CITY ACCOUNTS

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

GENT:

The joint Committee of Councils appointed at their regular meeting in November last, for the purpose of auditing the city accounts, for the year 1843, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the Warrant Books of the Mayor; and compared the Warrants drawn with the different Vouchers, and find the same to be correct; they have also examined the payments made by the Treasurer, and find them to correspond with the warrants drawn on him, and have destroyed said warrants. They would further report that the balance of cash on hands is two thousand five hundred and thirty-five dollars and twenty six cents; one hundred and seventy-five of which is in depreciated and counterfeit money.

Your committee would further report, that on comparing the amount of warrants drawn, with the payments made by the Treasurer, there appears to be now outstanding as near as can be ascertained, the sum of $4240 72

In addition to which there will be due during the year 1843, in certificates bearing 6 per cent. interest, which were issued in the years 1842 & '43, the sum of 13,206 01

all of which will have to be paid for over and above the ordinary expenses of the current year.

Your committee have also examined the amounts paid in by the different city officers and find them to agree with the treasurer's account current, which, with the reports of the different city officers is herewith submitted.

The committee have also thought it their duty to submit to Councils a Schedule of the permanent and temporary debt of the city, as well as a list of its property, with valuations annexed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SHIPTON,
MORGAN ROBERTSON,
Committee.

Pittsburgh, January 3, 1844.

In Select Council, 3d Jan. 1844, read and accepted, and ordered to be published with accompanying Documents

ALEX. MILLAR, Clk

In C. C. Jan. 3d 1844; Report read and accepted and order for publication concurred in.

E. J. ROBERTS, Clk.

James A. Bartram, City Treasurer, in account with the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Pittsburgh, for the year 1843.

		Dr.
1843		
Jan. 1.	To Balance in Treasury, on settlement this day	$10,044 15
"	" Cash rec'd for rent inside stalls, Diamond Market	2,497 50
"	" " of Thos. Hartley, for rent of moveable stalls outside do	683 65
"	" " of Thos M'Fadden. Wharf Mas.er, Monong'a River	8,413 26
"	" " of E W Cook, do Alleg'y do	112 97
"	" " of B Hubley, Collector City Taxes, 1841	714 50
"	" " of Richard Dugan do 1842	751 24
"	" " of Wm. Graham do do	2,198 35
"	" " of Thos Fairman do do	299 79
"	" " of Jas Dalzell do do	457 89
"	" " W M'Cutcheon 1843	5,155 94
"	" " Wm Graham, Jr do	8,158 50
"	" " Thos Fairman do	5,400 00
"	" " Jno Vandivender do	5,642 63
"	" " Jas Dalzell do	2,697 26
		22,054 33
"	" " of Wm M'Cutcheon, do Water Rents do	3,618 11
"	" " Wm Graham Jr do	3,332 75
"	" " Thos Fairman do	4,300 00
"	" " Jno Vandivender do	3,300 00
"	" " Jas Dalzell do	2,564 58
		17,115 44
"	" " Wm Hartupee, Weigh Master	100 00
"	" " Chas Glenn, Rent of Hay Scales	35 00
"	" " R Moor rent of house at Water W.	150 00
"	" " J Loughlin do property at N. Basin	15 20
"	" " O Fahnestock, on act rent room North end of Court House	87 50
"	" " John Shaffer do do	87 50
"	" " Chas Rayner do South	175 00
"	" " James M'Dowal, City Ganger	314 88
"	" " D Hunter, Inspector Salt, 1843	87 88
"	" " Alex Hay, Mayor, Watchmen's fees and costs	115 20
"	" " Do do Fines and forfeits	110 51
"	" " Do do Licences for vegetable stalls, &c. Diamond market,	583 67
"	" " Do do Licences, &c.	514 13
"	" " W W M'Gregor, Board Measurer	4 71
"	" " D M'Clelland ditto	22 22
"	" " John Creighton ditto	33 94
"	" " Caleb Hurst ditto	5 18
"	" " S W Carr, assessor water rents '42	827 53
"	" " Ditto do 1843	135 30
"	" " Trustees Gas Works	29,341 53
"	" " Sundry Loans	16,818 24
"	" " John Huffey, Board Measurer	13 00
"	" " A Hay, Mayor, Collected of the Board of Trade	14 00
		114,900 09
1844		
Jan 1	To Balance of this am't on hand	2,535 26

		Cr.
1843		
Jan 1	By payment of sundry appropriations, viz:	
"	" No 1 Salaries of City officers	3,709 25
"	" " 2 Interest on City Loans 35,543 23	
"	" " " " City Gas stock 4,817 00	
		40,360 23
"	" " 3 Public Printing	156 83
"	" " 4 Engine and Hose Companies	1,070 00
"	" " 5 City Watch	3,577 25
"	" " 6 City Water Works	7,606 41
"	" " 7 Repair'g paved cart ways	1,647 22
"	" " 8 Cleaning Ditto	1,651 67
"	" " 9 Redemption City Scrip	711 90
"	" " 10 Sundry Loans	10,448 35
"	" " 11 Outstanding Warrants	4,449 34
"	" " 12 Improvement Monongahela Wharf	355 39
"	" " 14 Contingent Fund	8,789 56
"	" Am't Trustees Gas works	25,841 53
"	Balance to January 1, 1844	2,535 26
		114,900 19

Report of City Officers.

B Hubley, Collector of taxes 1st Ward for 1841

Balance due on duplicate for 1841	$1,340 04
Paid Treasurer on ac't.	714 50
Balance remaining unpaid	$625 54

R Dugan, Collector of taxes, 1st Ward for 1842.

Balance due on duplicate for 1842	817 00
Paid Treasurer on ac't.	751 24
Balance remaining unpaid	65 76

Wm Graham, Collector of taxes, 2d Ward, 1842.

Balance due on duplicate		2,300 08
Paid Treasurer	2,198 35	
Exonerations and reductions	33 75	
Commissions on $2,266 33	67 98	
		2,300 08

Thomas Fairman, Collector of taxes, 3d Ward 1842,

Balance due on duplicate	295 82	
Amount collected in addition	1 97	
		297 79
Paid Treasurer	229 79	
Exonerations and reductions	55 79	
Commissions on	12 21	
		297 79

James Dalzell, Collector of taxes, 5th Ward 1842.

Balance due on duplicate		472 05
Paid Treasurer	457 89	
Commissions	14 16	
		472 05

Wm McCutcheon, Collector, 1st Ward,

Tax

Amount of duplicate		8,348 49
Paid Treasurer	5,155 94	
Commissions on $5,155 94	154 67	
		5,310 61
		3,037 88

Water Rent.

Amount of duplicate		4,865 00
Paid Treasurer	3,618 11	
Reduction by Water Com.	183 00	
Returned uncollected	536 75	
Commissions on $3618 11	108 54	4,446 40
Balance unpaid		418 60

Mr McCutchin has since settled the balance due on his duplicate for Water Rents, and has paid on ac't. city Taxes $1125, and made return of lost Taxes $172 54, he has been confined by sickness, and was not able to make his report in time.

Wm Graham, jr. Collector, 2d Ward

Tax

Amount of duplicate		5,679 37
Paid Treasurer	3,158 50	
Commission on $3,158 50	94 75	
Lost taxes remitted	131 33	
Counterfeit notes	6 00	
		3,390 58
Balance unpaid		2,288 79

Water Rent.

Amount of duplicate		4,070 00
Paid Treasurer	3,332 75	
Reduction by Water Com.	85 50	
Returned uncollected	551 77	
Commissions on $3,332 75	99 98	
		4,070 00

Thos Fairman, Collector, 3d Ward.

Tax

Amount of duplicate		6,020 47
Paid Treasurer	5,400 00	
Commissions on $54 00	162 00	
Reductions on lost taxes returned	175 92	
		5,737 92
Balalance unpaid		282 55

Water Rent.

Amount of duplicate		5,336 00
Paid Treasurer	4,900 00	
Reduction by Water Com.	84 75	
Returned uncollected	577 25	
Commissions on $4300	129 00	
		5,091 00
Balance unpaid		245 00

John Vandivender, Collector, 4th Ward.

Tax.

Amount of duplicate		7,440 92
Paid Treasurer	5,642 68	
Commissions on $5,642 63	169 27	
Lost taxes remitted	193 89	
		6,005 79
Balance unpaid		1,135 13

Water Rent.

Amount of duplicate		3,943 00
Paid Treasurer	3,300 00	
Reduction by Water Committee	54 00	
Returned uncollected	490 00	
Comission on $3300	99 00	
		3,943 00

James Dalzell, Collector, 5th Ward,

Tax.

Amount of duplicate		3,195 24
Paid Treasurer	2,697 26	
Commission on $2,697 26	80 91	
Lost Taxes remitted	142 20	
		2,920 37
Balance unpaid		274 87

Water Rent.

Amount of duplicate		3,269 00
Paid Treasurer	2,564 58	
Reduction by Water Com.	118 00	
Returned uncollected	260 75	
Commission on $2,564 58	76 93	
		3,020 26
Balance unpaid		248 74

Valuation of Property belonging to the city of Pittsburgh.

Value New Water Works including the Lots and Basin, &c., as per Bills of cost	$240,000
Value Old Water Works, including the Lots Basin, &c., with pipes Laid	222,000
Present value	$463,000
Value of Lots for Gas Works	30,00
" " Poor House	20,000
" " Hay Scales	8,000
" " on Holmes' Hill	10,000
" " in the 5th Ward	1,500
" " on 7th street, Neptune Engine House	2,500
" " on 4th street, Eagle and Allegheny	2,500
466 Shares Gas Stock	32,300
	$369,800

CITY OF PITTSBURGH AMOUNT OF LOANS.

Amount of Loans.	Time when Redeemable.
$3 000	1st of July, 1840.
2,000	1st " 1841.
2,500	1st " 1842.
15,000	1st Sept, 1843.
45,000	29th " 1843.
1,200	29th Oct'r, 1843.
11,000	1st July, 1844.
6,000	1st " 1847.
17,500	1st Oct'r. 1847.
111,000	1st " 1851.
1,876	1st Jan'y, 1854.
40,000	1st July, 1856.
8,896 75	13th May, 1856.
18,000	31st Decr. 1858.
100,000	1st May, 1859.
12,000	1st Jan'y, 1860.
12,000	1st July, 1860.
20,000	1st " 1863.
20,000	1st " 1864.
20,000	1st " 1866.
30,000	1st Aug't, 1866.
20,000	1st July, 1868.
5,000	No date.
3,800	(B. of Pitts.) 1st March, 1844.
$530,772 75	

Those Loans that are due in 1843, are provided by Ordinance 27th Nov., 1843, to issue bonds payable 1st July, 1863.

AMOUNT OF CERTIFICATES OF DEBT ISSUED BY THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH.

Certificates of Debt payable in 1843,		$683 02
" " "	1844,	13,206 01
" " "	1845,	6,959 30
" " "	1848,	1,086 29
		$21,934 62
Floating Debt,		140,080 00

REPORT OF ALEXANDER HAY, MAYOR.

Received for Fines and Forfeitures,		$110.51
" " Watchmen's fees & costs,		115.20
" " Licences for Drays &c.		514.13
" " " " Veg'ble stalls,		583.67
		$1,328.51
Paid to Treasurer.		$1,328,51
Paid to Treas'r for Coal to Board of Trade.	$14,00	
He has also received fees to which he is entitled by law,	846.35	

THOS. HARTLEY, CLERK OF MARKET.

Received for rent of stalls from 1st of Jan. 1843, to 1st Jan. 1844,		$759,65
Fees on above,	$75.96	
Paid Treasurer,	683.65	
Received for brending and measuring,	$10.12	
" " " measuring bark,	28.11	
" " " wood,	14.00	
" " " & bran'g coal w'gns,	13.75	
Butter taken in market, being too light weight,		297
nothithal pounds.		

DAVID HUNTER, SALT INSPECTOR.

Has inspected of No 1 Salt, 25,389 bbls.
" 2 " 3,082 "
" 3 " 133 "

Received fees $439,44. Paid Treasurer $87,88

CHAS GLENN, WEIGH MASTER AT HAY SCALES.

Has weighed in Hay Scales up to the 15th Dec 1843, 830 gross and 351 nett tons.

Received fees	293.25
Paid Treasurer	35,00

WM HARTUPEE, WEIGH MASTER AT MARKETS.

Has received for fees at the Weigh house in the Diamond market since Jan 21st up to Dec 20th, 1843, inclusive,	583,07
Paid Treasurer rent,	$100,00

BOARD MEASURERS.

W W McGregor, measured 314,000 feet; fees		31,40
Paid Treasurer	4.71	
Jno Creighton, measured 2,263,645 feet; fees		226,36
Paid Treasurer	33,94	
D McClelland. measured 1,481,528 feet; fees		148,15
Paid Treasurer	22,22	
Caleb Hurst, measured 245,273 feet; fees		24,53
Paid Treasurer,	5,18	
John Huffey, measured 859,214 feet; fees		85,92
Paid Treasurer,	13,00	
John Owens, measured 737,951 feet; fees		73,79
Paid Treasurer	11,07	

JAMES MCDOWELL, GAUGER.

Has gauged 5,914 bbls Whiskey, 6903 bbls Molasses, 653 bbls Linseed oil and 101 bbls stock.

Received fees	629,76
Paid Treasurer	314,88

To John Shipton, Morgan Robertson, and M'Catcheon, Esqs., Committee on City Accounts:

GENT:

This sheet presents a synopsis of the business of the Wharf at this port for the current year, ending 31st day of December, taken from the books, which are, agreeably to your instructions, herewith presented:

Flats and Flat Boats.

	Arrivals.	Tonnage.	Amount of money Assessed.	DEBITS.	CREDITS.
January,	5	55	2 75		
February,					
March,					
April,	34	365	18 25		
May,	23	275	13 75		
June,	30	380	19 00		
July,	16	180	9 00		
August,	15	180	9 00		
September,	18	195	9 75		
October,	13	155	7 75		
November,	16	215	10 75		
December,	14	140	7 00		
Totals.	180	2140	107 00	107 00	

Keel and Canal Boats.

	Arrivals.	Tonnage.	Amount of money Assessed.	DEBITS.	CREDITS.
January,	12	295	14 75		
February,					
March,	4	110	5 50		
April,	44	1170	58 50		
May,	56	1505	75 25		
June,	47	1200	60 00		
July,	34	905	45 25		
August,	76	2960	148 00		
September,	40	1330	66 50		
October,	49	1110	55 50		
November,	30	750	37 50		
December,	9	200	10 00		
Totals,	401	11535	576 75	576 75	

Steam Boats

That have arrived oftener than once a week.

	Arrivals.	Tonnage.	Amount of money Assessed.	DEBITS.	CREDITS.
January,	43	2434	68 21		
February,	5	546	15 80		
March,	64	5666	107 20		
April,	128	9731	223 50		
May,	146	10301	250 36		
June,	144	10529	243 07		
July,	97	6682	155 13		
August,	28	560	10 68		
September,	48	4363	94 00		
October,	96	1619	143 26		
November,	118	8469	189 03		
December,	79	5715	121 43		
Totals,	1070	72184	1651 72	1651 72	

Steam Boats

	Arrivals.	Tonnage.	Amount of money Assessed.	DEBITS.	CREDITS.
January,	20	2211	112 05		
February,	25	3972	193 60		
March,	53	8131	406 55		
April,	86	12425	621 25		
May,	91	12311	610 55		
June,	87	12284	614 20		
July,	54	6073	303 65		
August,	27	1928	96 40		
September,	58	5837	291 85		
October,	89	11875	593 75		
November,	65	9077	453 85		
December,	42	6479	323 95		
Totals,	697	93133	4656 65	4656 65	

Extra wharfage, and wharfage on boats laid up,	363 71
Wharfage taxed on the Dry Dock up to time of its removal to Allegheny for repairs, 10 months, at $10 per month,	100 00
Wharfage taxed on James' Ferry Landing, for 1 year to 1st January, 1844—two boats at $5 each per month,	120 00
Wharfage taxed on coal and brick flats,	407 87
Wharfage taxed on lumber landed,	17 85
One half of the wharfage taxed at Bakewell's Landing,	104 13
Laid up wharfage taxed on Keel Boats, viz: James Barton $5, George Stoop $4, Jacob Roof $4.	13 00
Balance, being uncollected wharfage for 1842, brought forward,	233 78
Amount overpaid,	27 72
CONTRA.	
Cash paid into City Treasury, as my receipts show,	8163 87
Counterfeit money on hand,	12 00
Wharfage lost, included in the balance uncollected 1842. viz: Steam Boat Leander 1 38. Napoleon 69. Penelope 1 20. Telegraph 6 50. Vigilant 90.	10 77
Balance, being amount of uncollected wharfage, as per detailed statement,	213 54
	$8400 18 / $8400 18

Very respectfully submitted.
THOS. McFADDEN.

Pittsburgh, January 1st, 1844.

E. W. Cook, Wharfmaster, Allegheny Wharf.

Report.

Amount of wharfage in suit.	$175 12	
Do uncollected, good,	16 35	
Do do doubtful,	8 40	
Paid Treasurer,	112 97	
	$336 84	

Annual Report of the Water Committee for the year 1843.

To the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh:

The Water Committee present the following Report of their proceedings for the year 1843:

The Water Rents assessed on the different establishments using the Hydrant Water, amount to twenty two thousand and seventy dollars and eighty cents, as follows, viz:

City Gas Works,	$100
County Jail and Offices,	100
3 Glass Manufactories,	61
4 Public Baths,	102
3 Tanneries,	120
7 Breweries,	115
19 Livery Stables,	296
13 Foundries,	265
52 Steam Engines,	1,616
4394 Stores and Dwellings,	16,855
55 Retail Liquor Stores,	401
6 Rectifying Distilleries,	115
7 Hatteries,	106
73 Taverns and Hotels,	1,231
80 new Buildings;	587 80
	$22,070 80

Of this amount the Collector of the

FIRST WARD

Reports Reductions by Committee,	$183	
" Uncollected.	536 75	
" Collected	4145 25	
Amount of his Duplicate,		$4865

SECOND WARD.

Reports Reductions by Committee,	$85 50	
" Uncollected,	551 77	
" Collected	3432 73	
Amount of his Duplicate,		$4070

THIRD WARD.

Reports reductions by committee	$84 75	
" Uncollected	577 25	
" Collected	4674	
Amount of his Duplicate,		$5336

FOURTH WARD.

Reports reductions by committee	$54	
" Uncollected	490	
" Collected	3399	
Amount of his Duplicate		$3943

FIFTH WARD.

Reports reductions by committee	$119	
" Uncollected	261 75	
" Collected	2890 25	
Amount of his duplicate		$3269

ASSESSOR AND REGISTER.

Report collected on new buildings,	$135 30	
" due "	452 50	
		$517 80
		$22,070 80

Of the arrears of last year there remained unpaid	$1927	
Judgments on Aldermen's docket	153 81	
		$1930 84
Collected by Assessor and Register,	$827 53	
Judgments on Aldermen's docket	719 34	
		$1546 87
Amount due for 1842 considered as lost		433 97

Total Amount collected for Water this year.

By Collector of 1st Ward.	$4145 25	
" 2nd Ward,	3432 73	
" 3d Ward,	4674	
" 4 h Ward,	3399	
" 5th Ward,	2890 25	
		$18,541 23
" Assessor and Register,	135 30	
" " arrears for 1842,	827 53	
		$962 83
		$19,504 06

Appropriations for 1843.

Amount of Scrip as per annolement to the Ordinance of June 4th, 1841, passed 27th day of February, 1843,	$40,000	
Bal. of Scrip remaining from '42	1,071	
Contingent fund in hands of Superintendent, in Scrip, Jan'y 7th, 1843	400	
		$41,471 00
Am't of appropriation at three several times for current expenses	$8,500	
Contingent fund in hand of Superintendent, other than the Scrip Jan. 7th, 1843	600	
		9,100 00
Total amount appropriated,		$50,571 00

Expenditures on ac. of the current expenses of the Works.

Coal for supplying the Works,	$1450 36	
Rupes and Packing Yarn	108 71	
Oil, Tallow and Candles	227 54	
Castings, including repairs of Engines and Pumps	1207 15	
For signing Scrip	175 00	
Labor and services	200 00	
Stationary	22 89	
		$3391 65

Expenditures on ac. of Extension of Pipes &c.

For Pipes and Lead	$1063 00	
On ac. Laying do.	595 77	
		$1658 77

Expenditures on ac New Works.

Paid for Pipes, Stackhouse and Pennock and Mitchell	$3848	
Paid J & C A Beck, Carpenter work	3612	
" for Lumber	2277	
" Eaterman and Blackstock for Stone work	5965	
" for stone work at Basin	931 75	
" for Painting	750	
" for Paving	2575 81	
" for Hardware	529 17	
" rent of lot for use of stone masons,	300	
" rent of Steam Engine	270 10	
" Iron, Nails and Smith work	645	
" Lead	579	
" Glass	143	
" Labor	4540 14	
" Brass and Copper work	254 75	
" Plastering	349	
" Arthurs and Preston on ac. Engines and Pumps	9265 78	
" White Lead	41	
" two Flats used for laying pipe in River	51 50	
" a House at Basin for watchman	150	
" Brick work	86 62	
" McCoy for Excavation	756	
" Wm Barr for Grading Basin	460	
" Hauling	75 87	
" Coal	275	
" Oil, Candles, Ropes and Packing Yarn	73	
" Wheelbarrows	28	
" Buckets	5 38	
Contingent funds in hands of Superintendent	1000	
		$44,867 89
Whole amt expended on ac New Work		
Contingent fund in hands Superintendent, one hundred and sixty-three dollars of which is in Scrip Jan. 5th, 1844	652 69	
		$50,571 00
Of the amt expended for new works, there was paid in scrip by warrants	40,908	
Paid out scrip Contingent fund	400	
In hands of Superintendent, Jan'y 7th, 1843.	$41,308	
Paid out of appropriation for current expenses by warrants	2,959 89	
Paid out of contingent fund, other than Scrip,	600	
Remaining in hands of Superintendent, Jan. 7, '43		$44,867 89
Amt scrip appropriated	$41,471	
do expended	41,308	
Bal. of Scrip, being part of contingent fund, in hands of Superintendent	$163	

Of the Pipes laid down in 1843 there is

1770 feet of	12 inch	on	Liberty street;
285 "	8 "	on	Adams street;
324 "	3 "	on	Penn street;
327 "	4 "	on	Quarry street;
87 "	4 "	on	Washington street;
250 "	4 "	on	Eton street;
621 "	15 "	on	O'Hara street;
2142 "	20 "	"	Engine House to Basin;
171 "	18 "	"	South side of Basin;
300 "	12 "	"	Waste Pipe from Basin;
400 "	22 "	"	in the River.
6677 feet.			
457 "	do laid in 1842;		
52 295 "	do as per report of 1841;		

59.409 total number of feet of Pipes laid in the city; being upwards of eleven miles.

Number of Stop Cocks.		101
do Fire Plugs,		59

Recapitulation

Amount expended on account of New Works, as per report of 1841,		120,023 97
Amount expended in 1842, as per report,		61,172 54
Amount do 1843, do do		44,867 89
Amount paid contractors in bonds, as per resolutions of Councils,		15,194 94
Total amount of cost of New W. Works,		$241,259 34
Amount expended for old Water Works, as per report of 1841,		133,619 46
Add for extension of pipes in 1842, cost of pipes and laying,		770 32
Do for extension in 1843, cost of pipes paid Pennock & Mitchel in bond, as per resolution of Councils,		5,543 56
Do cost of laying pipes, &c, paid out of appropriation for 1843,		1,658 77
Do cost of stop cocks paid by bonds, as per resolution of Councils, in 1843,		994 00
Total amount expended for supplying the city with water,		$433,815 45

The Committee also report that they have counted and destroyed five thousand dollars of the torn and defaced scrip which had been replaced by the issue of new scrip, according to resolution of Councils passed the 29th of May, 1843.

The articles being now all completed and the new works ready to put into operation, your committee have deemed it advisable to present to you honorable Bodies in addition to the expenditures of the present year, a report containing a condensed statement of the whole amount of the cost of the new works, together with that of the old, and embracing all the pipes laid down in the streets for the distribution of water from the commencement of the water works up to the present period, in order that the whole may be presented at one view to your inspection, as well as to affording to the citizens generally, a knowledge of the amount of their cost as well as of the amount of revenue required to be derived from them to meet the demands on the city Treasury incurred in consequence of their erection.

By the completion of the new works, the old basin lot, together with the houses and lots at the river, and the two steam engines and pumps, contained therein, will be no longer necessary to the public service, and can be placed in the market and sold at any time which may be desired by your honorable Bodies. And it is thought that such a price can be obtained for them as will redeem a very large portion of the scrip which has been issued in payment for the work, for which purpose your Committee would earnestly recommend that the proceeds of the said property be strictly appropriated.

The entire amount which has been expended for the purpose of supplying the city with water, as will be seen by the report (omitting the fractions) is four hundred and thirty eight thousand dollars, and which, after deducting the probable value of the property, say one hundred and thirty eight thousand dollars, which will be convertible into money by the Councils when the public interest seem to require it, will leave a balance remaining as the entire cost of the works of say three hundred thousand dollars.

The current annual expenses for the use of the works will be about Five Thousand Dollars, not including the salary of Superintendent and Assessor. The amount which will be required annually to pay the interest on the investment, will be eighteen thousand dollars—making together twenty three thousand dollars, which will be required to enable the works to meet the expenses and interest.

The amount assessed for the year 1843, as stated, is seventy-two thousand and seventy dollars, of which, including the collections made by the Assessor and Register, of nine hundred and thirty two dollars, chiefly after the report of last year, there has been collected nineteen thousand five hundred and four dollars,—of the amount which has been returned as uncollected, a very considerable part will no doubt yet be paid whether it be contained in the hands of the collector, or placed in that of the Register and Assessor, for collecting.

It is thus apparent that a certain revenue is at once derivable for the works, allowance being made for the increase expected from the extensions of the pipes, made in the year 1843 will, if the amounts assessed be properly collected, pay the interest and expenses, and may by proper management be made to yield a surplus, for the use of the City, without being at all burthensome to those persons using the Hydrant Water.

Your Committee are of opinion that a large additional revenue may be had by supplying the city of Allegheny with water from the New Basin, and which it is believed, can be effected at a small comparative cost by inserting the main of fifteen inches, leading from the Basin down O'Hara street, at Quarry street, and continuing it to the opposite side of the River. As it is now contemplated to take up the old supplying main on Fifth street, and relay it in Wylie street, so soon as the weather in the spring will permit, the city, thus having a supply at opposite extremities, no inconvenience could possibly arise from a want of water, in consequence of connecting with the present main at Quarry street, one for supplying the city of Allegheny, as stated.

Your Committee are satisfied of the practicability of the project as well as of the ability of the works to furnish them an adequate supply of water and at a much less cost than it could be obtained in any other manner, and as a Committee has been appointed by the City Councils of Allegheny, to enquire into and report upon the subject, we would respectfully suggest that due consideration be given to it by your Hon. bodies, should it come formally before you for your action.

Your Committee cannot close the report without bearing testimony to the very able and efficient manner in which the duties of the Superintendent of Water Works and of Register and Assessor have been performed by the present incumbents during the year, and hope that the duties assigned these offices may always be discharged in the same satisfactory manner to succeeding Committees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SHERRIFF,
WM. J. HOWARD,
WM. M EDGAR.

Jan 5 1844

It is calculated by the superintendent that the new works are capable of supplying four millions three hundred and twenty thousand gallons of water every twenty four hours, and by laying an additional main pipe from the Pumps to the basin of the same size as the one now in use, double that quantity. The two Basins together will contain six millions seven hundred and fifty six thousand seven hundred and four gallons.

In C. C. Jan'y 5th, 1844, read and adopted, and ordered to be published in the papers authorized to do the city Printing.

E. J. ROBERTS, Clk.

In Select Council, 5th January, 1844, read and accepted, and order to publish concurred in

A. MILLAR, Clk.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons purporting to be freeholders in section No. 847 of the City District, laid off in pursuance of the Act of Assembly, passed 16th June, 1843,

Respectfully report—

That your Committee view the subject referred to them as one of the most important ever submitted to the consideration of Councils, and therefore laying aside all regard to objects of interest, a local or temporary nature, it has been their earnest endeavor to appreciate it with candor and impartiality, having respect alike to the laws of the state, the interests, claims and wishes of the petitioners and other residents of the said section, and the citizens residing and holding property within the present city limits.

Your Committee cannot forbear expressing their regret that the said Act did not provide some equitable means of ascertaining the opinion of the majority of the citizens residing within the said district, in relation to their admission into the city, as they find it difficult to reconcile the idea of subjecting such residents, without their consent, to the heavy responsibility and taxation necessarily incident to their annexation to the city, with that jealous regard to the rights of all her citizens which characterizes the Constitution of Pennsylvania; while at the same time the Committee firmly believe that the important consequences that may result to the community which they have the honor in part to represent, from the adoption of this measure, no less than due regard to the dictates of justice and equity would have rendered it proper that the consent of the citizens should have been obtained before any steps had been taken to extend the boundaries of the Corporation.

Shortly after their appointment your Committee requested the City Solicitor to furnish them with his opinion on the legal points involved in the decision of this question, and they herewith present a copy of his communication, from which it will appear that the Supreme Court have decided that the Act of June 6, 1836, is constitutional, and if that opinion be correct, the Councils are bound to admit any section of the said District upon their compliance with the Act.

Without presuming, however, to express an opinion at variance with such high authority, the Committee would observe that from a careful perusal of the opinion of Judge Kennedy, it does not appear that the question of the obligation of Councils, to admit such Districts if they considered such course injurious to the interests of the City, or contrary to the wishes of the citizens, was not entertained by the Court, but that the decision was confined to the operation of the law upon the District itself, and the holders of property situated therein, and expressly recognizes the principle, that the promotion of public interest ought always to prevail over considerations of private convenience or advantage.

Since the petitions were placed in the hands of the Committee, counter memorials have been presented by the holders of property in section No. 17, and twenty-one persons holding real estate therein, have requested permission to withdraw their names from the first named petition, thereby reducing the number of applicants below the required limit and clearly showing that considerable diversity of opinion exists within the District as to the propriety of its reception, while, from what the Committee are informed, equal difference of views exists among the inhabitants of District No. 9, upon the subject.

As far as the Committee have been able to ascertain the opinions of their fellow-citizens, they are generally opposed to the admission, believing that the enormous expense attending the extension of the pavements and other city improvements over the District would be by no means defrayed from the taxes that could be collected within its limits, and would therefore involve the city in increased expenditure at a time when its resources are scarcely able to meet the interest of the public debt and other unavoidable expenses. While the Committee have no reason to believe that such extension of the city limits would increase the facilities of borrowing money, or add to the security of the loans already contracted

It is also feared that the damages to be allowed the owners of the ground taken for squares, streets and alleys might ultimately fall upon the city at large, altho' the benefits thence arising would be almost exclusively confined to the owners of the property in their immediate vicinity.

Should your honorable bodies decide on the admission of the said Districts No 2 and 17, or either of them, it will be important to consider whether such District shall be received as a separate and distinct ward, which your Committee understand to be the desire of the petitioners, or whether it shall be incorporated with such of the existing wards as may be contiguous thereto, and upon this branch of the question your Committee beg leave to present the following observations:

By the first section of the act of the 26th December, 1833, the Councils are directed to divide the city into four wards, as nearly equal in population "as may be" and the same act declares that the citizens of each ward shall annually elect one person as member of the Select Council and five persons as members of the Common Council; and the 11th section of the Act of 16th June, 1836, upon which the petitioners ground their claim for admission, recognizes the duty of Councils to divide the city into four wards equal in population