## REPORT

## OF THE

## Watering Committee

TO THE

## SELECT AND COMMON COUNCILS,

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## Watering Committee.

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## APPOINTED TO SUPERINTEND THE WATER WORKS.

THAT since the annual report of November 5, 1812, it has not been in their power to procure coal fuel for the centre engine : fire wood has been resorted to, and for want of suitable ground to deposit the same, it has been piled in the south and western avenues of the square. Although the enhanced market price of that kind of fuel and the extraordinary quantity required for said engine, the amount appropriated for the stock of coal, will be sufficient for the supply until spring.

3768 feet of timber and pipe, remain in the pond on Schuylkill, as per statement No. 3. It is presumed that this quantity will be sufficient for the replacing the defective pipe, and for the distribution of the ensuing year, should the demand to extend the pipe not be greater than what has been laid since spring.

On the 10 th of September last, the two sums appropriated by councils, for the granting aid to Fire Hose and Engine companies, have been distributed as follows :

To 8 Hose Companies who have applied, - . - \$125 each \$100000
4. Engine ditto with hose, - . . . . $80 \quad 32000$

12 Ditto without hose, . . . . - 45 540 00
5 Ditto who did not apply, . . . 2512500
1 Society for Protecting Property during Fire, . . . . . 1500
$\$ 200000$

And the Mayor has been required to draw his warrants on the city Treasurer accordingly, and in favour of the respective presidents of said companies.

Owing to the hard nature of the rock through which the pump chamber on Schuylkill is to be formed, little or no progress has been made in the building of the engine house this year: as the masons were too much exposed from the frequent blowing of the rock, it was deemed more prudent for their safety, and for the interest of the city, to suspend the work this season, and to complete the pump chamber by the opening of the Spring. This operation, however, will require additional attention before the masons can resume their work of the building of the engine house, as it will be necessary to sink a wharf, on Schuylkill, for the purpose of landing fuel and other materials for the works; which will supersede the necessity of sinking a cofferdam to enable the carrying the aqueduct from the pump chamber into the river; which the committee contemplate will be ready by the month of May : and during the winter season, a passage is to be cut through the rock for the ascending main to the reservoir ; and the clearing out the rock in front of the engine house, to afford sufficient room for the storing of fuel \&c., is to be attended to.

The surrounding wall of the reservoir was finished in September last, and the clay has been puddled preparatory for the building of the centre wall, to separate the reservoir in two apartments ; that in case of leakage in one or the other part, or while cleansing either of them, the supply of the water in the city should not be discontinued; and that, in case it should be deemed necessary, hereafter, to put a roof over the reservoir, the wall may serve for the foundation of pillars, to erect and support the roof. The building of that wall has, also, been suspended until next spring; as the clay, in the beginning of October last, was not sufficiently hard to be built upon, and that otherwise the wall might receive damage from the frost, owing to the manner of building it in grout; the surrounding wall having been executed in that manner, and different from the common method of stone work, it was thought unsafe; and that the wall being erected in the spring, the heat of the sun will sooner absorb the great moisture of the grouting, and sufficiently consolidate it, by the time the reservoir can be used.

With respect to the new engine, for want of receiving the cylinders, \&c. (to which fixtures are to be attached) previous to January, 1812, as per the contractor, of all the castings, engagement, your committee experienced vexations and disappointments without number; not only from this contractor but from the engine builders, and, no doubt, this delay will considerably encrease the expenditure for that object, to several thousand dollars. Your committee after receiving three defective air pumps, have been forced
to apply elsewhere, and have ordered one to be cast at an advanced price ; the contractor having refused to cast another, without putting one of the last delivered to the trial ; aware, as they are, of the great loss of time which such an experiment would occasion, and that the city may be without a supply of the water during the replacing of another cylinder, (this not answering) though at his expense, your committee refused to comply with his proposal. The contractor having, in some measure, put the committee at defiance with respect to the other castings attached to the pump and the engine, which he had engaged to deliver eight months ago, leaves it to them to procure these castings elsewhere, but at the cost of the city. Foreseeing no prospect of receiving these particular castings soon, a number of smiths and forgers have been discharged in consequence; this work, of course, is likewise suspended. How far your committee were justified in ordering an air pump, cast at Oliver Evans's foundery, and to require the contractor to furnish, forthwith, the other essential castings, they have resorted to legal advice in what manner to proceed. The solicitor approved of the procuring an air pump from another foundery at the charge of the contractor, and advises to pursue the like course with respect to the other castings; informing the contractor, where the same are to be made, and the price to be given, that he may examine the work, if so disposed, considering the contractor liable for all damages.

Out of fifty thousand feet of timber contracted for, for the leading main, 24,279 feet have been delivered ; the remainder is expected by the next spring freshes in the Deaware. The logs are boring as they are wanted. Two ranges of pipe have been laid from the centre square, on the east side of Broad along to Vine street, in which five ranges are continued to Schuylkill third street, and northward from thence one hundred feet; trenches are now digging on the west side of Broad street, for three ranges of pipes; one to continue to Vine street, the other two to be laid through Sassafras and Schuylkill seventh to Vine street ; where they are to be connected with those already laid in said street. This work will terminate the laying of the leading main this season. These pipes are to be continued along Schuylkill third street to the towing path of the canal, and through the ground belonging to the Fair Mount proprietors to the reservoir.

The application made by Councils, to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for permission of using the high roads, streets, \&c. through Penn township, having been granted last year, it remained, for your committee, to obtain like permission from the proprietors of the ground in which the pipes are intended to be carried. The deed from the proprietors of Fair Mount, gives the right to make use, for that purpose, of any of the streets
laid out on their plan ; and for the greater conveniency, the proprietors are willing to permit the committee to lay the pipe through a more convenient spot of their ground; and where the same are to be carried, the proprietors contemplate laying out a street, upon consideration that such street, or streets, shall be supplied with the Schuylkill water from the pipes, by means of a hydrant pump, free of rent, whenever it shall be so required, no articles of agreement have been, as yet, entered into; though requested thereto by the committee.

Articles of agreement have been executed with the Board of Managers of the Union Canal Company of Pennsylvania, for the laying of the pipes of conduit in the towing path of the canal; with Doct. William Hunter, and with the heirs and the executors of the late Andrew Caldwell, proprietors of the ground through which the canal is formed to the intersection of Schuylkill third street. The considerations for the grant of these permissions, are : It is covenanted with the Union Canal Company, "that in case of a breach or accident by the pipes of conduit, to the towing path; or should it be found at any time after seven years, by the managers, prejudicial to the Canal Company, the pipes shall be removed on having six months notice in writing, or if the same are removed at any time by the committee, in either case the towing path shall be put in good repair ; and should it be thought necessary to increase the embankment over the culvert, so as to require adjoining land, the committee are to procure it at their expense ; and the Canal Company shall be at liberty to purchase the same at the original cost without interest thereon ; the committee are, also, to obtain permission from councils, to supply the building, in which the Union Canal Company transact their business, with the Schuylkill water free of expense." With Doct. George Hunter, "for the privilege of extending the culvert under the towing path from 5 to 10 feet southward, for the purpose of increasing the bank of said towing path 8 or 9 feet, if they think it necessary, at their expense ; and he, his heirs and assigns to receive a supply of the Schuylkill water through an half inch ferule, from any one of the pipes of conduit, in said ground, free of rent ; and to put the north side of the culvert in a state of repair, and secure the opening from being injured hereafter." And with the heir and the executors of the late Andrew Caldwell, deceased, " to supply their ground, by means of an hydrant pump, whenever the same may be required, and free of rent."

Sixty five thousand dollars have been borrowed by the Mayor, in six separate loans, in virtue of an ordinance passed the 12th day of August, 1812; of this sum $\$ 56,00224$ up to the 8th day of October last, have been expended for the new works, and although
a great part of the works are suspended for the season, the construction of the boiler, and the laying of the leading main continues, and for the payment of the castings, a further loan will require to be resorted to, when needed.

2637 dwellings, manufactories and institutions are supplied with the water to the 30th of September last, as per statement No. 4.

The receipts of the rents in advance on issuing permits from October 1, 1812, to September 30, 1813, are as follows :

N. B. The former Clerk having resigned and being indebted for rent and repaving over pipe, his bond has been placed in the hands of the solicitor and the amount recovered.

72 delinquents of the rent have been reported by the collectors of the water rent on the 1st of June, 1813, the amount returned by them is dolls. 77150 , of which

40 have paid the rent due and the rent in advance, included in the city clerks return of the 3 d and 4th quarters, amounting to
18 errors, of which 9 are twice charged in separate duplicates.
4 had not the water; 3 overcharged in rent; 1 had relinquished the water in May, 1812, and one pipe destroyed by fire ; including 23 baths not used and 31 horses not kept, being charged therewith total amount,
$\$ 28500$
13 pipes destroyed from delinquents the amount returned to the solicitor to sue for the same,
\$ 15600
1 ditto not destroyed, but continued to another occupier the amount lost, the debtors being insolvent,
$\$ 2400$
Of the foregoing rents 43 dolls. has been recovered by the solicitor and paid to the city clerk, who is to render an account in the next quarter, with what he may have further received.

13 have declined the use of the water previous to the 1st of June, the amount of which is - . \$ 14000

The sales of old materials, ashes, boring, \&c. amount as follows and as per statement No. 2.

1st quarter $\$ 41689,2$ d and 3 d do. $\$ 12528$, 4th do. $\$ 8572$, together,

Total rents in advance, sales of old materials, \&c.
$\$ 216723$
Which sum, and the following for repaving over water pipe has been paid in the city treasury.

1st quarter $\$ 46$, 2 d do. $\$ 12,3 \mathrm{~d}$ do. $\$ 32$, 4th do. $\$ 62$, and $\$ 57$ recovered on John Reynolds's bond, by the solicitor, together,
28 certificates issued by the committee being the amount of expenditures from October 23, 1812, to October 18, 1813, as per statement No. 1, amounting to - - . . $\$ 3035958$ Remains balance in the treasury, - . . . . 280806

Amount appropriated by councils this year,
280806

The following to cover the expenditures of the works, to the 31st of December next.
200 cords of wood to complete the stock of fuel for the centre square engine at $\$ 7$ 06, wharfage and hauling included, - . 141200
3700 feet of pipe, boring and laying at 82 cents, - . 303400
Wages to engine men, labourers at distribution and repairs, . . 200000
644600

Deduct balance in the treasury, - $\quad \frac{280806}{\text { Sum deficient, to be carried to the next year, - }}$| S 363794 |
| :--- |

Amount of the 4 quarters rent in advance, sales of old materials, - 216723
\&c. as above,
15,844 30
1813, to 1st July, 1814, now collecting,
Deduction of 10 per cent. for allowances and commissions,

158443

Leaves -
Difference between $\$ 13265$ 10, supposed nett proceeds of duplicates of 1812 , which have produced \$ 13405 52, in the treasury,

1425987

Sum to be deducted from the following estimate,
$\$ 16565 \quad 52$

Estimate of sums necessary to carry on the works from January 1st, 1814, to December 31st, following.
Sum deficient of this years appropriation, - - . \$363794

## FOR THE DISTRIBUTION.



## FOR THE ENGINES.

2800 cords of fire wood, wharfage and hauling,
Wages of engine men,

Materials and repairs to engines, $\quad$| 2000000 |
| ---: |

2440000
SALARIES.


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

No. 1.

LIST OF CERTIFICATES,

OR, ORDERS FOR MONEY, DR.AWN BY THE

## WATERING COMMITTEE,

From October 1st, 1812, to October 18th, 1813, inclusive.

| Nos. Dates. |  |  | Dolls. ${ }^{\text {C }}$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 984 1812. Oct. 21 | In favour of Frederick Graff, | Clerk of the water works, | 50000 |
| 985 November 2 | ditto - | - | 49171 |
| 986 December 2 | ditto | - - | 43828 |
| $987 \quad 21$ | ditto | - - | 100617 |
| 988 23 | ditto | - - | 41104 |
| 989 1813. Jan. 2. | ditto | - - | 43793 |
| 990 | ditto | - - | 45135 |
| 991 February 2 | ditto | - - | 94214 |
| 992 March 2 | ditto | - - | 36394 |
| $993 \quad 27$ | ditto | - - | 177967 |
| 994 April 2 | ditto | - - | 87129 |
| 995 13 | ditto | - - | 80218 |
| $996 \quad 27$ | ditto | . - | 4734.4 |
| 997 May I | ditto | - - | 43481 |
| $998 \quad 13$ | ditto | - - | 124697 |
| $999 \quad 24$. | ditto | - - | 276368 |
| 1000 31 | ditto | - - | 189987 |
| 1001 June $\quad 1$ | ditto | - - | 62868 |
| $1002 \quad 17$ | ditto | - - | 137500 |
| 1003 July 1 | ditto | - - | 66820 |
| 1004 | ditto | - - | 317834 |
| 1005 August 2 | ditto | - - | 207035 |
| 1006 2 | ditto | - - | 48201 |
| 1007 September 2 | ditto | - - | 133795 |
| 1008 24 | ditto | - - | 211650 |
| 1009 October 2 | ditto | - - | 151548 |
| 101018 | ditto | - . - | 47836 |
| 1011 | ditto | - * | 1194.24 |
|  |  |  | 3035958 |

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## ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS

FROM THE FOREGOING ORDERS, AS FOLLOWS:
DISTRIBUTION.

|  | Dates. |  | Dolls. ${ }^{\text {C }}$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1812. Nov | 2 Monthly wages for October, | 22656 |
|  | December | 2 Ditto for November, | 22903 |
|  | 1813. Jan. | 2 Daniel Rhoads for lumber and shingles, | 1854 |
|  |  | John Allison for horse feed to December 31, 1812, | 2030 |
|  |  | Wages for December, | 22770 |
|  | February | 2 Ditto for January, 1813, | 10085 |
|  |  | Ridgway and Evans for 1156 feet of $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inch boards, | 3929 |
|  |  | Messrs. Craig \& Co. for a large mill wheel and shafts, | 6000 |
|  |  | Eldrige and Nicholson for 3344 feet of $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inch boards, | 12038 |
|  |  | Frederick Graff for sundry small bills, - - | 1464 |
|  | March | 2 Wages for February, | 14114 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 992 \\ & 993 \end{aligned}$ |  | 27 Thomas M‘Ilwham for 133 lbs . of brass castings, | 5985 |
|  | April | 2 Wages for March, - - | 18194 |
| 995 |  | 13 John Allison for horse feed from December 31, 1812, | 1910 |
|  |  | 27 Joseph Pierson for 2 loads of hay and 100 of straw, | 4362 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 997 \\ 999 \end{array}$ | May | 1 Wages for April, | 14.468 |
|  |  | 24 Conarroe \& Co. for 5000 feet of pipe timber at 16 cents, | 80000 |
| 1001. | June | 1 Wages for May, - | 28740 |
|  |  | Joseph Warnick for nails to May 22, | 4147 |
| 1003 | July | 1 Wages for June, - | 25165 |
|  |  | Frederick Graff for sundry small bills, | 4945 |
|  |  | John Allison for horse feed to June 29, | 2709 |
| 04. |  | Jacob Eckfeldt for repairs of pump work, \&c. | 1087 |
|  | August | 2 Wages for July, - | 21115 |
| 1006 |  | Coleman Sellers for one year's stable rent, due May 9th, | 2000 |
|  |  | Alexander \& William Adams for tallow and spirits, | 10725 |
| 1007 | September | 2 Wages for August, . - - | 25087 |
|  |  | John Smith for new running gears of log waggon and smiths' work, | 26.24 |
| 1009 | October | 2 Joseph Pierson 3 loads of hay and 28 bundles of straw, | 5467 |
|  |  | Blaksly Barns for $240 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{lbs}$. of lead and tin work | $44 \mid 35$ |
|  |  | Jacob Edenborn for $252 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{lbs}$. sole leather, and dubbing, | $63 / 75$ |
|  |  | John Allison for horse feed to September 30, | 5703 |
|  |  | Wages for September, - | 503136 |
|  |  | Daniel \& Joseph Rhoads for sundry lumber, | 7115 |
| 1010 |  | 18 George M•Farland, shoeing horses to June 8, and repairs of pump work, | 24.86 |
|  |  | Luke Rieley shoeing horses to October 5th, | 1203 |
|  |  | Israel Roberts for copper balls for the pumps, and a copper pump, | $3900$ |
|  |  | Jonathan Knight for 2026 feet of pannel and common boards, |  |
|  |  | David Prentice for iron castings, - - - | 2291 |
|  |  | John Carrell for ironmongery, | 7540 |
|  |  | John F. Warner for 26 lbs of brass castings, | 1300 |
|  |  | Henry Voight for plumbers' work and lead pipe, | 11788 |
|  |  | William Powell for 519 feet of white pine boards, | 1038 |
|  |  | Alexander \& William Adams for spirits, - | 10821 |
|  |  | William Davis for ropes for boring mill, \&c. | 4001 |
|  |  | Samuel Wetherill \& Son for paints, oil, \&c. | 5563 |
|  |  | Amount carried forward, | 5099137 |

## CENTRE ENGINE.



## LOWER ENGINE.



## SALARIES.



## ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS

## MADE BY THE WATERING COMMITTEE,

From October 1st, 1812, to October 18th, 1813, inclusive.


## No. 2.

## AMOUNT

Paid in the Treasury by the Superintendent, for articles sold, \&c. from October 1st, 1812, to October 18th, 1813, inclusive.


No. 3.

## STATEMENT OF PIPE,

Used in the distribution from Oct. 1st, 1812, to Oct. 18th, 1813.

| Relaid third street from Market to Chesnut, |
| :--- |
| Ditto part of Front from Market street southward, |
| Schriver's Court from Eighth street eastward |
| Relaid Mulberry street from Tenth to the west side of Thirteenth, |
| Eleventh from Mulberry to Filbert street, |
| meyer street from Eleventh westward, |
| Chester street from Sassafras to Maple, |
| Repairs in the streets and for pumps and fire plugs, |
| Remains in the pond October 18th, 1813, |
| In the pond October 1, 1812, |
| Purchased this year, |
| Deduct loss in the timber, |

## LIST OF DWELLINGS,

## Manufactories, and Institutions, supplied with the Schuylkill water to the 30th September, 1813.



