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*Wm. Parker*  
*from his friend Veltman*

*Geoblast*

# REPORT

OF THE

**Watering Committee,**

UPON THE PRESENT STATE OF THE

## WORKS

FOR

SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER,

AND

THE SEVERAL OTHER PLANS

*PROPOSED FOR THAT PURPOSE.*

MAY 2, 1812.

PHILADELPHIA:

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1812.

*In pursuance of the resolution of the Select and Common Councils, passed on the 24th of October, 1811, directing the Watering Committee to cause examinations to be made in relation to an alteration of the present mode of supplying the City with water, and also, whether any other mode can be advantageously substituted for that now in operation; the said Committee submit to Councils the following reports.*

FOR the purpose of being enabled to lay before councils the most correct information which could be obtained, the committee deemed it expedient to engage the assistance of an experienced engineer, who, in conjunction with the superintendant of the water works, might enter into a minute examination upon the several points embraced by the resolution committed to the committee. With this view they procured, in the month of December last, the attendance of Mr. John Davis of Baltimore, who was formerly the superintendant of the works here, and is at present entrusted with the management of a similar establishment in that City. The practical knowledge and experience of this gentleman as an engineer, and particularly in relation to hydraulic and steam machinery and canals, pointed him out as peculiarly fitted for the objects had in view. From the personal knowledge of some of the members of the committee, as well as from information derived through the most respectable channels, it is believed that the fullest reliance may be placed upon his opinions and estimates.

Mr. Frederick Graff, the superintendant of the Water Works, in whose ability great confidence is reposed, being directed to attend Mr. Davis, they, in conjunction with Mr. William Rush, a member of the Committee to whom the duty was specially assigned, immediately proceeded to execute the instructions of the Committee, by an examination of the works now in operation, and afterwards by an inspection of the eastern shore of the Schuylkill, from the Upper Ferry to the Falls, and thence to the mouth of the Wissahickon Creek, and of the latter stream as far as the dam and mills of Mr. Robeson.

The result of these examinations was communicated in a report, and estimates submitted to the Committee by Messrs. Davis and Graff, on the 18th of December last, a copy of which is hereto annexed; to which report the Committee beg leave to refer, as containing a full statement of all the facts which are necessary to enable the members of the City Councils to form a correct judgment of the plan now in operation, and of the several other modes which have at different times been proposed for watering the City; excepting that by means of the natural head of the Delaware and Schuylkill canal whenever it may be completed. To obtain a supply of water without the aid of any kind of machinery is certainly a most desirable object, and if at all attainable ought by no means to be lost sight of; but upon comparing the levels of the plane of the canal with the levels of the City plat, it will be found that at the most elevated points of the latter, where the present works give a head of more than 35 feet, the head from the canal would be less than three feet, and in other pla-

ces the difference would be in the same proportion.\* So small a head would scarcely be adequate to afford a supply for common culinary purposes, and within a very large proportion of the city would not be sufficient to raise water to a second story, or to pass a stream through a hose for the extinguishment of fire. These considerations induce your committee to believe, that the canal can only be made useful, in supplying the City with water, through the agency which it may have at some distant day in moving hydraulic machinery for that purpose: in any other point of view its probable existence they conceive ought not to be regarded.

On reviewing the report of Messrs. Davis and Graff, it will be found to contain an ample corroboration of the opinion entertained by many of our fellow citizens, that the present plan of watering the City is miserably deficient in the essential requisites of security and economy. So sensible indeed are your committee of the radical defects of the present works, that they believe no alteration or improvement can render them efficient. And when it is considered that if the use of the water should increase for a year or two to come, in the proportion that it has done for the year or two last past, the centre engine will not, even if put into complete repair, be adequate to raise the required supply: they cannot but believe that no time ought to be lost in preparing for the adoption of a better system.

\* The bottom of the Delaware and Schuylkill canal, north of the city, is elevated  $43 \frac{92}{100}$  feet above the plane of the highest tides, and the highest point of the city plat, which is in Broad street near to George street, is  $43 \frac{4}{5}$  feet above the same plane, leaving a difference of about six inches in favour of the canal.

Impressed with this opinion, in which it is presumed the Councils will concur, when they shall have fully investigated the subject, your committee have thought it expedient, before submitting their report, to select that mode which appeared most likely to be adopted, in the event of a change, and to endeavour to ascertain whether the site necessary for the works could be procured.

The plan connected with Morris's Hill, near the upper ferry, is considered by your committee as most likely to answer the purposes of the City, in consequence of its combining most of the wished for advantages, and being attainable at an expense comparatively moderate.

The site pointed out as most suitable for the erection of the works at this place, of which a plat is hereto annexed, consists of a square, the sides of which are each 400 feet in length, situated upon the most elevated part of the hill, and surrounded by public streets, and also of an adjoining lot containing 225 feet in breadth north and south, and about 265 feet in length extending westward from the before mentioned square into the Schuylkill. The square contains a broad level, elevated about 90 feet above the line of the highest tides, remarkably well suited to the construction of reservoirs. In the remaining part of the plat is an excellent quarry of stone, which, besides supplying a sufficiency of that material for the construction of the reservoirs and buildings, would furnish an ample store for other City purposes. For the whole plat, the present proprietors after a tediously protracted negociation, have agreed to take a perpetual rent of one thousand

dollars per annum payable half yearly, or the par value of that sum in cash, viz. \$16666 67: at that rate your committee have provisionally contracted for the purchase on behalf of the City. A copy of the letter forming the basis of the contract is hereto annexed.

Should this plan be approved and the purchase be confirmed by the councils, your committee are authorized to state, that the annual rent of one thousand dollars would be more acceptable to the proprietors than the cash price before mentioned. The purchase on rent will also be most convenient to the City, as an increase, to more than double the amount of the sum required to discharge it, will take place after the first day of July next, in the annual income from the water rents, in consequence of a new arrangement of the rates lately completed by the committee.

In addition to the matters contained in the foregoing statement, your committee had given some consideration to a scheme for raising the necessary supplies to carry into effect the Morris Hill plan, in case its commencement should be determined upon by the Councils; but as, in this particular, it would be most desirable to be aided by the experience of the gentleman whose skilful and judicious arrangements have for a number of years past so eminently benefited the financial concerns of the City, and within whose province this branch of the subject would more properly fall, the committee refrain from laying before councils their ideas in this respect.

*By order of the Watering Committee.*

JAMES VANUXEM, *Chairman.*

May 2d, 1812.



# **REPORT**

OF

**MESSRS. DAVIS AND GRAFF**

TO THE

**WATERING COMMITTEE**

OF

**PHILADELPHIA.**

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**GENTLEMEN,**

**AGREEABLY** to your instructions, herewith is presented the following **Estimates and Observations**, in answer to your inquiries on the state of the works now in operation, and in relation to several other plans for watering the City, viz.

1. The state of the engines, now in operation, and the cost of placing them in such repair as to answer the purpose of supplying the City ; with the probable annual cost of continuing the same.
2. The erection of another engine at the house on the banks of Schuykill, and the cost of altering and repairing the one now in use there ; with every expense attending the alteration, and supplying the city entirely by means of the Engines at Schuykill.

3. The best mode of supplying a reservoir of sufficient capacity placed on Morris's Hill, at the upper ferry; the expense of making such a reservoir and of bringing that mode into operation.

4. Whether the water of the Falls of Schuylkill, or the Wissahickon Creek can be made subservient to the purposes of supplying the City without the use or aid of steam engines; with the probable cost of the same: and if the canal already commenced can be combined or made useful in such a plan.

The Committee will please to observe that the answer to the first, second, and third questions, or examinations, are prepared from such data as to render the statements and estimates nearly correct; except the cost of the site necessary for the works contemplated on Morris's Hill. With respect to the last inquiry such observations are stated as the shortness of the time, and present circumstances would permit; but considering the magnitude and importance of the undertaking, if the City Councils should deem it proper to adopt that method of watering the city, a more correct survey and estimate will be advisable, previous to carrying the same into effect.

*1st Question—The state of the Engines now in operation, and the cost of placing them in such repair as to answer the purpose of supplying the City; with the probable annual cost of continuing the same.*

Owing to the continual working of the Centre Square Engine, and the increased quantity of water now delivered daily into the City, the Engine cannot

be permitted to stop, at any time, sufficiently long to repair the most trifling article, or even pack either the pumps or cylinders without depriving the City of water during the period of such business being performed. The consequence arising from wanting time and opportunity for necessary repairs, obliges the persons attending to omit keeping the engine in proper order for the duty it has to perform, and makes the wear and expense much more than they ought to be. It certainly is a most unfortunate circumstance, that when either the Centre or Lower Engine is out of order and cannot work, the City is deprived of water; and likewise that as long as the present plan is pursued the case must be the same, for it is well known both to the Committee and the citizens that there is no security for water in the pipes of conduit one hour, and serious and alarming accidents from fire might happen, when it would be impossible to deliver a single gallon of water into the City. It would be quite unnecessary to mention the above well known facts were it not thought proper to call your attention to the examination and adoption of such plans and alterations as will obviate the above uncertainties, and at the same time diminish the annual expense accompanying the present works. To continue supplying the City on the plan now pursued a very considerable increase of the annual expense must accrue, as is proved by a reference to the expense of the last four or five years. At the Centre Engine a new boiler is indispensable, and if no alteration in the manner of supply takes place, it ought to be immediately commenced, as from every appearance one of the boilers cannot last longer than one year. The pumps at this

place also begin to be troublesome, and from the imperfect manner in which they are constructed, and the increasing supply of water required, in three or four years at most, they must be altered and replaced, and whenever this happens it will produce a very heavy expense. The pump chamber at the mouth of the tunnel will have to be taken up, enlarged and rebuilt; the working barrel of the pump enlarged, and some additions made to the engine. During these alterations the City must be deprived of water for a considerable period. The lower engine wants sundry repairs, as stated in an estimate herewith presented. This engine is in much better order than the centre one, and owing to having the tunnel for a deposit of water, has only fourteen hours employ out of twenty-four to supply the greatest quantity of water yet required by the City. This leisure of ten hours per day enables the workmen to keep the works in repair, and very much lessens the labour of the engine, and unless some very material accident takes place, or repairs are wanted which require more time than above mentioned, there cannot be a want of water to supply the centre engine from this place.

The cost of repairing the centre engine, including a new boiler, as per estimate, is	\$6410 00
Ditto, the lower engine	920 00

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Sum wanted for repairs, \$7330 00

The cost of maintenance and expense of Centre Engine as per estimate for 1812,	\$9703 00
Ditto, the Lower Engine,	8360 00
	<hr/> 18,063 00

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Making for repairs and maintenance \$25,323 00

*2d Question—The erection of another engine at the house on the bank of Skuylkill and the cost of altering and repairing the one now in use there, with every expense attending the alteration and supplying the City entirely by means of the engines at Schuylkill.*

To alter the present plan, and to carry into effect the above, will have many advantages over the one now in use, and although considerable funds will be requisite to effect the same, yet it will certainly be greatly to the interest, as well as the safety of the City to direct and have some alterations made in the present system and whether this plan or either of the following are adopted, it will be easily perceived that it is indispensably necessary something should be done. By erecting another engine at Schuylkill, and altering the one now there; raising the building and placing as large a reservoir as practicable therein at the same elevation with those now erected at the centre house, delivering water and supplying the reservoirs at one lift of the engines, and carrying a main pipe from this house to the distributing chest at Centre Square, and by having both engines at one place, each capable of furnishing a supply of water to the City, will certainly be much superior to the present plan, although it should require one or the other of the engines to be continually at work, yet by having the one in reserve kept in good order, it would very seldom or ever happen that the City could be without water, and much of the present annual expense would be saved. As the defects of the works now in operation are so well understood, perhaps it is not necessary to enter into any investigations beyond those that have been mentioned, as the call of Councils on the

Watering Committee evinces their knowledge of the subject, and as the answer to the third inquiry appears to have considerable advantage in point of economy, permanency, and certainty of a constant supply of water to the City. It is therefore considered not necessary to make further observations beyond the estimate that accompanies this report.

The expense of these alterations and improvements  
as per estimate, is - - - \$82443 96

Annual cost for maintenance

of the engines, labour, &c. \$11886 00

Making a balance in favour of  
the alteration less per annum  
than the cost of working  
the engines now, of - 6177 00

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\$18,063 00

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*3d Question—The best mode of supplying a reservoir of sufficient capacity, placed on Morris's Hill at the Upper Ferry, the expense of making such a reservoir, and of bringing that mode into operation.*

In examining into the mode of supplying the city with water from this source, it appears to have many advantages of considerable importance to the city. It was found that the surface of the said hill is elevated about eleven feet above the top of the reservoirs at centre square, and presents a very favourable surface for constructing reservoirs of such capacity as may be required or thought advisable, which at all times can furnish as great a supply of water to the city as can

possibly be wanted. The outlines of the plan which it is deemed proper to present to the consideration of the watering committee are, to purchase sufficient ground on the top of the hill for two reservoirs, and a water lot in front thereof on the shore of the Schuylkill river, for the purpose of erecting an engine house to contain a new engine and pumps capable of supplying the reservoirs on the hill, and to carry a main pipe of proper capacity from the reservoirs, and connect the same with the distributing chest at the Centre Square. After the plan is so far in operation, to remove the engine from the lower engine house, to the new house at Morris's Hill; and repair and fit it up in the best manner with a new set of pumps. The two reservoirs on the hill each to hold 1,000,000 gallons of water, to supply alternately, and one or the other to be always full, either and each of the engines to be made capable to furnish as much water as is necessary for a daily supply. This plan, like the one stated for the lower engine house, will always have an engine and pumps in reserve, as a security from accidents, as well as to enable the works being kept in good repair. Its superiority over the other methods of supplying the city, is in the opportunity of having large and capacious reservoirs, without which no works of this kind can be considered as complete. It is certainly very obvious, that where there is no opportunity of obtaining large reservoirs to supply from, the engine employed to furnish the daily consumption of water, must be kept continually at work, or the stoppage is so short, that no actual saving of fuel can take place, although the engine with nearly half the expense of fuel could perform the whole duty required in half the time, and of course the wear and de-

cay, of both the engines and boilers, would be nearly in the same ratio. By referring to the account of the time employed at both engines as now in use, it will be seen that, while the centre engine is obliged to perform both day and night, the lower engine only works fourteen hours, consequently, producing a saving of ten hours labour and fuel, &c. Now if both the engines are erected at Schuylkill at the lower house, one or the other would have to be nearly constantly at work. Making the most favourable allowance for the reservoirs which can be placed in that building, the engine would be worked twenty hours per day, and the four hours stoppage would produce very little saving of fuel, as the fire could be permitted to be very little checked; while the Morris's Hill plan would certainly save ten hours fuel, with the large reservoirs. Large reservoirs of permanent construction will be much preferable to those made of the best wood, as the latter are liable to decay and of course must be replaced, and likewise present a more certain and regular mode of supplying the City than is possible from small ones. By referring to the estimate prepared, the cost of bringing this plan into operation, is

\$148,938 54

And the annual expense of supplying

water, fuel, labour, &c. \$8360 00

Making a balance in fa-

vour of these works of 9703 00

The expense of the pre- \_\_\_\_\_

sent supply, - \$18,063 00

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*4th Question—Whether the water of the falls of Schuylkill, or the Wissahickon creek, can be made subservient to the purposes of watering the City, without the use or aid of steam engines, with the probable cost of the same, and if the Canal already commenced, can be combined or made useful in such plan.*

With respect to the waters of the Schuylkill at the falls, it appears by the dam erected to supply a mill, now built at that place, there is only four feet six inches fall above tide water, there is likewise a fall of about two feet from the falls, to the tail race of Mr. Robeson's mill, or the mouth of the Wissahickon Creek, making the whole head and fall about six feet six inches, which fall could be obtained by building a dam across the Schuylkill, above the bridge. There is certainly water, and power enough at this place to supply the City with water, if no impediments ever occurred to prevent the operation of the machinery and works, but the certainty of freshets, which so frequently happen in the river Schuylkill, would render such works nearly as uncertain as the steam engines.

From satisfactory information obtained relative to the quantity of water, flowing from the Wissahickon Creek, at Mr. Robeson's mill, it appears that in the driest part of the season the stream produces about 10,000 gallons of water per minute, equal to about 14,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. To employ this stream for the purpose of watering the City, the best mode that appears practicable, would be to dig a race, or canal from Robeson's mill dam, to the Falls of Schuylkill, to erect suitable buildings and machinery at the foot of Sims's Hill, and to deliver and

supply into two large reservoirs, on said hill, as much water as is requisite to supply the City, and to lay a cast iron pipe of eighteen inches diameter and connect the same with the distributing chest at Centre Square. There is no manner of doubt respecting the sufficiency of the Wissahickon stream, to give an ample supply of water both to the works and machinery, and deliver from three to four millions of gallons of water in twenty-four hours, to such height on the hill as will produce the same quantity at the Centre Square. The whole head and fall, from the mill dam to high water mark below the falls, is nearly thirty feet, which constitutes a power amply sufficient for the above purpose. The sum necessary to carry this plan into operation is certainly very considerable, but if it was executed in a permanent and simple way, it would perhaps in the end, be the best manner of supplying the city with water. An estimate is prepared shewing the probable expense of the above plan. The cost of the mill seat, land, &c. for the purpose is from supposition, the machinery, pipe, &c. nearly correct.

The amount of estimate is,	<b>\$359,718 55</b>
And the probable annual expense of the works and attendance,	- <b>\$1200 00</b>
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If the Canal already commenced should ever be completed, and it is found that a portion of its waters could be spared for the use of watering the City, a water machinery could be erected near to Morris's Hill, to pump or elevate the necessary quantity of water into

reservoirs constructed on the hill as before stated, and if the Morris's Hill plan was at present effected, with the steam engines as mentioned in that plan of supplying the city, all the works of the said plan would be subservient to the canal system, except the steam engines, and the annual expense of the same would be nearly that of the Wissahickon Creek, viz. \$1200 00

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In recapitulating the various plans, which are presented to the consideration of the watering committee, the following appears to be the result of each mode of supplying the city with water.—

*1st. To continue the supply from the present works, it is found that the annual expense of wear and tear, including new boilers, &c.*

Will average,	-	\$2600 00
Fuel and wages, as per printed report, for the year 1812,	-	17,310 00
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Producing an average annual expense of \$19,910 00

for furnishing the quantity of water now consumed in the city, and as more water is required, and the demand increases, of course the expense of fuel, &c. will be increased, and the city may frequently be without water.

2nd. To adopt the Lower Engine House plan and build another engine, &c. will in all probability, keep always a constant supply of water to the city: the cost

of this alteration will be \$82,443 96, interest of this  
sum is - - - - - \$4946 66

Fuel and wages for one year as per  
estimate, - - - - - 11,886 00

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The whole annual expense would be \$16,832 66

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This alteration would produce an annual saving to  
the City of \$3077 34, and give a constant supply of  
water.

3d. Removing the works to Morris's Hill, and sup-  
plying from two large reservoirs, &c. as per esti-  
mate, - - - - - \$148,938 54

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Annual interest of this  
sum, is - - - - - \$8936 31

Ditto the wages and fuel  
as per estimate, 8360 00

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The annual expense at the hill would  
be - - - - - \$17296 31

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If the works and supply were in operation at this  
place, the actual annual saving at present to the city,  
would be \$2613 69, and the increase of annual expen-  
ses occasioned by the additional quantity of water re-  
quired for the use of the city, would be trifling compar-  
ed with either of the other plans.—

4th. The estimate prepared to effect the supplying  
from the Wissahickon Creek is \$359,718 55

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The annual interest of  
 this sum is - \$21,583 11

Expense of repairs and  
 attending the works 1200 00

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Making an annual ex-  
 pense of - \$23,783 11 being an in-  
 crease of expenses to the city beyond the present annual  
 cost of the works of - - - \$2873 11

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*The whole of which is most respectfully submitted by*

*Your humble and obedient servants,*

JOHN DAVIS,  
 FREDERICK GRAFF.

*Philadelphia, December 18, 1811.*

*Estimate of expenses necessary in repairs to the Centre Square and Lower Engines, with the amount of carrying on the works for the year 1812.—*

For the Centre Engine will be required,

Two cast iron hot wells,	\$200 00	
Repairs to cold water cistern and new sills to ditto,	50 00	
A new set of steam and ex- hausting valves and place- ing ditto, - - -	80 00	
A new 6 inch iron hand pump for supplying the boilers, &c.	80 00	
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	410 00	

With an additional new boiler,  
one of those now in use  
becoming very defective,

6000 00

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6410 00

For the Lower Engine,

Enlarging the air pump, condenser, &c. - - -	500 00	
Cast iron hot wells, - - -	200 00	
Steam and exhausting valves and placing, - - -	80 00	
Trussing the lower beam— the materials on hand,	80 00	
Part of a pump rod—the materials ditto, - - -	60 00	
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		920 00

For carrying on the works for 1812, as per estimate in printed report.

Centre engine, 22,000 bushels of

coals, hauling and measuring, 7480 00

Wages of engine men, - 1505 00

Repairs and materials, 718 00

9703 00

Lower engine—1000 cords

of wood, hauling, &c. 6500 00

Wages of engine men, 1142 00

repairs of materials, 718 00

8360 00

\$25393 00



*Estimate of the expenses in erecting a new engine and repairs to the old one at the Schuylkill.*

Sinking a new shaft for an additional pump, with the walling and all materials and workmanship included,

1491 06

The building of a new engine, with all the fixtures of cast iron, and on an improved plan, - -

25000 00

One new boiler, with furnace and flues complete,

6000 00

For raising the engine house thirteen feet, taking down the present roof, and putting on a new one, framing the re-

reservoirs, and erecting 6 reservoirs sufficient to contain upwards of 80,000 gallons of water, with all materials and workmanship	- - -	7693 50
For 4340 feet of cast iron pipes of 14 inches diameter, fitting up and laying complete,	-	34,259 40
For repairing the old engine, with improved pump, enlarged air pump, condenser, &c.	-	8000 00
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*Estimate of erecting works at Morris's Hill.*

Supposed sum required for the purchase of the property of sufficient size for large reservoirs.	- - -	15,000 00
For carrying the feeder from the river to the engine house, with all the buildings and pump chamber included		8688 90
For erecting two reservoirs sufficient to contain 2,000,000 gallons of water, with the enclosures included,	-	8000 00
For 9704 feet of 14 inch iron pipe fitting up and laying	-	76,249 64
For a new and improved 42 inch cylinder steam engine		25,000 00



One new boiler for ditto	6000 00
For removing the lower engine and boilers, with repairs	10,000 00
	<u>          \$148,938 54</u>

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*Estimate of erecting works at Sims's Hill at the Falls, supplying the same by a race to be taken from the Wissahickon, with the purchase of Robeson's Mill and ground for the race, &c.*

For the buildings necessary for the works with a seat for the same,	\$20,000 00
Supposed sum required for the purchase of Robeson's mill ground for the race and reservoirs, - - - -	74,000 00
For making the reservoirs, &c.	10,000 00
For 25080 feet of iron pipe of eighteen inch diameter, fitting up and laying complete.	255,718 55
	<u>          \$359,718 55</u>

*Recapitulation of the foregoing Estimates, shewing the  
Annual expense of each Plan.*

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Expense attending the Working of the Centre and  
Lower Engine in their present situation, \$18063 00

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Expense with two Engines in the Lower Engine  
House, - - - - - \$11,886 00

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Expense with two Engines at Morris's Hill, \$8360 00

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Expense with Water Machinery at the foot of Sims's  
Hill, - - - - - \$1200 00

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*Messrs. Henry Nixon and Thomas Biddle.*

GENTLEMEN,

IN consequence of the variation of the plat suggested by Mr. Biddle, on Saturday last, we have had a new measurement and examination made of the ground, and are now prepared to state to you, as a definitive proposition, the following, viz.

The Corporation of the City to give for square No. 24 and a strip of 200 feet in width (north and south) to extend therefrom and to adjoin the north side of Morris street, into the Schuylkill, an annuity of \$900, or the sum of \$15000, in cash, *or to give for square No. 24, and a strip 225 feet in width, to extend as above mentioned, an annuity of \$1000, or the par value thereof in cash.*

*The annuity in either case to be redeemable at the pleasure of the City, after the expiration of 5 years, at its par value, and the present proprietors to retain the right of quarrying in all the streets of the plat, excepting that part of Bridge-street, which is east of the 200 or the 225 feet with which no interference is to be made without the consent of the Corporation.*

With great respect, &c.

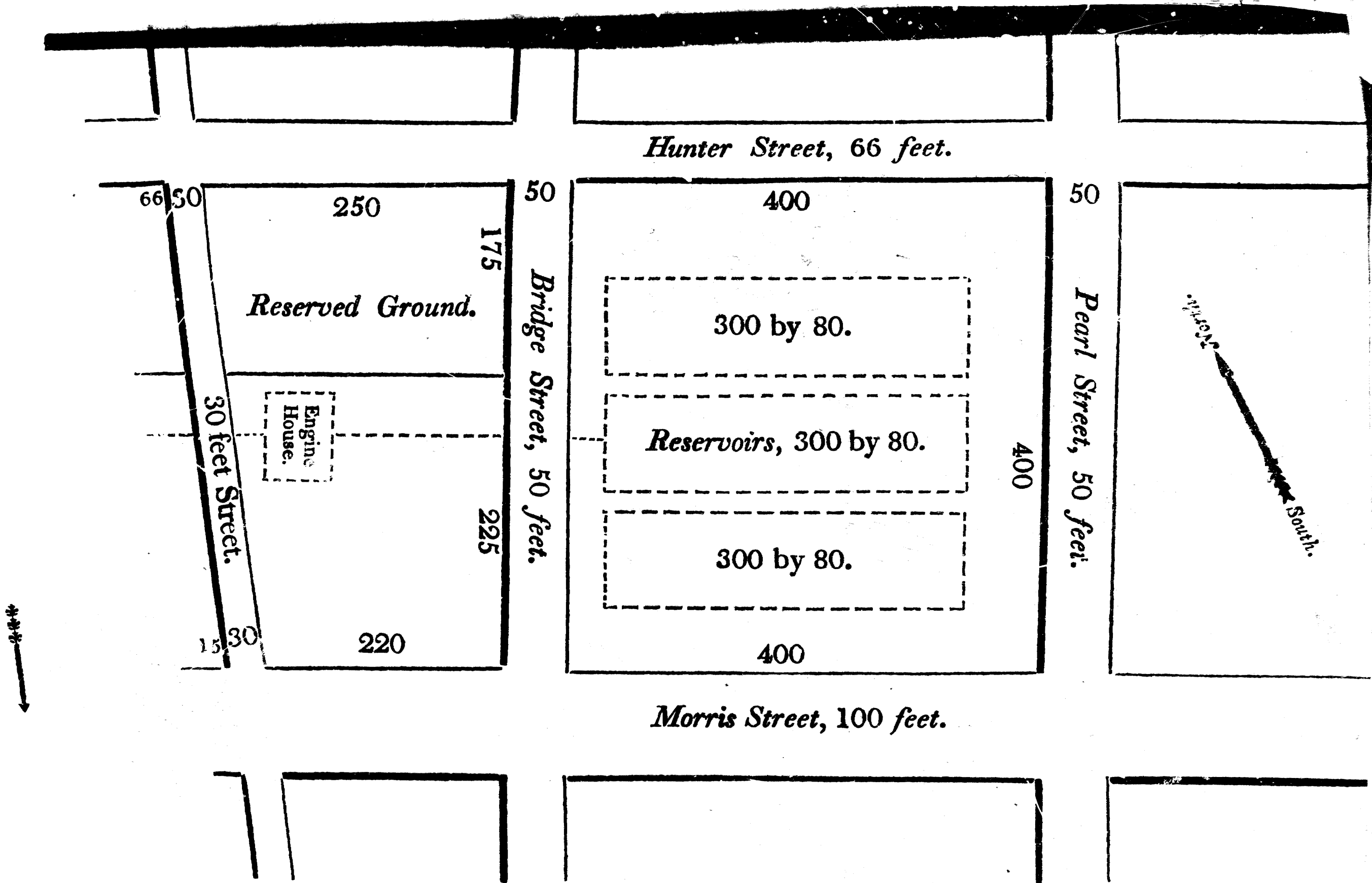
WM. RUSH,  
GEO. VAUX.

By Order of the Watering Committee.

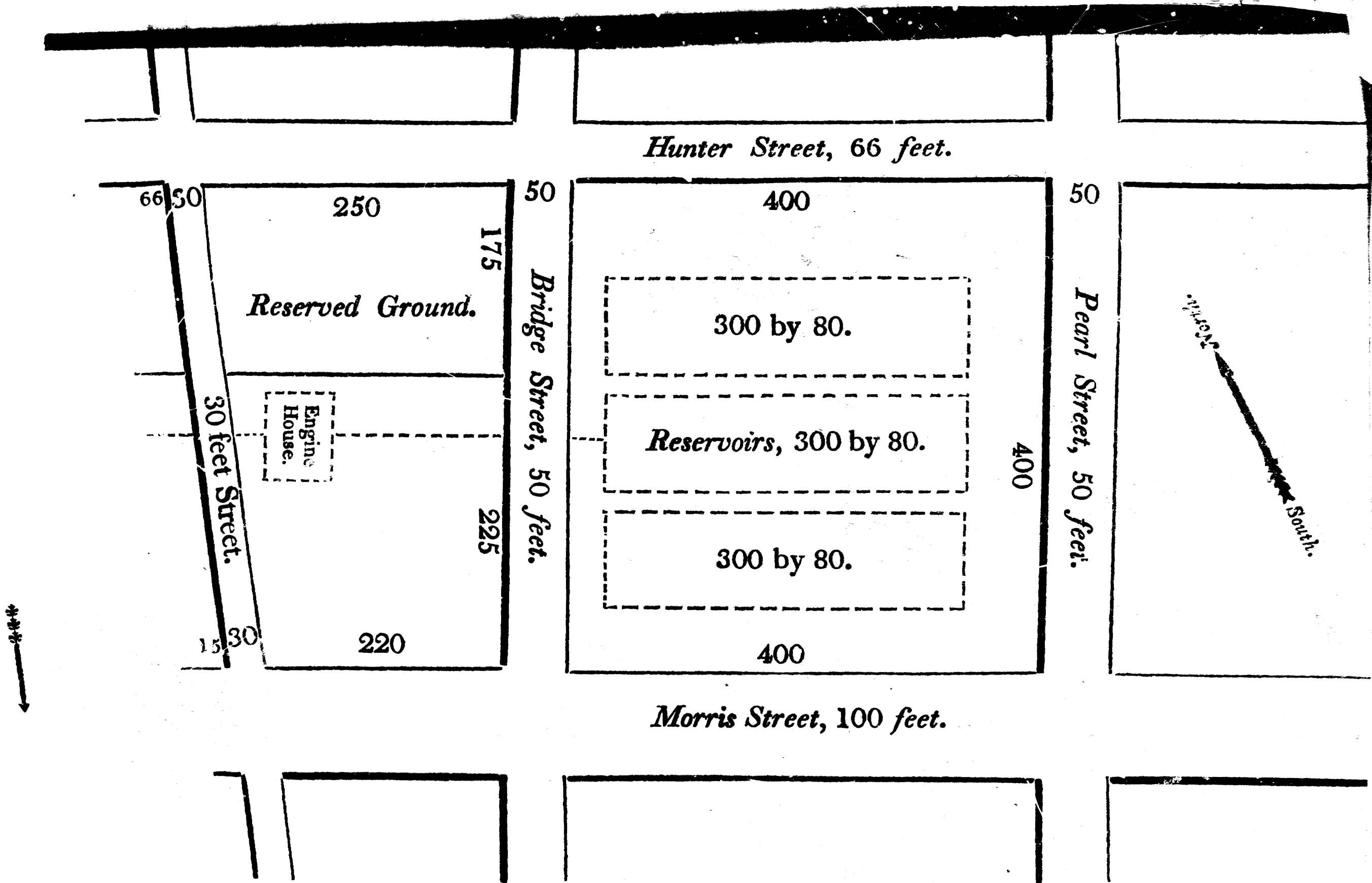
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The proposition printed in Italics is that which is accepted.



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