## REPORT

# WATERING COMMITTEE 

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SELECT AND COMMON COUNCILS,

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# WATERING COMMITTEE. 

## REPORT

## OF THE WATERING COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO SUPERINTEND THE WATER.WORKS.

THAT since the annual report of the 7th of November 1811, the stock of fuel for the lower engine, with the two hundred cords of fire-wood authorized by Councils to be provided, were used long before any of the new supply contracted for could be delivered. The bad state of that engine and the inability of the boilers to furnish the necessary steam which the increase of pumping requires, occasions this extraordinary consumption of fuel, as, besides this additional supply, nearly 1200 bushels of coal, with 129 cords of wood, purchased on the wharves of the Delaware, have been consumed; and to work that engine until march next, an additional quantity of 200 cords of wood will be wanted.

No contract for coal could be entered into under 34 cents per bushel, this advanced price falls short two cents per bushel of the last estimate. It is expected that the difficulty of procuring this kind of fuel will be greater, and at an advanced price the ensuing year.

Of the 7000 feet of pipe timber contracted for, 6709 feet have been delivered at the pond, of which, and what remained on hand, 6718 feet have been used as per statement No. 3. which leaves in the pond 2926 feet.

5000 feet of pipe timber will be required for 1813.
On the 22d of September last the sum of 1500 dollars, appropriated for granting aid to fire hose and engine companies was distributed amongst them in the following manner.


## (4)

In order to apportion said sum, the several companies were invited in the daily papers to make application on or before the 21 st of said month; of the above number only twelve of the companies applied, supposing that it proceeded only from neglect of the others, the allotment of the 1500 dollars has been made to all of them; discriminating however the applicants by granting them a larger proportion; and the mayor has been requested to issue his warrants accordingly, as the ordinance prescribes.

Contracts have been entered into in August and September, executed in the latter month and beginning of October following for pipe, timber, digging of the reservoirs, for all the castings for the engine and boiler, for making a new engine, and for quarrying stone on the spot, at the foot of Fair-mount, where the engine house is to be erected, for which purpose the ground has been cleared and the works are now progressing.

In August last the mayor was requested to borrow the sum of 5000 dollars to meet the expenditures on account of the contracts and labourers, which sum has been paid into the city treasury, and on which 2864 dollars 44 cents has been drawn. It is expected that by November or December, 1813, the City will be supplied with water from said works. "

2396 dwellings, manufacturers, and institutions, are supplied with water up to the 30th September, 1812, as per statement NO. 4. Observing that the quantity of water used by the manufacturers, is greater in proportion than the rents at which they were rated, and that the rents established for dwellings, being considered as for culinary purposes only, to which a nuraber of private baths and stables have since been attached, which consume more water than what Councils were then aware of, the rents have been increased in proportion to the consumption that such establishments are supposed to require and the new rates have commenced from the 1st of July, 1812, under a firm belief that Councils will approve of the same. The receipts of the rents in advance on issuing permits, from October 1st, 1811, to September 30th, 1812, are as follows:


## Brought forward

$\$ 121113$
45 delinquents of the rent were returned by the Collectors on the 1st of June last, the allowances made to them on their duplicates amounted to 294 dollars 75 cents, of which
23 have paid the rent and one year in advance amounting to . . \$310
1 The rent paid, the pipe destroyed
9 The rent sued for. 8 pipes destroyed
5 Insolvents, the amount of 40 dollars lost
6 Exonerated by the Committee the rent being 38 dollars
1 Error, rent paid by another proprietor
45 Delinquents as reported
To which is to be added the sales of old materials and returned quartelly by the superintendent as per statement NO. 2 .

In the 1st quarter 73 dollars 33 cents, 2d and $3 \mathrm{~d}, 190$ dollars 19 cents, and 4th 165 dollars, together $428 \quad 52$

Total rents in advance, and sales of old materials, \&c. $\$ 1954.65$

Which sum as stated has been paid into the treasury; also the following for repaving over water pipes, as per receipts,

In the 1 st quarter, 45 dollars, $2 \mathrm{~d}, 18$ dollars, 3 d 72 dollars, and 4 th 70 dollars, together

42 certificates have been issued by the Committee, in the following appropriations, directed to the Mayor; being the amount of expenditures, from October 1st, 1811, to the 1st October, 1812, as per statement NO. 1.

On balance of appropriation 1811
On water rents, and sales, generally
On appropriation 1812
Remains a balance of last appropriation
works to December 31st, next, inclusive.
Laying 2926 feet of pipe
Stop-cocks, frames, and covers, and other castings not delivered 585
20 tubs - - - 200
200 cords of wood of the contract 1130
Repairs to fire plugs, stop-cocks, \&c. - 450
Wages to Engine men, labourers, \&c. 450
Incidentals, and improving Centre-square 288
Supplement of 200 cords of wood, for lower engine 1300
\$ 248888
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Supposed balance, on the list January next
N. B. The works at Fair-mount, being ordered by Councils, it became unnecessary, to make the extraordinary repairs, required to the engine, and boilers, except, to keep them in good order; nor has the removal of the boiler, at Centre-square, been attended to. These, together with the allowances of the two last years collections, of the rents being less than the estimate, occasion the present balance:

Brought forward
264789
To which the following is added
Amount of the rents in advance, and sales of old materials, \&cc, of
the last four quarters as above-mentioned
195465
Amount of rents, to July 1st, 1813, now collecting
14739 dollars less 10 per cent, allowances and
commissions - - $147390 \quad 1326510$
This sum to be deducted from the following estimate
\$ $\longdiv { 1 7 8 6 7 6 4 }$
Estimate of sums necessary to carry on the works, from January 1st, 1813, to December following.

## FOR THE DISTRIBUTION.

| 4.0 new tubs, and finishing | - | $\$ 400$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Repairs for fire plugs, stop-cocks, pumps, \&c. | $-\quad 2000$ |  |
| Castings for the same and cylinders | $-\quad 1000$ |  |
| 8 thousand feet of boards, plank, and scantling | - | 270 |
| 5 thousand feet of pipe timber, boring, laying, | \&c. | 5000 |

## FOR THE ENGINES.

| 24 bushels of coal, hauling and measuring at 45 cents $\$ 10800$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 13 hundred cord of wood, cording and hauling at 868800 |  |  |  |
| Wages to engine men | 7800 |  |  |
| Materials, and repairs, to engines | - | 1200 | 23000 |

## SALARIES.



By order of the Watering Committee.
JAMES VANUXEM, Chairman.

## LIS' OF CERTIFICATES,

## WATERING COMMITTEE,

From October 1st, 1811, to October 1st, 1812, inclusive.

| No. | 1811 | In favour of Frederick Graff, Clerk of the Water-works. |  | Dolle. | ${ }_{\text {ctis }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 942 | November 1 |  |  | 681 | 03 |
| 943 | 11 |  |  | 550 |  |
| 944 | December 2 | ditto | - - | 545 | 88 |
| 945 | 21 | ditto | - | 673 | 05 |
| 946 | 1812. January 1 | ditto | - - | 518 | 98 |
| 947 |  | ditto | - | 572 | 93 |
| 948 | February 3 | ditto | - $\quad$ - | 461 | 01 |
| 949 | March 2 | ditto | - - | 548 | 07 |
| 950 | 21 | ditto | - . | 566 | 68 |
| 951 | April 2 | ditto | - - - | 988 | 34, |
| 952 |  | ditto | - - . | 577 | 44 |
| 953 |  | 8 ditto |  | 496 | 50 |
| 954 | 28 | ditto ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  | 856 | 16 |
| 955 | May 1 | ditto | - | 979 | 95 |
| 956 | 18 | ditto |  | 500 |  |
| 957 | June . 1 | ditto | - | 92 | 74 |
| 958 |  | ditto | - - | 858 |  |
| 959 |  | ditto |  | 1304 | 67 |
| 960 |  | ditto |  |  | 08 |
| 961 |  | ditto |  | 500 |  |
| 962 | July $\quad 15$ | ditto | - - | 1014 | 20 |
| 963 964 | July 1 | ditto | - | 845 | 32 |
| 964 |  | ditto | - - | 6371 | 11 |
| 965 |  | ditto | - - | 1064 | 34 |
| 966 |  | ditto |  | 814 | 38 |
| 967 |  | ditto | - | 1000 |  |
| 968 | 15 | ditto | - | 7573 |  |
| 969 |  | ditto | - | 11978 | 89 |
| 970 |  | ditto ditto | - | 500 |  |
| 971 |  | ditto | - | 36218 | 18 |
| 972 | August 1 | ditto |  | 713 | 79 |
| 973 974 |  | ditto ditto |  | 72495 | 95 |
| 974 | September 1 | ditto | - - | 84962 | 62 |
| 976 | 19 | ditto | - - | 482 <br> 500 | 24 |
| 977 |  | ditto |  | 10377 | 72 |
| 978 | October 1 | ditto | - | 43978 | 8 |
| 979 |  | ditto |  | 50405 | 5 |
| 980 981 |  | ditto | - - | 33968 | 8 |
| 981 982 |  | ditto | - " | 52293 | 3 |
| 982 983 |  | ditto | - - | 41508 | 8 |
| 983 |  | ditto | - . | 11669 | 69 |
|  |  |  |  | 794685 | 5 |

## ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS.

## DISTRIBUTION.



## CENTRE ENGINE



## LOWER ENGINE.



## SALARIES.



## PLANS AND ESTIMATES.

April
1812.

Jan. $\quad 1$ John Davis, for services rendered, in planning and estimating as per report to Councils, for altering the system for supplying the city with water,
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { Aug. } & 1 \\ \text { Dept. } & 19 \text { Jitto, } \\ \text { ditto, } \\ \text { Alt }\end{array}$ Sept. 19 Jane Aitken, for printing the report to Councils, for
altering the system for supplying the city with altering the system for supplying the city with
water,
36

## ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS.

Made by the Watering Committee, from Octr. 1st, 1811, to Octr. 1st, 1812, inclusive.

Distribution, wages to workmen laying pipes, digging pipe trenches, repairs to pumps, fire plugs, setting new ones, with materials, \&c. \&c.

700099
Centre engine, working engine, wages, fuel, \&c. 1099182
Lower engine, ditto, ditto, 839533
Salaries of the superintendant and messenger, 1225
Incidental expences for advertising, \&c. 10083
Plans and estimates for the new work, . 23288


## N0. 2.

## AMOUNT.

Paid in the treasury by the Superintendant for articles sold, $\mathcal{E} c$. from October 1st, 1811, to October 1st, 1812, inclusive.

William Arrentrue, for 108 bushels of ashes, a 37 cts. \$ 3996
Overdrawn in settlement with Samuel and Thomas
Richards, and returned to the Treasurer,
9
Amount received for expence of shifting a hydrant pump, 780
Old pipe sold,
Michael Murphy, for 1100 of iron scraps, \$26 12
Deduct amount paid for a stove for the office. 10

Wiliam Arrentrue, 198 bushels of ashes, a 37 cts. $\quad 7326$
Caleb Coates. 48 loads of cinders, a 25, . 12
Philip Wager, 34 feet of old pipe, 12 1-2, - 425
Henry Pratt, 52 feet ditto, ditto, - 650 Sundries, 5 loads of cinders, a 12 1-2, 28 do. do. 25 15 feet of pipe, $\quad 12 \frac{x}{3}$ $62 \frac{1}{2}$
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$187 \frac{5}{3}$
Frederick Graff, boring 4234 feet of cedar pipe, a $\$ 2, \quad 8468$
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## STATEMENT OF PIPE,

## Used in the distribution, from October 1811, to October 1812.



## List of Dwellings, Manufactories and Institutions, supplied with the Schuylkill water to the 30th September, 1812.



