, aged 64.  
Margaret E., wife of Benjamin Havens, died,  
aged 28.

May 9. Silas F. Hedges died, aged 28.

May 12. Judge Sutherland died in this city, on his way  
to Geneva.

Mrs. Rebecca Main died, aged 84.

May 13. Jared L. Rathbone, of the firm of Rathbone  
& Chapin, died. He was a native of Salem, Ct., and  
came to this city in 1812. He was an enterprising mer-  
chant; had been a member of the common council, and  
mayor of the city.

May 14. Ann, widow of David Williams, died, aged 80.

May 17. Louisa, wife of Ira Harris, died, aged 35.

May 21. Ann Elizabeth, wife of James Hartness, died,  
aged 36.

May 22. Isaac S. Ward died, aged 25.

May 25. Mrs. Margaret Grant died, aged 83.

May 29. Margaret Thompson died.

June 1. Rev. Dr. Potter took leave of his congregation  
at St. Peter's church, with the purpose of visiting Europe.

June 5. Elsie, wife of Abram Rosekrans, died, aged 63.

June 7. John Brinckerhoff died, aged 32.

Samuel Swan died, aged 52.

June 9. A new bell weighing 2800 pounds was put into  
the tower of the Second Presbyterian church.

June 9. John Hill died, aged 47.

June 10. Oliver C. Gracie died, aged 56.

June 16. John Alden died, aged 36.

Annette Hall died, aged 97.

June 15. An effort was made in the common council  
to restore the water pumps in State street, which had  
been recently removed.

June 18. Killian K. Van Rensselaer died, aged 82.  
He was the son of Killian Van Rensselaer of Greenbush;  
was born in 1763, and educated for the legal profession,  
in which he for many years held a high rank in this city.  
He served for several years in the common council,\* and  
was a representative in congress five terms, from 1801 to

1811. He was also a member of the consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch church.

June 19. Margaret Jones died, aged 52.

June 30. The funeral obsequies of Gen. Jackson were performed by the civic societies and military companies. Great preparations were made on the occasion, but a drenching rain fell during the whole time of the procession.

July 4. At the general celebration, Isaac Vanderpoel delivered the oration, and R. S. Cushman read the Declaration. Before the Young Men's Association, Samuel Wilkeson, Jr., delivered the oration, and H. Terrell read the Declaration. Before the Temperance societies, orations by Samuel G. Courtney and John H. Canoll; reading Declaration by Jacob C. Cuyler.

July 7. The mortality of the last month to this date was 64; males 37, females 27; under 5 years of age 38; between 5 and 10, 4; between 10 and 20, 2; between 20 and 30, 4; between 30 and 50, 10; between 50 and 70, 5; one 80; one 82; one 97; unknown 4.

July 9. Joseph Henry died, aged 23.

July 13. John Parker died, aged 62.

William Harrison Stewart, formerly a music teacher in Albany, died in New York.

July 14. Mary Helmes died, aged 87.

There were 11 fire engines (2 without companies), 2 hook and ladder companies, 1 hose and 1 axe company. During the last six months there had been 23 fires and 12 alarms; amount of property destroyed \$36,152, on which was insured \$28,609.

July 16. The steam boat Rip Van Winkle made her first appearance, Capt. L. D. Abell. She was 220 feet in length, 26 feet beam, and drew 3 ft. 10 in. water; was propelled by Lighthall's horizontal and half beam engine, having a 44 inch cylinder, and a 10 foot stroke.

July 17. Margaret wife of Robert Van Rensselaer died.

July 21. William Voorhees died, aged 54.

Mary, wife of John Patterson, died, aged 66.

July 22. John Allen died, aged 49.

July 30. Catharine, wife of W. W. Van Zandt, died, aged 34.

Alice J., wife of Alex. Sheldon, died at Florida, Montgomery county.

Aug. 13. Frederick W. Cole died, aged 30.

Aug. 15. Obadiah R. Van Benthuyzen died, aged 59. Mr. Van Benthuyzen was bred a bookbinder, but having associated himself with Mr. Robert Packard in 1813, became one of the best practical printers in the state. His highly inventive mind enabled him not only to avail himself of every improvement, but to advance and elevate his favorite art. He was one of the first to apply in this country, through his own ingenuity and capital, the steam engine to printing presses. He was also the first to apply steam power to the casting of types. From 1824 to 1839 he was an associate proprietor with Edwin Crosswell, of the *Albany Argus*; and it was under his immediate supervision, during all that time, that the state printing was executed.

Aug. 18. Rufus Putnam died, aged 52.

Aug. 19. Thomas Jenkinson died, aged 24.

Aug. 27. James T. Clark died, aged 23.

Sept. 1. Augustus Graham died, aged 43.

Sept. 4. Lansing V. De Freest died, aged 24.

Owen J. Egbert died, aged 44.

Sept. 6. Mrs. Phœbe McKelvey died, aged 78.

Thomas Patterson died, aged 23.

Sept. 8. Catharine C., wife of Charles B. Lansing, died.

Samuel Graham died, aged 41.

John R. Richardson died, aged 47.

The common council directed the police office to be removed from the basement of the City Hall to the Centre Market.

Sept. 10. Elizabeth, wife of David Holt, died, aged 65.

The census showed the following comparative gain of population in Albany and Troy during the last fifteen years:

	ALBANY.	TROY.
1835,....	28,109	1835,.... 16,959
1840,....	33,663	1840,.... 19,373
1845,....	41,152	1845,.... 21,681



- Sept. 12. Thomas V. Z. Merrifield died, aged 28.  
Ellen, wife of Matthew Owens, died, aged 76.
- Sept. 13. Sarah, wife of John Hughes, died, aged 29.
- Sept. 14. Sarah M., wife of Wm. H. Pollard, died, aged 29.
- Sept. 15. Capt. James Benson died in New York, aged 45. From 1827 to 1839 he commanded the steam boats Saratoga, North America and Erie.
- Sept. 21. The steam boat Oregon, a marvel of a boat, made her first appearance at the landing, and attracted a crowd of visitors.
- Sept. 26. Alexander Cummings died, aged 41.
- Sept. 27. Mrs. Elizabeth McBurney died, aged 77.
- Oct. 1. Ellen, wife of John Glen, died, aged 72.
- Oct. 2. James Waddell died, aged 82.
- Oct. 3. Capt. Eliakim Ford died, aged 60.  
Margaret, widow of Wm. Brower, died, aged 78.
- Oct. 4. Mrs. Hannah Creer, died, aged 56.
- Oct. 5. Mrs. Nancy Gould died, aged 84.
- Oct. 6. Samuel Van Vechten died, aged 29.  
John H. Wightman died, aged 40.
- Oct. 7. Interments for the month, ending this day, 72; males 40, females 32.
- Oct. 9. The Hendrik Hudson made her first appearance at the landing of the People's line, a perfect wonder of steam boat architecture to all beholders, of 1170 tons burden.
- Oct. 13. Eliza, wife of George Morse, died, aged 39.  
Harriet M. wife of Nicholas Pike died, aged 20.
- Oct. 17. Amelia, wife of George Pike, died, aged 48.
- Oct. 29. Matthew M. Van Alstyne died, aged 37.
- Nov. 2. Angus McDuffie died, aged 54; formerly sheriff of the county.
- Nov. 3. Mrs. Dorothy Brown died, aged 83.  
Mrs. Mary D. Shiffer died, aged 70.
- Nov. 4. Election; Ira Harris received 6,296 votes for assembly, and was elected.
- Nov. 5. Gertrude, wife of Jas. Loatwall, died, aged 30.  
Mendwell, wife of Wm. Stead, died, aged 68.

Nov. 8. Mrs. Mary Milton died, aged 86.

Mrs. Lydia Ann Pike died, aged 43.

Nov. 10. The first experiment of the gas works was made by lighting some of the most public streets, as a preparatory trial of the pipes.

Nov. 9. During a severe blow, the walls of the Penitentiary, which were ready to receive the roof, were blown down.

Nov. 11. Philo K. Cole died, aged 39.

Nov. 29. Canal closed, having been open 225 days.

Nov. 13. William Clark engaged in drawing clay was drowned with his span of horses in the Hudson street pond; driver, horses and wagon were engulfed and entirely disappeared in that abyss.

Nov. 23. Anna, widow of Henry Truax, died, aged 77.

Nov. 27. Catharine Linacre died, aged 50.

Nov. 28. Mary, wife of John Freeman, died at Rochester, aged 18.

Elizabeth, widow of Lyman Root, died.

Nov. 30. Anna L., wife of Dr. James H. Armsby, and daughter of Hon. Gideon Hawley, died, aged 25.

Mrs. Rachel Judd died, aged 78.

Henry W. Mayer died, aged 23.

William Salisbury died, aged 37.

Dec. 1. Julius A. Varney died, aged 24.

The following sums were directed to be raised by tax:

For city watch and lamps,.....	\$23,000
contingencies,.....	20,000
interest on city debt,.....	10,000
account of city debt and interest under act of 1844,.....	25,000
loan for erecting school houses,.....	2,950
common schools,.....	7,635.70
temporary relief of poor,.....	7,000

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\$95,585.70

Dec. 2. Elijah Tripp died, aged 44.

Alexander H. Lovett died in China.

Dec. 3. The Third Presbyterian church was dedicated.

- Dec. 3. Mary P. Falconer died, aged 21.  
The river closed.
- Dec. 5. Mrs. Janet McPherson died, aged 85.
- Dec. 9. Cornelius Egberts died, aged 48.
- Dec. 10. Arthur C. Southwick died.
- Dec. 15. Francis Dwight, editor of the *District School Journal*, died.
- Dec. 27. Sally M., wife of Ralph S. Lewis, died, aged 29.
- Dec. 29. Mary Ann, widow of Richard Walker, died, aged 49.

## 1846.

- Jan. 2. Isabella, wife of Job Bendall, died, aged 42.
- Jan. 6. Abram Franks died, aged 40.
- Jan 15. George A. Hoyt died, aged 52.  
Mary, widow of Daniel Pohlman died, aged 74.
- Jan. 12. The chief engineer of the fire department reported that there were 11 engine companies, 2 hook and ladder companies, 1 hose company, and 1 axe company. In the year 1845, there were 42 fires and 21 alarms; loss of property \$57,232, on which there was insured \$43,252. This was about double the number of fires and loss of any year since 1839.
- Jan. 14. Abraham Rosekranse died at Mobile, aged 27.
- Jan. 20. Thomas Russell died, aged 73; of the late firm of Thomas & Joseph Russell, who came to this city about 1805, from New Bedford, Mass., and established themselves as painters and glaziers. Soon after connecting a paint and drug store with the mechanical business, they were extensively known for more than thirty years as an industrious and thrifty firm, and accumulated handsome fortunes.
- Jan. 20. William Gould, law bookseller, died, aged 72. He came to this city in 1809, from New Jersey, and established a large and prosperous business, in which he became wealthy. He was the senior partner, at the time of his death, of the house of Gould, Banks & Gould.
- Jan. 22. Mrs. Harriet A. Williams died, aged 48.
- Jan. 26. Jane Ann, wife of George T. Carter, died, aged 35.

- Jan. 29. Ann, widow of John W. Yates, died.  
 Jan. 30. Eliza Austin died, aged 38.  
       Mrs. Jane A. Tryon died, aged 35.  
 Jan. 31. Mrs. Elizabeth Lyons died.  
 Feb. 2. Thomas Lawrence died, aged 40.  
 Feb. 4. Mary, wife of John Buckbee, died.  
 Feb. 5. Stephen P. Schuyler died, aged 66.  
 Feb. 8. Philip Burnop died, aged 76.  
       Isaac Sitterly died, aged 91.  
 Feb. 10. John White died, aged 57.  
 Feb. 11. Casparus F. Pruyn, died, aged 54.  
       Gideon Deming died, aged 90.  
 Feb. 13. Isaac Packard died, aged 76.  
 Feb. 14. Wm. Spencer died, aged 39.  
 Feb. 15. Mrs. Clarissa Capron died, aged 54.  
 Feb. 19. Capt. Samuel Parks died, aged 42.  
       Julia Griffin died, aged 25.  
       Charles P. Chapman died.  
 Feb. 26. Patrick Gayner died, aged 27.  
       Mrs. Agnes Edgar died, aged 62.  
 March 2. Mary wife of Barnard McManus died, aged 35.  
       Lucy Brown died, aged 78.  
 March 3. Daniel Delahanty died, aged 73.  
       George Guardenier died, aged 46.  
 March 4. John Campbell died, aged 32.  
 March 16. Almira, wife of Humphrey Clark, died,  
 aged 34.  
 The river opened as far down as Hudson, but was ob-  
 structed between that city and Catskill, preventing com-  
 munication with New York by water.  
 March 17. Steam boat Columbia arrived.  
 March 18. Catharine, daughter of Philip Phelps, died,  
 aged 27.  
 The steam boat St. Nicholas came on about this time.  
 March 25. Moritz Wollensack died, aged 68.  
       Mary wife of Edward Truax died, aged 22.  
 March 28. Thomas W. Ford died, aged 76.  
 March 29. George G. Olmsted died, aged 52.  
 March 31. Mary, wife of James Morrell, died, aged 48.

April. The steam propeller Mohawk arrived at this city from Hartford in 36 hours; performing the quickest trip that had been made by water between the two cities.

April 2. Jacob Angus died, aged 29.

Job Gould died, aged 80.

Jane Ann, wife of William Ellis, died.

April 3. Harriet A. wife of T. S. Gillett died, aged 22.

April 4. Mrs. Elizabeth McCrea died, aged 75.

April 5. Rachel, widow of Henry Yates, died, aged 81.

The common council were at this time discussing earnestly the project of introducing water more abundantly into the city. A report on the subject had been made at a previous meeting of the board by Alderman Haswell, who now presented the form of a law for the purpose of effecting the object. It was estimated that the expense would be as much as \$100,000!

April 12. Maria B. wife of David Benson died, aged 38.

April 14. Charter election: whigs triumphant.

Wm. Parmerlee for mayor,----- 3,106

John Keyes Paige, do----- 2,512

----- 594 maj.

	WHIGS.	Aldermen.	DEMOCRATS.	
1st Ward.—	E. C. Warner,....	182	Richard Parr,.....	266
	Samuel Watson,..	183	P. B. Rooney, .....	267
2d Ward.—	H. C. Whelpley..	266	John W. Harcourt,....	253
	Elijah Cobb,.....	230	John S. Kinney,.....	249
3d Ward.—	Henry Greene,....	447	Wm. J. Fryer,.....	337
	Jas. H. Pease,....	441	M. Hendrickson,.....	332
4th Ward.—	John D. Hewson,.	385	Isaiah Townsend,.....	222
	James Gould,.....	389	George Warren,.....	219
5th Ward.—	Andrew White,..	272	Wm. Nettle, .....	155
	Robert H. Pruyn..	275	David Newcomb,.....	163
6th Ward.—	J. A. Livingston,.	246	James Maher, .....	165
	Thomas McElroy,.	256	Wm. A. Young, .....	179
7th Ward.—	Zebina Belknap,..	247	Charles Chapman,.....	260
	Uri Burt, .....	235	John Van Ness, jr.,...	267
8th Ward.—	Giles K. Winne,..	202	Joha Harrison,.....	219
	Elkanah Hunter,..	209	Gerrit Gates,.....	195
9th Ward.—	Arthur H. Root,..	454	Eli Warford,.....	238
	Theo. Watkins,..	489	Daniel P. Clark,....	218
10th Ward.—	Joshua I. Jones,..	391	Richard Yates,.....	264
	Edmund Dorr,....	391	H. H. Van Dyck,.....	260

April 14. Phebe, widow of Capt. John Gager, died, aged 75-

- April 15. Richard Hilton died, aged 87.
- April 16. Rebecca widow of Elijah Judson died, aged 69.
- April 18 Jonathan Burdick died, aged 76.  
John Kenyon died, aged 45.  
Jeremiah Smith died, aged 50. •
- April 21. Magdeline, wife of Joseph Coughtry, died, aged 25.
- April 28. Election for members of the convention for revising the constitution; Ira Harris elected from this city.
- May 2. Timothy Gladding died, aged 71.  
James Colvin died, aged 70.
- May 11. Mrs. Hannah Stevens died, aged 73.
- May 12. Agnes McLachlan died, aged 38.
- May 14. Robert Harris died, aged 53.  
Levi Sanderson died, aged 30.
- May 18. Benjamin Knower died at Marseilles, aged 33.
- May 30. Oliver Cotter died, aged 39.
- June 1. Meeting of the convention to revise the constitution.
- June 2. Andrew Wollensack died, aged 37.  
Lewis Becker died, aged 39,
- June 9. Owen Warner died, aged 56.
- June 10. John Humphries died in New York, aged 79.
- June 12. Elizabeth Thompson died, aged 72,
- June 14. James Wood died, aged 64.
- June 18. Elizabeth Nelson Eager, died aged 25.
- June 19. Elizabeth, wife of Nathaniel White, died, aged 49.
- June 22. Adaline Augusta, wife of W. Brown, died, aged 27.
- June 25. John T. S. Hansen died, aged 33.
- July 2. Peter C. Jones died, aged 34.  
William Lush died.
- July 3. Peter Boyd died. The father of Mr. Boyd arrived here from Scotland in 1774, and his ten sons were born and educated in the city. The deceased commenced business as a merchant in 1803, and the firm of Peter & John I. Boyd was extensively known from that

time until 1830, for its probity and honorable dealing. Mr. Boyd was an active member of the First Presbyterian church, and diligently occupied in doing good.

July 9. Dolly, wife of Daniel Patterson, died, aged 71.

July 11. Sarah wife of John Richardson died, aged 46,

July 14. Jacob Moore died.

July 15. Hannah wife of James N. Straw died, aged 48.

July 17. Walter Whitney, a revolutionary soldier, died aged 87.

July 21. Mary, widow of John Cuyler, died, aged 71.

July 23. Joseph S. Bell died, aged 30.

John C. Judd died, aged 22.

July 26. Joseph P. Mott died, aged 49.

July 28. Mrs. Elizabeth Hawley died, aged 83.

July 29. Rosetta G., wife of George W. Gladding, died, aged 34.

July 30. Margaret Drake died, aged 31.

Margaret, widow of Edward Willett, died, aged 58.

July 31. A company of volunteers under Capt. Frisbie left the city for California.

Aug. 3. William, son of John Tweddle, died, aged 22,

Aug. 4. Matthew Henry Webster died in New York, aged 42.

Aug. 6. Sarah, daughter of Joseph Robinson, died, aged 27,

Aug. 10. Jane M., wife of C. S. Frink, died, aged 30.

Jane widow of Wm. R. Hilton died, aged 57.

Aug. 13. Moses Tyler died, aged 52.

Aug. 17. Mrs. Ann W. Johnson died, aged 57,

Aug. 19. Westerlo Woodworth died, aged 35.

Edward Brown died, aged 75. He was a native of Stonington, Conn., and came to this city near the close of the last century, and in connection with his brother under the firm name of E. & S. Brown, carried on an extensive mercantile business. They were engaged in several voyages to China, and built the first brick store on the dock at the foot of Hudson street, which was taken down in 1845. The Dutchmen told them that

they would not build there if they had seen the river break up. Mr. Brown discharged the duties of dock master from 1820 to 1841, under the corporation, when the infirmities of age induced him to withdraw from active pursuits.

Sept. 2. Eleanor Jane, wife of Williams Gill, died, aged 30.

Sept. 4. Rev. David Abeel, Chinese missionary, died at the Manor House, aged 42, and was buried from the North Dutch church.

Sept. 5. De Witt C. Truax died, aged 24.

Sept. 7. Mrs. Patience Godley died, aged 56.

Sept. 8. A fire destroyed the brewery and malt house of R. Boyd & Co., together with the Mineral Spring Garden, and several dwelling houses on Ferry and Arch streets. It was the largest fire that had occurred since 1838.

John T. Norton was elected president of the Mohawk and Hudson rail road in place of Isaac Newton, resigned.

Sept. 10. Evert Yates died at Fultonville, aged 82.

Sept. 11. William Kemp died, aged 28.

Sept. 13. Thomas L. Hartness died, aged 37.

Sept. 16. Elizabeth, wife of Benj. F. Smith, died.

Sept. 18. Catharine, widow of George McCleheran, died, aged 78.

Sept. 22. Elizabeth Johnson died, aged 68.

Mrs. Maria Lewis died, aged 61.

Sept. 27. Catharine Westerlo, wife of John Woodworth, died.

Sept. 30. James Gibson died, aged 85.

Dr. Henry Van Olinda died, aged 43.

Oct. 1. Maria, wife of Chas. Low senior, died aged 52.

Oct. 6. Mrs. Mary Parke died, aged 77.

Margaret, daughter of the late James McElroy, died at Philadelphia, aged 48.

Oct. 7. John N. Quackenbush died, aged 72.

Mary M. Parker died, aged 26.

Oct. 8. The convention sitting in this city for the revision of the constitution, adjourned after a session of 131 days.



Oct. 9. The steam boat Isaac Newton, Capt. W. H. Peck, made her first appearance with 800 passengers.

Oct. 12. Cornelia A., widow of Charles Smyth, died, aged 51.

Henry L. Webb died at Hartford, Conn. He was one of the founders of the Canal Bank, and at the time of his death president of the Albany Gas Light company.

Oct. 17. Henry Nichols died at Westport, Ct., aged 43.

Oct. 18. Eliza, widow of Samuel Dexter, died, aged 84.

Elizabeth, widow of Robert H. Dunkin, died, aged 87.

Oct. 21. A very destructive fire commenced in the stove furnace of McCoy & Clark in Montgomery street, which destroyed that establishment, a part of the steam planing mill of John Gibson, the factory of G. C. Treadwell, and a large quantity of staves belonging to Wm. H. De Witt. It was the largest fire which had occurred in several years.

Oct. 24. Mary E., wife of Henry Brockway, died, aged 20.

Oct. 25. Permelia, wife of Levi Chapman, died.

Oct. 27. John Howes, of the firm of Howes & Northrop, died.

Oct. 31. Henry W. Holland died, aged 29.

The expenses of the district schools for the past year were \$12,280.89.

Nov. 3. Election. Marcus T. Reynolds was elected to the assembly, John I. Slingerland to Congress, Thomas Kirkpatrick county clerk, Oscar Tyler sheriff.

Nov. 5. Georgianna Gibson, died aged 22.

Nov. 7. John Glin died, aged 73.

Nov. 11. Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Peter Wendell, died.

Nov. 12. Maria Winne died, aged 21.

Nov. 13. William Henry Paddock died, aged 22.

Nov. 14. Maria, wife of Wm. Henry Kearney, died.

Nov. 15. Catharine, wife of Henry Lewis, died.

Nov. 20. Jane widow of Edward Jordan died, aged 49.

Nov. 21. Bethana Ann Weaver died, aged 26.

Nov. 26. Adrian D. Clark died at Mobile, aged 21

Dec. 1. William Lavender died, aged 35.

Abraham Vosburgh died, aged 92.

Dec. 7. Harvey Miller died, aged 47.

Dec. 14. The common council resolved to light the City Hall with gas.

Dec. 16. Thomas Wright, of the firm of Relyea & Wright, died, aged 50.

The voting and representative population of Albany city and county, was as follows:

	City.	County.	Total.
Whole population. ..	41,139	36,129	87,268
Aliens, .....	5,759	1,499	7,258
Colored, not taxed, ..	752	355	1,109
Representative, .....	34,628	34,275	68,903
Voting, .....	7,977	7,901	15,878

Dec. 18. Hannah S., wife of Selleck Whitney, died, aged 56.

Dec. 24. Peter McElroy died, aged 36.

Dec. 25. Frederick Fredendall died, aged 63.

Dec. 26. Thomas Gough died, aged 66.

Dec. 27. Susan Van Benthuisen, wife of Robert Shaw, died.

Dec. 30. Susannah wife of Mellen Battel died, aged 55.

Dec. 31. Dorothy Gove died, aged 88.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher died.

### 1847.

Jan. 3. The river was open before the city, and the weather spring-like.

Jan. 9. Aaron Lyon died, aged 59.

Mrs. Hannah Redecar died, aged 55.

Jan. 11. The common council, before whom the project of a new mode of furnishing the city with water had long been pressed, now resolved to subscribe \$100,000 as soon as \$150,000 more of the stock should be taken by individuals.

Oliver H. Perry died, aged 22.

Jan. 14. John Campbell died, aged 34.

The whole amount of taxes assessed upon the city and

county to meet the expenses of the past year, was \$144,-943.65.

Jan. 15. Sarah, widow of John Spencer, died, aged 61.

Messrs. E. Corning & Co. removed into their new store in Broadway, which was at the time the most excellent one in the city.

Jan. 18. Mary, widow of George Artcher, died, aged 80.

Susan B., wife of Henry R. Hoffman, died, aged 27.

Matilda A., wife of Wm. Hurst, died, aged 22.

Subscriptions were at this time being made to the stock of the Hudson River Rail Road.

Feb. 1. A new theatre, called the Odeon, was opened, in Broadway.

Feb. 3. Catharine, widow of Isaac Hamilton, died.

Feb. 5. John Mills died, aged 26.

Ann Elizabeth Lyons died, aged 20.

Feb. 7. Capt. John Iggett died, aged 46.

Feb. 12. There was a meeting at the Capitol in behalf of starving Ireland.

Feb. 16. George W. Thatcher died, aged 70.

Feb. 22. Cornelius J. Bounds died, aged 51.

Feb. 24. Anna, wife of John W. Bell, died, aged 26.

Susan, widow of Jesse Buel, died, aged 64.

Feb. 26. Ann Eliza Willett died, aged 39.

March 1. Wm. M. Northrop died, aged 35.

March 7. John Wilson died, aged 70.

Contributions for the relief of the famishing in Ireland were taken up in the three Catholic churches, which amounted to \$5,329.

March 9. The military and citizens paid funeral honors to the remains of Capt. Lewis N. Morris.

Lyman Phileo died, aged 42.

March 10. Martin Blunt died, aged 32.

Mrs. Sarah Miller died, aged 78.

Russell Buckley died, aged 46.

March 11. P. M. wife of Ephraim Howard died, aged 65.

March 14. Mary wife of Richard Thomas died, aged 59.

March 18. Wife of Wm. H. Mayer died at Fort Plain, aged 49.

March 20. Ann C., widow of Thomas Russell, died, aged 75.

Mrs. Margaret Bloomingdale died, aged 83.

Philip Schuyler Van Ingen died at Bethany, Va., aged 46.

March 24. David Christian died, aged 71.

March 25. Cynthia M., wife of Henry Johnson, died, aged 33.

The fare to New York by the Housatonic rail road had been \$5, during the winter; it was now reduced to \$3, to meet the competition by water. The steam boats came within a few miles of the city, but were unable to get through the barrier below the overslaugh.

March 28. Daniel W. Mixer died, aged 24.

March 30. A jubilee dinner was given to Dr. William Bay on the occasion of his completing a half century of practice. The fete was celebrated at Congress Hall, Dr. T. R. Beck, presiding.

April 2. Huldah Ann Mead died, aged 32.

April 5. Sarah, wife of Henry Lathrop, died, aged 48.

April 8. Mrs. Anna Wood died, aged 75.

April 7. Jakey Jackson died; an aged and respectable colored man, employed all his life in sweeping lawyers' offices, daily redeeming them from the dust of litigation, and restoring as much natural sweetness in those waste places, as could possibly be effected by the aid of a broom and watering pot. He was a little old gentleman, grave and reverend before a lawyer with his eyes upon a book, but jocund as the morning when addressed, and particularly happy if the recognition was made in Dutch.

April 10. The river was open and three steam boats arrived. For more than a week the boats had tantalized the merchants on the dock and pier with the sight of their smoke pipes, first from the City Hall, when twelve miles below, and from day to day nearer and nearer, till they were within sight of their own stores, making vigorous efforts to push through the ice, within three miles of their destination. Relief was anxiously looked for in the breaking up of the Mohawk, which took place at last,

causing such a rise of water and rush of ice, that the large wooden storehouse on the pier above the Maiden lane cut, was completely demolished, and many thousand bushels of grain and feed went down with the flood.

April 10. Ann, widow of William Stilwell, died.

April 12. Sarah, wife of John Tweddle, died, aged 51.

April 13. Marion wife of Joseph Gibson died, aged 33.

April 13. Election: four parties in the field; whigs elected mayor and 14 of the 20 aldermen.

For mayor—William Parmelee,.....	4088
James Goold, .....	1168
M. Hendrickson, .....	605
— Woodruff, .....	78

	WHIGS.	Aldermen.	DEMOCRATS.	
1st Ward.—John Milliman,.....	102		Richard Parr, .....	265
Jacob Schoonmaker, ..	118		S. W. Harned, .....	228
2d Ward.—W. W. Frothingham, ..	142		Geo. B. Riggs, .....	372
Anson McAllaster, ..	187		W. W. Forsyth, .....	306
3d Ward.—H. B. Haswell, .....	452		Chas. Van Benthuyzen, ..	282
G. A. H. Englehart, ..	453		H. W. Allen, .....	311
4th Ward.—Franklin Townsend, ..	411		Geo. Monteath, .....	214
Daniel Fry, .....	403		Geo. Clemens, .....	210
5th Ward.—Andrew White, .....	287		Thos. Hun, .....	171
R. H. Pruyn, .....	289		E. R. Satterlee, .....	161
6th Ward.—John A. Livingston, ..	268		W. B. Gourlay, .....	170
C. M. Jenkins, .....	282		Geo. W. Luther, .....	159
7th Ward.—Rensselaer West, ..	298		Timothy Spears, .....	205
Uri Burt, .....	300		C. Boyd, .....	207
8th Ward.—Wm. B. Scott, .....	274		J. Harrison, .....	290
H. A. Williams, .....	197		P. McCall, .....	318
9th Ward.—George Traver, .....	488		Robert Higgins, .....	255
Wm. Cumming, .....	467		J. D. Cady, .....	335
10th Ward.—Roswell Steele, .....	345		John Cooke, .....	277
Daniel B. Bassett, .....	377		J. Disney, .....	230

April 15. William G. Fry died, aged 42.

The Second Presbyterian church, which was built in 1816, at the cost of \$75,000, was now thoroughly renovated by extensive changes in its interior arrangements at an expense of \$9,000.

April 16. Mary Capron died, aged 81.

April 26. Daniel W. Humphrey died, aged 28.

April 27. Elizabeth wife of John Moffit died, aged 40.  
John Reston died, aged 66.

April 29. Mrs. John Van Ness Yates died, in N. York.

May 4. Edmund Lord died, aged 63.

May 9. Rev. James McDonough, pastor of St. John's church in Ferry street, preached his farewell sermon, having been transferred to St. James's church, Brooklyn. Rev. Mr. McClosky of Schenectady succeeded him.

Rev. Dr. Schneller, who had for more than twelve years officiated as pastor of St. Mary's church, was also transferred to Brooklyn.

May 9. Julia A. Covert died, aged 18.

Hiram Bromley died, aged 43.

May 10. Eliza, wife of James H. Brooks, died.

May 14. Alex. McLean died at Buffalo, aged 40.

May 17. Mrs. Nancy Van Ness died, aged 75.

May 19. John Davis died, aged 40.

News was received of the murder of Wm. H. Kearney, a volunteer in the Mexican war. After the American army left Vera Cruz, he was sent back with several others to bring up some stragglers and the mails, and whilst on that duty was shot down from the way side by the banditti that infested the road, and bayoneted; after which his feet were tied together, and his body drawn by a horse over the road until his head was so bruised that his features could hardly be recognized.

May 20. Mary E., daughter of the late Rev. John M. Bradford, died.

May 28. John Delehanty died, aged 61.

Betsey S., wife of James B. Stryker, died aged 27.

May 29. Leonard Beardsley died, aged 25.

May 30. Mrs. Leah Kane died, aged 74.

Emeline Mayell died.

May 31. Joseph Hall died, aged 83.

June 1. Anna, wife of Charles Scovel, died, aged 32.

June 7. Lydia, wife of Caleb Benjamin, died, aged 79.

Mary Jane, wife of Rev. Horatio Potter, died at Schenectady.

Amasa J. Parker and Ira Harris, Esqs., were elected justices of the supreme court.

- June 9. George W. Weed died, aged 35.  
 June 19. Henry R. Walker died, aged 25.  
 June 20. William W. Crannel died, aged 51.  
 June 22. Margaret Henry died, aged 59.  
 June 25. Henry Keyes died, aged 51.  
 June 26. James McKown died, aged 58. Col. McKown was educated to the legal profession under John V. Henry, whose law partner he became. He held the office of recorder for 15 years, and resigned in 1838. He was again appointed in 1844. During his term the jurisdiction of the mayor's court was extended, its character and dignity increased, and it commanded universal confidence and respect. He was several years successively a member of the assembly, and a regent of the university.
- June 26. Mary E., wife of J. K. Wing, died, aged 28.  
 June 29. James Chestney died, aged 95.  
 July 1. George Forbey, Jr. died, aged 22.  
 July 3. Sarah, wife of Laban W. Keith, died, aged 55.  
 Anna L., wife of R. L. Joice, died, aged 25.  
 July 5. John W. Van Buren died, aged 34.  
 Caroline C., wife of Ezra B. Bennett, died, aged 37.
- July 9. Ann widow of Christopher Oley died, aged 70.  
 July 14. Cynthia, widow of Timothy Gladding, died.  
 July 16. Daniel Bradt died, aged 68.  
 July 17. John Worcester died, aged 48.  
 July 20. John Russell died, aged 37.  
 Abram Rosekrans died, aged 67.
- July 22. Catalina Boyd died, aged 32.  
 Charles Boardman died, aged 52.
- July 23. Mrs. Elizabeth Powers died, aged 95.  
 July 24. Richard Roser, jr. died, aged 46.  
 July 28. Lois P., wife of Benj. C. Raymond, died.
- Aug. 2. Elizabeth wife of W. F. Slawson died, aged 25.  
 Garret L. Dox died at Waterloo, aged 62.
- Aug. 3. Caroline C., wife of Dr. R. B. Briggs, died, aged 32.  
 John E. Lovett resigned the office of Secretary of the Albany Insurance company on account of ill-health, and was succeeded by Stephen Groesbeeck.

Aug. 4. Laura widow of Charles Dillon died, aged 43.

Capt. Elihu S. Bunker died, for nearly half a century identified with steam boat navigation. He commanded the first steam boat that ran upon the sound.

Aug. 6. Johanna, wife of Simon Relyea, died, aged 49.

Adeline, wife of Schuyler Bradwell, died, aged 27.

Aug. 9. The firemen received and entertained a company from Charlestown, Mass., giving a torch-light procession in the evening.

Aug. 10. John Stockton died, aged 47.

Aug. 11. Fanny, wife of David Deyo, died, aged 53.

Aug. 16. William Thorp died at Oakhill, aged 56.

Alexander McElroy died, aged 88.

Aug. 17. Mrs. Elizabeth Baker died, aged 71.

Aug. 19. John Erskine Lovett died, aged 52. Mr. Lovett was for a long time city attorney; afterwards an active member of the common council; and was for the last fourteen years of his life secretary of the Albany insurance company. He was a man of amiable and refined manners, accurate learning, strict integrity, and possessing a high sense of honor.

Sept. 2. Thomas Bulger died, aged 67.

Sept. 4. Jane, widow of Horace Allen, died, aged 72.

Sept. 6. Michael I. Johnston died, aged 45.

David Deyo, jr. died, aged 56.

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This closes the *Notes from the Newspapers*, and brings the events of the city down to the time when the *Annals* were begun in 1847. See vol. 1, p. 159, and 341, and each succeeding volume, in which the events of the year are published to the close of 1858, forming a continuous chronicle of nearly ninety years, since the first newspaper was printed here.



## ABRAHAM VAN VECHTEN.

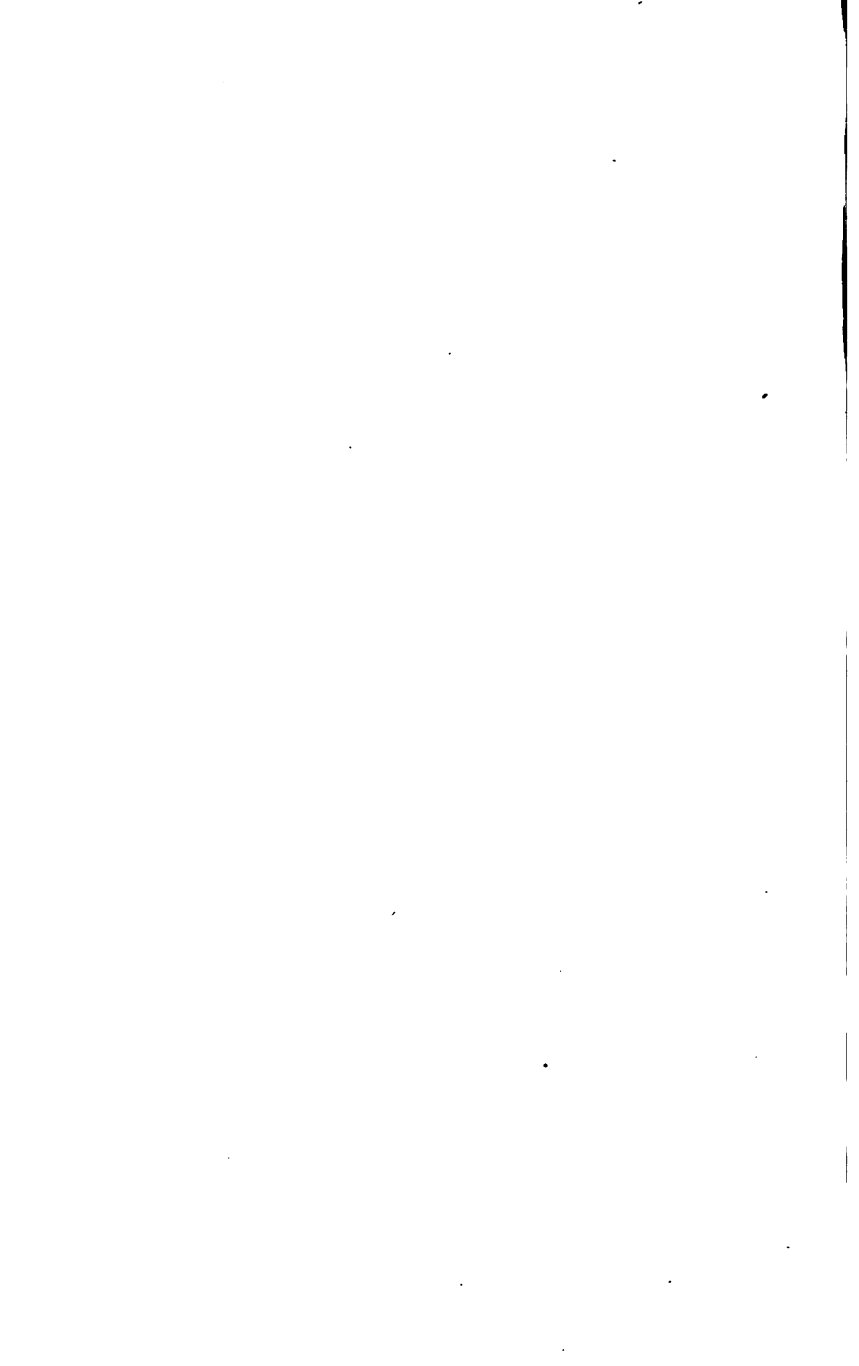
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This distinguished lawyer and statesman, was the youngest son of Teunis Van Vechten and Judith Ten Broeck, and was born at Catskill, December 5, 1762; was married May 24, 1784, to Catharine Schuyler, daughter of Philip P. Schuyler and Anna Wendell; and died at Albany, on the 6th January, 1837.

Few men have been called to so extensive a sphere of usefulness and filled it so long and so well as ABRAHAM VAN VECHTEN. He entered upon the scenes of active life shortly after the Revolutionary war. He received his elementary education at a public school in Esopus, which has been the nursery of many of our distinguished men. He pursued his professional studies under the direction of the late Chancellor Lansing, and began the practice of law in the county of Montgomery, but was soon invited to occupy a more extensive field in the city of Albany. The high places at the bar were then filled by a gifted race of advocates, among whom were Hamilton, Harrison, Jones, Burr and Livingston. But the brilliancy of the bar could not cast young Van Vechten in the shade. He soon ranked among his illustrious seniors as an equal and a competitor for the highest professional eminence. Untiring in his efforts, the powers of his highly gifted mind were continually developed and expanded. His intellect was formed to grapple with the most abstruse and difficult subjects of judicial investigation; and he early inured himself to the most intense application of mental industry. In acuteness and the ready comprehension of any subject presented for his investigation, he had few equals. And nature seemed to have furnished him with powers eminently adapted to the illustration of legal principles. He made no display of legal lore, his learning seemed to be incorporated with his thoughts. What he had once read was well digested and remained ever ready for application. A large portion of his life was spent in the discussion of legal questions in our highest tribunals of law and equity; there he was always listened to with profound attention by our most eminent judges. His arguments were calculated to elucidate and instruct, and greatly to aid the tribunals to which they were addressed in forming correct conclusions. His style was remarkable for purity, perspicuity and strength. His train of thought was always logical and correct. In his manner he was usually calm and unimpassioned, yet earnest and forcible. His talents were too conspicuous to allow him to confine his efforts to the bar. He was repeatedly chosen to represent his fellow citizens in both branches of the legislature. The senate chamber was the theatre of some of his highest intellectual efforts. As a member of the court for the cor-



**ABRAHAM VAN VECHTEN.**



rection of errors he has left behind him enduring monuments of his legal wisdom. For a number of years he filled the office of attorney general with distinguished ability. At an early period of his life a seat on the bench of the supreme court was offered to him by Gov. Jay; a similar offer was made to him at a later period. He declined these proffered honors, preferring the labors of the bar as more congenial to his habits and his feelings. The causes in our books of reports in which he took a part as counsel, numerous as they are, give but a faint idea of the amount of professional labor performed by him. For more than half a century his brilliant mind was constantly shedding its light over the jurisprudence of the state. The bar had long delighted to accord to him the highest honors they could bestow. To the younger members of the profession he had greatly endeared himself by his kindness and courteous manners; and by all he was venerated as an illustrious model of professional excellence. In his daily consultations with his clients he was emphatically a peace maker. It was his constant habit to advise to the settlement of disputes whenever it was practicable. He allowed no sordid motives to influence his advice, or to bias his mind in giving his opinions.

He was recorder of the city of Albany from 1797 to 1808; state senator from 1798 to 1805, and from 1816 to 1820; member of assembly from 1805 to 1815; attorney-general of the state for the year 1810, and was again appointed in 1813, and served two years; and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1821.

His character as a citizen in the private walks of life afforded a model of excellence. He constantly displayed in his intercourse with his neighbors and acquaintances the most amiable social qualities which adorn the human heart. To his other traits of character was added one which is justly deemed of far the most importance; he was a sincere believer in the Savior of the world and a venerated member of the Dutch Reformed Church. In her judicatories his paternal counsels were listened to with reverence, as eminently calculated to promote the peace and prosperity of the Church. His disinterestedness was a prominent feature in his character and was the foundation of that unbounded confidence which was reposed in him by all who knew him. In his domestic circle he was remarkable for kindness and affectionate attention to the feelings and wants of those who were dependent upon him.

ALBANY.

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The following communication, exhibiting the actual condition of our city, its prospects and advantages, is from a source, it will be perceived, that entitles its statements to entire credit. We lay it before our readers with the more pleasure, as the present indications point not only to the continued prosperity of the city, but to the prevalence of a spirit among us that must lead to a far higher appreciation of the advantages of this most favorable location for all the purposes of extensive business and profitable adventure. The growth of Albany has been steady, and in all respects substantial. At the head of one of the most noble rivers in America—at the confluence of the river and a chain of internal communication stretching west from the Hudson to the Mississippi and north to the St. Lawrence—the recipient of the products, not only of our own west, with its abundance and fertility, but of all the extended and rapidly improving country bordering upon and lying between the two great points referred to—its destiny can not be mistaken. It must become one of the largest cities of the Union. This result will be facilitated by the measures now in progress for opening a direct communication, via Stockbridge and Worcester, to Boston; and particularly by the fresh spirit and energy with which our citizens have entered into that and other improvements.

This communication has been issued in the form of a circular, and addressed to such persons in the adjacent states, as will be likely, from their character, standing and relative situation, to view the matter with interest, and give it circulation among those for whose information it is designed.—*Albany Daily Advertiser*, 1835.

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Albany, the capital of the state of New York, is near the head of navigation on the Hudson river, where the

great western and northern canals terminate. Its happy position, at a point where a river navigable to the ocean, and one of the finest in the world, meets the great inland communications with the northern and western lakes, ensures its advancement, and that at no distant period, to the very first rank among the inland cities of this country. Since the completion of the Erie and Champlain canals, its progress in population and business has been almost unexampled.

In 1820, the number of inhabitants was 12,630. In 1830, 24,209, being an increase of 92 per cent, in ten years. No census has been taken since 1830, but one is now in progress, and will shortly be completed. No doubt is entertained, from the increase of business in the city, that it will show a very great increase of population over that of 1830.

The following table shows the increase in the amount of produce and merchandise arriving at Albany by way of the canal in two years, from 1832 to 1834:

COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR THE YEARS

		1832.	1834.
Domestic spirits,	brls.	21,285	20,839
“	hhds.	1,274	
Boards and scantling,	feet	36,020,594	62,103,000
Shingles,	M.		22,643
Timber,	feet	55,569	104,145
Flour,	brls.	422,695	795,182
Provisions.	“	21,274	20,864
Salt,	bush.	23,117	19,070
Ashes,	brls.	19,091	16,944
Wood,	cords	15,224	17,685
Wheat,	bush.	145,960	233,574
Coarse grain,	“	208,943	490,880
No. of boats arrived and cleared,		14,300	18,550
No. of tons,		109,300	156,804

It appears from the above table that the increase in favor of 1834 over 1832 on the three greatest articles of merchandise, viz: lumber in its various shapes, flour and

grain, is from 70 to 100 per cent, and a continued increase will no doubt go on. The lumber trade alone at this city, is already immense, it being one of the best lumber markets in the Union, and promises to continue so for a long time to come.

The following is a complete return of the different articles arriving at Albany by way of the Canal during the year 1834.

1834.

*Complete returns of articles, under the new order.*

Domestic spirits, brls.		20,839
Boards and scantling, feet		62,103,000
Shingles, M.		22,643
Timber, feet		104,145
Staves,		56,438,000
Flour, brls.		795,182
Provisions, "		20,864
Salt, "		10,070
Ashes, "		16,944
Lime, "		455,810
Beer, "		293
Cider, "		43
Dried fruit, lbs.		45,934
Apples, brls.		241
Wood, cords		17,685
Wheat, bush.		233,574
Coarse grain, "		490,880
Bran and ship-stuff "		273,191
Peas and beans, "		13,137
Potatoes, "		19,758
Clover and grass seed, lbs.		790,434
Flax seed, "		613,046
Wool, "		591,760
Cotton, "		22,412
Cheese, "		1,553,304
Butter and lard, "		1,826,341
Hops, "		247,165
Hemp, "		57,581

Tobacco,	lbs.	447,349
Fur and peltry,	"	361,283
Stone,	"	4,111,323
Merchandise,	"	181,218
Furniture,	"	199,747
Clay,	"	4,250
Pig lead,	"	1,000
Pig Iron,	"	49,213
Iron ware,	"	377,922
Sundries,	"	8,129,695

There is no doubt that the business of this year will very greatly exceed that of the last. By returns from the collector's office at Albany, up to the 1st of August (after which it will be recollected the great business season of the year is yet to come), it appeared that the amount of many of the articles mentioned in the foregoing report which had then arrived, exceeded the entire quantity that arrived during the whole of last year.

The following is a statement of the canal tolls received by the collector at Albany, down to the 1st of September in 1834 and 1835:

To the 1st of September, 1834,	\$124,263.49
"    "    1835,	192,883.10

Being an increase of business by the way of the canal of 56 per cent, since last year. Besides this, a considerable quantity of produce is brought to Albany on the Mohawk and Hudson rail road, which strikes the Erie canal at Schenectady—the amount being about 420 tons per week.

For the future the prospects of Albany are still more encouraging. The rail road from Schenectady to Utica is now constructing, and will be completed by next July or August; thus extending the rail road communication 100 miles west. Rail roads are also constructing between Syracuse and Auburn, and between Rochester and Batavia, which will so far complete the line of rail roads to Buffalo, that it is easy to foresee that but a short time can elapse before a continuous line will be established to Lake Erie, thus making the spring and winter facilities



of transportation nearly equal to those of the summer. A company is now engaged in making surveys for a rail road from Albany to Stockbridge in Massachusetts, which with the contemplated rail road from Stockbridge to connect with the Boston and Worcester rail road, will form a chain of rail road communication between Albany and Boston, which will be of great advantage to this city, especially in the winter, when the intercourse by water with New York is suspended. When all these roads are completed, and there is no doubt they soon will be, and the links west of Utica above referred to, filled up, there will be a line of rail road communication from Boston to Buffalo; from the Atlantic to the western lakes, of which Albany will be the business centre.

While private enterprise is doing so much to improve the communication with the west, the state government by a late law has authorized an enlargement of the Erie canal and the construction of double locks, which it is supposed will have the effect to reduce the price of transportation 30 to 40 per cent, and greatly to augment it in quantity.

The present rate of toll on 1000 pounds of flour from Buffalo to Albany is \$1.62½. The reduction will bring it to less than one half the cost, for the same distance by any other route, and the valley of the Mohawk must continue to be as it always has been the natural and easiest channel of commerce with the west, and Albany the depot where the exchange takes place between the productions of the interior for those of the sea coast and of foreign countries. This exchange will be much facilitated by the improvement now making in the navigation of the Hudson by the United States government. The removal of the bar, which is the object of this improvement, will, when completed, deepen the channel *to about twelve feet*, and will give to this place a West India trade, in which the productions of the islands, consumed in the west, will be exchanged for the produce brought down the canal, without being burdened by landing, storage and reshipment at New York.

No doubt is entertained that the coasting and West India trade will be carried on to a very great extent in Albany, and with very great profit and success, so soon as the improvement of the river navigation is completed; and for the reason above given, no place in the country can, in many respects, be more advantageously situated for it. Indeed, the coasting trade carried on between this city and the seaport towns of New England, is already very extensive. There are about twenty-five regular trading vessels between Albany and Boston only, which it is estimated by one of our most intelligent forwarding merchants bring to this place about 25,000 quintals codfish during the season, and about 25,000 barrels of mackerel, besides large quantities of merchandise which passes up the canal, or stops for a market here, not less probably than 5,000 tons. These vessels take from Albany to Boston, in return, about 75,000 barrels of flour per season, together with large quantities of timothy seed, peas, wool, &c. The indirect trade between Boston and Albany, which is transhipped at New York, is also very extensive.

Besides the routes above mentioned, others are making to the north, all directly communicating with this city, and increasing its advantages. A rail road communication already exists between this place and Saratoga Springs, by way of the Mohawk and Hudson and Saratoga and Schenectady rail roads. The rail road now about making from Saratoga Springs to Whitehall, will complete the route to Lake Champlain, and afford the same advantages for a trade with Canada in the fall and spring as are now given by means of the northern canal in the summer.

It necessarily results from the situation of Albany and its easy means of communication with the surrounding country, that an immense travel centres at this city. Some idea may be formed of its extent when we state that it is estimated, and no doubt truly, that from 600,000 to 800,000 persons arrive at and depart from this city in the course of the year, by the several stage

routes, rail roads, steam boats and other vessels—and this number is yearly increasing, and no doubt six years will see it doubled.

In consequence of this city being a great depot for the produce of the north and west, raw materials for manufacture are obtained here at the cheapest rates, and provisions are lower than in any of the Atlantic cities. The market is abundant at all seasons of the year, and is well supplied with all the necessaries and luxuries of life, at moderate prices.

Industrious mechanics, and all men of enterprise and character, can not fail to prosper in Albany, as the means of living are cheap, and the market extensive—communicating with almost every section of the country, in the readiest manner. All will here find an almost certain reward for their exertions; almost every branch of mechanical labor is or may be carried on at this city, to very great advantage, and no doubt with great success. Good water power exists in its vicinity for mills and manufactories, and a ready market can easily be found for all products of labor and skill. With the strong conviction that the interest of those who may come to take up their residence in our city will be promoted, as well as the prosperity of the city thereby increased, we hope that you will give circulation to this statement, among such as you may suppose wish to seek in this state additional encouragement for their enterprise, and industry. Respectfully, yours,

ERASTUS CORNING,  
TEUNIS VAN VECHTEN,  
JOHN WOODWORTH,  
AUGUSTUS JAMES,  
THOS. W. OLCOTT,  
GIDEON HAWLEY,  
B. KNOWER,  
LEWIS BENEDICT,

JOHN TOWNSEND,  
FR. BLOODGOOD,  
S. VAN RENSSELAER, Jr.  
JAS. STEVENSON,  
JESSE BUEL,  
H. BLEECKER.  
JAS. VANDERPOEL.

## TYRONE POWER'S IMPRESSIONS OF ALBANY.

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[Mr. Power, the popular Irish actor, on his return home, published a book of his *Impressions of America*, which was a readable and liberal work. The following account of the excitement he created at the Theatre is a tolerably correct statement of the affair. Theatrical audiences were extremely jealous of foreign actors, and resented the smallest expressions of disrespect, when they were so imprudent as to let anything of the kind pass their lips. Several theatres exhibited the most decided marks of the vengeance of an *offended people*.]

This is the capital of the powerful state of New York, and promises at no very distant period to wear an aspect worthy its rank. No situation was ever chosen better adapted to display; for the town is built over the face of a lofty and steep hill, which only affords space for one or two streets about its foot, and this is chiefly occupied by docks and the several canal basins connected with the Hudson.

The principal avenue, a regularly built, grandly proportioned street, with a railway running through its centre, climbs directly up the hill, and is terminated by a well-kept public square, or *Grande Place*, as the French would call it, about which the State House, City Hall, and other public buildings are ranged. These striking objects, from the nature of the ground, stand boldly out, and have all an appearance sufficiently imposing; whilst here are some buildings that possess strong claims to architectural beauty.

Nearly all the more important public offices have lofty and well-proportioned domes; and these being uniformly covered with tin or other bright metal, impart a gay and picturesque effect to the general mass; and indeed, the city, viewed from a little distance, with all these cupolar

and towering domes reflected in the setting sun, assumes quite an oriental appearance; one is immediately reminded of the mosque and minaret of some Turkish capital; the fine marble too used in the construction of all public buildings, and indeed of many private ones, increases the effect which they derive from their style and from the bold eminence they occupy.

• Albany was long almost exclusively Dutch, and may be said up to this time to have hardly kept pace with the rapid advance of the country generally; it must have marveled at the spread of the numerous flourishing towns which have grown up around within a few years, and which threatened to eclipse, if not extinguish it wholly. A movement, however, has of late taken place; the inhabitants have awoke, new colonists have superseded the family from Sleepy-hollow, or imparted to them a share of their energy; and Albany begins to assert her claims on the productive country by which she is backed, and to turn into her own channel a portion of its commerce. Building is everywhere going forward; land has doubled and trebled in value; improvements are in steady progress; and should the present prosperous course of things meet with no untoward check to paralyze the industry of the people, Albany will in a few years assume an importance more profitable to its citizens than the empty honor it derives from being styled the capital of the state.

There are several excellent inns; one kept by an Englishman, a Mr. Thomas, in which I dined once or twice with friends, and which bears a high reputation; another, wherein I always resided on my several visits here, kept by Mr. Cruttenden; and if henceforward any stranger who relishes good fare, loves Shakespere, and would choose to make the acquaintance of a Transatlantic Falstaff, passes through Albany without calling at the Eagle, and cracking a bottle with "mine host," he will have missed one of those days he would not have failed to mark with a white stone. Soberly, I do not remember ever to have met with a face and figure

which, were I a painter, I would so readily adopt for a *beau-ideal* of the profligate son of mirth and mischief as those of mine host o' th' Eagle. He has a fellow feeling too with "lean Jack," is as well read in Shakespeare as most good men, quotes him fluently and happily, honors and loves him as he should be loved and honored, and in himself possesses much of the humor, much of the native wit, but not a single trait of the less admirable portions of the fat knight's character.

Indebted to Mr. Cruttenden for many pleasant hours, I will not offer an excuse for making this indifferent sketch of him here, since it in no way trenches upon the rule I hold sacred of eschewing comment on private persons, or details of social intercourse, where indeed, men speak oftener from the heart than from the head. Mr. C. I look upon as a public character, and thus I am enabled to say how much I esteem him. Should he be wroth, I vow, if I ever should visit Albany again, never to make one at the "Feast of Shells." On the contrary, I'll fly to the Eagle; forswear "the villanous company" of mine host; I'll disclaim him, renounce him, "and d——n me if ever I call him Jack again."

The theatre here is a handsome building, and well adapted to the purpose for which it was designed; but is, I believe, worse supported than any other on this continent. I had been advised not to visit the city professionally; but being strongly solicited by the worthy manager, "mischief lay in my way, and I found it."

I feel compelled in honesty to state the facts of this trip, though no way flattering to my powers of attraction: however, if there be any thing unpleasant to relate, I ever find it better to tell of oneself, than to leave it to the charity of good-natured friends. The only disagreement I ever had with an audience, in fact, occurred here, and roundly, thus it happened.

On the evening when I was advertised to make my *debut* to an Albany audience, I at my usual hour walked to the house, dressed, and was ready; but when half an hour after the time of beginning, I went on the stage,

there were not ten persons in the house. The stage director and myself now held a consultation on the unpromising aspect of our affairs. He ascribed the unusually deserted condition of the *salle* to the sultry and threatening state of the atmosphere, which had deterred the neighboring towns of Troy and Waterford from furnishing their quota—those indeed being his chief dependencies. I was opposed, on policy, to throwing away our ammunition so unprofitable; and so, after due deliberation, the manager agreed to state to the few persons in front, that "with their permission" the performances intended for this night would be postponed until the evening after the next following; as, in consequence of the exceeding smallness of the audience, it was to be feared the play would prove dull to them, as it must be irksome to the actors.

Nothing could be received with better feeling on the part of the persons assembled; not a breath of disapprobation was heard. They instantly went away; but soon after I reached home, I found, by the report of one or two gentlemen who had since been at the theatre seeking admittance, that a considerable excitement prevailed, and that at the public bars of the neighborhood the affair was detailed in a way likely to produce unpleasant effects on my first appearance.

The appointed night came, the house was filled with men, and every thing foreboded a violent outbreak; the manager appeared terrified out of his wits; but, as far as I can judge, behaved with infinite honesty; disavowed the truth of the imputations connected with the dismissal, and which it was sought to fasten upon me; and affirmed that he was fully prepared to place the facts simply before the audience, in the event of my suffering any interruption.

It was now found that an actor or two needed in the piece were absent. These worthies, the chief agitators in this affair, were, in fact, in front of the house to assist in the expected assault upon a stranger and one of their own profession. On this being explained to the manager,

he said he was aware of it. and had threatened to discharge the individuals; but relying upon the affair terminating in my discomfiture, they did not fear being sustained by the same intelligence which they now directed against me.

On my appearance the din was mighty deafening; the volunteer champions of the public had come well prepared, and every invention for making the voice of humanity bestial was present and in full use. The boxes I observed to be occupied by well-dressed men, who generally either remained neutral, or by signs sought that I should be heard. This, however, was out of the question; and after long and patient abiding, "for patience is the badge of our tribe," I made my bow and retired, when the manager, who had on the night in question dismissed the house, made his bow, and, after silence was obtained, begged that the audience would give me a hearing, assuring them on his own knowledge that I had not contemplated insulting them.

I again came forward, and after some time was permitted to say that I could in no way account for a simple matter of business being so misrepresented as to occasion this violent exhibition of their anger; that, before the audience in question was dismissed, its permission had been obtained; that, if I really contemplated insult, it is hardly probable I should wait two days to encounter the anger to those I had sought to offend. I further said, that on the common principle which they professed, I was entitled to a hearing, since the sense of the majority was evidently with me; and that, if the disorder continued, I should, for the sake of that respectable majority, sincerely regret this, since the character of their city for justice and hospitality would be more impeached than my prospects be injured.

After this the row was resumed with added fierceness; not a word of either play or farce was heard; but I persisted in going through with the performance, being determined not to dismiss a second time.

At the fall of the curtain I begged the manager would



not again announce me, as although, for the sake of the many who I could see were opposed to this misjudged outrage, I had gone through the business once, I could not again subject them to the annoyance of such a collision, or myself to continued insult.

I was, however, happily induced to change this determination at the request of many gentlemen of the place, who assured me that the whole thing arose from stories most industriously circulated by one or two ill-conditioned actors, backed by inflammatory handbills and a scurrilous print.

Out of this affair, which threatened me serious annoyance, I really gathered a new proof of the kindness of the people of this country, for I found persons on all sides interesting themselves for me, although I entered the place without an acquaintance; and had I not stood in need of help, so in all probability should I have quitted it; but in this hour of annoyance, men not of theatrical habits put themselves actively forward to shield a calumniated stranger from insult or injury; in consequence of this interposition, on my appearance, nothing could be more orderly than the conduct of the audience.

I concluded my engagement, which was only for four nights, and left the theatre with a promise to return, which pledge, at some inconvenience, I redeemed; and I have never been able to regret a momentary vexation which obtained for me many friends, and made known to me the sterling good feeling existing in Albany, of which I might otherwise have remained ignorant.

The rides about Albany are numerous, the roads the best in the country; and the little city of Troy, with its Mount Ida, worthy even the celestial residents who honored its less beautiful predecessor with their presence. Higher up lies Waterford, a thriving place, also charmingly situated; and, near this, the Fall of the Cohoes, one of the finest natural objects in the country. Indeed a morning's ride in this direction offers a succession of views that can no where be surpassed, and which I do not remember to have often seen equaled.

Approaching Albany from the west, and looking across the Hudson over the pine-wooded slopes and verdant meadows on which it fronts, it appears a city bordered by an ornamental park; to the south tower the cloud-capped Catskill mountains; on the north are the blue mountains of Vermont; and about the verge of the landscape on all sides runs a line of boldly undulating hills, whose rugged outline forms no inappropriate framing to this very beautiful picture.

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#### SPANISH ACCOUNT OF ALBANY IN 1778.

[From *Noticia del Establecimiento y Poblacion de las Colonias Inglesas en America Septentrional.* By Don F. Alvarez.]

The county of Albany is near the Indian plantations that extend hence to Canada. The city of this name is in the midst of fine plantations, is well situated for commerce and formerly bore the name of Fort Orange. The greater part of the inhabitants are of Holland origin and number three hundred families. In this city the governors of other places of New England hold regularly their conferences with the sachems or Indian kings. Albany is defended by a fine stone fort and supports a garrison of two companies.

There is also in this county another city called Schenectady, situated twenty miles further to the north, and in a most delightful valley. The Indian nations who dwell a little distance beyond this city have hitherto retained their lands.

## CENSUS OF ALBANY COUNTY.

1840.

From the copies of the statistical returns of the late census of this state, presented to the assembly by the marshals of the northern and southern districts, we have compiled the following table of the population, productions, trade, manufactures, &c., of this county.

The population of Albany county is 68,546, of whom 8,278 are employed in agriculture, 422 in commerce, 3,705 in trades and manufactures, 34 in navigation of the ocean, 310 on the canals and rivers, and 367 in the learned professions and as engineers.

Of the productions, &c., of the county for the past year, and the number of persons employed and capital invested in each branch of industry, the following is a summary:

	<i>Am't or value produced.</i>	<i>No. of men employed.</i>	<i>Capital invested.</i>
Mines of granite, marble and other stone,.....	\$ 372,250	844	\$ 273,600
Machinery,.....	35,000	14	
Hardware, cutlery, &c.,.....	15,000	25	
Small arms, number made,.....	2,500	35	
Precious metals,.....	45,000	28	
Various metals,.....	423,000	186	
Manufacture of granite, marble, &c.,.....	82,270	159	
Bricks and lime,.....	63,185	133	191,000
Fulling mills 11, woolen manufactories 8, manufactured woolen goods,.....	90,720	67	111,550
Cotton manufactories 2, no. of spindles 5,160, manufactured cotton goods,.....	70,000	220	225,000
Mixed manufactures,.....	33,000	30	35,000
Tobacco,.....	182,000	95	34,000
Hats, caps and bonnets,.....	787,500	782	669,800
No. of tanneries 20,.....	.....	142	210,700

No. of saddleries and manufactories of leather 80,.....	\$ 329,450		\$ 149,665
Soap and candles,*.....	538,000	45	122,000
Breweries 8, distilled and fermented liquors,.....	2,007,500gal.	130	357,000
Drugs, medicines, paints and dyes,.....	33,000	23	39,300
Potteries 4, value of manufactured articles,.....	42,000	43	19,000
Confectionery,.....	42,000	27	16,000
Paper,.....	23,000	15	6,200
Rope-walks 5, val. of produce,...	130,000	75	31,000
Musical Instruments,.....	47,500	61	31,000
Carriages and wagons,.....	157,511	272	132,115
Flouring mills 6, grist mills 22, saw mills 84, barrels of flour manufactured,.....	11,482		
Other manufactures,.....	57,575	77	90,205
Furniture,.....	88,400	68	43,600
All other manufactures not enumerated.....	383,749		143,690

**Live Stock.**—9,937 horses and mules, 25,780 neat cattle, 57,491 sheep, 49,068 swine, poultry of all kinds, estimated value \$25,650.

**Cereal Grain.**—21,008 bushels of wheat, 157,102 bushels of barley, 653,794 bushels of oats, 144,941 bushels of rye, 100,492 bushels of buckwheat, 127,154 bushels of Indian corn.

**Various Crops.**—96,877 lbs. of wool, 373 lbs. of hops, 1,368 lbs. of wax, 540,582 bushels of potatoes, 47,342 tons of hay, 5,407 tons of hemp and flax.

**Other Productions.**—24,366 lbs. of sugar, 17,491 cords of wood sold, value of dairy produce \$126,343, value of

\* The amount set down for Albany in the statement published, is 639,000 lbs. of soap and candles, which is 20,000 less than the amount of hard soap alone made in three factories in the north part of the city, besides 110,000 lbs. of candles and fancy soap. The whole amount of soap and candles made in the city, can not be less than 1,936,010 pounds—or 1,330,000 lbs. soap, and 606,000 lbs. of candles. There are 12 factories, employing about 60 men. By publishing the above, you will correct a very erroneous opinion which has gone abroad, about the amount of business done, in this line, and oblige yours, respectfully,  
A Manufacturer.

orchard produce \$33,012, value of home-made goods, \$60,386.

*Gardens.*—Value of produce of market gardeners \$62,503, of nurseries and florists \$5,700, men employed 113.

*Commerce.*—Number of commission houses 47, capital invested \$65,000, number of retail dry goods, grocery and other stores 1,116, capital invested \$1,144,503, number of lumber yards 27, capital invested \$464,000, men employed 161, internal transportation, men employed 1,655.

*Printing and Binding.*—Number of printing offices 10, number of binderies 5, number of daily newspapers 30,000, number of weekly newspapers 40,000, number of semi weekly newspapers 20,000, number of men employed 126, capital invested \$245,800.

## NOTICES OF THE WINTERS

AT NEW YORK FOR FORTY-TWO YEARS, AND OF THE DATES  
AT WHICH THE RIVER WAS FROZEN, OR OBSTRUCTED OR  
CLOSED BY ICE AT ALBANY.

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From the New York Daily Advertiser of Dec., 1832.

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[It will be seen on reference to the table given in Vol. 1, p. 326, that the agreement is very general. The remarks on the state of the weather require an allowance for latitude in regard to the thermometer, otherwise the difference between the two cities was small.]

1789-90. A very mild winter. The mildest January since 1781. River open till 3d February, though occasionally obstructed by ice before.

1790-91. Very severe weather in December, but more moderate in January and February. River closed on the 8th December.

1791-92. A very severe winter. River closed on 9th December; uninterrupted and severe frost for 4 weeks; lowest degree of thermometer 1 above zero.

1792-93. A very mild winter; river open all winter to Poughkeepsie, though it closed at Albany on the 12th December.

1793-94. A mild winter, with but little snow; river closed on 26th December.

1794-95. A very mild autumn and December; river closed on the 12th January; no ice till 3d January, and but little cold weather and snow this winter.

1795-96. Another very mild autumn and December; no ice till 21st December; river open till 23d January.

1796-97. Early winter and severe till 12th January; river closed on 28th November, intensely cold on 23d and 24th December; mercury at zero in the morning.

1797-98. Very early and severe winter; river closed on 20th November; lowest degree 3 above zero.

1798-99. Very early, long and severe winter, though the weather was moderate for about three weeks in January; river closed on 23d November; lowest degree 2 above zero.

1799-1800. A mild winter; river closed on 6th January, but obstructed by ice before.

1800-01. A mild winter, with but little snow; a very mild December, river closed on 3d January.

1801-02. A remarkably mild winter; river open till 3d February, though obstructed by ice occasionally before. In January the mercury generally ranged between 40 and 50 degrees; and no snow of any consequence fell till 22d February.

1802-03. A mild and variable winter with but little snow; river closed on 16th December.

1803-04. A very mild December; some severe weather and deep snows in January and the latter part of February; river open till 12th January; lowest degree, 12 above zero.

1804-05. A remarkably cold and variable winter, deep snows and heavy rains with high winds; lowest degree, 2 above zero; river closed on 13th December—much distress among the poor.

1805-06. Generally cold in January; though very mild in December and February; river closed 9th January, and opened on 23d February.

1806-07. A severe winter; river closed on 11th December; lowest degree, 4 above zero.

1807-08. A mild winter; December very mild; river closed on 4th January.

1808-09. A long and severe winter, with much snow; river closed on 9th December; lowest degree, 6 above zero.

1809-10. Remarkably mild till 19th January, when the river closed, and the weather was intensely cold for several days; very little snow this winter; lowest degree, 1 above zero.

1810-11. Much snow in February, though not much severe cold this winter. This season was remarkable for a severe snow storm on the 2d November; river closed on the 14th December.

1811-12. A severe winter; river closed on the 20th December; lowest degree, 2 above zero.

1812-13. A severe winter; river closed on 21st December; lowest degree, 4 above zero.

1813-14. A severe winter; river closed on 22d December; lowest degree, 8 above zero.

1814-15. A very severe though variable winter; river closed on 10th December; lowest degree, 1 above zero.

1815-16. A variable though not severe winter; river closed on the 2d December.

1816-17. A very severe winter, though it did not set in till the middle of January; river closed on 16th December; thermometer on 15th February was 6 degrees below zero, and the first time since 1788 that it has fallen below zero in this city. As cold as in January, 1765, when the mercury sunk to the same degree; which the papers state to have been the coldest weather experienced in this city in 50 years.

1817-18. Generally moderate in December and January, though severe in February; river closed on 7th December, opened on 14th and closed again on 21st December; mercury fell to zero this winter.

1818-19. Severe weather for two weeks in December; river closed on the 14th; generally very mild in January and February.

1819-20. A severe winter; deep snows; river closed on 13th December, though obstructed by ice before; lowest degree, 3 above zero.

1820-21. Intensely severe weather during the greater part of January, though mild in February, river closed on the 13th November, opened on the 20th and closed again on 1st December; the mercury fell on the 25th January to 7 degrees below zero, one degree lower than in February, 1817; as cold weather probably as was ever experienced here. The Hudson was crossed on the



ice between this city and Paulus Hook for several days. During the last hundred years, the river has been passable on the ice in the same way only four times, viz: in 1740-41, 1764-65, 1779-80, 1820-21.

1821-22. A severe winter with but little snow; river closed on 13th December; mercury as low as 1 below zero.

1822-23. No very severe weather till February and March, river closed on 24th December; lowest degree, 3 above zero.

1823-24. Very mild winter; river closed on 16th December; open in January for a short time.

1824-25. Mild winter with but little snow; river closed on 3d January.

1825-26. Weather generally very mild, though there were two or three excessively cold days this winter. December 14th was a remarkably cold day; thermometer at 8 a. m. 3 and 10 p. m. indicated 2, 7, and 9 degrees; river closed on 13th December.

1826-27. A severe winter; river closed on 24th Dec., lowest degree, 3 above zero.

1827-28. A very cold and blustering November, followed by the mildest winter since 1801-02; river closed only about three weeks at different times through the winter. The mildest February since 1778-79, when vegetation commenced and flowers were gathered in the woods, and in Pennsylvania peach trees blossomed in this month.

1828-29. A long, severe winter; river closed on 1st January and opened on 29th March; lowest degree,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  below zero. Much suffering among the poor in February.

1829-30. Weather generally mild till 23d January, when the river closed; weather then very severe for several weeks. As much ice in our harbor as in 1826, 1827; lowest degree, 3 above zero.

1830-31. A very severe winter with several deep snows; ground covered with snow from 6th January to 28th February, a longer period than in any winter since 1808-09. Severe and uninterrupted frost for upward of

five weeks, during which time there were but three days in which the mercury rose as high as the freezing point; lowest degree, 5 above zero. Much distress among the poor—river closed on 23d December, opened again by heavy rains and closed again on 16th January.

1831. December 10th—Thus far the coldest December since 1786; lowest degree, 14 above zero; river closed on 3d December.

## ANNALS OF THE YEAR 1858.

### JANUARY.

4. Levi Cornell died, aged 60....Curtis De Forrest died, aged 90.

5. Mild and pleasant weather; there had been no winter day to this time....John Hillabrant died, aged 28. ....Horace F. Douglass died, aged 32.

6. Snow began to fall at an early hour in the morning, and made the first sleighing of the winter....Anna Maria, wife of George L. Hall died, aged 29.

7. The steam boat Hero arrived from New York with the largest cargo of freight she had ever brought up. Notwithstanding the snow that fell on the previous day there was very little obstruction in the river from ice. Stephen S. Weaver died, aged 59....John Dey Ermand died, aged 37....George Talmadge died, aged 38.

8. Thermometers marked from 2 deg. to 7 deg. below 0; the first cold day of the season. The ferry boats were partially obstructed by ice....John Upton died at Amsterdam and was brought to Albany for interment.

9. Jasper Latham died, aged 50.

11. John T. Elton died.

16. Adaline Van Rensselaer died....J. Stanley Smith, formerly editor of the *American Citizen* and *Albany Morning Express*, died at Auburn, aged 40. His remains were brought to Albany and interred at the Rural cemetery with masonic ceremonies.

18. Thomas Johnson died, aged 58.

19. Margaret, wife of Daniel Webster, died, aged 29.

20. Grand military parade in winter dress of the Burgeses Corps and their guests the Troy Citizens Corps and Utica Citizens Corps, and Company B and their New York guests the 71st Regiment. No winter day was ever

more beautiful, and the fete went off with great eclat, being witnessed by a great throng of people.

21. An exhibition of paintings and sculpture from the collections of citizens was opened for the benefit of the poor at Bleecker Hall. (See April 3.)

22. Phebe, widow of P. A. Cummings, died, aged 36.  
..... William Kennedy died, aged 57.

25. John J. Taaffe died, aged 43..... Jacob Lux died, aged 78.

Jan. 27. Thomas Rector died.

29. The body of Capt. Joseph Bilbroock, aged 28, drowned about two months previously at Piermont, was found and brought to the city for interment.

31. George Monroe died, aged 39.

#### FEBRUARY.

1. Mrs. Andrew Smith died, aged 47..... Mary, wife of Peter Ausbro, died.

2. Nicholas Wallace died, aged 65.

3. Peter Cox died, aged 52.

5. Mrs. Mary Forrester died, aged 52..... Francis Gallogly died, aged 33.

8. Harriet, wife of Hugh Adair, died, aged 26.

10. John C. Ruby died, aged 61..... Helen J., wife of J. W. Richardson, died, aged 26.

11. Mary, wife of Thomas Prior, died, aged 36.

12. Mrs. Magdalen Campbell died, aged 49.

13. Andrew B. Briare died, aged 41.

14. Charles M. B. Jay died, aged 27..... John T. Netterville died in New York, aged 28.

16. Peter Smith died, aged 66. He was born in Banffshire, Scotland, 1792, and came to Albany in 1816..... John Bowne died, aged 68.

17. G. V. Denniston died in New York, aged about 32. Ann, wife of James Turner, died, aged 52.

19. The 7th of a succession of cold days. Thermometers from 5 to 10 deg. below zero..... Sarah E., wife of George Smith, died, aged 21..... Richard Bulger died,

aged 45, and was buried on the 21st with military and civic honors.

21. Amos Fassett died, aged 75. He was a native of New Bedford, Mass., and came to Albany in 1808. He had been a member of the First Presbyterian church forty years, and during the last twenty-six years an elder.

22. The anniversary of Washington's birthday was celebrated by the military with great effect. . . . Andrew W. Melius died, aged 64. . . . Patrick Galvin died, aged 95. . . . The common council resolved to excavate and grade the Washington parade ground. . . . William Henry Cross died, aged 21. . . . Christina, widow of Jacob Lux, died, aged 68.

24. Daniel P. Clark died, aged 69. Mr. C. came to this city in the year 1805. Soon after his arrival he united himself with the First Presbyterian church, then under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Romeyn. He afterwards joined the 2d Presbyterian church, and in 1820 was elected a deacon, and served the church in that capacity until the year 1840, when he was chosen one of its elders, which office he held to the time of his death. His demise was made the subject of a most appropriate and eloquent discourse by the Rev. Dr. Sprague, his text being, "He was a good man." The Dr. concluded his discourse by remarking, that of all who were officers of the church when he entered upon the discharge of his duties not one was now left, Mr. C. having been the last survivor. He also remarked that of those who were members of the church at the time he assumed its pastoral charge, nearly all were slumbering in the tomb! . . . Elmira C., wife of Jacob J. Deforest, died, aged 42.

25. Patrick Hoy died, aged 56. . . . Capt. Abraham Hitchcock died in New York, aged 47. . . . Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery died, aged 85.

27. James Mahon died, aged 34.

28. Jane, widow of Obadiah Lansing, died, aged 70. . . . John Jones died, 88.

MARCH.

1. Julia Ann, wife of E. C. Warner, died, aged 46.
2. William Leslie died, aged 35..... Charles Richard Meade, formerly of Albany, died in New Orleans, aged 35.
4. Dennis Shevlin died, aged 38.... Thermometer 3 deg. below 0, at an early hour.
5. A fire at 4 o'clock in the morning burnt a frame building in North Broadway, occupied by a shoe dealer. Thermometer 4 deg. below 0, at an early hour.
6. Jeremiah Luther died, aged 75.... Thermometer 3 deg. below 0, at an early hour.
7. Gertrude, widow of James A. Coughtry, died, aged 58.
8. Edward W. Netterville died, aged 26.
9. Mary E., wife of Alexander Marvin, died, aged 57. The old scheme of a ship canal was revived in the legislature, by which it was proposed by the aid of \$1,500,000 to unite Albany and New Baltimore, and thus circumvent the overslaugh.
10. William Masten died, aged 54.
12. Zara Wilber died, aged 88.
13. Charlotte M., wife of George Nash, died, aged 53.
14. Mrs. Mary Roark died, aged 88.
15. William Matthews died, aged 42..... Margaret, wife of Richard Rhatigan, died, aged 22.
16. Mrs. Elizabeth Myron died, aged 27.
17. Mrs. Elizabeth Kidd died, aged 28.... Jane Kennedy, widow of Joseph P. Briare, died, aged 38.... The ice in the river moved down at night, and left an open area for home navigation.... Robert Blake died, aged 66. Joseph Kane died, aged 87.
18. David McIntosh, formerly of this city, died at Aberfeldy, Scotland.
19. James McCaffery died, aged 64.... Douglass Forsyth died, aged 41.
20. The New World steam boat arrived from New York, the first boat of the season.... Jacob Lansing died, aged 68. He was born December 17th, 1782, in the old

Dutch house on the north-east corner of North Pearl and Columbia streets. He was descended from a long line of Holland ancestry. His grandfathers, Colonel Henry Quackenbush and Colonel Jacob J. Lansing, were patriots in the Revolution, and commanded regiments at the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga, which resulted in the capture of Burgoyne. Col. Quackenbush was also at one time chairman of the Albany committee of safety, during the Revolutionary war. Judge Lansing received the first rudiments of his education at the Granville academy, Washington county, in this state, and afterwards entered Middlebury college, Vt., where he graduated with distinguished honors. Shortly after his return to the residence of his grandfather—it being the present ancient Dutch mansion still standing at the corner of Broadway and Quackenbush street in this city—the war of 1812 broke out with Great Britain, and he was commissioned, by Governor Daniel D. Tompkins, as quartermaster of the 12th regiment, New York state troops, commanded by Col. John T. Van Dalson. He proceeded with his regiment to Sackett's Harbor, and continued in the service until it was disbanded. On his return to this city, he commenced the study of the law in the office of Philip S. Parker, in Lion street, now Washington avenue, and was afterwards duly admitted to practice. He took an active part in politics, on the democratic side, in the great political contests of those days. In 1828 he was appointed judge of the Albany common pleas, and continued in the office until 1838, when he was appointed first judge of said court. During his term of office, the decisions of that court were highly respected. As a presiding magistrate, he was impartial, honest and capable, and gave character to the bench. Early in life he became a professor of religion, and united himself with the Middle Dutch church, and to the time of his death was always noted as being a most devoted follower of Christ. In all the relations of life he was highly honored and respected, and very few men indeed, could claim the respect of so wide a circle of acquaintances and friends.

20. R. M. Condon died, aged 54.
21. Harperd V. D. Van Epps died, aged 47.
22. Francis Donnelly died, aged 70.
23. Joachim Bernard Garling died, aged 84.
24. Caroline M., wife of Henry J. Wells, died, aged 24.
26. A high wind unroofed and otherwise damaged buildings.
27. Judith Hotchkiss died, aged 80.
28. Mary, wife of John Campbell, died, aged 65.
30. Charles Sharts died at St. Louis, aged 40, formerly of Albany.
31. Nancy, widow of Wm. McBride, died.

APRIL.

3. The exhibition of paintings and sculpture from the collections of our citizens and artists, generously loaned for the benefit of the poor, and opened in January, was closed on this day. The receipts were \$1,093.50; expenses \$392.93; net proceeds \$700.57. The distribution afforded relief by provisions, coal, clothing and money to 290 families and in 850 instances, which was disbursed by the hand of the Rev. David Dyer.

4. Charles Gay died, aged 44.... Cornelius H. Dubois died, aged 46.... Catharine Elizabeth, wife of Robert Emmet, Jr., and daughter of Augustus James, late of Albany, died at Rhinebeck.

5. Charlotte Seton, wife of John Tayler Cooper, and daughter of the late John V. Henry, died.

7. A fire was discovered and subdued in Hamilton street above Dove.... McKinney Conger died.

10. Sarah A. E., wife of Thomas Morton, died, aged 39.

11. Charlotte Elizabeth Andrews, wife of John P. Jones, died at Monticello, N. Y., aged 66. She was three years a teacher in the Albany Female Seminary, and eleven years in the Female Academy, and was one of the three ladies who were principally instrumental in laying the foundation of the Orphan Asylum.

12. John Kilbourne died, aged 33.... Peter Evers died, aged 41.... Margaret Payden died, aged 75.



13. Mariette Fenouelle died, aged 60.... At the annual charter election Eli Perry was elected mayor, by a vote of 4,699; Dr. J. P. Quackenbush received 4,601.

14. Mrs. Mary Woods died, aged 64.

16. John Ogden Dey died.... James M. Hunt died at Santa Fe, said to have been a resident of this city.

17. Laura A., wife of Thos. J. Brown, and daughter of Edwin Crosswell, died in New York, aged 32.

19. Edward Storey died, aged 21.... Francis P. Dix died, aged 27.... Daniel Sayre died, aged 39.

21. Thomas McGuire died, aged 32.... John T. Pruyn died.

23. Cornelius Carroll died, aged 77.

25. The hay scales corner of Plain and Philip streets were burnt.... Augustus J. Tiffany, who kept what was called the City Hotel, died, aged 84.... George W. Palmer died, aged 34.... A fire was discovered on the roof of a house in Van Schaick street; damage slight.

27. William McMullen died, aged 38.... A formal transfer of the Arsenal property was made by the state to the city in exchange for the lot corner of Eagle and Hudson streets, where it was proposed to erect an arsenal.

28. John Van Zandt died, aged 91. He was a native of Albany, and in his boyhood heard the firing of cannon at Saratoga from the walls of Fort Frederick in State street. He was a trusty clerk in the store of James Caldwell for a number of years. In 1804 he entered the Bank of Albany as a clerk; in 1814 he became cashier, which office he held until 1838, when he resigned with a competency, but continued in the directory of the bank till his death. From newspaper notices we gather the following facts in relation to his personal history: Mr. Van Zandt was born in 1767, and his retentive memory brought down to this day reminiscences of the revolutionary age, and of the troubled times that preceded it, that were full of interest. He was one of the old Holland race—though his father and grandfather were both born in Albany—whose language and customs prevailed here

long after the revolutionary era, and are only now becoming extinct. His father, John Van Zandt, resided on the east side of Union street—Hudson street park. His mother, Mary Brooks, was of highly respectable English family, well known in this city. In youth, Mr. Van Zandt was for a short time in a banking house in New York, before the first bank was incorporated. While there he often saw Washington and his associates. After this (in the year of Shays's war) James Caldwell put him and another young man, Mr. Mynderse, in charge of a country retail store, at Bennington, Vt. At that time, Troy was scarcely a village, and the way to Bennington was mostly through an unbroken forest. While residing at Bennington, he became acquainted with and married Mehetabel Jones, of Williamstown, Mass., a most estimable lady, and again became a resident of Albany. With her he enjoyed domestic happiness and tranquillity, in an eminent degree, till by her death they were separated, when he was about 74 years of age. To these habits of life, and being strictly temperate, he always attributed his good health and contented, happy old age—not conscious of having harmed any man in life. He retained, till a great age, an accurate memory of the events of his early life. He well remembered hearing the signal gun fired from the top of the old Schuyler mansion, when the Indians in the night came in the rear way, through the corn field and garden, entering the back door and surprising General Schuyler and a few friends who were spending the evening with him. The signal gun rallied the people and frightened the Indians, causing them to make their retreat with but little booty. He was walking on the ramparts of Fort Frederick (which reared its defence in State street, just south of St. Peter's church) at the very time of the battle of Saratoga, and heard the noise of the cannonade. He asked a soldier, who was with him, if this could be so, and the soldier confirmed it, as they were at a height where the strong north-east wind, then blowing, could bear the sound uninterrupted. He remembered also the surrender of Burgoyne and the march-

ing of the captured Hessians through Albany, and was a witness of the most memorable journey ever made into the old war-worn city of Albany. He was a boy, engaged at play on the wharf which—one of the few that existed—was built out at the foot of the present State street. The boys were told that a company of horsemen were coming down Market street, and that one of them was General Schuyler. He ran up to the street to see the group. There rode a company of gentlemen on horseback, in an easy, familiar, companionable way, one of whom was Philip Schuyler, and another John Burgoyne. He saw the Indians gathered in State street above the old Dutch church, to receive their annuity, and exhibiting their dances, and meeting in a desultory council, to the edification of the Albanians. They were seated for the purpose of enumeration on the sidewalk, and the line extended from the church to the present locality of Pearl street, and it was a policy greatly wondered at by the multitude, that the distribution was made *per capita*, the little strapped-up papoose receiving as much as the old war-chief who, probably, could have entertained the Albanians with curious statistics concerning the scalps of many of their ancestors. He recollected that from the wagons pressed into the service, as they were engaged in transporting ammunition, which had been landed from the sloops at King's wharf, the cannon balls dropped into the wretched roadway, and men engaged under impressment did not pause to gather up their work. He repeatedly saw men executed in Albany, under the decision and direction of the committee of safety, for being Tories or cow boys, or highway robbers; and for the lighter offences the whipping post was resorted to. He had the habits of the race. Integrity, resoluteness, economy, aversion to change and to show, and strong local attachment. Tranquil, unambitious, devoid of care, he prolonged his life, without disease, his faculties unclouded, until the few last days of his life.

30. William N. Staats died, aged 78.... William Goodson died, aged 27.

MAY.

1. The steam boat *New World* brought up from New York 500 tons of freight, the charges on which, with the passage money, &c., was over \$2,200. This is believed to have been the largest freight ever brought up at one trip....James Baker died, aged 33....Erastus Perry died, aged 72.

2. James Dey Ermand died, aged 55.

3. Elizabeth Capron died, aged 50....Elizabeth, wife of William Wareing died, aged 56....The old vegetable market, an unsightly range of sheds, was pulled down, attracting a good deal of observation. (See next page.)

4. Mrs. Catharine McHarg died, aged 78....Peter Murphy died, aged 33.

5. Archibald McIntyre died, aged 56. He came to this city at an early age from Scotland, and from 1798 to 1802 was a member of Assembly from Montgomery county. In 1806 he was appointed comptroller of the state, an office which he filled with ability and integrity until 1821, when he was removed in consequence of his refusal to pay claims rendered by Gov. Tompkins for services and disbursements during the war, without the proper vouchers. He was soon after elected to the senate for six years. He then became associated with John B. Yates in the management of the state lotteries, in which he continued till the lotteries were abolished. This firm was also largely interested in the Welland canal. At a later period Mr. McIntyre purchased a large tract of land in the northern part of the state, and gave much attention to its improvement....Harriet G., wife of J. C. Robinson, died at Springfield, Mass., aged 53.

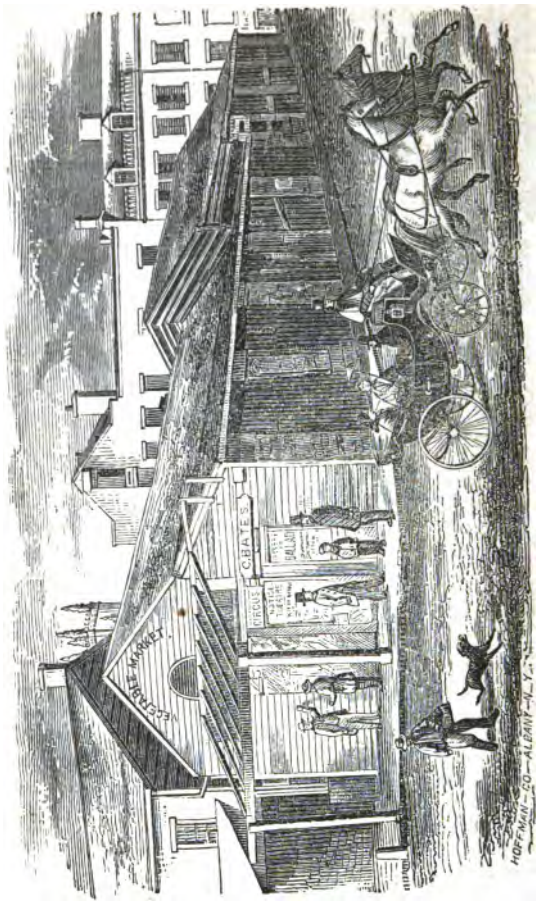
6. Eliza A., wife of Caleb Weaver, died, aged 33....James Turner died, aged 42.

7. William White died, aged 45.

8. William Lyman died, aged 52....Samuel F. Follett was drowned, aged 28.

9. Elizabeth, wife of Alex. Reid, died, aged 23.

11. William J. Hardy died, aged 54....Isaac Lansing died, aged 71.



Old Vegetable Market, demolished May, 1858.

13. Martha, widow of John Meacham, died, aged 67.

15. Anthony Gould died, aged 56. Mr. Gould came to this city in 1821, and after several years of clerkship in the law bookstore of his uncle William Gould, he became a partner in the business. He had retired from active pursuits but a short time, with an ample fortune, when he was overtaken by death suddenly. He was one of the founders of the Congregational church, to which he contributed with great liberality.

16. Sarah, widow of Nicholas Efner and daughter of Sybrant Kittle, died, aged 50.

19. Mrs. Catharine Landers died, aged 62.

20. Joel White died, aged 46....Matthew A. Russell died, aged 28....Morris Labascheiner was drowned at the ferry.

21. The Cathedral was robbed of the money in the poor boxes and of several costly prayer books....A circus made a procession through the streets preceded by a car drawn by six elephants, and containing a steam organ, termed a calliope.

22. Derike, wife of Dier Newton, died, aged 72.

25. Mary, wife of Robert Hutchison, died, aged 49. Thomas McElroy, formerly of Albany, died at New Scotland, aged 56.

26. Granville Slack died, aged 59.

27. Washington G. Gibson, confined in the station house for abuse of his wife, committed suicide, aged 48.

28. Sarah Ann, wife of Henry Mattice, died.

31. Titus Norton died, aged 64....William A. Duer, formerly of Albany, died in New York. Mr. Duer was a grandson of Lord Stirling, and claimed the title. He was for several years a distinguished member of the legislature of New York, representing Dutchess county, and was a leader in the old federal party. In 1818 he removed to Albany, where he was again elected to represent this county in the state legislature. He joined the democratic party in 1818, and took ground against Governor Clinton. In 1823, he was appointed circuit judge for the circuit embracing Albany, Columbia, Rensselaer,

and some other counties. After filling this office for several years, he removed to the city of New York, and was appointed president of Columbia college. He was the author of a life of his ancestor, Lord Stirling, and of a work on constitutional jurisprudence. It was Judge Duer who presided at the trial of Jesse Strang, indicted for the murder of Whipple at Cherry Hill, in the spring of 1827. . . . Benjamin C. Brainard died, aged 50. . . . Philo C. Hackley died, aged 76.

#### JUNE.

1. John Woodworth died, aged 89. He was a native of Columbia county, and received an education in Albany under John Lovett. In 1791, immediately after his admission to the bar of the supreme court, he settled in Troy in the practice of the law. In that year the county of Rensselaer was taken from Albany and erected into a new county, and the little village of Troy, which had received its name only the year before, began to make some pretensions to rivalry with Lansingburgh, and contended with her for the courthouse, successfully, which was built in 1794. He was the first postmaster in Troy, and held the office about five years, until 1798 or 1799. In 1802 he was elected a member of the legislature, and in 1806 removed to Albany. In 1800 he was an elector of president and vice president, and was associated with William P. Van Ness in a revision of the laws of the state. In March, 1819, he was appointed by Gov. Clinton a judge of the supreme court, and remained on the bench until 1828, when it was assumed that he had reached the period in life at which the constitution interposed a disqualification; in reality he was but 57 instead of 60. He resisted this assumption, and a suit was pending at the time of his death to recover three years' salary. He had recently prepared an argument in an important case at law which had elicited the admiration of the whole bar. His active habits and temperate mode of life contributed to his good health, cheerfulness and longevity. Until a few weeks before his death his erect form and agile step

indicated a person but little past the middle age rather than one who had lived almost through a whole century.

Mrs. Susan Peterson died, aged 86. She was an aged colored woman, who for the past twenty-seven years had lived in the family of Mr. Rufus H. King of this city. Aunt Susan, as she was called by her many friends, was born in 1772. Her mother was a slave in the family of General Ten Broeck of this city, where the subject of this notice was born. As a little girl she remembered waiting upon General Washington at the house of General Ten Broeck, and retained a vivid recollection of the father of his country. At the age of 17, Aunt Susan became a member of the North Dutch church, then under the pastoral charge of Domine Westerlo. Of this church she remained a consistent and exemplary member during her long life. It was supposed that, at the time of her death, she was the oldest member of that congregation. Aunt Susan was once married. She raised a large family of children, but one of whom, however, a daughter, survived her. She was a woman possessing many virtues, and her memory will long live with those who visited the house of Mr. King. . . . A fire in First street, Arbor hill, destroyed a cabinet shop and the dwelling of Mrs. Griesman, who with her children narrowly escaped with their lives. Loss \$1500; no insurance.

2. Jane C., wife of Nelson Bailey, died, aged 47.

3. Mrs. Mary Youds died, aged 47.

9. Benjamin Gibson died, aged 67. . . . Mrs. Hannah Slingerland died, aged 47.

10. Azor Taber, a distinguished counselor at law, died, aged 60. He came to this city in 1824, and was some time a law partner of Jabez D. Hammond. In 1827 he took an active part in the reelection of John Quincy Adams to the office of president, and wrote for the *Albany Morning Chronicle*. He was senator in 1852 and 1853, which were the only civil offices he filled; but was noted for his industry and ability as a legal practitioner, during a residence of nearly a quarter of a century. In 1854 he retired from business and resided in Knox, the town of



his birth. He took an active part in the temperance movement.

11. Jane, widow of Joseph T. Rice, died, aged 64. . . . Lawrence Dowd died, aged 59.

15. Isabella, wife of John N. McKaig, died, aged 28. John Hermans died, aged 79.

16. Mrs. Neal McCotter died, aged 72. In a fit of insanity she put an end to her existence.

17. A fire at the corner of Franklin and Bassett streets destroyed several wooden tenements and a grocery; loss \$10,000.

18. John Beetham died, aged 49.

20. Harriet K., wife of Edmund Burdick, died.

23. Dr. Nanning Visscher Winne died, aged 52. . . . A fire broke out at the corner of Orange and Water streets, which destroyed several buildings, and much lumber in the yard of Messrs. Bullock & Many; also swept away the machine shop of Mellen Battel. Loss about \$20,000.

24. Mary, wife of John Hurdis, died, aged 57.

25. John Bantham died, aged 89.

27. Thomas P. Waters died, aged 45.

28. Festival of the Turnverein, which continued two days, at Blackman's bush, on the border of Bethlehem.

29. John Cassidy died, aged 29.

30. A building in Arch street west of Grand, used for preparing patent roofing material, was burnt. Loss about \$250; no insurance. . . . The chief engineer of the fire department reported 37 fires during the year; 21 alarms, and 7 false alarms; making 65 times that the department had been called out during the year. The amount of property destroyed was \$45,064, of which \$34,149 was insured, leaving \$11,015 loss to the owners.

#### JULY.

1. Alarms of fire, real and false, were of unusually frequent occurrence.

2. Powers L. Green died, aged 34. . . . A fire in Sand street destroyed several wooden sheds of little value.

3. Catharine, wife of Thurlow Weed, died, aged 61.

7. Thomas Bowen died, aged 65....Mrs. Margaret Flansburgh died, aged 79.

10. John Calhoun died, aged 29.

11. Charles A. Vedder died, aged 22.... A warm and sultry morning was followed by a tremendous tempest, which spent its utmost fury north of the city, and a fall of 35 deg. in the temperature of the atmosphere succeeded.

13. Joel Courtney died, aged 29.... A tempest of rain deluged the city.

15. John N. Wilder died, aged 44. He was a native of New Braintree, Mass., and came to this city in 1823. He commenced active life as a clerk in the dry goods establishment of Wilder & Hastings, corner of State and Green streets, of which firm Ephraim Wilder, his uncle, was chief partner, and at his death left him the principal part of his fortune. He began business for himself in connection with Mr. Wm. E. Bleecker, in the wholesale dry goods business, and was afterwards connected with two or three other establishments; and although a prudent and capable business man, did not give his whole energies to those enterprises, but took a deep interest in civil, religious and educational institutions. He made a donation of ten thousand dollars to the Rochester university, and by personal addresses in different parts of the state, and by personal appeals, he procured tens of thousands from others. More than any other man he was regarded as the founder of that institution, and was president of the board of trustees at the time of his death.

16. A fire at 1 o'clock in the morning destroyed a carpenter's shop in Clinton avenue.... Oliver Mills died, aged 36.

18. Henry S. Pemberton died, aged 53.

19. Dr. Seymour W. Simpson, died.

20. Preston Flagg died, aged 20.

21. Alexander Stewart died, aged 49.

22. Eliza McLaughlin died, aged 52.

26. James Stack died, aged 47.

27. The steam canal boat Charles Wack, from Buffalo, arrived in six days, intended as an experiment of steam

navigation on the Erie canal.....John V. James died in New York, aged 20.

30. D. D. T. Moore died, aged 47.....Michael Caddey died, aged 58.

31. Cortland Schuyler died, aged 72, and was buried from his residence in Tivoli hollow.....Sarah A., wife of John Gordon, died, aged 39.

#### AUGUST.

1. Joseph J. Wright died, aged 62.

2. The iron bridge over the canal at the foot of Lawrence street, while a drove of cattle were crossing, gave way and fell into the canal, carrying down a hundred cattle. The water was drawn off, and the cattle rescued.

5. News received of the successful laying of the Atlantic telegraph wire.....Calvert Comstock, editor of the *Atlas & Argus* assumed the duties of postmaster.

6. The telegraph office illuminated in honor of the completion of the Atlantic telegraph. Every office in the United States from Maine to California was illuminated at the same time.

7. A fire in Rotten row, Hamilton street, between Green and Liberty; damage slight.

8. An alarm of fire in Elk street; roof damaged.

9. The common council and others visited the brewery of John Taylor & Sons in the evening to inspect the new clock and bell erected in that establishment. The dial plates of the clock are six feet in diameter, and the bell weighs 1200 pounds. They are elevated nearly 100 feet from the street, and cost \$4000. The clock is illuminated by gas burners and reflectors, and the time may be distinguished at considerable distance. After examining the clock, the company was invited into the library, for the purpose of partaking of a collation. Mr. Taylor's library consists of about 10,000 volumes. After several speeches and sentiments were got off, the party dispersed, highly pleased with the entertainment.

The trustees of the North Dutch church undertook the repairing and remodeling of their edifice. It was built

in 1798, in the Italian Renaissance style, in which, at that time, almost all public as well as private buildings were erected. Of late years, however, architecture has made rapid progress; and since the early Christian styles have been the subject of profound and patient study, their beauty and symmetry is more and more appreciated; and they have with very few exceptions, been since applied in the construction and ornamentation of modern churches. This church was remodeled in the Romanesque style, which preceded the Gothic. The four brick columns in front, with the Doric gable, were replaced by an arcade of three round arches, from which three doors open into the vestibule. The flat ceiling in the church was replaced by groined vaults, supported by thin and graceful columns, with Romanesque capitals. The old, narrow and high pulpit was removed, and a wide open platform, with a lectern constructed in its stead. The windows were filled with stained glass after new designs. The towers were carried up higher and covered with slate. In the rear an addition was made to the church, to contain Sunday school rooms, a room for the trustees, a vestry-room, and a large lecture room, capable of seating between 350 and 400 persons, the old one being entirely too small for the purposes to which it was applied. The designs were made by Von Steinwehr and Hodgins, eminent architects, under whose superintendence the improvements were carried out.

13. Thomas S. Knight died, aged 41.

14. John G. Don died, aged 31.

16. The first message across the Atlantic telegraph was received in the evening from the queen of England, whereupon there was a spontaneous outburst from every mouth, and the greatest rejoicings were enacted in all ordinary and some extraordinary ways, which were continued during the whole night .... Angus McDonald died, aged 53.... Ann Rodeau died, aged 72.

18. Mrs. James E. McClure died.

19. John B. Nellegar died, aged 45.

21. Christiana, wife of Hathorn McCulloch, died, aged 79.

24. William A. Wadsworth died, aged 36. . . . Mrs. Joel West, late of Albany, died at West Lee, Mass., aged 60.
25. Abijah Hall died, aged 83. . . . Nancy Tufts died, aged 28.
28. Hamilton Blanchard, aged 26, died at Salem, Washington county.
29. Adaline, wife of Henry T. Meech, died at Buffalo.
30. Mrs. Charles Sayles died, aged 40.

#### SEPTEMBER.

1. Mary T., wife of B. S. Van Rensselaer, died at Ballston. . . . John J. Fitzpatrick died, aged 24. . . . Great celebration of the success of the Atlantic telegraph. The fete by day was never equaled on any former occasion, and the illumination by night far surpassed any thing every before seen here. All business was suspended by common consent, and the whole city entered into the spirit of the jubilee spontaneously.

3. Elizabeth Parker died, aged 78.

4. Margaret Linacre died, aged 85. . . . Robert Furman died in Williamsburgh, aged 34.

5. Mrs. Anna B., wife of Aaron Ryder, died at Milford, Mass., aged 37; formerly of Albany.

7. John Hilton died, aged 74.

10. Nathan Cornell, who formerly resided on the island below the city, died at Syracuse, aged 88. . . . William O'Donnell died, aged 50.

11 Elizabeth Valentine died, aged 87.

14. Mary Jane, wife of James L. Mitchell, died, aged 85. . . . Jacob Downing, formerly of this city, died at Rochester, Ohio, aged 67. He was an alderman of the 8th ward, and was many years ago the projector of the soup house charity, which came to be a very corrupt charity, the best pieces of meat unaccountably disappearing.

16. Margaret, wife of John O'Conner, died, aged 54.

17. A bell was placed in the tower of the Swan street Methodist Episcopal church, weighing 2000 lbs.

22. Silas C. Parsons died, aged 77.

23. David Bryan died, aged 29.....James B. Douglass, formerly of Albany, died in New York, aged 71.

25. Harriet Lavinia Covert, wife of William H. Allen, died at Middle Granville, aged 24.

26. Anna M. Van Allen died, aged 17..... William Mahony died, aged 57.

28. Thomas H. Dobbs died, aged 57.

29. Firemen's jubilee. Nearly 3000 firemen from six different states gathered here for a display, from Detroit in the west, Providence in the east and Newark in the south, and numerous intermediate places, to the number of 61 companies, including those of the city. There were 19 bands of music in the procession. First came two carriages, in one of which was Jonathan Brooks, an ancient fireman, with a fire cap of No. 8, of which he was foreman fifty-eight years ago. Exempt firemen to the number of 200 drew old No. 4, built by James Rogers. These old fellows had got so thoroughly warmed up on the occasion, that notwithstanding their long march, when the procession broke up they could not resist the inclination to have a run with *der masheene*, and accordingly with an old fashioned "Hi yi! give way boys! give way!" they took a run up State street, which called out the hearty cheers of the young firemen and spectators...

Ann Bell, aged 22, was killed by the falling of a stone upon her head while witnessing the procession.....James Lamb died, aged 40.....Catharine Kelley died, aged 90.

30. This day was given by the seventy fire companies to competing for the prizes. It was a time of intense excitement, and continued till the close of day, the prizes, amounting to \$1800 being paid to the foremen of the successful engines in gold. The weather had been until 7 o'clock every thing that could be desired. At that hour a violent tempest of wind, rain and electricity burst upon the city, and brought down the top-mast of the lofty flag staff in the parade ground, which had served to mark the prowess of the firemen in the contest for superiority. The streets were nevertheless still *redolent* of red shirts,

and squads of firemen pervaded the streets jubilant with success and excitement.

OCTOBER.

1. The morning again echoed with the music of fife and drum, as the remaining companies of firemen were escorted to the steam boats and rail road cars on their departure homeward, and by 12 o'clock the last red shirt disappeared. The fete was a complete success, eclipsing every thing of the kind that had preceded it in this place, in the memory of man.... Peter White died, aged 56.

2. Rev. Henry Mandeville, formerly pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church, died at Mobile. The following obituary notice of him is from the *Utica Herald*: "By telegraph we have the intelligence of the death at Mobile, Alabama, the 2d inst., of Rev. Henry Mandeville, D. D., well known to our citizens as a scholar and clergyman. It is a quarter of a century since Dr. Mandeville came to this city from Geneva, and became pastor of the Reformed Dutch church, in which capacity and afterwards as pastor of the First Presbyterian church, he made many warm friends, and won a high reputation as a pulpit orator. In 1841, he became Professor of Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric at Hamilton college, and continued in that post for eight years. During that time he published several works on elocution, which possess great value and have become standards in that department in many of our best institutions. During the earlier part of this period he also occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, and in 1843, or thereabouts, was again unanimously invited to resume the pastorate. This, however, he declined, and remained at Clinton until 1849. He thence removed to Albany, and was for some years pastor of one of the Presbyterian churches there. His health failing, he went to Mobile to spend the winter, and was invited to occupy the pulpit of Dr. Hamilton's church in that city, and before his visit was completed he was pressed to accept a call to take up his residence as pastor of that largest and wealthiest church in the

state. Considerations of health and usefulness induced him to yield to the request, and he has there found a grave.

“Dr. Mandeville was a native of this state, and it will be seen from this brief sketch, spent a good part of the summer of his life in Oneida county. He was a genial and broad-hearted man. As a pastor he was popular and useful, and as a preacher evinced more culture, oratory, force and taste, than are often combined in the same person. He was always an attractive speaker, and as a public lecturer, his efforts were very successful. As an author, his system of elocution is original and of conceded value. Dr. Mandeville was much above the average of men in ability, acquirements and usefulness; and as is the case with every faithful pastor, his eulogy as a Christian minister is best written on the hearts of those who have personal experience of the good results of his labors.”..... Thomas Johnson died, aged 50.

Oct. 3. Ebenezer E. A. Roberts died, aged 37..... St. Peter's church was not opened for service on account of the insecurity of the ceiling. The walls had long been in a dilapidated condition, the foundation having settled in several places so as to cause large fissures on the east side. The congregation worshiped in the lecture room of the State Agricultural Society.

Oct. 4. Robert Kirkpatrick died, aged 68..... The comet, which for several weeks had increased in brilliancy, was now at its nearest proximity, and made the finest display that had been witnessed in many years.

5. Rachel, wife of Julius Tremper, died.

6. Eliza Davis died, aged 42..... Dr. David M. McLachlan, formerly professor of materia medica in the Albany Medical College, and a practicing physician here, died at Cleveland, Oneida county, N. Y., aged 55. He was a native of Scotland, and a graduate of Edinburgh college.

8. Alice Harney died, aged 44..... The Burgesses Corps celebrated the 25th anniversary of the organization of the corps, which took place at the Maiden Lane Saloon in 1833. The first captain was John O. Cole, who was succeeded by Capt. Bayeux, Capt. Humphrey,



B. R. Spelman, Rufus King, Franklin Townsend, J. W. Blanchard, Wm. J. Thomas, and B. R. Spelman again. Although it is a quarter of a century since the organization of the corps, but one of the above officers has deceased, namely, Capt. Bayeux. At the supper table, Cornelius Wendell, Esq., one of the original members, presented \$500 to be invested, and the income annually appropriated to some reward of soldierly merit to the most deserving member of the company.

10. Amelia, wife of J. S. Hitchcock, died.

14. Samuel Boyd, formerly of Albany, died in New Orleans, aged 30.

15. Siche, widow of the late Samuel Vail, died, aged 93.

16. John Hayes died, aged 28.

18. Sally, wife of John I. De Graff, formerly of this city, died at Hoffman's Ferry, aged 55.

19. Ann Jane, wife of Cooper Siokles, died, aged 31.

20. Mary, widow of Michael Arts, died, aged 67.

22. John H. Bennett died, aged 37.

24. Nancy, wife of Duncan McKercher, died, aged 66. Rev. T. A. Starkey of St. Paul's church, who had been absent some time from his congregation on account of ill-health, after a few prefatory remarks, delivered in front of the chancel, announced that it was the last time he should address them in the character of pastor, and bade them farewell. His remarks and his determination were evidently unexpected, and were received with manifest surprise and emotion.—*Times*.

26. At a meeting of the common council, on motion of Alderman Serviss, it was resolved to print the minutes of the board....Alderman Barhydt reported that the city now owned five engines, six hose carts, and two hook and ladder wagons, for which there was no further necessity, and recommended that they be sold....A fire broke out in the residence of J. H. Sharp in Colonie street, and a child was suffocated.

29. Mary L. wife of Wm. G. Ertzberger died, aged 38. Jehiel Knapp died, aged 76....Margaret Elizabeth, wife of James McWilliams, died, aged 25.

NOVEMBER.

1. Howard Watson died, aged 24.

2. Election day. John H. Reynolds was elected representative to congress and William A. Young to the state assembly; Thomas W. Van Alstyne, sheriff.

5. Henry Austin died at San Francisco, aged 41, son of the late William Austin.

6. Zechariah Standish, globe manufacturer, died, aged 62. He had the pistol and tobacco pipe of Miles Standish, the puritan, which were sold after his death.

7. Maria Vedder died, aged 51..... Snow fell at an early hour in the morning, the first of the season; on the Helderberg it fell to the depth of a foot.

9. A fire destroyed a pile of lumber in Lawrence street, valued at \$1000; supposed to have been fired by an incendiary.

10. The following were elected officers of the County Medical Society: S. D. Willard, M. D., president; S. O. Vanderpoel, M. D., vice president; Levi Moore, M. D., secretary; William H. Bailey, M. D., treasurer.

11. Sophia, wife of John K. Porter, died, aged 29..... Maria M. Triger died, aged 55..... Gertrude, wife of R. E. Churchill, died, aged 38.

12. Elizabeth, wife of James Murray, died, aged 46.

14. The Arbor Hill Methodist Episcopal church, which had been closed some time for repairs, was opened for service. Three services were held, and the collections and subscriptions taken up amounted to \$1400.

16. Mrs. Anna Ross died, aged 52..... Elizabeth, wife of Philip Dunn, died, aged 20.

18. Elizabeth, wife of Michael Springer, died, aged 30. .... William R. Sumner died, aged 23..... Philip Smith died, aged 72.

22. At a meeting of the common council the finance committee reported the amount of money, to be raised by taxation to defray expenses for the ensuing year to be as follows:

Contingent expenses, ordinary, .....	\$42,000
Deficiency in amount raised in 1857, .....	40,000
Police department, .....	37,000
Furnishing, &c., city lamps, .....	19,000
Deficiency on account of improving streets,....	10,000
Interest on public debt, .....	35,000
"    on sinking fund, .....	10,000
Temporary relief out-door poor, .....	18,000
Fire department, .....	17,000
Finishing and furnishing industrial school,....	5,000
Support of public schools, .....	32,000
Extra appropriation for 1st ward school house, ..	15,000
	\$280,000

22. Isaac Newton, manager and principal owner of the People's Line of steam boats, died in New York, aged 63. He was the son of a soldier of the revolution, and was born in the town of Schodack, Rensselaer county, N. Y., on the 10th of January, 1794. When Robert Fulton's first boat, named the Clermont, in honor of Chancellor Livingston, made her trial trip in August, 1807, Mr. Newton was 13 years of age, and through life retained a distinct recollection of the ridicule, astonishment and incredulity which attended the inauguration of steam navigation. His attention thus drawn to the subject, seconded his inclination and constructive talent; and over ninety vessels, consisting of ocean steamers, steam boats, barges, sloops, &c., have been built under his supervision. He established the first line of tow boats on the Hudson, and in 1835 he built the steam boat Balloon, the first of the splendid river craft which have won the admiration of the world. The North America, South America, Isaac Newton, New World, Hendrik Hudson, &c., followed, and gave rise to the term *floating palaces*, as used to express the magnificence of our river and lake steamers. Mr. Newton commenced his career as master of a river sloop, and was entirely a self-made man. He was a practical Christian. For some thirty years he has been an active member of the Oliver Street Baptist

church, and during most of, that time a Sunday school teacher.....Helen Louisa Gourlay died, aged 40.

23. James Davidson died, aged 52....Bridget Tompkins died, aged 70.

28. The Universalist church, which had been closed some time for repairs, was opened for service. The interior was entirely refitted, the walls and ceiling frescoed, the seats uniformly upholstered, and the wood work painted to correspond with the walls.

DECEMBER.

1. Sarah, widow of John Nicholson, died at Palmyra, aged 78.

2. Harriet, wife of Abram Covert, died, aged 64.

3. David Hynes died, aged 56....Thomas Becket died, aged 54.

5. Samuel Wiley died, aged 28....Charlotte Blecker, widow of Vinal Luce, died at Washington.

6. Abraham Tomlinson died, aged 80.

10. Anna Egberts, wife of Oliver Steele, died at Cohoes....George G. Sparling died, aged 79.

17. Mary Ann Sheldon died, aged 55.

18. The river closed.

19. Thermometer 2 deg. below zero.

20. Catharine, widow of Matthias Kline, died, aged 72.  
....The common council, after numerous ballotings at four different sessions for deputy chamberlain, without a choice, resolved to request the mayor to fill the office of receiver of taxes until the office was regularly filled.

21. Eleanor, widow of Wm. Van Zandt, died, aged 77.

23. John Jacob Wendell was elected deputy chamberlain in the place of Thomas W. Van Alstyne resigned...  
..A meeting was held at the Capitol, Hon. Eli Perry, president, to discuss the abduction of young Mortara, a Jew, claimed by the Catholics as having been baptized into their church....Mrs. Ruth Parmalee Hough died, aged 71....Mary W., wife of Andrew McKaig, senior, died, aged 60.

THE

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

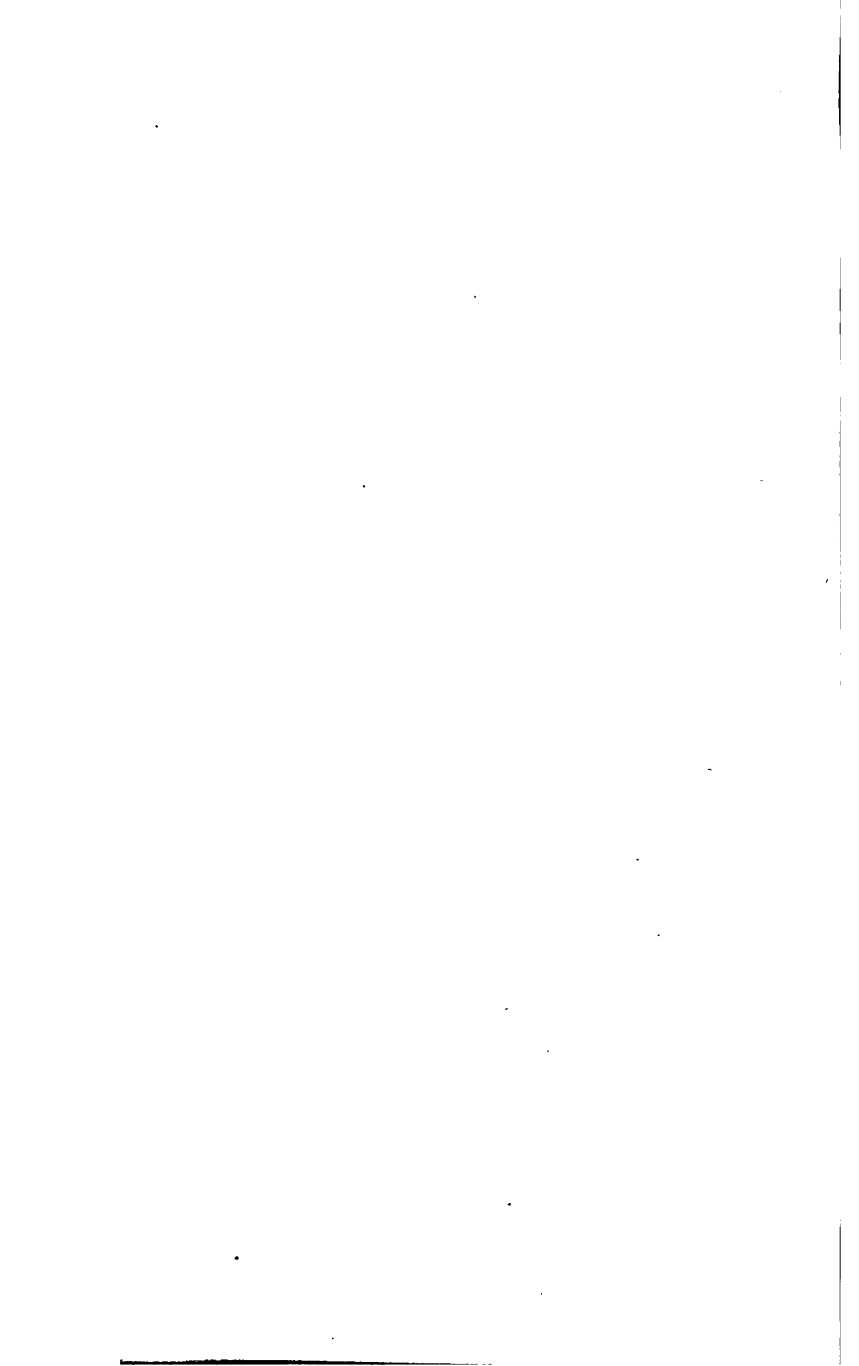
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The church which bears this title was the fifth parish organized in this city by the Protestant Episcopal church. The increase of the population, and the extension of the city had necessitated some special provision for the spiritual wants of the members of that church living in the northern part of the town. A considerable part of them, however, were neither sufficiently settled in their residence, nor pecuniarily able to originate so important an undertaking, of themselves. The claims of this field had not been unobserved by others; but a decisive movement to accomplish the object of building up a congregation in that quarter was first made in 1847 by the Rector of St. Paul's church in cooperation, chiefly, with the layman, then and for many years its senior-warden, who finally assumed the whole expense of the undertaking. It was proposed to erect a chapel in the northern part of the city, and to sustain it as a free church and mission. The disastrous fire of 1848 put a stop to the circulation of the subscription paper which had been commenced, and nothing was accomplished. A sketch of the chapel intended to be built had been obtained from Mr. Frank Wills, an admirable architect, and estimates in accordance with it had been made, the material to be of brick, and the edifice to be as inexpensive as possible. The means to build with were not forthcoming. Eventually Mr. William H. De Witt, who had taken a leading part in the enterprise from the commencement, assumed the entire cost and charge of the work, having already given the site for the building.

The corner stone of the church was laid by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Maryland, June 7, 1849, with the usual services, in the presence of a number of clergymen,



INTERIOR OF THE  
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the Rev. Dr. Kip delivering an address. The work on the building was pushed forward with energy, by Messrs. Orr & Cunningham, masons; Mr. Stuart and Mr. Parsons, wood-workers. Being the first specimen of proper Early English architecture, in the city, the edifice was an object of curiosity to many besides those who felt a deeper interest in it in view of the sacred purposes which it was to subserve.

On Sexagesima Sunday, A. D. 1850, being the 3d of February, the church, being entirely completed and arranged, it was first opened for the solemn services to which it was ever after to be appropriated. The Rev. Sylvanus Reed, who had taken the charge of the parish, officiated and preached on this occasion.

The legal organization of the parish in accordance with the statutes of the state of New York, took place on the 16th of February, 1850. The wardens and vestrymen elected at that time were the following:

*Wardens.*—William H. De Witt, John Buckbee.

*Vestrymen.*—Robert Server, John D. Parsons, John H. Bowne, E. H. Clarke, Joshua Rathbun, S. H. H. Parsons, Esq., Wm. Headlam, and Wm. Lacy.

And at the first meeting of the vestry, the Rev. Mr. Reed was elected to the Rectorship of the church.

The certificate of the incorporation of the parish having been laid before the standing committee of the diocese of New York, it was formally approved by them on the 13th of June; and it was admitted to union with the convention of the diocese at the Special meeting of convention, in November, 1850.\*

The congregation had not yet been gathered, but as soon as the church was opened, those who signified to the Rector their desire to become members of the parish were registered and visited by him.

The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was first celebrated on Sunday the 17th of February, to about

\*An oversight in the execution of the form of incorporation prevented the admission of the parish into the convention at its meeting September, 1850.



twenty persons, there being then about thirty families in the congregation. Holy baptism was administered to an adult at evening prayer on the same day. A daily service was for some time celebrated. The Sunday school was organized at the close of the year, in a school room furnished by Mr. De Witt.

The entire property, consisting of two lots of ground, and of the church edifice, with its furniture, was conveyed by a perpetual lease to the corporation, legally formed, of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Church of the Holy Innocents, upon condition that the church should always be occupied by, and used in the services of the Protestant Episcopal church; that its sittings should always be free; that its donors should have the care of the grounds, edifice and furniture, and temporalities, the privilege of enlarging the building, and of nominating to the rectorship. The donors also reserved the right of re-entering the premises for the purpose of conveying them to any other corporation of the Episcopal church in the city; or to a chartered school; without, however, diverting the church from the sacred uses, originally intended, or altering its character as a Free church. A reservation of a right of nomination to the rectorship, to the donors and *their heirs* (said heirs to be of the age of twenty-one years, and communicants in the P. E. church), was, subsequently by formal release, changed to a right to descend to *their issue*; and was limited to three nominations and required to be exercised within a year from the occurrence of a vacancy. They also reserved the right to erect a free school on any part of the church lot.

Arrangements were made for the consecration of the church in July, 1850; but the illness of Bishop Whittingham prevented its taking place at that time, although the clergy and people were assembled in the church.\*

\*Opposition was made to the consecration of the church and a protest against the Bishop's proceeding was presented to him, signed by three clergymen of the city, one of whom some time after formally retracted his part in it. The ground of the opposition was, the nature of the reservations to the donors, and their heirs, and it was alleged that the deed of conveyance had been altered from the form in

The solemn services of consecration were performed on the 3d September, 1850, by Bishop Whittingham, of the Diocese of Maryland.\* There were present and assisting in the services, the Rev. Dr. Potter,† rector of St. Peter's, Albany; the Rev. Dr. Wm. Crowell‡ of Boston, the Rev. Dr. Williams§ of Connecticut, the Rev. Mr. Reed, rector of the parish, the Rev. Messrs. Geer, Arey, and Babcock. The request to consecrate was presented and read by the Rector, the Sentence of Consecration|| was

which it had been drawn up by Mr. J. C. Spencer, and assented to, as satisfactory, on the first opening of the church. The allegation was unfounded. The deed was made out in the office of J. V. L. Pruyn, Esq., and is a verbatim copy of the original draft made by Mr. J. C. Spencer, and admitted by him to contain nothing which could prevent the consecration. The Bishop received the protest; but on a conference with the donors, the right of nomination to the rectorship was limited (as by the release above), when he determined on proceeding.

\*The Bishop of Maryland was at that time performing Episcopal functions in the diocese of New York, at the request of the ecclesiastical authority, during the disability of the Diocesan.

† Provisional Bishop of New York, 1854.

‡Died 1851.

§ Assistant Bishop of Connecticut, 1851.

|| In the Name of the Holy, Blessed and undivided Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Whereas the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of the Church of Holy Innocents in the city of Albany, have by an instrument this day presented to me appropriated and devoted a house of public worship erected by William Henry De Witt and Ann his wife, on the south east corner of North Pearl and Colonie streets, in the said city of Albany, to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Catholic Church of CHRIST, known as the Protestant Episcopal church in these United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites and usages, and by a congregation in communion with said church, and in union with the convention thereof in the Diocese of New York.

And whereas the same Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen, have, by the same instrument, requested me to receive the said building in behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese of New York, under the spiritual jurisdiction of the said Bishop, and that of his successors in office, and to consecrate the same by the name of the Church of the Holy Innocents, and thereby separate it from all unhallowed, worldly

read by the Rev. Dr. Williams. The Bishop proceeded with great solemnity, through the appointed prayers, after which the services of morning prayer and the Holy Communion were celebrated; the bishop preaching, and consecrating the Holy Eucharist. The first confirm-

and common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the holy purposes above mentioned.

Now therefore, know all men by these presents, that I, William Rollinson Whittingham, Bishop of Maryland, and now administering Episcopal functions in the Diocese of New York, at the request of the Standing Committee of the said Diocese, acting under the protection of Almighty GOD, and in His faith and fear, have on this third day of September, being the Tuesday after the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and fifty, in behalf of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the Diocese of New York, and of his successors in office, accepted and do accept, the above mentioned house of worship, and take the same under the spiritual jurisdiction of the Bishop of New York aforesaid, and that of his successors in office, and in presence of divers of the clergy and a public congregation therein assembled, and according to the godly usage of the Catholic Church of CHRIST and the form prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America, have consecrated the same by the name of the Church of the Holy Innocents.

And I do hereby pronounce and declare that the said Church of the Holy Innocents, in the city of Albany, is consecrated accordingly, and thereby separated henceforth from all unhallowed, worldly and common uses, and dedicated to the worship and service of Almighty GOD, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for reading and preaching His holy word, for celebrating His holy sacraments, for offering to His glorious majesty the sacrifices of prayer, praise and thanksgiving, for blessing His people in His name, and for the performance of all other holy offices and the administration of all holy ordinances agreeable to His will made known in the terms of the covenant of Grace and Salvation in our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ, according to the usages of His holy Catholic and Apostolic church and the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites and usages.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my Episcopal seal and signature in the day and year above written, and in the tenth year of my consecration.

(Signed)

[L. S.]

WILLIAM ROLLINSON WHITTINGHAM,

Bishop of Maryland,

administering Episcopal functions in the Diocese of New York at the request of the Standing Committee.

ation in the parish was held by him on this occasion, when he administered the Laying on of hands to sixteen persons.\*

The church was designed by Mr. Frank Wills, an architect educated in England, and one of the most accomplished men in his profession.†

The following description of the edifice is taken from Mr. Wills' work on Architecture (Stanford & Swords, N. Y., 1850):

“The Chancel is eighteen feet by twenty feet in the clear. The Nave fifty-eight feet by twenty-eight feet. In the Chancel are Altar, Sedilia, Credence, Bishop's Chair, Stalls, Altar-rails, and Lecturn. The Sacristy is on the south side, and the Pulpit in the S. E. angle of the Nave is entered from it through a doorway in the east wall of the Nave. The roofs are open, of pine, of the best quality: the carved ribs and purlins are all molded, the former resting on handsome corbels. The Font‡ is of Caen stone, after the beautiful one of S. Mary's, Oxford, and is situated between the Porch and west doorways. The Organ, of fine rich tone, manufactured by Mr. Jardine, is placed in a gallery at the west end. The seats, as well as all the chancel furniture and pulpit are of black walnut.

“All the windows are filled with colored glass, without doubt the best imitation of old English art yet executed in this country. The east window is a rich mosaic pattern, with the Crucifixion and the symbols of the Four Evangelists within foliated and geometrical borders. The side windows of Chancel (and the four lancets in the west front) are taken from some remains of ancient glass in Salisbury Cathedral. Those of the Nave are of modified

\* There have been confirmed in this parish (Jan. 1859), 132 persons.

† Mr. Wills was the architect of St. Ann's, Fredericton, and of a number of fine churches in the United States. His last work was the Cathedral of Montreal, which was scarcely begun when he died, at Montreal.

‡ The Font was wrought in Exeter, England, for this Church.

design. Mr. Bolton\* is the artist who executed this work. In the north wall of chancel is a marble Tablet commemorating the Founder's children; their four names are inscribed each within a wreath of lilies of the valley, at the foot is a lamb sleeping, at the apex is a cross fleuri, the whole being encircled with a hood moulding."

The Communion Plate consists of a Flagon, a Chalice, and Paten, all of silver, of appropriate design and handsomely engraved and chased; the interior of the Chalice being richly gilt. These pieces were furnished by the Founder. At the Feast of Epiphany, 1859, a costly Alms Basin, of silver, gilt, was presented to the Parish. It bears the Offering of the Magi, engraved in the centre, and around the border the text, "For all things come of Thee, and of Thine Own have we given Thee." This was given by Mr. E. H. Clarke.

A fine bell hangs in the bell gable.

The Nave bears the Te Deum in illuminated letters, running around the walls. Over the chancel arch is the text, illuminated, "Though I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

The roof of the chancel has been beautifully painted and ornamented, with a blue ground, bearing stars in gold and white lilies.

The following are the members of the Vestry in the year 1859:

*Wardens.*—Wm. H. De Witt, E. H. De Witt.

*Vestrymen.*—R. Server, J. Rathbun, J. H. Bowne, G. T. Bratt, T. Young, W. Mason, T. Becket, A. H. De Witt.

John Gregory has been Sacristan of the church since 1851.

The Rector reports to the Bishop at the Diocesan Convention, Sep. 1858, as follows (Journal of Convention, Diocese of New York, 1858):

Families, 125; Individuals, 500; Baptisms (for the

\* Of New Rochelle, N. Y.

year), adults 2, infants 34; confirmed, 24; marriages, 5; burials, 26; communicants, 144; Sunday School Teachers, 16; Sunday scholars, 160.

The Parish has been sustained as a Free Church without pew rents, the Congregation supplying the support by voluntary Offerings, at the time of Divine Service.

For all the tokens of His favour towards  
this Church of the Holy Innocents,

Thanks be to GOD.

## THIRD REF. PROT. DUTCH CHURCH.

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The third Dutch Church of Albany was organized on the 19th day of December, 1834, under an act of the legislature entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies." On the 3d of December, the Rev. Dr. Isaac Ferris received an appointment from the Classis of Albany, to organize a Dutch church, and in consequence of such appointment notice was given in the church edifice in Westerlo st.,\* two successive Sabbaths, (according to the provisions of the constitution of the denomination) that all persons desirous of being organized into a third Dutch church should produce the necessary dismissals from other churches. A number were received, and the individuals first assembled resolved on the style of the "Third Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the City of Albany." Edmund S. Herick, William C. Miller, and Nathan Lyman were chosen the first elders of the church, and John Van Schaack and James C. Spencer, deacons. Application having been made, the new church was received under the care of the Classis of Albany, in January 1835. The Rev. Edwin Holmes, of Livingston, was now invited to become their pastor, and he commenced his labors on the 26th of the same month.

A suitable location in the southern part of the city was at once sought as a permanent site for a building. Through the liberality of the late Patroon, (Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer), the land on which the present edifice stands was secured, upon certain conditions, and in the summer of 1835, the plans submitted by H. Rector, Architect, were adopted. The estimated cost of the building was \$15,000, and a subscription to secure that amount was circulated among the friends of the church. The

\* This edifice was destroyed by fire, April 24, 1848.

corner stone of the new edifice was laid by Christian Miller,\* on the 20th of April, 1837, on which occasion the Rev. Dr. Ferris delivered an address. In spite of many and serious obstacles, the trustees pushed forward the work of building, and in the summer of the next year the church was formally dedicated.

Mr. Holmes resigned his charge in October, 1840. Rev. Dr. Andrew Yates of Schenectady succeeded him as a temporary pastor. The debt of the church had become quite large, and the congregation discouraged. Dr. Yates labored with a most devoted zeal to procure the extinguishment of the debt, but in the midst of his efforts, which were by no means unsuccessful, the church building was destroyed by fire. This event took place on the 28th of September, 1841, at noon. The difficulties against which they had contended, and now, the destruction of the church property well nigh disheartened them, and had it not been for the counsels and prayers of Dr. Yates, the enterprise would in all probability have been abandoned. But as has been said of him—*he* could not be discouraged.

The former building having been insured, the claims against it were now paid up, and renewed efforts made for its reconstruction. These efforts were entirely successful, and in the course of the next summer the congregation took possession of their new church.

About one month previous to the destruction of the church, the congregation had invited Rev. William H. Campbell, of Flatbush, to become their pastor. He accepted the call, and was installed in the Second Dutch church on the 1st Sabbath in Nov. 1841. The sermon on that occasion was preached by Prof. McClelland. Under the guidance of divine providence, the ministrations of Dr. Campbell, both in spiritual and temporal affairs, were conducted in a manner which evinced satisfactorily that he bore most worthily the mantle of Dr. Yates. After a pastorate of about seven years he was compelled to

\* Gen. Van Rensselaer had been invited to perform this ceremony, but declined on account of the state of his health.



seek employment less laborious, and the position of Principal of the Albany Academy, as successor to Dr. Beck, having been tendered to him, he felt it his duty to accept it. On the 8th of September, 1848, his pastoral connection with the church was dissolved.

Rev. Rutgers Van Brunt was invited to become pastor, Nov. 4, 1848, and he accepted the call. After a brief ministration he resigned, April 17, 1849. He was succeeded by Rev. William W. Halloway, who was called on the 27th of June, and remained pastor until April 12, 1853, when he accepted a flattering invitation to organize and maintain a Dutch Church in a new and flourishing part of Brooklyn.

The Rev. Alex. Dickson succeeded Mr. Halloway on the 10th of October, 1853. He is the present pastor, highly esteemed and beloved.

A device for a seal was adopted January 26, 1835, viz: An anchor surrounded with the words, Third R. P. D. Church, Albany.

The following table will exhibit the growth of the Church since its organization:

*Names of those who have been admitted to the Membership of the Church.*

1834.	Mrs. Daniel Curtis,
Edmund S. Herrick,	Nathan Lyman,
Mrs. Edmund S. Herrick,	Mrs. Heman C. Whelpley,
James C. Spencer,	Angelica Van Derzee,
Mrs. James C. Spencer,	Mrs. J. F. Netterville,
John Van Schaack,	Joseph Curtis.
Mrs. John Van Schaack,	
William C. Miller,	1835.
Mrs. William C. Miller,	ON CONFESSION.
James F. Linacre,	Mrs. Thomas Wilkinson,
Mrs. James F. Linacre,	John McCrossan,
Harmanus Van Ingen,	Mrs. John McCrossan,
Mrs. Harmanus Van Ingen,	Asa B. Nellegar,
Daniel Curtis,	Mrs. Asa B. Nellegar,

Mrs. A. N. Cuyler,  
Mrs. O. Eggleston,  
Mrs. E. Miner,  
Christina Van Derzee,  
Mrs. Thomas Linacre,  
Mary Parker.

ON CERTIFICATE.

E. B. Colburn,  
Mrs. Mary Hoyt,  
J. T. Whitbeck,  
Mrs. J. T. Whitbeck,  
Samuel Steele,  
Mrs. Samuel Steele,  
Betsey Buttrick,  
Betsey Steele,  
Elvira Steele,  
Mrs. C. Holmes,  
Charles A. Keeler,  
Mrs. Charles A. Keeler,  
Ann Maria Spencer,  
Mrs. S. T. Thorn,  
Jacob Van Alstyne,  
Mrs. Wm. O'Brien,  
Horace Allen,  
Mrs. Horace Allen,  
Jane Pierson,  
Caroline Allen,  
Mrs. Hugh Boyd,  
Elizabeth D. Kenyon,  
Mrs. Abram Van Zandt,  
Mrs. Nathan Lyman,  
Mrs. F. P. Malburn,  
Mrs. P. Colburn,  
Lois Reed,  
P. P. Conine,  
Mrs. P. P. Conine,  
Mrs. H. Smith,  
Mrs. G. W. Van Wie,  
A. T. McCaughry,

Eytchy Cook,  
Mrs. A. Stewart,  
Mrs. H. Blake.

1836.

ON CONFESSION.

Harriet L. Sickles,  
Mrs. Isaac Arnold,  
Robert Hillis,  
Samuel Paul,  
Mrs. F. Belding,  
Mrs. Geo. Pruyn.

ON CERTIFICATE.

John Weaver,  
Mrs. John Weaver,  
Mrs. Jas. Robinson,  
Mrs. J. Waddle,  
Hannah Woodbury,  
Peter Van Ness,  
Mrs. Peter Van Ness,  
Cornelia C. Van Deusen,  
Mrs. Rich. Cooke,  
Mrs. H. Boothe.

1837.

Wm. Lansing,  
Mrs. Wm. Lansing,  
Catharine Staats,  
Mrs. Samuel Paul,  
Mrs. H. H. Hickcox,  
Miss L. M. Hickcox,  
Mrs. — Warner.  
C. Freeman.

ON CONFESSION.

Mrs. Robt. Hillis,  
Julia Van Zandt,  
Catharine Boyd,

Thomas Linacre,  
 Mrs. J. Vanderhoff,  
 Mrs. A. Fanning,  
 Mrs. G. R. Van Zandt,  
 Mrs. Alex. Finley,  
 Mrs. C. J. Cuyler,  
 Mrs. J. A. Vanderburgh,  
 John G. Burdix,  
 Mrs. John G. Burdix,  
 Christina F. Miller,  
 Mrs. Dan'l Van Valkenburg.

1838.

C. P. Weaver,  
 Mrs. A. Abel,  
 Mrs. Dan'l Dobbs,  
 Mrs. J. Bradt,  
 Eunice Woodbury,  
 Mrs. C. Marsh,  
 Hannah Jackson.

ON CERTIFICATE.

Mrs. P. D. Burhans,  
 Mary A. Beekman,  
 Cornelia Beekman,  
 Eliza Holt,  
 David Holt,  
 Mrs. David Holt,  
 Mrs. Wm. Brown,  
 E. Spencer,  
 Mrs. E. Spencer,  
 Fruton Pratt,  
 Peter Van Buren,  
 Mrs. Peter Van Buren,  
 Mrs. E. Willett,  
 Ann E. Willett,  
 Joseph Curtis,  
 Mrs. L. G. Hoffman,  
 Peter Vallantine,

Mrs. Peter Vallantine,  
 Mrs. C. Van Buren,  
 Mrs. James Taylor,  
 Mary Brodhead.

1839.

ON CONFESSION.

Mrs. F. Lay,  
 John Strother,  
 Mrs. John Strother,  
 Julia E. Green,  
 Ann Holt,  
 Hannah S. Abbott,  
 Harriet J. Steele,  
 Mrs. R. P. Herrick.  
 L. Davidson,  
 Mrs. L. Davidson,  
 Mary T. Wands,  
 Caroline Pendleton.

ON CERTIFICATE.

George Crook,  
 Mrs. Geo. Crook,  
 Mary Wilson,  
 Charlotte Rowe,  
 Elizabeth Boyd,  
 J. W. Bulkley,  
 Mrs. J. W. Bulkley,  
 Emily Malory,  
 Mrs. John Whitbeck,  
 Robt. Hutchinson,  
 Mrs. Robt. Hutchinson,  
 Mrs. Jno. Gordon,  
 Mrs. T. Irwin.

1840.

ON CONFESSION.

Jane P. Allen,  
 Mrs. Jer. Austin,  
 Deborah Gardinier,

Rebecca Conine,  
Mrs. F. Withers,  
Lansing Pendleton,  
Mrs. L. Pendleton,  
Marg't G. Vandenburg,  
Nancy Van Ness,  
Nancy Siver,  
E. S. Van Buren,  
Mrs. E. S. Van Buren,  
Mrs. Wm. Day,  
I. L. K. Miller,  
Mary G. Day,  
Mary E. Lay,  
Mrs. M. L. Rogers,  
W. A. Miller.

ON CERTIFICATE.

Silas Barton,  
Mrs. Silas Barton,  
Rachel McLusky,  
Caroline Woodbridge,  
Mrs. N. J. Vischer,  
Catharine A. Glen,  
John Gordon.

1841.

David Burhans,  
Mrs. D. Burhans,  
Sarah Van Zandt,  
Mrs. Maria Maybee,  
L. G. Burgess,  
Mrs. L. G. Burgess.

1842.

ON CONFESSION.

S. W. Haley,  
Mrs. S. W. Haley,  
Mrs. C. B. W. Lansing,  
Mrs. George McKenzie,

Ann Hickcox.  
Mrs. J. Gillespie,  
Mr. Sam'l Wright,  
Rosiller Haley.  
James Taylor,  
Mrs. S. Hutchins.

ON CERTIFICATE.

Wm. H. Scott,  
Mrs. W. H. Scott,  
Mrs. H. Brown,  
Mrs. A. E. Darrow,  
Mrs. G. Ackerman,  
Mrs. W. H. Campbell,  
Lydia Sherwood.  
Mrs. Jno. Burgess,  
Mrs. Jno. Albright,  
Mrs. A. McAllister,  
Mrs. E. Hubbard,  
Mrs. L. Dagget,  
Teressa Dagget,  
Mary Dagget,  
Mrs. Sarah Wells.  
S. A. Sherwood,  
Mrs. S. A. Sherwood,  
Chs. Bailie,  
Mrs. C. Bailee,  
Betty Ann Bailee.

1843.

ON CONFESSION.

Mrs. W. R. Hills,  
Mrs. Jas. McCormick,  
Mrs. A. Cooke,  
Mrs. J. V. Sternberg,  
Mrs. L. D. Abel,  
Lawson Ewing,  
Mrs. Lawson Ewing,  
Jeremiah Whitehead,

Joseph S. Curtis,  
 Mrs. S. J. Bushnell,  
 Sophia Leverick,  
 Ellen Schoonmaker,  
 Theodore Keeler,  
 Mrs. Theodore Keeler,  
 Lucy Ann Hills,  
 Lewis G. Hoffman,  
 Mrs. G. Van Zandt,  
 John Thompkins,  
 Mrs. John Thompkins.  
 Mrs. James Stewart,  
 Margt. A. Robinson,  
 Edwin Hubbard.  
 Mrs. H. Durrie,  
 Mrs. Wm. More.  
 Mrs. L. Abbott,  
 Mrs. Margt. Kenyon,  
 John D. W. Wemple,  
 C. J. Cuyler.  
 Catharine Miller.  
 Sam. Wright,

## ON CERTIFICATE.

Lambert Norton,  
 Mrs. L. Norton,  
 Ann Smith,  
 Jonas Whiting,  
 Mrs. J. Whiting,  
 Wm. Ingraham,  
 Mrs. Wm. Ingraham,  
 Susan Brooks,  
 Catharine Lansing,  
 Cornelia Lansing,  
 Glen Van Rensselaer,  
 Mrs. A. Starr,  
 B. E. Hayden,  
 Mrs. B. E. Hayden,  
 W. McKnight,

Mrs. W. McKnight,  
 Mrs. S. Cone,  
 Mrs. W. Cooper,  
 C. P. Robinson,  
 Gilbert Van Zandt,  
 John O. Dey,  
 Mrs. John O. Dey.  
 Miss — Ross.  
 Mrs. P. Snyder,  
 Mary A. Hatcher,  
 Mrs. J. Whitehead,  
 James Lansing,  
 Mrs. Jas. Lansing,

1844.

## ON CERTIFICATE.

J. De Forest,  
 Mrs. P. Ahern,  
 Mrs. E. G. Cheesboro,  
 John S. Whitehead,  
 Mrs. J. S. Whitehead,  
 Oliver Bow,  
 Mrs. O. Bow,  
 Mrs. C. Smyth,  
 Mrs. John McKnight.

## ON CONFESSION.

Josiah Gellespie,  
 Mary G. Courtney,  
 Mary Yates,  
 S. G. Mink,  
 Mrs. S. G. Mink,  
 Mrs. J. Mix,  
 Mrs. H. Mitchell,  
 David Smith.

1845.

Mrs. John Summers.  
 ON CERTIFICATE.  
 Dan. S. Durrie,  
 Josiah Breakay.

ON CERTIFICATE.

A. Burr Aiken,  
Mrs. A. B. Aiken.  
Mrs. H. L. Hubbard,  
Clementina Don,  
John Arrowsmith,  
Mrs. J. Arrowsmith,  
Mrs. C. Lee.

1846.

ON CONFESSION.

Mrs. J. Curtis,  
Sarah K. Miller.

1847.

ON CONFESSION.

Helen M. Whipple,  
Mrs. J. Benton,  
Mrs. O. Van Benthuyzen,  
Wm. L. Strother.  
Miss E. B. Curtis,  
Mrs. A. Hamilton.  
Mrs. S. Wilson,  
Mrs. S. Hitchcook,  
Eliza Hutchinson.

ON CERTIFICATE.

G. H. Cook,  
Mrs. G. H. Cook.  
Mrs. E. B. Colburn,  
Joseph Curtis.  
Wm. Egginton,  
Mrs. Wm. Egginton.

1848.

ON CONFESSION.

E. W. Grosvener,  
Harriet Moore,  
James Dornet.

ON CERTIFICATE.

Lambert Norton,  
Mrs. L. Norton,  
Catharine Frost,  
Mrs. P. Nichols,  
Mrs. S. F. Romaine.

1849.

ON CONFESSION.

Edw'd S. Willett,  
F. H. Griswold,  
Mrs. F. H. Griswold,  
Mrs. Jesse Elder.

ON CERTIFICATE.

Mrs. S. A. Aisdale,  
Mrs. R. R. Haswell,  
Miss E. McCuen,  
Miss Catalina Haswell.

1850.

ON CONFESSION.

Mrs. T. Danay,  
Mrs. J. Kennedy,  
Wm. N. Staats,  
Hannah Staats,  
Mary E. Hills.

ON CERTIFICATE.

Charles Lee,  
Mrs. H. Wheeler,  
Mrs. W. A. Miller,  
Levi Relyea,  
Mrs. L. Relyea,  
Mary A. Whalen,  
Maria H. Moakley,  
Mrs. Elizabeth Valentine,  
Elizabeth A. Carrighan,  
Mrs. Hannah Thomas.

1851.

## ON CERTIFICATE.

James L. Babcock,  
 Mrs. M. Halenbeck,  
 Nancy Makenny,  
 Elizabeth Harrington,  
 Mrs. M. Ostrander,  
 Mrs. E. Ostrander,  
 Miss Mary Ostrander,  
 Mrs. C. Whitney,  
 Mrs. C. S. Hickcox.  
 H. B. Van Benthuisen,  
 Mrs. H. B. Van Benthuisen,  
 J. H. Zelie,  
 Mrs. J. H. Zelie,  
 Mrs. G. Van Rensselaer.

## ON CONFESSION.

Sarah Huey.  
 Mrs. J. I. Schoonmaker.  
 P. H. Ostrander,  
 Caroline Herrick,  
 Jane Ann Abel,  
 Eliza Lansing,  
 Miss E. Kennedy,  
 George Clay,  
 Ernest J. Miller,  
 John Strother,  
 Mary C. V. Stuart,  
 Mary Hickcox,  
 Helen E. Hickcox,  
 Mary C. Miller,  
 Cornelia Van Rensselaer.

1852.

## ON CONFESSION.

Hugh Mitchell,  
 C. S. Hickcox,  
 Abraham Hoag,

Susannah Irwin,  
 Mrs. Mary Valentyne.  
 Wm. R. Summers,  
 Sarah M. Burgess,  
 Mrs. S. Miller.

## ON CERTIFICATE.

Elmira Bender.

1853.

## ON CONFESSION.

Mrs. W. H. Hughes,  
 Emma I. Hughes,  
 John S. Burgess.

## ON CERTIFICATE.

Silas Barton,  
 Mrs. S. Barton.

1854.

## ON CERTIFICATE.

Mrs. L. Burhans.  
 Mrs. A. Dickson,  
 Mrs. S. Wood.

## ON CONFESSION.

Mary E. Cook.

1855.

## ON CONFESSION.

Ellen Lansing,  
 Antonette Lansing,  
 Mrs. E. C. Crafts,  
 Mrs. G. C. Greer,  
 Mrs. — Jeroloman,  
 Mrs. — Hannah,  
 James Van Steenburg,  
 John C. Valentine,  
 Robt. Mitchell,

Mrs. E. Bronk,  
Miss M. Ten Eyck,  
Mr. A. Van Guisling,  
Mrs. A. Van Guisling,  
Mrs. A. Wetmore.  
Wm. Frisbee,  
Catharine Van Rensselaer,  
Mary Abell.

ON CERTIFICATE.

Mrs. — Classen,  
Mrs. F. N. Sill.

1856.

ON CONFESSION.

Mrs. E. S. Willet,  
Ann E. Willet,  
Mrs. E. Satterlee,  
E. M. C. Craft,  
Mary Walker,  
Margt J. Willet.  
John H. Hickcox,  
Sarah Gardner,  
Louisa Taylor,  
Isabella Ewing,  
Esther Dickson.

ON CERTIFICATE.

C. M. Horton,  
Mrs. C. M. Horton,  
Caroline Dunsbaugh,  
James Walker.

1857.

ON CONFESSION.

C. N. Warner,  
Mrs. C. N. Warner,  
A. Le Galley,  
Mrs. A. Le Galley,

Wm H. Hughes,  
Ann E. Hughes,  
Jane E. Hughes,  
Martha J. Curtis,  
Fanny L. Curtis,  
Eliza G. McKnight,  
Elizabeth Mathews,  
Ann Cook,  
Jane Ewing,  
Robt. Horner,  
Mrs. T. S. Knight,  
Mrs. H. Mix.  
Mrs. F. W. Moffatt,  
Mrs. Jno. H. Hickcox,  
Lorana Curtis,  
Sarah K. Smith,  
Elizabeth W. Smith.  
Wm. T. Valentine,  
James Davidson,  
Mrs. J. Lansing,  
Sarah Erwin.  
George Hendric,  
Mary W. West,  
Mrs. W. Diamond.

ON CERTIFICATE.

Jno. Gardner,  
Mrs. J. Gardner,  
Henry Ousterhout,  
Mrs. H. Ousterhout,  
Mrs. M. A. Lockwood.  
Robt. Evans,  
Gardiner Hendric,  
Mrs. G. Hendric,  
Dan'l Thomson,  
Mrs. Dan'l Thomson.  
Mrs. J. Davidson,  
Mrs. W. T. Valentine.



1858.

## ON CONFESSION.

J. L. Bouck,  
 Mrs. J. L. Bouck,  
 Mary A. Cooper,  
 Martha Cooper,  
 Wm. Diamond,  
 Sam'l Kinney,  
 J. W. Beebe,  
 J. A. Van Buren,  
 Mrs. J. Dickerman,  
 Mrs. C. Crawford.

Wm. Gordon,  
 Mrs. J. Edwards,  
 Jane Cooke,  
 Margaret Cooke.

## ON CERTIFICATE.

Mrs. C. McAllister,  
 Mrs. J. W. Burgess,  
 Mrs. Sam'l Kinney,  
 Mrs. E. A. Houghtaling,  
 Mrs. J. W. Beebe,  
 Mrs. E. J. Miller.

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 William C. Miller,  
 Nathan Lyman,  
 Horace Allen,  
 Cha. A. Keeler,  
 — Van Alstyne,  
 John Van Schaack,  
 David Holt,  
 Elijah Spenor,  
 David Burhans,  
 Daniel Curtis,  
 Peter Van Buren,  
 Jonas Whiting,  
 John G. Burdix,  
 S. G. Mink,  
 Leonard G. Burgess,  
 Jereh. Whitehead,  
 John Strother,  
 James Taylor,  
 John Gardner.

H. Van Ingen,  
 Samuel Steele,  
 Peter Van Buren,  
 John G. Burdix,  
 Thomas Linacre,  
 S. W. Haley,  
 James Taylor,  
 Joseph Curtis,  
 J. D. W. Wemple,  
 John Ogden Dey,  
 George H. Cook,  
 S. G. Mink,  
 Leonard G. Burgess,  
 Jereh. Whitehead,  
 Jereh. Hoyle,  
 F. H. Griswold,  
 Edwd. S. Willett,  
 J. L. Babcock,  
 J. H. Zealie,  
 John Strother,  
 Josiah Gillespie,  
 Lawson Ewing,  
 John Gardner,  
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John Van Schaack,  
 James C. Spencer,  
 Daniel Curtis,

## MEMOIR OF JOHN LOVETT.

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Mr. Lovett was a descendant of an English family which immigrated as early as 1640, and settled in a beautiful location in Connecticut, upon the Quinnebaug river, which disembogues into the Thames at New London. It originally formed a part of the town of Norwich, but when Lisbon was set off from that town, it was included in the latter. The property still remains in the possession of the descendants of the original owners, its ancient burial place filled with monuments whose inscriptions are so worn by time and the elements that the traditions of the place alone tell who are the occupants. Among them is seen the grave of a "Cadet of the house of Lovat," who after a clandestine marriage with a granddaughter of the Lord Sands who figures in Shakspeare's play of *Henry VIII*, fled to this country, where they found a resting place and a grave amongst those of their fellow Puritans. The wildest and most exciting engagements between the Pequot and Mohegan tribes and the early settlers, took place in this vicinity. These may have fostered the military spirit for which this little settlement was afterwards noted. On the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, the Rev. Andrew Lee gave notice from his pulpit, that early on the following morning a meeting was requested of every male member of his congregation, to pray for the success of their brethren in arms, and to organize a body of volunteers from that parish. They enrolled themselves almost to a man, under Captain Lovett; the pastor also went with them, and every female assisted in fitting them out. It was in the midst of this and other similar scenes that Mr. Lovett received his first impressions. Distinguished for precocity of mind, extraordinary memory, and the great progress he made in his studies, he was placed at Lebanon, then the most noted school in that region, to prepare himself to enter Yale College. In the latter institution he attracted the attention of President Stiles by his uncommon attainments in the classics, as well as by his poetical efforts. At the weekly exercises in oratory, he uniformly recited compositions of his own, which being often humorous, received the applause of grave professors as well as the more youthful auditory. He was graduated in 1782 with distinction, and soon after came to Albany, whither he had been invited with

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the encouragement that an academical institution would be opened, at the head of which he would be placed. He brought the highest recommendations from President Stiles, not only for attainments in knowledge, but also for excellence and purity of character, which gave him the confidence of the strangers among whom he was to cast his lot for life. Disappointed in the result of the efforts that were made for the establishment of a seminary of learning here, he commenced the study of the law in the office of Richard Sill, then one of the eminent lawyers of Albany, where he had the advantage of making the acquaintance of Gen. Schuyler, Gen. Hamilton, Abraham Van Vechten, Col. Troup, and Col. Burr, who was then at the zenith of his reputation. Here he also became acquainted with Col. Duer, the father of the two distinguished lawyers which have since borne his name. By his representations he was induced, soon after being admitted to practice, to proceed to Fort Miller, where the Colonel had made a very large purchase of land, and begun his settlement in a new country, where the surrounding woods reached the outskirts of his buildings, by erecting a mansion one hundred and forty-four feet long! The *Lady Katy*, as the courtesy of that day termed the eldest daughter of Lord Stirling, was residing there with her two little sons and their tutor, Mr. Lovett as general agent, and a land steward, who was to sell the land if any one wished to purchase—the wolves howling in chorus around the very purlieus of the Italian piazzas. Here Mr. Lovett and his faithful negro man Juba, commenced professional life—the latter much the most successful of the two, for his gun could supply the daily wants of the family without making drafts upon his master's father. To this peculiarly romantic residence, Mr. Lovett took his youthful wife from Connecticut, a daughter of Gen. McClellan, and remained there several years, gaining the confidence and esteem of the people to such a degree as to lay the foundation of a very large and profitable business in his profession, after his removal to Lansingburgh. The story of the feudal grandeur which was commenced at Fort Miller is soon told. Col. Duer never went up there; *Lady Katy* and her two little sons returned to New York, and the only advantage resulting from this magnificent scheme was the habit of public speaking which the young Duers acquired, by being placed upon the dinner table by their mother, every day, after the cloth was removed, and there taught to speak unabashed by the company that might be present. The establishment went to ruin, was torn down, and the material sold for a trifle; and thus ended this as well as other similar and equally vain attempts to build up seigniories in this state like those of Canada.

From Fort Miller Mr. Lovett removed to Lansingburgh, which, strange to say, attracted more attention half a century ago, than it has since. Here he enjoyed many years of peace, prosperity and happiness. In 1800 he was elected a member of Assembly from

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Rensselaer county. The profits of his professional life enabled him to purchase a number of beautiful farms on the Hudson river, and indulge that taste which was almost a passion with him, for agricultural pursuits. In 1807 he removed to Albany, where a large portion of his earliest friends welcomed him again. He took an active part in the exciting political controversies of the day, and his ready pen was brought into constant requisition, for the service of the federal party, to which, from youth, he had been most warmly attached. He continued the practice of the law, to which were added the duties of clerk of the common council, until the breaking out of the war in 1812. This measure, although so strongly opposed by his party, became the law of the land. Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer, his early friend, was appointed to the command of the troops destined for the defence of the north-western frontier, and at his earnest solicitation Mr. Lovett was induced to accompany him as military secretary. In answer to Mr. Lovett's doubt as to how he should succeed as a soldier, since he had never even trained as a militiaman in his life, the General replied, "It is not your *sword*, but your *pen* that I want." It was a fearful crisis in the life of the General, involving his reputation. One party boldly advocated an agrarian law, to divide these overgrown estates among the people, if their owners declined to come out at the call of their government and defend them. Mr. Lovett's personal attachment to the General was such that he did not hesitate to assume this new calling. The party of citizen soldiers marched to Canada, accompanied by many brave volunteers who were destined never to return.

Before the dawn of that disastrous day of the battle of Queenstown, the General requested Mr. Lovett to take charge of a battery erected on the American side, which was to keep in check any body of the enemy that should appear on their own high and broken bank, and by a well directed fire to prevent them from firing down upon the American troops which were crossing the stream below to make the attack. He took his post with alacrity, but when the battle commenced it was too dark to distinguish, without the greatest care, the American troops ascending the heights, from those of the enemy rushing to defend them; and as Mr. Lovett placed his hand upon a heavily loaded cannon, and stooped to see that it was properly aimed, it was touched off, and the shock nearly deprived him of his hearing. He received an injury to his ears which was permanent, and beyond surgical aid. The history of this battle and its results are familiar to all. Gen. Van Rensselaer returned home, leaving Mr. Lovett in attendance upon his tried and attached friend, Gen. Solomon Van Rensselaer, who had been so severely wounded as to be incapable of removal. After a long and tedious convalescence, Mr. Lovett accompanied his companion home. The citizens of Albany turned out to meet them on horseback, and escorted them into the city with all the honors of a Roman triumph.

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Shortly after, Mr. Lovett was elected to a seat in the 13th Congress, where he renewed his old acquaintance with Gov. Meigs of Ohio, who, as United States surveyor, had become familiar with the best tracts of land offered about this time at public sale. Preeminent among them he regarded the reservation of the *Twelve mile square*, at the mouth of the Maumee, which was just surveyed, and had never before been offered for sale. It embraced the site of Fort Meigs, directly opposite Gen. Wayne's battle ground. Mr. Lovett purchased it, and commenced the settlement of *Perrysburgh*. In connection with Dr. Josephus B. Stewart, he built the first steam boat that navigated the waters of Lake Erie, named, in honor of the Indian chief, *Walk-in-the-Water*; for many years a regular trader between Buffalo and the Rapids of the Maumee, now known as *Perrysburgh*. The development of the resources of this section of country has shown the correctness of Mr. Lovett's judgment in making the selection. A magnificent bridge now spans the Maumee river at *Perrysburgh*, over which must pass most of the travel by land from the north-east to the south-west part of the adjoining states. The Wabash and Indiana canal opens in front of the town, and regular steam boats run from *Perrysburgh* to Detroit every day. Most of those who planned these improvements have long since mingled their remains with the clods of the valley—the fate of those who lead the way in all the openings of the settlements of our country, as well as others. Mr. Lovett withstood for a while the effects of a long protracted illness of lake fever, brought on by exposure, but sunk at last. The memory of his talents and virtues are still cherished by the friends who mourned his early removal from a large and devoted family. He died at Fort Meigs in August, 1818, in the 53d year of his age.

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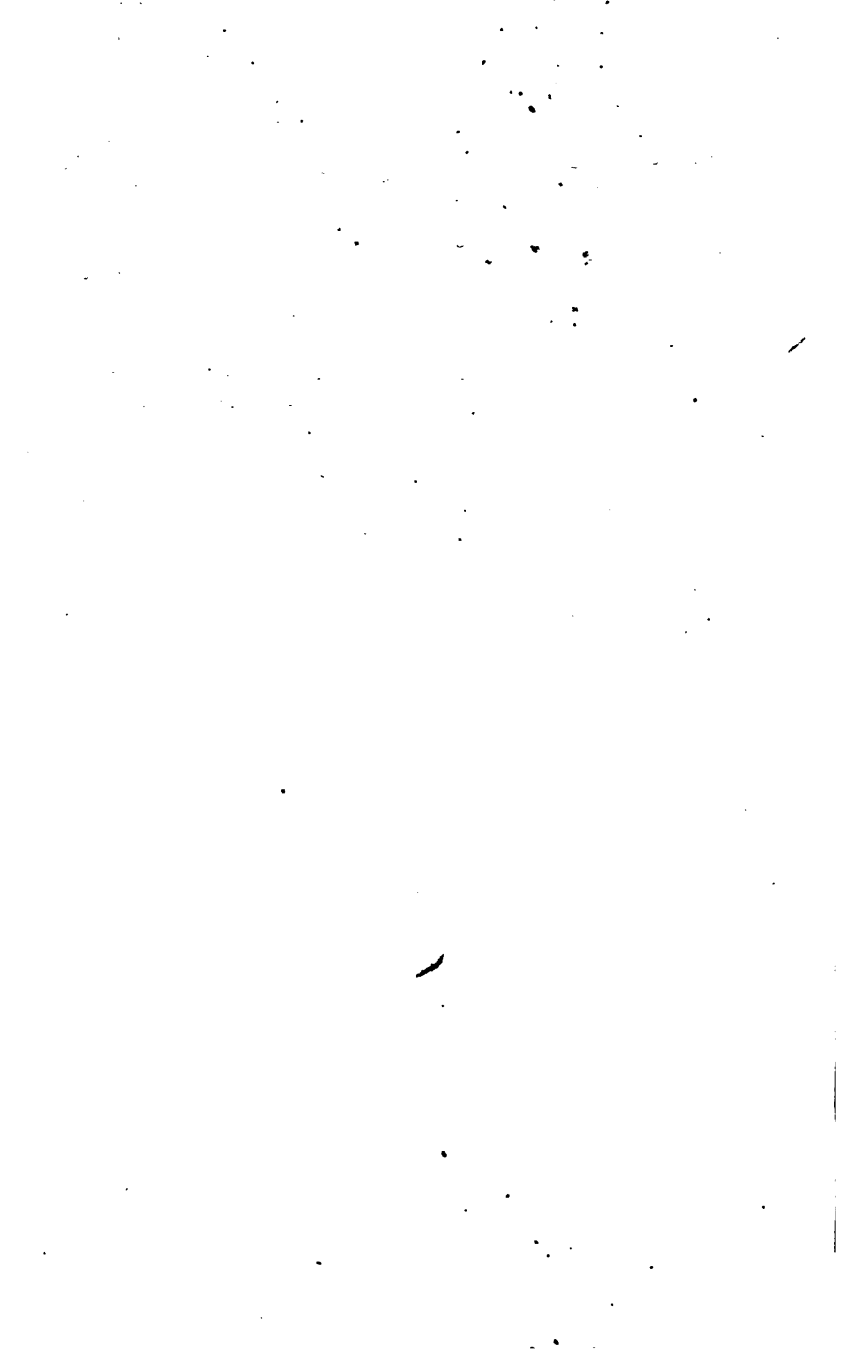












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