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## OF THE

## WATERING COMMITTEE,

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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# WATERING COMMITTEE. 

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The lapse of another year, again renders it the duty of the Watering Committee to present to Councils their proceedings in the very important trust committed to them.

The amount expended, in $\mathbf{1 8 2 6}$, for Iron Pipes, as will be seen by reference to Account No. 1. B, is - - - . . . . $\$ 49,01670$ To which is to be added the deficiency of appropriation, as appears by the last Annual Report, - . - . . . 4,95867 Amounting together to - - - - - - - $\$ 53,97537$

To meet these two objects, there was raised on Loan, agreeably to the Ordinance of 23 d of February last, - - - . $\$ 55,00000$

Leaving a surplus of - - . . . . . . $\overline{\$ 1,02463}$
Some parts of the work contemplated to be done last year, owing to peculiar circumstances, were omitted; but nearly an equal quantity of Iron Pipes were laid in other situations, where they became necessary, in consequence of the resolution of Councils, that the streets where they were laid should be paved.

The quantity of Pipes laid in 1826, was $\mathbf{2 7 , 4 9 6}$ feet, which, added to those previously laid, makes the whole quantity in extent $20 \frac{1}{2}$ miles.

It is observable, and the observation is made with much satisfaction, that the expenses of repairs of the Wooden Pipes, has very greatly diminished; arising, in the first place, from the quantity being diminished by the substitution of Iron Pipes, and mainly, that the most defective have been first replaced: from these causes, the quantity of repairs to Wooden Pipes, was not one half of those of 1825; the whole quantity in 1826 being only 1,348 feet, of which 150 feet were in High Street, west of Broad Street, where old pipes, esteemed sound, were put down, to accommodate the citizens and the public stables with water, at a time when there were no Iron Pipes on hand, or any appropriation to purchase them. These facts more and more confirm the Committee in their former views, that we cannot too soon banish the Wooden Pipes, and substitute those of Iron.

It will not escape the attention of Councils, that with a surplus on hand of the sum appropriated for Iron Pipes, that there are on hand Pipes to the value of $\$ 6,09460$, exceeding in value those on hand, at the last Report, the sum of $\$ 4,16056$.

The Committee have entered into contract, on favourable terms, for Iron Pipes for 1827, agreeably to a resolution of Councils of 9th November last, and which
will amount, with the expense of laying, as appeared by the estimate submitted to
Councils, to the sum of - - - - - - $\$ 50,00000$

To which should be added the estimated expense of laying the Pipes
now on hand, - - - - . . . . . 1,02463

| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Together, } \\ \text { From which, deducting the surplus of appropriation for 1826, }\end{array}$ |
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| $\begin{array}{l}\text { There remains to be appropriated for the year 1827, }\end{array}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 , 0 2 4 6 3}$ |

And the Committee, for the reasons stated in former Reports, recommend that this sum should be raised on Loan, and herewith offer the draft of an Ordinance for that purpose.

The sum drawn from the Treasury to pay damages in 1826, per Account No. 1.
E, was - - - - - - - . $\$ 1,00000$

And on this account it is expected some small claims will be settled,
which may require in 1827, - - . . - . 1,00000
Together, - - - - - . . - $\$ 2,00000$
From which, deducting the sum remaining unexpended on
this head last year, - $\$ 95151$
And this sum unexpended by J. S. Lewis, and repaid, 17800
1,129 51
There remains to be appropriated, -
$\$ 87049$
The cost of distribution, of water power of the Fair Mount Water-Works, of Salaries, of incidentals, and of repaving over Water Pipes, in 1826, amounts, by the Accounts No. 1. A, C, D, F, G, H, herewith presented, to the sum of $\$ 13,92148$
To meet which there was received into the Treasury for
Water Rents of 1826, - - - - $\quad \$ 27,98309$
And upon Water Rents received in 1826, for new permits, in advance, to January 1, 1827, including the districts, - - . - - $\quad$ 1,781 55
Making together, - - - - . $\$ 29,76464$
From which there was taken, agreeably to Ordinance, and placed to the credit of the Sinking Fund, $\$ 14,00000$
And also agreeably to the recommendation
of the Committee last year, and placed
to the credit of the Tax Fund,
$3,500 \quad 00$

Leaving, for the above mentioned object,
$\overline{-\quad-\quad} \frac{17,50000}{12,26464}$

To which is to be added, the sum received by the Register for repaving, for ferules, $\delta$ c. per Account, No. 3. I, 55675
The amount of sundry articles sold; Rent of old Engine House, \&c. paid by Mr. Graff into the Treasury, in 1826, per Account, No. 2. - - - - 2,162 07

And leaving a surplus of

By an Ordinance of the 14th September last, there was raised on Loan, for the purpose of making a new Wheel, Pump, raising Main, and Reservoir, the sum of - - - - . - . - - $\$ 26,00000$

Of this there has been expended, viz.
For Wheel, Pump, \&c. per Account No. 1. I, - \$3,189. 28
For Reservoir, per Account, No. 1. K, - - - 6,389 94
9,579 22
Leaving for the completion of these objects, - - - - $\$ 16,42078$
The estimated means for expenses of the present year, consists of the Water Rents for 1827, which amount, by the duplicates, per Account, No. 3. L, M, to
$\$ 30,32675$
From which, deducting for allowances and costs of collection,
$\$ 1,32675$
And the sum appropriated by Ordinance to the Sinking
Fund out of the Water Rents, - - - . 14,00000
15,326 75
$\$ 15,000 \quad 00$
To which is to be added, the estimated amount of Water Rents, for
Permits, to be issued in 1827, which are receivable, in advance, to January, 1828,

1,00000
And also the probable receipts from the sales of old materials, Rent of Engine House, \&c.

1,00000
And there is to be added, also, viz.
The Rents receivable this year from the districts of Spring-Garden,
Southwark, and Northern Liberties, according to the returns here-
with, No. 3. D, E, F, prepared by the Register, after deducting the six per cent. allowance by contract,

2,991 08
And the estimated amount, in advance, to Jan. 1, 1828, in said districts, $\quad 1,00000$
Forming a total of - - - . . - - $\$ 20,99108$
From which, deducting the amount of the estimate for
expenses of 1827 , per Account No. 6. is - - $\$ 12,50000$
And the sum stated before for damages, - - 87049


To be appropriated, if Councils think proper, in aid of the Tax Fund; and the Committee offer a resolution to that effect, viz. To place to the credit of the Tax Fund of 1827 , at the present time, $\$ 1,06198$, the surplus of 1826 , and on the 1 st of June next, the further sum of 7,000 Dollars of the surplus estimated for 1827.

As an evidence of the increasing importance of the Water Works, it will be proper to state, that the whole sum which will be taken in 1826 and 1827, from the Water Rents, in aid of the Tax and Sinking Funds, after paying all expenses of

Salaries, raising the Water, \&c. will amount to
$\$ 39,56198$
That is to say,
To the Tax Fund, in 1826, - - - - \$ 8,50000
To the Sinking Fund, in 1826, - - - . 14,00000
To the Tax Fund, in 1827, - - - - 8,061 98
To the sinking Fund, in 182\% - - - - 14,00000

How pleasing is the contrast between this and former experience; when all the Water Rents were absorbed in expenses, in addition to an annual appropriation of 15 to 20,000 Dollars.

The anticipation of the Committee, in their Report of last year, that our neighbours in the districts would soon avail themselves of the offer made to them of a participation in the comfort and healthfulness of Schuylkill water, has been realized. Contracts with the Northern Liberties, Southwark, and Spring Garden, have been carried into operation; and they have already extended the comfort as far as they have had it in their power to procure Iron Pipes. This year will enable them materially to enlarge the advantage, and the City will derive an increased revenue, as in part compensation for its long and patient endurance of a heavy weight of debt for the creation of the Water Works; the benefits of which could alone have infused courage to prosecute such a work into effect. In addition to the revenue to be derived, our fellow-citizens have the pleasure to reflect, that by their exertions alone they have been enabled to enjoy, and to extend to their neighbours, the health which is so much promoted by wholesome water, and which, on a large community, is the most valuable favour that can be conferred.

It has been the object of the Committee to furnish every information to our neighbours in the prosecution of their new design, and to accommodate them as far as possible, by the loan of Pipes and other devices; and on their part every thing has been done, by the passage of suitable Ordinances, $\& c$. to fulfil the contracts made.

The increase of the Water Rents last year was, - - - $\$ 1,16625$ To which, adding those of the districts, - . - . . . 3,182 00
The whole increase, since last Report, will be found to be, - $\$ 4,348 \quad 25$
The cost of raising the water last year, it will be observed, is less than that of the preceding, and amounts, including Wages, Fuel, Lights, Tallow, \&c. to only $\$ 382$ per day.

All which is respectfully submitted.
THOMAS HALE, Chairman.

[^0]No. 1.

# LIST OF CERTIFICATES FOR MONEYS 

DRAWN BY THE

WATERING COMMITTEE,

FOR

## HAIR MOUNT WATMTB-WOBIE

From December 31st, 1825, to December 31st, 1826.


# ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS 

MADE UNDER THE

## Foregoing Certificates.

## Distribution.



Amounts carried forward,





| $\begin{aligned} & \boldsymbol{\mathcal { N o }} . \\ & 450 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Dolls. ${ }^{\text {C. }}$ | Dolls. ${ }^{\text {C }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1826. <br> Nov'r. | 1 Thomas Maguire, for hauling 80 loads of sand, and haul- | 192714 | 671274 |
|  |  | ing plank, \&c. - . . . | 495 |  |
|  |  | Thomas Maguire, on account for clay and stone for north wall, | 34000 |  |
|  |  | Maguire \& Dougherty, on account for stone, | 30000 |  |
|  |  | Wages of workmen for October, - | 99900 |  |
| ${ }^{451}$ | Dec'r. | 1 Marshall \& Peters, for boards and scantling, -- | 10974 |  |
|  |  | Maguire \& Dougherty, in full the balance for 1,074 perches of stone, | 28975 |  |
|  |  | Thomas Maguire, in full for hauling sand and loam, | 4703 |  |
|  |  | Ditto on account for clay and stone for north wall, | 50000 |  |
|  |  | Wages of workmen for November, - - | 89908 |  |
| 452 |  | 9 Amos Jeans, for lumber, - | 4739 |  |
|  |  | Thomas Bonsall, for 1275 bushels of lime, | 28050 |  |
|  |  | Joseph Caskey, for whiskey for workmen, | 4439 |  |
|  |  | E. W. Keyser, for sundry lumber, - - Samuel Hains, for levelling, \&c. | 8868 |  |
| 453 |  | 14 Lehigh Coal Company, for plank and scaffold poles, | 800 6263 |  |
|  |  | 14 Leehigh Coal Company, for plank and scaffold poles, | 6263 2900 |  |
|  |  | Jonah \& George Thompson, for nails and spikes, - | 2000 |  |
| 454. |  | 19 Thomas Maguire, balance for stone, clay, hauling loam, \&c. | 31962 |  |
|  |  | James Wood, for shovels and mortar hoes, | 437 |  |
|  |  | Wages of workmen for December, - | 19354 |  |
|  |  | Jacob Souder, for scaffold poles and ropes, | 3058 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 7351740 |

FREDERICK GRAFF,
Superintendent of the Water Works.

# No. 1. L. <br> <br> ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS 

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## MADE BY THE

## WATERING COMMITTEE,

From December 31st, 1825, to December 31st, 1826.


No. 2. | $8800.7 \%$ |
| ---: |
| 2825 |
| $\frac{678.88}{}$ |
| 1030459 |

From December 31st, 1825, to December 31st, 1826.




## STATEMENT OF PIPES,

## Used in Repairs, and Laid,

From December 31st, 1825, to December 31st, 1826.


## No. 4.

## Wood Pipes,

## Used in Repairs, and Laid,

From December 31st, 1825, to December 31st, 1826.


## No. 5.

## Account of Iron Pipes on hand.

Pipes on hand, including those loaned to the districts :12 pipes of 10 inches, 108 feet, at $\$ 198$ per foot, . . . . 21384 335 do. of 6 do. 3,015 feet, at 106 do. . . . . 319590 148 do. of 4 do. 1,332 feet, at 67 do. - . . . 89244 238 do. of 3 do. 2,142 feet, at 51 do. . . . . 109242 Ten tons of branches, cocks, reducing pipes, \&c. at 870 per ton, . . 70000

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5280 \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{r}
4184017 \\
3696017
\end{array} \frac{4680}{}\right.
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## No. 6.

## ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR $182 \%$.



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No. 3. A.

## AMOUNT OF WATER RENTS,

Received by the Register, from the Incorporated District of Southwark, on countersigning Permits, from the 1st of October, 1826, to the 31st of December, 1826.


## No. 3. B.

## AMOUNT OF WATER RENTS,

Received by the Register, from the Incorporated District of Spring-Garden, on countersigning Permits, from the 1st of June, 1826, to the 31st of December, 1826.

Water rents, for 1826, - - . . . . . . . . \$285 51

No. 3. C.

## AMOUNT OF WATER RENTS,

Received by the Register, from the Incorporated District of the
Northern Liberties, on countersigning Permits, from the 1st of August, 1826, to the 31st of December, 1826.


No. 3. D.

An Account, showing the amount of Water Rents due the City, by the Incorporated District of Spring-Garden, for the year 1827 ; with an Account of the Number of Dwellings, \&c. supplied with the Schuylkill Water, to the 31st of December, 1826.

|  |  |  |  | - |  |  | Dolls. | C. | Dolls. ${ }^{\text {C }}$ C. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 Tenements in courts, | - | - | - | - | - |  | at $\begin{array}{ll}3 \\ & 4\end{array}$ | 75 | 3750 450 |
| 1 Bath, - - | - | - | - | - |  |  |  | 50 | 450 |
| 17 Dwellings, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 00 | 10200 |
| 101 Dwellings, | - | - | - |  |  |  |  | 50 | 75750 |
| 1 Soap Factory and Dwelling, |  |  |  |  |  | - | 15 | 00 | 1500 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 91650 |

## No. 3. E.

An Account, showing the Amount of Water Rents, due the City, by the Incorporated District of Southwark, for the year 1827; with an Account of the Number of Dwellings, \&c. supplied with the Schuylkill Water, to the 31st of December, 1826.


## No. 3. F.

An Account, showing the Amount of Water Rents due the City, by the Incorporated District of the Northern Liberties, for the year 1827; also the Number of Dwellings, \&c. supplied therein with the Schuylkill Water, to the 31st of December, 1826.

|  | 6 Taverns, Bakers, and Grocery, |  | - - |  |  |  |  | Dolls. \|C. at $\quad 375$ | $\begin{array}{r\|} \hline \text { Dolls. } \\ 22 \\ \hline 50 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 9 Tenements, in courts, - | - - | - - |  |  |  |  | - 375 | 3375 |
|  | 2 Baths, | - - | - | - | - - |  |  | 4.50 | 900 |
|  | 1 Bakery, | - - | - |  |  |  |  | 450 | 4.50 |
|  | 9 Dwellings, |  |  |  |  |  |  | 600 | 54.00 |
|  | 1 Dwellings, |  | - - |  |  |  |  | 750 | 83250 |
|  | 1 Hatter shop, |  | - |  |  |  |  | 1200 | 1200 |
|  | 1 Currier shop, |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1200 | 1200 |
|  | 1 Tavern, with Stables, \&c. | - - | - |  |  |  |  | 1500 | 1500 |
|  | 1 Currier shop, | - - | - |  |  |  |  | 1500 | 1500 |
|  | 1 Morocco factory, | - - | - |  |  |  |  | 1500 | 1500 |
|  | 1 Court, - - | - - | - |  |  |  |  | 1800 | 1800 |
|  | 2 Taverns, with Stables, \&c. | - - | - |  |  |  |  | 2100 | 4200 |
|  | 1 Tavern, with Stables, \&c. | - |  |  |  |  |  | 2250 | 2250 |
|  | 1 Sugar-House, | - - |  |  |  |  |  | 2250 | 2250 |
|  | 1 Soap factory, | - . | - |  |  |  |  | 2250 | 2250 |
|  | 1 Morocco factory, |  | - |  |  |  |  | 2500 | 2500 |
|  | 1 Soap factory, - | - - |  |  |  |  |  | 3000 | 3000 |
|  | 3 Taverns, with Stables, \&c. | - - |  |  |  |  |  | 3000 | 9000 |
|  | 1 Brewery, | - - |  |  |  |  |  | 3300 | 3300 |
|  | 4 Taverns, with Stables, \&c. | - |  |  |  |  |  | 3375 | 13500 |
|  | 1 Brewery, |  | - |  |  |  |  | 7500 | 7500 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1540175 |

No. 3. G.

## STATEMENT,

## Showing the Settlement of the Duplicates of Water Rents, for the year 1826.



No. 3. H.

## Amount of Duplicates of Water Rents, for the year $182 \%$.



## No. 3. I.

Amount of Cash received by the Register for Water Rents, and for Repaving over Water Pipes, \&c. from the 1st of December, 1825, to the 31st of December, 1826.


## No. 3. K.

Amount of Cash received by the Register, from the City and Districts, during the year 1826.


## No. 3. L.

Amount of the Duplicates of Water Rents, for the year 1827, of the City and Districts.


No. 3. M.

## Dwellings, Manufactories, and Institutions, supplied with Schuylkill Water, to December, 1826.



SAMUEL W. RUSH, Register.


[^0]:    Philadelphia, January 6, 1837.

