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No. 120, SOUTH SECOND-STREET.

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1806.

REPORT

OF THE

WATERING COMMITTEE, &c.

*THE Joint Committee of the Select and Common Councils,
appointed to the Superintendance of the Water Works....*

REPORT....

THAT having investigated the accounts and operations of the works, they are enabled to lay before the Councils a statement of the business for the last year.

The accounts and statement for each year have heretofore been made up to the first of November; but as some difficulties have occurred, and errors were produced in settling the accounts on the first of November, and again on the thirty-first of December, it is the opinion of your Committee that the period should be fixed to the day preceding the election for the general and annual settlement, when the register book kept by the Chairman of the Committee, and the books of the Clerk of the Works will agree. They have accordingly adopted this mode, and the accounts for the last year are from the first of November 1804, to the seventh of October 1805.

Centre Square Engine House. Some small repairs have been done to the gutters, and spouts of the Building.....The new cast iron boiler is now progressing: all the bottom and square part to where the circle commences, is jointed, and proved water tight: the flues are now putting in and the joints making.... The underpinning and brick work to the springing will be finished in a short time, when the enclosure will be executed and the steam flues annexed.....This part of the work has been retarded in its progress by the necessity of calling the attention of the workmen to the fixtures necessary for the distribution: but as that is now nearly finished no further delay will take place, and the workmen will continue their operations on it, until completed.

Mr. Caleb Leach has completed his contract for boring 25,000 feet of pipe this season, since which a further quantity has been bored.

The contract for digging pipe trenches has been continued with James Cochran, on the same terms as those of last year.

Mr. Thomas Connarroe has delivered at the log pond the 19,000 feet of pipe timber contracted for last winter.

Mr. Connarroe, with whom a contract has been entered into for 14,112 feet of cedar plank for erecting a new reservoir in the Centre Square Engine House, states that the timber is now cutting for it, and the plank will be delivered this Fall....As the lever beam of the Centre Square Engine upon examination appears to be considerably decayed, in spots where the bolts are; it is the opinion of your committee, that a new one should be procured in time. Mr. Connarroe, has been spoken to on the subject, and, with some trouble in searching the country, states, that he has found such pieces as will answer, of the best quality.....A contract will be immediately entered into for the pieces wanted.

The general distribution through all the main streets of the City, has been one of the chief objects of your Committee, and they are now enabled to report that there has been laid this season 28,200 feet of pipe, which extends from one extremity of the City to the other, North and South: and with the exception of one square of iron pipe in little Water-street, which is now contracted for, and about 7000 feet of wood pipe yet to be laid in alleys, finishes the entire distribution of the inhabited part of the City.

The Hydrant-pumps and Fire-plugs for the conveniency of drawing water and security from fire, have also been a great object with your Committee. Sixty-four Hydrant-pumps and thirty-six Fire plugs, have already been placed this season, and a number more of both pumps and fire plugs are prepared and the workmen employed in fixing them.

In order to exhibit a clear view of the receipts and expenditures during the aforesaid period, your Committee accompany this report with a schedule of orders for money drawn, and abstracts of payments made, arranged under their respective heads—together with a list of debts due on account of the works, amounting to 7297 77 dollars, and a list of debts due the works, of 666 13 dollars. Subjoined to this is a statement, exhibiting the actual cost of the works to the seventh of October 1805, amounting to dollars 349,016 50.

The number of houses supplied with Schuylkill water are 685, of which 155 are for holders of water-rights, and 530 on rent, together with 36 manufactories of various kinds.....The annual income of which amounts to dollars 3260, and the arrears of rent due to the first day of July next, to dollars 5112 52.

JAMES VANUXEM,
Chairman of the Watering Committee.

LIST OF CERTIFICATES

Or Orders for Money drawn by the

WATERING COMMITTEE,

from November 1st, 1804, to October 7th, inclusive, 1805.

No.	Dates.		Dols.	ct.
633	Nov. 13.	In favour of John Davis, clerk of the Water-works	944	34
634		ditto	880	09
635	Dec. 3,	ditto	1497	59
636	26,	ditto	900	59
637	1805.	ditto	798	18
638	Feb. 2,	ditto	842	60
639		ditto	558	26
640	March 19,	ditto	740	08
641		ditto	1890	54
642	27,	ditto	718	54
643		ditto	1735	07
644		ditto	5591	22
645	April 2,	ditto	795	07
646		ditto	714	46
647		ditto	717	14
648	9,	In favour of Frederick Graff, clerk of the Water-works	1684	20
649	19,	ditto	200	85
650	25,	ditto	372	69
651	May 3,	ditto	870	23
652		ditto	908	48
653	10,	ditto	1953	44
654	17,	ditto	1687	14
655	June 1,	ditto	967	54
656		ditto	454	40
657	18,	ditto	1440	99
658		ditto	585	74
659	July 1,	ditto	891	74
660		ditto	691	23
661	22,	ditto	849	48
662	August 2,	ditto	934	23
663		ditto	1573	92
664	24,	ditto	1026	80
665	Sept. 3,	ditto	505	87
666		ditto	89	43
667		ditto	954	81
668	12,	ditto	555	39
669	Oct. 2,	ditto	831	73
670		ditto	1227	69
671	7,	ditto	779	38

Dollars 41,168 17

ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS,

From the foregoing Orders, as follows:

OLD DEBTS.....

No.	1804.		Dolls.	Cts
633	Nov. 13,	James Cochran act. of digging pipe trenches - -	300	00
		Bickley and Taylor in full for lumber - -	13	76
		John Davis act. of salary - - -	150	00
		Joseph Ker ditto - - -	100	00
635	Dec. 3,	Frederick Stillwaggon in full for coal - -	320	00
		John Durwocdy do. for carting - - -	20	00
		James Cochran act. digging pipe trenches - -	250	00
		Jacob Wayne in full for lumber - - -	12	27
		Jonathan Knight do. do. - - -	135	46
637		Daniel Landrith in full for trees - - -	142	25
		Isaac W. Paxson do. for ironmongery - -	34	90
		John Russel do. making iron bands - - -	231	73
639	1805, Feb. 2,	John Davis act. of salary - - -	100	00
		Thomas Parnett in full for turning - - -	2	50
		Robert Morris do. for stone - - -	83	36
		Estate of Nicholas Esling in full for brick - -	31	37
		John Davis act. of salary - - -	100	00
641	March 19,	John Davis in full of salary - - -	11	79
642		Do. sundry small bills paid by him - - -	11	28
643	27,	Henry Richards in full for iron - - -	235	33
		N. & D. Sellers do. wire-netting - - -	2	75
		Keyser & Corpus do. for lumber - - -	4	13
		Evans & Williams do. do. - - -	121	31
		I. & N. Roberts do. copper balls - - -	35	50
		Foxall & Richards do. iron casting - - -	562	07
		William Davis do. chandlery - - -	115	20
		Jones & Howell do. iron - - -	68	98
644		James Rowland do. for iron - - -	134	76
		Robeson & Pauls do. iron pipes - - -	2811	34
		Jones & Kinsey do. for harness - - -	8	37
		Oliver Evans do. for plaister paris - - -	3	15
646	April 2,	Samuel Wetherill & Sen do. for paints and oil - -	81	08
		James Crukshank do. for stationery - - -	33	60
		Jacob Feinbern do. leather - - -	63	24
		Gedrey Cebler jun. do. shoeing horses - - -	26	32
		Estate of Peter Lady do. for stone and marble work	75	72
		Robert Haydock do. for lead &c. - - -	363	53

Amount carried forward, Dollars 6,817 76

Amount brought forward, dollars 6,817 73

No.	1805.			
612	May 3,	James Cochran act. of digging pipe trenches	-	165 67
656	June 1,	do. do. do.	-	179 25
560	July 1,	do. in full for do.	-	170 21
564	Aug. 24,	Jeremiah Hornkith do. for bricks	- - -	8 00
		John Lewis do. for salary	- - -	4 51
Amount carried forward, Dollars				7,545 57

DISTRIBUTION.

No.	1804			
633	Nov. 13,	Caleb Leach act. of boring logs	-	300 00
		John Davis sundry small bills	-	21 40
634		Monthly wages for Oct. carpenters	78 83	
		ditto smiths	207 44	
		ditto Men at distribution	442 41	
				728 68
635		Frederick Stillwaggon in full for coals	-	80 00
		John Dunwoody do. for carting do.	-	5 00
636	26,	Monthly wages for Nov. carpenters	62 60	
		smiths	233 24	
		Men at distribution	410 03	
				705 87
637		Caleb Leach act. for boring pipes	-	150 00
		Peter Armbruster in full for horse-feed	-	64 03
638	1805. Feb. 2,	John Davis do. sundry small bills	-	13 67
		Monthly wages for Dec. 1804 carpenters	78 97	
		smiths	228 03	
		Men at distribution	335 89	
				643 89
639		Blakesly Barns in full for old copper	-	39 83
		John Poultney do. ironmongery	-	48 69
		Henry Bell do. lumber	-	152 51
640	March 19,	Monthly wages for Jan. 1805 carpenters	160 51	
		smiths	147 01	
		Men at distribution	210 86	
				548 98
641		Caleb Leach in full for boring pipes	-	1565 86
		John Davis do. sundry small bills	-	95 08
642	27,	Monthly wages for Feb. carpenters	110 44	
		smiths	106 12	
		Men at distribution	197 68	
				414 24
Carried forward. Dollars				5,487 73

Amount brought forward, dollars 7,345³⁷

No.	Dates. 1805.		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	5487 ⁷³
643	March 19,	I. & N. Roberts in full for copper balls	46 ⁰⁰	
		Foxall & Richards act. iron castings	237 ⁹³	
		William Davis in full for cordage	5 ⁷⁶	
		Jones & Howell do. iron	300 ¹¹	
644		James Rowland do. do.	60 ⁹³	
		Robeson & Pauls do. for iron pipe	813 ⁶⁸	
		Jones and Kinsey do. for Harness	3 ⁷⁰	
		Thomas Connarroe for 3381 feet 4 pipe timber	574 ⁸¹	
		Estate of Richard Penn rent of log pond	360 ⁰⁰	
645	April 2,	Monthly wages for March, carpenters	107 ⁶¹	
		Smiths	165 ⁴⁵	
		Men at distribution	263 ²⁵	
			536 ³¹	
646		Samuel Wetherill and Son in full for oil & paints	12 ⁶⁹	
		Jacob Edenborn do. for leather	16 ¹²	
647		Samuel Miffin and Co. do. for iron	2 ⁴³	
		John Stiles in full for 1142 feet pipe timber	171 ³⁰	
		John Davis sundry small bills	38 ⁷⁰	
648	9,	Thomas Connarroe 6546 feet 6 inches pipe timber	1112 ⁹⁵	
		Peter Armbruster in full for horse-feed	61 ⁰³	
		Samuel Miffin and Co. do. for hoop iron	73 ⁵⁷	
		James Rowland do. iron	116 ⁶⁵	
		William L. Smith do. do.	43 ⁸¹	
		John Russel do. making lards	31 ³⁷	
		Evans & Williams do. for lun ber	59 ⁹¹	
		Israel & N. Roberts do. for copper balls	12 ⁰⁰	
		Robert Evans do. for lumber	7 ¹¹	
649	19,	Thos. Connarroe do. 1181 feet C of pipe timber	200 ⁸⁵	
650	25,	John Poultney in full for ironmongery	50 ⁹⁹	
		John Davis do sundry small bills	93 ³²	
651	May 3,	Monthly wages for April, carpenters	82 ⁵²	
		Smiths	249 ⁵⁶	
		Men at distribution	401 ⁹⁰	
			733 ⁹⁸	
Carried forward, Dollars				11,265 ⁷⁴

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Amount brought forward, dollars 7,345 37

No.	Dates.	<i>Amount brought forward, Dollars</i>	19,032 22
664	Aug. 24,	James Carman in full for spirits - - -	134 38
		Abraham Brasier do. for lead - - -	103 47
665	Sept. 3,	James Cochran act. of digging pipe trenches -	325 44
		Peter Armbruster in full for horse feed -	34 30
		John Hartly small bill paid by F. Graff -	1 00
		Joseph Pierson for hay do. - - -	20 50
		William Tuston for old brass do. - - -	50 00
		John Sirzby pair bellows do. - - -	22 00
		Benjamin Bond 100 bushels char coal do. -	14 00
		George Tryon 31-2 lbs. old copper do - -	6 30
		James Rowland act. of iron - - -	22 33
666		do. - in full for do. - - -	89 43
667		Monthly wages for Aug. carpenters 102 00	
		- - - smiths 323 53	
		- Men at distribution 382 04	
			807 57
669	Oct. 2,	Monthly wages for Sept. carpenters 82 71	
		- - - smiths 169 08	
		- Men at distribution 320 11	
			571 90
670		James Cochran act. digging pipe trenches -	195 19
		Samuel Mifflin & Co. act. of iron - - -	500 00
		Samuel Richards act. of iron castings -	500 00
		Thomas & Farr in full for wheel-right work -	32 50
671	7,	John Poultney do. for ironmongery - - -	50 37
		John Russel do. making iron bands - - -	119 48
		James Cochran act. digging pipe trenches -	79 00
			22,711 38
Carried forward, Dollars			30,056 75

No.	Dates.	N. J. ROOSEVELT,		Dolls.	ct.
		<i>Working Centre-square engine.</i>			
	1804.				
633	Nov. 13,	John Davis in full sundry small bills	-	27	51
634		Engine men	-	104	62
635	Dec. 3,	Frederick Stillwaggon act. of coals	-	600	00
		John Dunwoddy in full carting 3,750 bushel coals	-	74	86
636		Engine men	-	115	24
637	1805,	John Davis in full sundry small bills	-	45	56
638	Feb. 2,	Engine men	-	129	96
640	March 19,	Engine men	-	104	62
641		John Davis sweeping flues &c. small bills	-	35	60
642	27,	Engine men	-	94	50
644		Frederick Stillwaggon in full for 3,750 bushel coals	-	600	00
645	April 2,	Engine men	-	104	62
646		Samuel Wetherill & Son 1 3-4 gallons oil paid by J. Davis	-	2	22
647		William Arrantrude for 87 lbs. of candles	-	15	46
650		John Poultney black lead and emory	-	4	30
651	May 3,	Engine men	-	106	25
654	17,	Frederick Stillwaggon for 456 bushel coals	-	179	34
		Captain Steelman for 1885 bushel do.	-	647	18
655	June 1,	Engine men	-	108	80
656		James Mooney in full hauling 2,085 bushel coals	-	41	70
		Frederick Graff do. sundry small bills	-	13	32
657	18,	Foxall & Richards in full for 200 bushel coals and measuring	-	74	67
658		Jacob Ireland in full for 1,784 bushel coals & measuring	-	585	74
659	July 1,	Engine men	-	115	01
660		James Mooney hauling 3,676 bushel of coals	-	73	52
661	22,	Captain Weeks in full for 1,636 bushel coals	-	490	80
662	Aug. 2,	Engine men	-	171	54
663		Frederick Graff sundry small bills	-	61	78
		James Mooney in full carting 1,636 bushel of coals	-	32	72
664	24,	Frederick Stillwaggon in full for 1,892 bushel coals	-	605	44
667	Sept. 3,	Engine men	-	116	24
668		Richard Weeks in full for 1,683 bushel coals	-	521	73
		James Mooney do. carting do.	-	33	66
669	Oct. 2,	Engine men	-	118	08
671	7,	Thomas Ireland in full for 1,522 bushel of coals	-	456	60
		James Mooney do. carting 3,333 bushel coals	-	66	66
		John Poultney do. for black lead and emory	-	7	27
				6087	12

Amount carried forward, Dollars 39,276 20

Amount Brought forward, Dollars 39,276 20

No.	Dates. 1804.	INCIDENTAL EXPENCES.		Dollars	cts.
633	Nov. 13,	William Songster, sundry small bills	-	11	67
637	Dec. 3,	ditto	- ditto for sundries	11	71
646	1805. April 2,	James Crukshank in full for stationary	-	3	74
657	June 18,	David C. Claypoole advertising & printing	-	7	67
		Zacariah Poulson	- ditto	24	75
663	Augst. 2,	William Songster in full for flannel, &c.	-	5	00

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IMPROVING CENTRE SQUARE.

No.	Dates. 1804.			Dollars	cts.
634	Nov. 13,	Monthly wages for October	- -	31	00
636	Dec. 6,	ditto	- for November,	30	00
638	1805. Feb. 2,	ditto	- for December,	31	00
640	March 19,	ditto	- for January,	31	00
645	April 2,	ditto	- for February, and March	59	00
651	May 3,	ditto	- for April,	30	00
655	June 1.	ditto	- for May,	31	00
659	July 1,	ditto	- for June,	30	00
662	Aug. 2,	ditto	- for July,	31	00
667	Sept. 3,	ditto	- for August,	31	00
669	Oct. 2,	ditto	- for September,	30	00

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634	1804. Nov. 13,	Monthly wages for October.	- - - -	15	79
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SALARIES.

No.	Dates. 1805.			Dollars	cts.
639	Feb. 2,	Joseph Ker Clerk to the watering Committee,	-	100	00
641	March 19,	J. Davis Superintendent of the water works,	-	188	21
642	27,	ditto	- do. - -	18	09
647	April 2,	ditto	- do. - -	100	00
650	25,	ditto	- in full - -	224	08
652	May 3,	Joseph Ker on act.	- - -	100	00
663	Aug. 2.	ditto	- ditto - -	100	00

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Amount carried forward, Dollars 40,551 91

Amount brought forward, Dollars 40,551/91

REPAYMENTS OF MONEY,

*Received from the following persons, under a resolution
of Councils for the laying of Pipes.*

No.	Dates.		Dolls.	cts.
	1805.			
646	April 2,	James Gibson, in full	-	-
647		John Ashley ditto	-	-
		Edward Shippen ditto	-	-
		Edward Burd ditto	-	-
		Daniel W. Cox ditto	-	-
660	July 1,	Luke W. Morris ditto	-	-
664	Aug. 24,	Jonathan Meredith ditto	-	-
		Estate of Wm. Sheaf ditto	-	-
			35	00
			40	00
			50	00
			50	00
			35	00
			195	75
			80	25
			90	75
				576 75

LOWER ENGINE-HOUSE.

647	1805. April 2,	Samuel Miffin, & Co. in full for a lightning rod	-	-
				20 26

CENTRE SQUARE ENGINE-HOUSE.

	1805.			
647	April 2,	Assa Ridgeway in full for Masons work	10	25
		John Walton do. fixing lead behind descending main	-	-
659	July 1,	James Merritt do cutting spout holes	-	-
			3	00
			6	00
				19 25

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ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS,

Made by the Watering Committee, from Nov. 1st. 1804.

to October 7th, 1805 inclusive.

	Dolls.	ct.
Debts left unpaid, November 1st, 1804 -	7345	37
Repayments of money borrowed, on account of distribution - - -	576	75
Distribution. wages of Workmen, &c. 7329 68		
Materials - - - 6242 28		
Iron Pipe - - - 813 68		
Logs for Pipe - - 3713 34		
Boring ditto - - - 3615 86		
Digging pipe trenches 996 54		
	22711	38
New Boiler (Cast Iron) - - -	2532	33
N. J. Roosevelt, maintenance and working cen- tre square Engine, including wages, coals, and materials chargeable to him -	6687	12
Incidental expences. Stationary, advertising, &c.	64	54
Improving Centre-square - - -	365	00
Bason and Canal - - - - -	15	79
Salaries - - - - -	830	38
Lower Engine house - - - - -	20	26
Centre Square Engine house - - -	19	25
	41168	17
	Dollars 41168 17	

EXPENCES

Incurring in 1805 including the sums paid and due.

		Dolls.	cts.
Old debts of November 1st, 1804	-	7345	37
Repayments of money borrowed	-	576	75
Distribution	28170	44	
New cast iron boiler	3103	23	
N. J. Roosevelt maintenance of Centre Engine	7406	48	
Incidental expences	74	49	
Improving Centre Square	365	00	
Bason and Canal	15	79	
Salaries	1368	93	
Lower Engine-house	20	26	
Centre square Engine-house	19	25	
	<hr/>	40543	82
Amount paid by the Committee....	41,168	17	
Debts due October 7th, 1805.....	7,297	77	
	<hr/>	Dollars	48,465
	94	Dollars	48465
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JAMES VANUXEM, Chairman,
Of the Watering Committee.

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LIST OF DEBTS

Due on Account of the Water-works, October 7th, 1805.

	Dolls.	ct.
Samuel Wetherill and Son, paints, oil, &c.	39	45
Caleb Leach, boring logs	1505	07
Jonathan Knight, lumber	99	87
John Poultney, ironmongery	13	02
Shields & Powel, lumber	28	24
Godfrey Gebler, jun. shoeing horses, &c.	35	77
William Davis, chandlery	138	10
Samuel Mifflin, & Co. iron	391	11
Jacob Edenborn, leather	59	12
James Cochran, digging pipe trenches	1418	94
Joseph er, salary	66	66
James Rowland, iron	7	34
William L. Smith, iron	25	20
Jones & Kinsey, harness &c.	4	75
Estate of Richard Esling, bricks	54	00
Robert Hadock, lead &c.	47	02
Frederick Stillwaggon, coals	561	41
Ludlam & Voight, lead work &c.	196	80
Estate of Richard Penn, for log pond	70	00
Evans & Williams, lumber	6	51
Thomas Connarroe, pipe timber	418	19
James Crukshank, stationary	9	95
James Carman, spirits	67	19
Frederick Graff, small bills	85	92
Peter Armbruster, horse-feed	27	48
Frederick Graff, salary	471	89
Samuel Richards, and Co. iron castings	1353	18
Thomas Mayberry, iron	72	10
Joseph Pierson, hay	23	49

Dollars 7297 77

LIST OF DEBTS,

Due the Water-works, October 7th, 1805.

	Dollars	cts.
Henry Richards	7	66
Alms-house of the City and County	102	04
Thomas Parker	7	26
Permanent Bridge Company	43	04
Estate of Joseph Hardy	192	37
Isaac Hazelhurst	85	09
Estate of George Plumstead	3	10
Nicholas Mack		65
Doctor James Mease	20	25
Isaac White	4	96
Bank of Pennsylvania	60	50
Thomas Leiper	18	18
Benjamin W. Morris	7	25
James Flanagan	38	00
Thomas Swann	2	13
Henry Pratt	14	50
David Scott	5	06
Philip Wager	3	25
Moore Wharton	42	04
Benjamin Nones	2	00

Dollars 666 18

AMOUNT OF COST

Of the Waterworks, from the Commencement to October 7, 1805.

COST of the Water-works including distribution, as per printed report of committee Nov. 1st. 1804.			336830 99
Paid under the direction of the watering committee, from Nov. 1st, 1804, to Oct. 7th, 1805, as per statement.	41168 17		
To Benjamin H. Latrobe, as per resolution of the Councils Feb. 20th, 1805.	1050 00		
Debts incurred within the above period not yet paid	7297 77		
			49515 94
			386346 93
Deduct the following sums paid to, and for account of Nicholas J. Roosevelt, which is to be considered as the expense of supplying the City with water from March 1799, to October 7th, 1805, a period of six years and seven months, viz.			
Advances made on account of Nicholas J. Roosevelt, for maintenance and repairs of the Engine, and for new boiler, taken from printed report of 1803.	25991 93		
Ditto on account of ditto for the same purpose, per report of 1804.	4651 38		
Ditto on account of ditto for the same purpose, per report herewith made	6687 12		
			37330 43
Actual cost of the Works to October 7th, 1805. Dollars			349,016 50