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March 8th, 9th and 10th,

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CONCORD:

STATE CAPITAL REPORTER OFFICE.....CYRUS BARTON.

1853.



## PROCEEDINGS.

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At a legal town meeting, duly notified and held at Concord, in the County of Merrimack, on the second Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, under the first article in the Warrant, which was in the following words, viz :

“ART. I.—*To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting,*”

The following votes were given in for Moderator :

Whole number of tickets cast,	8
Nathaniel B. Baker had	8 votes,

And NATHANIEL B. BAKER, having the whole number of tickets given in, was declared duly elected, and took the oath by law prescribed.

*Voted,* To consider the third and fourth articles together.

“ART. III.—*To bring in your votes for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Councillor for the District of Rockingham, Senator for the Fourth Senatorial District, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and three Road Commissioners for the County of Merrimack ; and also for Representative to Congress from the second Congressional District.*”

In pursuance of the foregoing article the following tickets were given in :

### FOR GOVERNOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1579
Noah Martin had	878 votes.
James Bell had	500 “
John H. White had	198 “
Thomas P. Treadwell had	1
John H. Hoit had	1
Winfield Scott had	1

## FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1581
Benjamin H. Plaisted had	886 votes.
Joseph Sawyer had	494 "
John Gove had	198 "
Julius Cone had	2 "
Scattering	1

## FOR COUNCILLOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1572
Uri Lamprey had	876 votes.
Charles Flanders had	455 "
John Dow had	200 "
Samuel Storer had	37 "
J. W. Emery had	1
J. Cone had	1
Abel Baker had	1
Thomas J. Parsons had	1

## FOR SENATOR.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1587
Ebenezer Symmes had	882 votes.
Nathan Stickney had	504 "
Cyrus Robinson had	199 "
Richard Bradley had	1
Scattering	1

## FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1577
Seth K. Jones had	883 votes.
Otis Jones had	494 "
James Wiggins had	196 "
Nathan Stickney had	1
Samuel Coffin had	1
J. Cone had	1
Abel Hutchins, 2d. had	1

## FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1577
Peltiah Brown had	894 votes.
Nathaniel Evans had	486 "
Martin M. Buswell had	195 "
L. A. Walker had	1
Moses Fellows had	1

## FOR ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Whole number of tickets cast	1570
John C. Pillsbury had	886 votes.
Royal F. Eastman had	886 "
William Knowlton had	887 "
Benjamin Pettengill, 2d. had	492 "
Charles Stinson had	495 "
Luther McCutcheon had	491 "
David Morrill, Jr. had	197 "
John M. Mitchell had	198 "
Benjamin F. Adams had	198 "
John Abbot had	1
J. Abbot had	1
Richard Bradley had	1

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1579
George W. Morrison had	884 votes.
Aaron P. Hughes had	491 "
John Preston had	199 "
Simeon P. Little had	1
James Preston had	1
Ira Perley had	1
Nathaniel B. Baker had	1
Julius Cone had	1

"ART. IV.—*To choose Representatives to represent this town in the General Court of this State, to be holden at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.*"

In pursuance of the above article the following tickets were given in:

## FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT.

Whole number of Tickets cast,	1583
Necessary to a choice,	792
Jeremiah S. Noyes had	868 votes.
John H. George had	881 "
John Sawyer had	875 "
William H. Page had	870 "
James Frye had	876 "
James Moore had	877 "
Henry P. Rolfe had	858 "
Benjamin F. Dow had	844 "
Benjamin F. Gale had	494 "

Joseph Eastman had	487	votes.
Nathan Chandler had	489	"
George G. Virgin had	467	"
John Kimball had	509	"
J. Stevens Abbot had	493	"
George H. H. Silsby had	494	"
Daniel Holden had	488	"
Asa Fowler had	209	"
Shadrach Seavey had	204	"
Caleb Parker had	206	"
Joseph French, 2d. had	200	"
David M. Dearborn had	197	"
Willam Hart had	188	"
David Winkley had	193	"
James M. Carlton had	189	"
Edward H. Rollins had	4	"
Edward H. Parker had	3	"
Israel W. Kelley had	3	"
Nathaniel B. Baker had	2	"
William P. Foster had	2	"
Ira Perley had	2	"
Julius Cone had	2	"
Theodore French had	2	"
L. D. Stevens had	2	"
Nathaniel White had	2	"
Abel Baker had	1	
Alonzo French had	1	
N. Rolfe had	1	
N. C. Elliot had	1	
William M. Carter had	1	
John C. Pillsbury had	1	
Isaac Ferrin had	1	
Atkinson Webster had	1	
Hazen Virgin had	1	
Abel B. Holt had	1	
John Brown had	1	
Lewis Downing, Jr. had	1	
Samuel P. Jennison had	1	
Robert Hall had	1	
Daniel Knowlton had	1	
Charles Smart had	1	
John Ballard had	1	
A. B. Currier had	1	
Caleb Rogers had	1	
Ephraim Hutchins had	1	

And JEREMIAH S. NOYES, JOHN H. GEORGE, JOHN SAWYER, WILLIAM H. PAGE, JAMES FRYE, JAMES MOORE, HENRY P. ROLFE and BENJAMIN F. DOW having each a majority of all the tickets given in, were declared by the Moderator duly elected.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1853.

Met according to adjournment.

*Voted*, That the ballot for the City Charter, be assigned to to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

*Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to report upon the matter embraced in the 12th article. Ira Perley, Nathan Call and Sylvester Dana were appointed said committee.

*Voted*, To recur to article second.

"ART. II.—*To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.*"

In pursuance of the above article the following tickets were given in :

#### FOR TOWN CLERK.

Whole number of tickets cast,	32
Necessary to a choice,	17
John B. Sanborn, 2d., had	4 votes.
John P. Johnson had	28 "

And JOHN P. JOHNSON having a majority of all the tickets given in, was declared by the Moderator duly elected, and took the oath as prescribed by law.

#### FOR SELECTMEN.

Whole number of tickets cast,	32
Necessary to a choice,	17
Nathan Stickney had	4 votes.
John Abbot had	4 "
Hazen Virgin had	4 "
John C. Pillsbury had	28 "
Atkinson Webster had	28 "
David Abbot, 2d., had	28 "

And JOHN C. PILLSBURY, ATKINSON WEBSTER and DAVID ABBOT, 2d., having each a majority of all the tickets given in were declared by the Moderator duly elected, and took the oath as prescribed by law.

*Voted*, That George G. Virgin, John L. Tallant, John Jarvis, Samuel B. Lock, S. K. Blanchard, Albert G. Dow, E. C. Ferrin, M. Shute, Wm. Bodwell, T. F. Elliot, Samuel Runnels, Rufus Virgin, George Abbot, E. S. D. Ordway, A. Carter, Enoch Jackman, Edward Gould, Reuben K. Abbot, C. E. Stevens, Simeon Abbot, A. C. Abbot, S. M. Wheeler, Josiah Dow, David Farnum, Reuben Goodwin, John Fisk, Charles Hall, J. F. Potter, J. E. Lang, W. Odlin, Joseph S. Lund and Alvin Fisk be a committee to nominate Town Officers for the ensuing year. The committee made the following report, which was accepted and the nominations confirmed by the meeting:

#### FOR HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Isaac Virgin,	Alexander Thompson,
Daniel E. Gale,	Henry Martin, Jr.,
John Jarvis,	Jonathan P. Leavitt,
John Lock,	Hiram Farnum,
Sherman D. Colby,	Asa A. Blanchard,
Henry Farnum,	Jason D. Watkins,
Woodbury Flanders,	Daniel D. Clark,
Rufus D. Scales,	Aaron Q. Farnum,
Robert Knowlton,	John E. Proctor,
Benjamin Gale, Jr.,	Francis Farnum,
Josiah Runnels,	Daniel Farnum,
Nelson Young,	William D. Colby,
Franklin B. Carter,	Samuel B. Hall,
Enoch Jackman,	J. F. Potter.

#### FOR CONSTABLES.

John C. Pillsbury,	John Stickney, 2d.,
Abram Bean,	Isaac Eastman,
Charles Smart,	Heman Sanborn,
Harry Houston,	John Abbot,
Hiram Farnum.	Albert H. Drown,
Samuel H. Farnsworth,	John C. Hall,
Rufus D. Scales,	Jason D. Watkins,
Lowell Eastman,	Moses Shute,
James Hoit,	George C. Robinson,
Enoch Jackman,	Lyman A. Walker,
Hiram Dow,	Hiram Simpson,

And James Hoit took the oath as prescribed by law.

#### SURVEYORS OF STONE.

Laban Page,	H. H. Brown,
Henry Lawrence,	John Abbot,
William Smith,	Hiram Reed,
Nathaniel P. Fogg,	Luther Roby, Jr.,

## AUDITORS OF TOWN ACCOUNTS.

Samuel Coffin, Mitchell Gilmore, Jr., H. H. Brown.

## FENCE VIEWERS.

Moses Shute, John Abbot, James Frye.

## CULLERS OF STAVES.

William Haywood, Samuel Curtis, Leonard Bell.

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Nathaniel Rolfe,  
John Kimball,  
Ebenezer F. Elliot,  
Elbridge Dimond,  
Joseph Moody,  
David Farnum,  
Joseph Batchelder,  
Sewell Hoyt,  
Asa H. Morrill,  
Jeremiah S. Noyes,  
John G. Warren,  
Daniel H. Fletcher,  
John Titcomb,  
Daniel Rand,  
Daniel Dunlap,  
Lowell Eastman,  
A. B. Holt,  
Atkinson Webster,  
Asa Parker,  
George Wilkins,  
Rodney G. Cutting,  
George Frye,  
Samuel McConnell,  
Aaron Abbot,  
John Sawyer,  
Caleb Parker,  
Henry L. Elliot,  
Jonathan Sanborn,

John Abbot,  
Abel Baker,  
Reuben Goodwin, Jr.,  
Charles H. Clough,  
Philip Sargent,  
Henry M. Moore,  
Shadrach Seavey,  
Nathaniel C. Elliot,  
Richard P. Kelley,  
Samuel Hutchins, Jr.,  
Joseph F. Dow,  
Samuel H. Farnsworth,  
Enoch Jackman,  
George B. Elliot,  
Hiram Flanders,  
Edward Dow,  
Timothy Colby,  
Thomas Treadwell,  
O. G. Frye,  
Hiram Dow,  
William Page,  
Charles Sanborn,  
Joseph S. Lund,  
Robert L. Hall,  
Jeremiah F. Runnels,  
Erastus Currier,  
E. S. D. Ordway,

And J. S. Lund, John Abbot and E. S. D. Ordway took the oath as prescribed by law.

## CORDERS OF WOOD.

Philip Sargent,  
Cyrus Robinson,  
Enos Blake,

Daniel S. Webster,  
George A. Pillsbury,  
Alexander Thompson,

George T. Sanborn,  
 John Batchelder,  
 George Abbot,  
 John Abbot,  
 John C. Pillsbury,  
 William H. Allen,  
 E. W. Upham,  
 Abiel Rolfe,  
 Rodney G. Cutting,  
 Lyman A. Walker,  
 Caleb Parker,  
 Aaron Abbot,  
 Benjamin F. Dow,  
 Cady Clark,  
 John Jackman,  
 John S. Rollins,  
 Charles H. Clough,  
 George Frye,  
 J. F. Runnels,

Woodbridge Odlin,  
 John Goss,  
 John M. Dearborn,  
 C. A. W. Folsom,  
 Cyrus Hill,  
 Elliot Chickering,  
 Isaac Virgin,  
 Enoch Jackman,  
 George B. Elliot,  
 Joseph Robinson,  
 Edward Gould,  
 E. S. D. Ordway,  
 Seba H. Mills,  
 James Hoit,  
 Charles Hall,  
 Daniel Holden,  
 Calvin Thorn,  
 John B. Curtis,  
 B. F. Gale,

And James Hoit, and E. S. D. Ordway took the oath as prescribed by law.

#### WEIGHERS OF HAY.

Isaac Eastman,  
 James Jones,  
 J. S. Rollins,  
 George Dame,  
 Francis A. Fisk,  
 John Batchelder,  
 Cyrus Robinson,  
 John Pettengill,

James Woolson,  
 Wm. P. Hardy,  
 John M. Dearborn,  
 Rodney Dutton,  
 Charles H. Clough,  
 George W. Brown,  
 Nathan Wiser.

#### SEALERS OF LEATHER.

Cyrus Robinson,  
 Enos Blake,  
 Chase Hill,  
 Jacob P. Sanders,

William Gilman,  
 Benjamin F. Dow,  
 John S. Brown,

#### SEALERS OF WEIGHTS.

A. B. Currier, Ivory Hall, John Batchelder.

#### POUND KEEPERS.

Simeon Abbot, Moses Gill.

CLERK OF THE MARKET,  
Edmund S. Chadwick.

HAYWARD.  
Richard Bradley.

“ART. V.—*To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schools, for the building and repairing of highways and bridges, and to defray all other town charges the current year, and make appropriations of the same.*”

Under the above article,

*Voted*, To raise the sum of ten thousand dollars to pay the existing debts, and defray the necessary charges and expenses of the town the ensuing year; and that the same together with the sums which may be received for tax on railroads and railroad stock, be appropriated by the Selectmen, as the interest of the town may require.

*Voted*, That a sum be raised as with what the town is required by law to raise, shall amount to four thousand five hundred dollars for the support of Schools the current year, and that the same be divided among the several School districts according to the valuation thereof.

*Voted*, To raise four thousand dollars for the building and repairing highways and bridges, to be laid out in labor at ten cents per hour.

*Voted*, That the report of the Auditors of Accounts for 1852-3, be accepted.

[See Auditors' Report.]

*Voted*, That the report of the Chief Engineers for 1852-3, be accepted.

[See Engineer's Report.]

“ART. VI.—*To see what disposition the town will make of the Parsonage, School, Literary, and Surplus Revenue Funds.*”

Upon the above article,

*Voted*, That the Report of the Committee having in charge the various funds of the town, be accepted.

[See Committee's Report.]

*Voted*, That the income arising from the Parsonage Fund, be distributed the same as last year.

*Voted*, That the share of the Literary Fund received by the town be divided equally among the several school districts in town.

*“ART. VII.—To see if the Town will vote to re-annex to school district No. 10, that portion of No. 9 school district which was disannexed from district No. 10 last year; or to see if the town will annex any portion of district No. 9, to district No. 10.”*

Upon the above article,

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a Committee to enquire into the subject, give the parties interested a hearing, and report at the next Annual Meeting.

*“ART. VIII.—To see if the town will direct the construction of more reservoirs, and locate the same, and raise and borrow money and appropriate the same therefor.”*

*Voted*, That the above article be dismissed.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be directed to pay each Assistant Engineer and Fireman at a rate of 25 cents for each hour's service, at fires, and also the sum of two dollars per annum; *provided*, that only one service shall be paid for; and *provided* said two dollars shall not be allowed unless said Engineer or Fireman shall serve at every fire during the year; but *provided* that a sufficient excuse for absence shall not deprive said Engineer or Fireman of the receipt of said two dollars.

*Voted*, That said excuse be given by the Fireman to his Foreman, and by the Engineer to the Chief Engineer.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be directed in the appointment of collector or collectors of taxes, to contract with them to collect and pay over to the Treasurer the amount of their lists on or before the first day of March next; and unless they shall so do—they shall receive no compensation for said services as collector or collectors.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be directed to require of the town Treasurer a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$40,000.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be directed to refund to the Chairman of said Board, all money paid from his own funds as interest on money hired for the use of the town.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars to meet any exigencies of the town previous to collection of taxes, *provided* they shall deem it expedient.

*“ART. IX.—To see if the town will vote to purchase any new Fire Engines for any of the Companies, or for any new Companies that may be organized.”*

*Voted*, That the above article be dismissed.

*“ART. X.—To see if the town will supply the different school districts in the town with Colton’s Map of the United States.”*

Under the above article,

A Committee consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ Aldrich, Cyrus Barton and E. H. Rollins, were appointed to report in relation to Maps at a future day.

*“ART. XI.—To see if the town will adopt the law passed at the last session of the Legislature, entitled an act for the establishment of Police Courts, and the appointment of Police Justices in certain cases, and fix the salary of said Justices, in case said law is adopted.”*

*Voted,* That the above article be passed over till to-morrow.

*“ART. XII.—To see if the town will adopt the law passed at the last session of the Legislature, entitled an act concerning truant children and absentees from school.”*

*Voted,* That the above article be passed over till to-morrow.

*“ART. XIII.—To see what the town will do in relation to the different indictments against the town for defective highways.”*

Under the above article,

*Voted,* That the matter of indictments against the town, be referred to the Selectmen, with full power to act as they may deem best.

*“ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to establish a house of correction in connection with a work house, and raise and appropriate money therefor.”*

*Voted,* That the above article be passed over for the present.

*“ART. XV.—To see if the town will direct the committee appointed last year in relation to Town Hall and Court House, to continue their efforts in behalf of the town, or to see if the town will direct said committee to erect a Town House, or to see if the town will direct or authorize said committee to purchase the lots on which the Court House, County Buildings, and the old Dearborn house stands, or any of them, and to see if the town will direct the Selectmen to borrow money to carry into effect any votes of the town on this subject.”*

Under the above article,

*Voted,* That the Committee appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting, viz:—J. Minot, N. B. Baker, R. Bradley, J. B. Walker and J. Abbot, be authorized in addition to the powers and authority given by the vote passed at said meeting, which

are hereby renewed and confirmed, to purchase for the use of the town all the premises in said town lying between Main Street, on the east—Court Street on the north—Summer Street on the west, and the south line of the Dearborn lot so called, as it now runs extended in a straight line westerly to Summer Street, on the south,—or such parts thereof, as they think proper, and that the Selectmen be authorized from time to time, in behalf and on the credit of the town, to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose or for any of the purposes mentioned in the vote aforesaid; and that the same be placed at the disposal of said Committee.

“ART. XVI.—*To see if the town will adopt the provisions of chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the lien of mechanics and others.*”

Under the above article,

*Voted*, That the provisions of the act relating to mechanics be adopted.

“ART. XVII.—*To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to discount six per cent. to all persons who pay their taxes for 1853 on or before the first day of July next, four per cent. to all who pay their taxes on or before the first day of September next, and two per cent. on all taxes paid on or before the first day of November next.*”

*Voted*, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XVIII.—*To see what compensation the town will allow the Superintending School Committee of District No. 10, for their services the past and ensuing year.*”

*Voted*, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XIX.—*To see if the town will vote to raise the amount of highway tax in districts No 9, 27, and 28 in money, to be expended for the repair of highways in said districts under the direction of the Selectmen, and to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint an agent to expend said taxes.*”

*Voted*, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XX.—*To see if the town will vote to continue an agency for the sale of wines and spirituous liquors the ensuing year.*”

Under the above article,

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to continue as Town Agents, to keep and sell wines and spirituous liquors, for medicinal, mechanical and chemical purposes only, on the same principle and under the same regulations as were adopted by the Selectmen and Town Agents last year, the two gentlemen now acting as Town Agents.

“ART. XXI.—*To see if the town will take any preliminary steps towards purchasing Concord Lower Bridge and making the same free.*”

*Voted*, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XXII.—*To see if the town will vote to erect ten or more gas lights on Main and State Streets, and raise and appropriate money therefor.*”

*Voted*, That the above article be dismissed.

“ART. XXIII.—*To see if the town will vote to accept the City Charter, granted by the Legislature of the State of New-Hampshire, June session, 1849.*”

*Voted*, That action on the above article be deferred till Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

“ART. XXIV.—*To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to erect a Watch-House and Bridewell, and raise money for that purpose, or authorize the Selectmen to borrow money therefor.*

*Voted*, That the above article be passed until Thursday.

“ART. XXV.—*To hear the report of the committee upon the burying ground at Fisherville, and see what action the town will take upon the same.*”

*Voted*, That the above article be postponed till Thursday.

“ART. XXVI.—*To see if the town will vote any definite sum to the Firemen for their services, annually, instead of the compensation now paid to the firemen for each hour's service.*”

*Voted*, That the above article be dismissed, having been acted upon in connection of the Report of the Chief Engineer.

“ART. XXVII.—*To see if the town will vote to procure the publication of the original Proprietors' Records, and what sum, if any, they will appropriate therefor.*”

Upon the above article,

*Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed with full powers, to procure the publication of such portions of the original Proprietors' and Town Records, as they may deem expedient, either in connection with the proposed History of the Town by the Rev. Dr. Bouton, or otherwise, at their discretion, and that a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars be appropriated therefor. Committee, N. B. Baker, Jona. Eastman and J. B. Walker.

*Voted*, To reconsider the vote passed raising \$4500, for the support of schools the ensuing year.

*Voted*, That a sum be raised as, with what the town is required by law to raise, shall amount to five thousand dollars for the support of schools the current year, and that the same be divided among the several school districts according to the valuation thereof.

“ART. XXVIII.—*To see what method the town will adopt to provide for the lawful sale of wines and spirituous liquors for medicinal mechanical and chemical purposes, and also what measures it will adopt, and what means it will appropriate for the enforcement of the law against the sale thereof, except for the above named purposes and under proper license for the same.*”

Under the above article,

*Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to pay to the Executive Board of the Concord Temperance Society, ten dollars for each indictment which shall be procured for violations of the license law in the town of Concord.

“ART. XXIX.—*To see what order the town will take in relation to the report of the committee appointed by the Merrimack County Convention of Representatives of the June session of the Legislature, to investigate the accounts of the Hon. Judges Potter and Wadleigh.*”

*Voted*, That the subject matter embraced in the above article, be referred to the Delegation from Concord to the next Legislature.

“ART. XXX.—*To see what method the town will adopt to remove encroachments upon the public highways in town, and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary therefor.*”

Upon the above article,

*Voted*, That Richard Bradley, Benjamin Parker and M. Gilman, Jr., are a committee to see where encroachments are made, and to order their removal, and in case of refusal, indictments be procured against the parties refusing thus to do.

“ART. XXXI.—*Te see if the town will vote to continue a night watch for the ensuing year.*”

*Voted*, That the above article be postponed till Thursday.

*Voted*, To adjourn to Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1853.

Met according to ajournment.

## BALLOT FOR CITY CHARTER.

Whole number of tickets cast,	1387
Noes,	559
Yeas,	828

*Voted*, That the articles passed over on Wednesday, be now taken up and acted upon.

ART. X.—The Committee appointed to report in relation to Maps not being ready to do so, it was

*Voted*, To dismiss the article.

ART. XI.—*Voted*, That the article be dismissed.

ART. XII.—*Voted*, That the article be dismissed.

ART. XIV.—*Voted*, That the article be dismissed.

ART. XXIV.—*Voted*, That the article be dismissed.

ART. XXV.—Under this article the following preamble and resolution was adopted by the town :

Whereas, the citizens of Fisherville and vicinity propose to organize an association, to provide and keep in repair suitable grounds and other conveniencies for the burial of the dead, as provided by Statute, Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Superintendance and care of the burying ground at that place, and plan of the same, and the hearse and hearse house be confided to such association until otherwise ordered.

ART. XXXI.—*Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to continue the Night Watch and Night Police until the City Government shall be organized.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen of the town proceed forthwith to organize the City Government.

*Voted*, That the proceedings of the town meeting, together with the check list, be published in pamphlet form.

*Voted*, That this meeting be dissolved.

JOHN P. JOHNSON, Town Clerk.

**Appointments by the Selectmen, March, 1853.**

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**Chief Engineer,**  
**NATHANIEL B. BAKER.**

**Assistant Engineers,**

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| GEORGE F. HILL, for No. 2. | D. A. BROWN,     |
| JOHN STICKNEY, " 3.        | CHAS. H. CLOUGH, |
| OSCAR G. INGALLS, " 4.     | JAMES FRYE,      |
| JOHN ABBOTT, " 6.          | TRUE OSGOOD,     |
| EPHREIM S. COLLEY, " 7.    | ALONZO DOWNING,  |
| ALBERT H. DROWN, " 8.      | WM. M. CARTER,   |
| CHAS. E. SAVORY, for Hook  | HENRY M. MOORE,  |
| and Ladder.                | LOWELL EASTMAN,  |
|                            | ABEL B. HOLT,    |
|                            | HEMAN SANBORN,   |
|                            | JOHN A. COBURN,  |
|                            | JAMES S. WATSON, |
|                            | B. H. LINCOLN,   |

# REPORTS.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the year ending March, 1853, have attended to the duty assigned them, and have found the accounts of the Selectmen and acting Treasurer well vouched and correctly cast, and present the following

### STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS:

|                                                             |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance due from John C. Pillsbury, Collector,<br>for 1851, | \$2755 23  |
| Taxes assessed and committed to A. Bean, Col-<br>lector :   |            |
| Resident taxes,                                             | 22588 57   |
| Non-resident taxes,                                         | 216 09     |
| “ “ highway taxes,                                          | 38 53      |
| School House tax, No. 10,                                   | 1478 59    |
| “ “ “ No. 20,                                               | 390 76     |
| Cash of State Treasurer, Literary Fund,                     | 394 78     |
| “ “ “ Railroad tax,                                         | 3732 04    |
| “ of County Treasurer, for support of paupers,              | 688 70     |
| “ of Showmen, for licenses,                                 | 120 00     |
| “ of H. Simpson, for rope,                                  | 35 00      |
| “ Town of Hopkinton, support of paupers,                    | 6 50       |
| “ Borrowed of Abraham Bean,                                 | 800 00     |
| “ “ of Caleb Page,                                          | 500 00     |
| “ “ of Timothy Walker,                                      | 1200 00    |
| “ “ of Heman Sanborn,                                       | 300 00     |
| “ of John Abbot, for stone and lumber sold<br>from farm     | 488 38     |
|                                                             | <hr/>      |
|                                                             | \$35732 17 |

Which is accounted for as follows :

|                                                     |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid State Treasurer,                               | \$1989 40 |
| “ County “                                          | 2339 48   |
| “ School Orders,                                    | 5391 94   |
| “ School House tax, No. 10,                         | 1400 00   |
| “ “ “ “ No. 20,                                     | 373 15    |
| “ Repairs of Roads and Bridges,                     | 5895 61   |
| “ Building New Road and compensa-<br>tion for land, | 204 01    |
| “ Sewall’s Falls Bridge,                            | 1735 00   |
| “ Printing and Stationery,                          | 254 49    |
| “ Burying Ground,                                   | 40 42     |
| “ Hearse Houses,                                    | 125 00    |
| “ Teachers’ Institute,                              | 102 31    |
| “ Support of Paupers,                               | 1349 96   |
| “ Bills of cost and professional services,          | 486 03    |
| “ Damages for defect of Highways,                   | 137 50    |
| “ Interest on money borrowed,                       | 1586 92   |
| “ Fire Department,                                  | 4980 54   |
| “ Police Expenses,                                  | 251 73    |
| “ Guide Boards,                                     | 8 00      |
| “ Hearses,                                          | 300 00    |
| “ Enroling Militia,                                 | 15 00     |
| “ Incidental Expenses,                              | 61 98     |
| “ Office Rent,                                      | 12 00     |
| “ Night Watch,                                      | 1711 25   |
| “ Superintending School Committee,                  | 168 00    |
| “ A. Bean, collecting taxes,                        | 275 00    |

*Selectmen and Town Clerk, for Services :*

|                                          |                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| “ John C. Pillsbury,                     | 550 50            |
| “ Benja. Grover,                         | 186 50            |
| “ Moses H. Farnum,                       | 162 00            |
| “ John P. Johnson,                       | 104 96            |
| “ William D. Robinson,                   | 10 87             |
| “ Auditors and expenses,                 | 8 00              |
| Abatement of taxes for 1850,             | 11 12             |
| “ “ “ 1852,                              | 184 81            |
| Receipts for non-resident highway taxes, | 13 98             |
| Due from A. Bean,                        | \$2283 50         |
| “ “ Acting Treasurer,                    | 1021 21           |
|                                          | <hr/> 3304 71     |
|                                          | <hr/> \$35,732 17 |

*Outstanding Orders.*

|                                                                          |        |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Andrew Buswell, school order,                                            | \$2 84 |                  |
| Theodore F. Elliot,                                                      | 10 00  |                  |
| Daniel Farnum,                                                           | 28 00  |                  |
| V. R. Moore,                                                             | 3 00   |                  |
| G. C. Whittemore,                                                        | 3 00   |                  |
| Charles stark,                                                           | 2 65   |                  |
| Charles Hall,                                                            | 30 00  |                  |
| Due for an Engine House, about                                           | 570 00 |                  |
| “ Merrimack County Bank, amount<br>note given for land for Engine house, | 476 33 |                  |
|                                                                          |        | <u>\$1125 82</u> |
| Balance,                                                                 |        | <u>\$2178 89</u> |

It appears by the statement of the Selectmen, that the Treasurer has paid for ardent spirit for the several agents of the town more than he has received the sum of \$521 61. A more particular statement of the operations in this department will be exhibited by the Selectmen.

*The Town owe for money borrowed :*

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Concord Female Charitable Society, | \$933 34          |
| New-Hampshire Savings Bank,        | 1720 00           |
| Abiel Walker,                      | 4000 00           |
| Timothy Walker,                    | 4200 00           |
| A. Bean,                           | 1800 00           |
| Ann G. Merrill,                    | 2000 00           |
| Moses Gill,                        | 900 00            |
| Caleb Page,                        | 500 00            |
| Heman Sanborn,                     | 300 00            |
| Nathan Stickney,                   | 885 82            |
|                                    | <u>\$17239 16</u> |

|                                                                           |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| The town, also owe for the various funds of the<br>town, the sum of about | 11667 76 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| SAMUEL COFFIN, }<br>M. GILMORE, JR., } | Auditors. |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|

## STATEMENT SELECTMEN—WINES AND LIQUORS.

|                                                                             |                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| They have paid for wines and spirituous liquors<br>purchased in Boston,     |                   | \$927 00         |
| “ Selected from stocks of liquors of Concord<br>Apothecaries,               |                   | 752,88           |
|                                                                             |                   | <u>\$1679 88</u> |
| “ paid for Agents’ services, rent, wood, lights,<br>and freight on liquors, |                   | 505 03           |
|                                                                             |                   | <u>\$2184 91</u> |
| They have received of Agents for liq-<br>uors sold                          | \$1586 63         |                  |
| And there is on hand with Agents,<br>liquors that cost                      | 483 52            |                  |
|                                                                             | <u>          </u> | \$2070 15        |
|                                                                             |                   | <u>\$114 76</u>  |

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TOWN FUNDS.

The Committee having in charge the various funds belonging to the town of Concord, respectfully submit the following statement of the amount and present condition of the funds :

## PARSONAGE FUND.

|                                                           |                   |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| The available Parsonage Fund reported March,<br>1852, was |                   | \$4,296 76 |
| This sum is now invested as follows :                     |                   |            |
| Four shares of Mechanics’ Bank stock,<br>cost             | \$400 00          |            |
| Loaned town on certificate of Selectmen,                  | 3,896 76          |            |
|                                                           | <u>          </u> |            |

Making a present available Parsonage Fund of \$4,296.76

The income of this Fund for 1852, was as follows :

|                                                   |                   |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Dividends on four shares Mechanics<br>Bank stock, | \$48 00           |          |
| Interest on loan to town,                         | 233 80            |          |
|                                                   | <u>          </u> |          |
| Amounting to                                      |                   | \$281 80 |

This amount was apportioned by the Selectmen and has been paid to the several Religious Societies as follows :

|                                        |         |          |
|----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| North Society,                         | \$42 81 |          |
| South “                                | 42 10   |          |
| West “                                 | 21 35   |          |
| East “                                 | 15 36   |          |
| Unitarian Society,                     | 41 59   |          |
| Baptist “                              | 27 10   |          |
| Congregational Society at Fisherville, | 5 97    |          |
| Baptist “ “                            | 10 52   |          |
| Methodist “                            | 15 86   |          |
| Episcopal “                            | 15 31   |          |
| Christian “                            | 7 52    |          |
| Universalist “ Fisherville,            | 1 96    |          |
| Freewill Baptist “                     | 7 61    |          |
| Universalist “                         | 24 85   |          |
| West Methodist “                       | 1 89    |          |
|                                        | <hr/>   |          |
| Making in all                          |         | \$281 80 |

#### SCHOOL FUND.

|                                                |  |            |
|------------------------------------------------|--|------------|
| The available School Fund reported March 1852, |  |            |
| was,                                           |  | \$7,725 08 |
| Interest last year, about                      |  | 463 50     |
|                                                |  | <hr/>      |

Making a present available School Fund of about \$8,188 58

This fund is invested as follows :

|                                           |            |  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Loaned town on certificates of Selectmen, |            |  |
| principal,                                | \$5,471 14 |  |
| Interest due on same, about               | 2,717 44   |  |
|                                           | <hr/>      |  |

Making a present available School Fund of about \$8,188 58

#### SURPLUS REVENUE FUNDS.

|                                                               |  |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------|
| The available Surplus Revenue Fund reported March, 1852, was, |  | \$7,985 30 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------|

By a vote of the town passed March 13, 1852, the Committee having this fund in charge were “directed to cancel the certificates of this fund.” As this fund was peculiarly the

property of the town and at their disposal, the effect of this vote may well be considered to be the extinguishment of this fund, and the discharge of the town from indebtedness to the extent of its amount.

|                                                                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| It will be seen by the foregoing, that the town now owe to the various funds, about | \$12,085 34 |
| That is to say, to the Parsonage Fund, principal                                    | \$3,896 76  |
| To the School Fund, principal                                                       | 5,471 14    |
| And interest, about                                                                 | 2,717 44    |

Total indebtedness of town to Funds, \$12,085 34

All which is respectfully submitted,

ASA FOWLER, *for the Committee.*

*Concord, March 8, 1853.*

## CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Town of Concord in account with N. B. Baker, Chief Engineer of Fire Department.

| 1852.     |    |                                                                      | Dr.      |
|-----------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| August 7. | To | paid N. P. Fogg for Reservoir State Street, near Sewall Hoits House, | \$206 20 |
| " "       | "  | " do Prince-st.                                                      | 118 50   |
| " "       | "  | " N. Call, Reservoir School-st.,                                     | 178 47   |
| " "       | "  | " A. Johnson, " State-st., near A. B. Currier's,                     | 203 15   |
| " "       | "  | " Lamprey & Webster, near No. 9 school house West and State-sts.,    | 125 89   |
| " "       | "  | " J. Goodrich's bill,                                                | 12 50    |
| Oct. 23.  | "  | " N. P. Fogg, repair of reservoirs near Abbot's coach shop,          | 45 12    |
| " "       | "  | " do work on reservoirs,                                             | 10 25    |
| " "       | "  | " do for reservoirs near State House,                                | 249 95   |
| " "       | "  | " do work on reservoirs,                                             | 3 00     |
| " "       | "  | " do repairs on reservoir near South Church,                         | 25 65    |
| " "       | "  | " do work on reservoir near A. B. Currier's,                         | 17 17    |
| " "       | "  | " do for Pleasant-st. reservoir, near Geo. H. H. Silsby's,           | 161 95   |

|            |         |                                                                                                             |           |
|------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Oct. 23.   | To paid | I. D. Cooper's bill,                                                                                        | 7 83      |
| " "        | " "     | Robinson & Roby, for reservoir<br>near F. N. Fisk's house,                                                  | 174 02    |
| " "        | " "     | N. P. Fogg, work on reservoir,<br>South street,                                                             | 11 25     |
| " 28.      | " "     | R. H. Thompson, for oil dresses<br>for Hosemen,                                                             | 87 50     |
| Nov. 3.    | " "     | N. P. Fogg, repair of reservoir,<br>near Dr. Gage's,                                                        | 2 50      |
| " 17.      | " "     | J. Frazier, repair of reservoir,<br>near State House,                                                       | 1 00      |
| Dec. 8.    | " "     | Lowell Eastman, for repairs of<br>reservoirs, &c.,                                                          | 106 80    |
| " 12.      | " "     | E. S. Colley, for Engine House,<br>No. 7,                                                                   | 246 00    |
| " "        | " "     | Committee for land " "                                                                                      | 30 00     |
| " "        | " "     | Register for recording Deed,                                                                                | 34        |
| Jan. 1853. | " "     | for clearing off snow and ice<br>from reservoirs.                                                           | 3 25      |
| " 10.      | " "     | L. D. Sherburne, services,                                                                                  | 5 00      |
| " 15.      | " "     | Shelton & Cheer's bill for Hose,                                                                            | 473 30    |
| " "        | " "     | A. Bean, interest,                                                                                          | 6 40      |
| " 28.      | " "     | Hunneman & Co., sundries for<br>Department,                                                                 | 219 35    |
| Feb. 1.    | " "     | Concord R. R. Co., freight on<br>Hose,                                                                      | 4 80      |
| " "        | " "     | Tilton & Gilman, repairs &c. No. 4,                                                                         | 44 94     |
| " 14.      | " "     | W. Roby, repair of reservoir,                                                                               | 4 75      |
| " "        | " "     | Postage 0 72, Express 1 62,<br>horse hire 9 50,                                                             | 11 84     |
| " 22.      | " "     | Services of Chief Engineer, in-<br>cluding balance of interest and contingent expen-<br>ses not enumerated, | 65 00     |
|            |         |                                                                                                             | \$2863 67 |

Cash received of J. C. Pillsbury, Town Treasurer,  
as follows :

| 1853.          |                                | Cr.       |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 14.       | By Cash,                       | \$800 00  |
| Nov. 4.        | " "                            | 500 00    |
| Dec. 8.        | " "                            | 300 00    |
| " "            | " "                            | 100 00    |
| " 30.          | " Order on A. Bean, Collector, | 1000 00   |
| Feb. 21, 1853, | By Cash of J. C. Pillsbury,    | 163 67    |
|                |                                | \$2863 67 |

## REPORT

### OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1853.

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The Superintending School Committee, having attended to the duties assigned them, respectfully submit the following report of their doings, and of the condition of the schools under their supervision.

In the discharge of their duties, they have endeavored to confine themselves within the limits prescribed by the Statutes. They gave public notice, both in the Spring and Fall, that they would meet on stated days for the examination of those who proposed to teach. Owing, however, to the want of care on the part of teachers or Prudential Committees, the attendance was not so general as desired. This is to be regretted, as it imposed an unnecessary tax on the time of the S. S. Committee, and made the examination less interesting and beneficial to those that attended. For a day spent in this way with a competent committee and a full corps of ambitious teachers may be made as serviceable as the same amount of time at a Teachers' Institute.

In the inspection of schools, the committee made a division of their labors, except in districts No. 9, 11, 12, and 19. In these, the whole or a majority of the committee were present. Every school in town under their supervision, has been inspected at least twice in Summer and in Winter; and some even five or six times. At these visits, a thorough examination of the schools was made; and such remarks were offered at the close as would tend to their elevation and improvement. Especial efforts have been made during the year, to excite and cherish among the young, a spirit and desire for improvement. The committee are unanimous in the belief, that the common schools, like all other public interests, demand a careful and paternal supervision. To secure their improvement, not only should more money be raised, but greater care and forethought should be exercised in its expenditure.

The following list of text-books was recommended at the beginning of the year, with the earnest hope that their use would become general in all the schools, to wit: The Bible; Town's Series of Reading Books; Town's Speller and Definer; Weld's New Grammar; Adams' Arithmetic (Revised Edition); Colburn's Mental Arithmetic; The Child's First Lessons in Arithmetic, by Holbrook; and Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary. The Committees of the town, for the last three years, have made no radical changes in their list of recommendations, but have endeavored, by the use of all suitable means to secure a desirable uniformity. In this they have been, to a great extent, successful and have relieved parents and others of many useless burdens.

[Schools visited by Prof. Roberts.]

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

This school was taught in the Summer by Miss Sarah F. Tenney. The government was mild and effective, and great accuracy was visible in all the exercises. All the classes acquitted themselves with great credit. The writing-books showed much more than usual care. *No bad spelling nor bad punctuation* was noticed in the Register. Some of the teachers do themselves great injustice in this respect. The school Record is a witness for or against the teacher. Are the teachers—even the ladies—fully aware of this?