## REPORT

OF THE

# WATERING COMMITTEE, 

TO THE

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READ JANUARY $10,1828$.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## WATERING COMMITTEE.

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

The Watering Committee respectfully submit to Councils their accounts and proceedings for the past year, and their estimates for the present year.

The amount expended in 1827, for Iron Pipes, as will be seen by reference to Account No. 1. B, is - - - - - . . $\$ 44,19724$

To meet this object, there was raised on Loan, agree-
ably to the Ordinance of 22 d of March last, - $\$ 50,00000$

To which may be added the surplus of 1826, - 1,02463
51,02463
Leaving a balance of - - - - - - - $\$ 6,82739$
From which may be deducted the excess on account of North-East
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { Reservoir, \&c. } & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & 5,81466 \\ \text { There will remain a surplus of } & - & - & - & - & - & - & \$ 1,01273\end{array}$
The quantity of Iron Pipes laid in 1827 , was 41,044 feet, being 7937 feet more than was estimated to be laid, being part of the work intended for 1828, which, added to those previously laid, makes the whole quantity, in extent, upwards of $28 \frac{1}{4}$ miles.

The quantity of repairs to Wooden Pipes in 1827, was 767 feet; but little more than one-half of those of 1826 : which is a further proof, that the system of laying down Iron Pipes is by far the best economy, particularly when the fact is stated, that a few years ago, the cost of relaying and repairs, \&c., of Wooden Pipes, in one year, was upwards of 3000 dollars.

The Committee have entered into contract, for Iron Pipes, for 1828, agreeably to a Resolution of Councils, of the 9th of August last, on much more favourable terms than any previous year; the difference in price being nearly 26 per cent. in favour of the City; the amount authorized, including the expense of laying,
was, - - - - - - - - - $\$ 50,00000$


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

The sum appropriated to pay damages in 1827, was
$\$ 870 \quad 49$
The sum drawn from the Treasury to pay damages in 1827, as per
Account No. 1. K, was
There remains an unexpended balance of
The cost of distribution, of water power, of Fair Mount Works, of salaries, of incidentals, and of repaving over Water Pipes, in 1827, amount, by the Accounts No. 1. A, C, D, E, F, G, herewith presented, to the sum of - $\$ 14,04224$ To meet which there was received into the Treasury for

City Water Rents of 1827, - - - - \$28,470 72
And upon Water Rents received in 1827, and for permits, in advance, for 1828 , for ferules, repaving, \&c., received by the Register and paid into the Treasury, including the Districts, as per Accounts No. 3. E, No. B and K, No. 3. C and I, and No. 3. D, and H, amounting to - $\quad$ - $\quad$ - $\quad$ - $9,087 \quad 55$
Making together, - - . - - - \$37,558 27
From which there was taken, agreeably to Ordinance, and placed to the credit of the Sinking Fund, $\$ 14,00000$
And also agreeably to a recommendation of the Committee last year, and placed to the credit of the Tax Fund, - - 7,000 00
$\overline{-\quad-\quad} \frac{21,00000}{16,55827}$

Leaving, for the above mentioned objects, - - 16,558 27
To which may be added, the amount of sundry articles sold: Rent of old Engine House, paid by Superintendent into the Treasury, in 1827, as per Account, No. 2. 2,100 28
$=\frac{18,65855}{\$ 4,61631}$

By an Ordinance of the 14th September 1826, there was raised on loan, for the purpose of making a new Wheel, Pump, raising Main, and Reservoir, the sum of - - - - - . - - $\$ 26,00000$

There was expended, for Wheel and Pump,


This Excess has been occasioned by various causes, not within the control of the Committee, viz. The building of the north mortar wall, in quarry hole, also a dry wall in banks, neither of which were originally contemplated, but became absolutely necessary, in consequence of the great excavation on the North side of the Reservoir, and also the advanced price of materials, and cost of excavating Rock out of the bottom of the Reservoir, and for extra dirt for forming the Banks:there was also an additional expenditure, for cost of Iron Wheel Castings, included in the above Excess.

The new Iron Wheel was put in operation on the 10th of November last; it measures fifteen feet in length, and eighteen feet in diameter-works at a six feet half stroke, and makes eleven revolutions in a minute; and pumps into the Reservoir, at the rate of $1,689,000$ gallons of Water in twenty-four hours.

The Wheel and Pump were completed, to the satisfaction of the Committee; and do credit to the Contractors, Messrs. Rush and Muhlenberg.

The estimated means for expenses of the present year, consists of the Water Rents for 1828, which amount, by the duplicates, per Account, No. 3, C, O, to
From which, deducting the allowances and cost of col-
lection, - - - - - - - \$ 1,521 50
And the sum appropriated by Ordinance to the Sinking
Fund out of the Water Rents, - . . . $\mathbf{1 4 , 0 0 0} \mathbf{0 0}$


To which is to be added, the estimated amount of Water Rents, for Permits to be issued in 1828 , which are receivable in advance to January 1829.
$1,000 \quad 00$
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 herewith, No. 3. N, L, M, prepared by the Register, after deducting the six per cent. allowance by contract, - - - . . 9,74945
And the estimated amount, in advance, to Jan. 1, 1829, in said districts, $\frac{1,00000}{89}$
Forming a total of - - - - - - $\$ 29,74945$

From which, deducting the amount of the estimate for expense


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 1828 , at the present time, $\$ 461631$, the surplus of 1827 , and on the 1st of June next, the further sum of 11,000 dollars of the surplus estimated for 1828.

The amounts taken from the Water Rents, and applied in aid of the Tax and Sinking Funds, including 1826, after defraying all expenses of salaries, raising the Water, foc. wilt amount, including the above sums, to $\$ 69,178 \quad 29$

Although the starting the new Pump and Wheel, required some additional materials, the cost of raising the water last year, amounts, including Wages, Fuel, Lights, Tallow, \&c. to only $\$ 405$ per day.

The increase of the Water Rents of City and Districts, last year, as per Account, No. 3, F. is - - - . . . . $\$ 9,38450$

THOMAS HALE, Chairman.
Phiadelphia, January 8, 1828.

No. 1.

# LIST OF CERTIFICATES FOR MONEYS 

## DRAWN BY THE

## WATERING COMMITTEE,

FOR

## FAIR MOUNT WATT WOODIES

From December 31st, 1826, to December 31st, 1827.


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

MADE UNDER THE

## Foregoing Certificates.

## Distribution.

| \%o. 1827. |  | Dolls. ${ }^{\text {C. }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Feb 'y. | 1 David Fisher, for glazing, \&c, done in 1825 and 1826, | 1227 |
|  | Horace Binney, for professional services in 1826, | 10000 |
|  | Daniel Rubicam, for sundries had in 1826, | 2762 |
|  | Wages of workmen for January, | 31463 |
| 2 March | 1 Arabella Jones, for six months' ground rent, due February 1st, | 1333 |
|  | Isaiah Dixey, for seven hydrant pumps, and for pump boxes, | 5537 |
|  | Wages for February, | 22941 |
| ${ }_{5}^{3}{ }_{5}^{3}$ April | 2 Michael Frick \& Son, three dozen pump cocks, | 5200 |
|  | William Randolph, for 3371 feet of 5-4 heart boards, | 9269 |
|  | Merrick \& Agnew, for copper pump and hose, and screws, | 4530 |
|  | Joseph Pierson, for hay and straw had in 1826 and 1827, | 7787 |
|  | Israel Roberts, for copper pump balls, | 4500 |
|  | William Piersol, for wrought iron, | 5022 |
|  | Wages for March, | 28536 |
|  | 1 Joseph S. Coates, for 2022 feet of 5-4 cedar boards, | 5055 |
| 5 May | Wages for April, | 28880 |
|  | 6 Thomas Lewellen, for one load of hay, | 1277 |
|  | John Evans, for 3424 feet of cedar boards, | 10272 |
|  | 1 Isaiah Dixey, for twelve hydrant pumps, | 6600 |
|  | Wages for May, - - | 32648 |
|  | 8 Joseph S. Coates, for 1000 feet of cedar boards, | 2500 |
|  | 2 William Piersol, for wrought iron, | 2000 |
| $11 \text { July }$ | Frederick Miley, for hauling wooden pipes, - | 9887 |
|  | J. L. Stelwaggon, for 300 bushels Virginia coal, delivered, | 9600 |
|  | Wages for June, - - . - . | 44015 |
|  | 20 Joseph S. Coates, for 2000 feet 5-4 cedar boards, | 5000 |
| 13 August | 1 David Black, for a cart horse, | 9500 |
|  | Lane Schofield, for a new cart, | 5000 |
|  | Richard Seltzer, for one load of hay, and 25 bundles of straw, | 933 |
|  | Wages for July, - | 33908 |
| 14.5 | 3 Arabella Jones, for 6 months' ground rent, | 1333 |
|  | John Warnock, for nails and spikes, | 1669 |
|  | Wages for August, | 42489 |
| 15 Oct'r. | 1 Isaiah Dixey, for 14 hydrant pumps, | 8150 |
|  | Richard Seltzer, for one load of hay, | 956 |
|  | Joseph Caskey, for whiskey for workmen, | 4000 |
| 16 | Richard Seltzer, for hay and straw, | 1525 |
|  | Joseph S. Coates, for 975 feet cedar boards, and hauling, | 2582 |
|  | William Piersol, for wrought iron, | 4000 |
|  | George Peterman, for horse feed in 1826 and 1827, | 5741 |
|  | Sprogal A. Dear, for repairs to wagon, | 1445 |
|  | Wages of workmen for September, | 35226 |
| 17 Nov'r. | 1 Frederick Erringer, taxes for shop estate, for 1827, | 1100 |
|  | Frederick Miley, for hauling wooden pipes, | 9800 |
|  | James Wood, for shovels and spades, | 2400 |
|  | Wages of workmen for October, | 38552 |
|  | Amount carried forw | 5081/50 |








## No. 1. L.

## ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS

made by the
WATERING COMMITTEE,
From December 31st, 1826, to December 31st, 1827.


## No. 2.

## SUMS PAID INTO ${ }^{\text {r }}$ THE TREASURY <br> BY THE SUPERINTENDENT,

From December 31st, 1826, to December 31st, 1827.


# No. 3. <br> STATEMENT OF IRON PIPES, 

Laid from December 31st, 1826, to December 31st, 1827.


|  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Liald in } \\ \text { 1827. } \\ \text { Feet. } \\ 19911 \end{array}\right\|$ | Feet. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State House Yard, for fire-plugs, | 317 275 |  |  |
| Good Water alley, West firc-plug in Washington Square, | 275 150 |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{421}$ |  |  |
| Morgan street, from Ninth to T'enth street, - . do. | 396 |  |  |
| Sergeant street, from ditto, - - - do. | 396 |  |  |
| Ailey south of Locust, between Twelfth street and Dean street, do. |  |  |  |
| Sundry ataciments for fire-piugs and intersections, - of 3 inch, | 800 | 21746 |  |
| Prune street, from Fourth to Sixth street, . . . 4 inch, |  |  |  |
| Cherry street, from Fifth to Sixth street, - - do. | 446 |  |  |
| Franklin place, from Chesnut street westward, . . do. |  |  |  |
| State House Yard, for fire-plugs, - - - . do. |  |  |  |
| Locust, from Sixtir to Seventh, and around to Walnut street, do. | 1107 |  |  |
| Sundry connexions to fire-plugs, \&c. - - do. | 800 |  |  |
| Third, from Vine to Mulberry street, - . . 6 inch, | 1300 |  |  |
| Third, from High to Chesnut street, - . - . do. | 481 |  |  |
| Pine, from Firth to west side of Sixth street, - . - do. | 4.53 |  |  |
| Cedar, from Front street eastward, - . . . do. |  |  |  |
| Lombard, from Fifth to west side of Sixth street, - - do. | 60 |  |  |
| Sixth street, from Cedar to Wainut, - - - do. | 50 |  |  |
| Third street connexion with Southwark, - - do. | 50 |  |  |
| Pine street, from Eighth to Perry street, - . . do. | 2007 |  |  |
| Twellth street, from Spruce to Cedar, - - . do. | 1166 |  |  |
| Sixth street, from Mulberry to Vine, - - . do. | 1300 |  |  |
| Sassafras street, from Fitht to Sixth street, - - - do. | 446 |  |  |
| Ditto, from Sixth to Seventh street, - - - do. | 446 |  |  |
| Seventh, from Mulberry to Sassafras stre |  |  |  |
| Pine street, from Perry to Broad street, - - - do. |  |  |  |
| George street connexion with South street, - - do. |  |  |  |
| Locust, from Little Seventh to Eighth street, - - . do. | 275 |  |  |
| Seventh, from Locust to Spruce, - - - do. | 254 |  |  |
| Seventh, from High to Mulberry, - - $-\frac{\text { do }}{} 6$ inch, | 63 |  |  |
| Vine and Front street connexion with Northern Liberties, 8 inch, |  |  |  |
| Spruce, from Fifth to West side of Sixth street, and Eighth, from High to Mulberry, - . . . . . . 10 inch, |  |  |  |
| Cedar street, from to west of Sixth street, $\quad . \quad 12$ inch, |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 410 |
| ent, |  |  | 1495 |

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## No. 4. <br> Wood Pipes,

## Used in Repairs, and Laid,

From December 31st, 1826, to December 31st, 1827.

| Tenth street, from Lombard to Cedar street, | Feet. 350 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Part of Quince street, running northward from Locust, | 230 |
| George street, from Juniper street eastward, | 296 |
| Schuylkill Eighth street, from High street to Filbert and part of Filbert street, | 554 |
| And in repairs through the city, - - . . . . - | 767 |
|  | 2197 |

## No. 5. <br> ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1828.

| For working machinery at Fair Mount, and for materials, |
| :--- |
| For castings, hydrant pumps, lumber, and for repaving over private wa- |
| ter pipes, and for repairs of the distribution through the city, |
| For salaries and incidentals, |
| For new pump opening, \&c., to pump No. 2, and for new valves and re- |
| pairs, to pumps No. 1,2, and 3, and for cast iron shaft, and for 4. |
| extra pump openings with valves and seats, |
| For painting mill buildings, for new stairway to reservoir, for whitewash- |
| ing, scaffolding, and for sundry other repairs, |
| For completing the banks of reservoir No. 3, for paving, sodding, and |
| fencing ditto, and for raising the banks of reservoir No. 1, |

## FREDERICK GRAFF,

Superintendent of the Water Works.

No. 3. A.

## STATEMENT,

## Showing the Settlement of the Duplicates of Water Rents, for the year 1827.



## No. 3. B.

## STATEMENT,

Showing the Settlement of the Duplicates of Water Rent, charged to the Board of Commissioners of the District of the Northern Liberties, for the year 1827.


## No. 3. C.

## STATEMENT,

Showing the Settlement of the Duplicates of Water Rent, charged to the Board of Commissioners of the District of Spring Garden, for the year 1827.

| Amount of duplicates, <br> Deduct six per cent. commission, |
| :--- |
| By amount received by Register and paid into the Treasury, |

## No. 3. D.

## STATEMENT,

Showing the Settlement of the Duplicates of Water Rent, charged to the Board of Commissioners of the District of Southwark, for the year 1827.

| Amount of duplicates, |
| :--- |
| Deduct six per cent. commissions, |
| By amount received by Register and paid into the Treasury, in 1827, |
| By amount received by Register in 1826 , |

No. 3. E.

## Amount of Duplicates of Water Rents, for the year 1828.



No. 3. E.

Amount of Cash received by the Register for Water Rents, and for repaving over water pipes, \&c., from the 31st of December 1826, to the 1st of December 1827.


No. 3. F.
Amount of Cash received by the Register, from the City and Districts, during the year 1827.


No. 3. G.
Amount of the Duplicates of Water Rents, for the year 1828, of the City and Districts.


## No. 3. H.

## AMOUNT OF WATER RENTS,

Received by the Register from the Incorporated District of Southwark, on countersigning Permits, from the 31st December 1826, to the 1st of December 1827.

No. 3. I.

## AMOUNT OF WATER RENTS,

Received by the Register, from the Incorporated District of Spring Garden, on countersigning Permits, from the 31st of December 1826, to the 1st of December 1827.


Received by the Register, from the Incorporated District of the Northern Liberties, on countersigning Permits, from the 31st of December 1826, to the 1st of December 1827.

Water rents, for 1827, - . . . . . . . . . $\$ 187686$

## No. 3. L.

An Account, showing the amount of Water Rents due the City, by the Incorporated District of Spring Garden, for the year 1828 , with an account of the number of dwellings, \&c., supplied with the Schuylkill water, to the 31st of December 1827.


## No. 3. M.

An Account, showing the amount of Water Rents due the City, by the Incorporated District of Southwark, for the year 1828, with an account of the number of dwellings, \&c., supplied with Schuylkill water, to the 31st of December 1827.


## No. 3. N.

An Account, showing the amount of Water Rents, due the City, by the Incorporated District of the Northern Liberties, for the year 1828 ; also, the number of dwellings, \&c., supplied therein with the Schuylkill water, to the 31st of December 1827.


No. 3. 0.

## Dwellings, Manufactories and Institutions, supplied with the Schuylkill water, to December 1827.



No. 3. $P$.

## Statement, showing the increase of Water Rents, in the City and Districts, for the year 1828.



SAMUEL W. RUSH, Register.
January 1st, 1828.

