

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION—NOVEMBER 1, 1880.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, November 1st, A. D. 1880, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 18 members, viz: Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Lamb, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

ABSENT—Councilmen Dean, Dowling, Koller, Lang, O'Connor, Pritchard, and Shilling—7.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session held on October 18th, 1880, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

On motion by Councilman McKay, the order of business was suspended for the purpose of taking up the most important papers, and the appropriation ordinances.

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the several contracts awarded as recommended:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals, presented to Council October 18th, 1880, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

1st. For grading and graveling the first alley west of East street, from McCarty street to Bicking street.

Henry Clay, 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For grading and bowldering the gutters of Columbia avenue, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, from Malotte avenue to Home avenue.

Henry Clay, 44 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

Henry Clay being the only bidder, and believing the same to be low, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

3d. For the erection of a lamp-post and fixtures, (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) at northwest corner of Liberty and Court streets.

John Knight, \$17.00 complete to burn gas, except service pipes.

John Knight being the only bidder, and believing the same to be low, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, (where not already paved and curbed,) the east sidewalk, and bowldering the east gutter, of West street, between First and Second streets.

There being no proposals for above work, and understanding most of work already performed, we recommend that no further advertisement be made.

Whereas, Smith and Sylvester have failed to file their bond for bowldering the first alley south of Ohio street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, (the contract having been awarded them,) we recommend the City Civil Engineer at once re-advertise for same, and said contractors be debarred from receiving any further contracts from the city.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,  
E. H. Koller,  
Council Committee.

The Committee on Contracts and Public Light, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee on Contracts and Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred the proposal presented to Council October 18th, 1880, find the same to be as follows:

1st. For lettering the street corners with the names of streets, (plans and specifications to be submitted with each bid,) to include plans for placing names on the four sides of the lamps, or otherwise.

H. C. Moore, 17 cents each for improved street guide placed in position with copper wire.

There being but one bid, we recommend that it be re-advertised; also, that an advertisement of same be put in the Evening News.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,  
E. H. Koller.  
H. J. Prier.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimates (presented therewith) severally approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following estimates:

A first and final estimate in behalf of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Louisiana street, from East street to Virginia avenue.

750  $\frac{6}{12}$  lineal feet, at 34 cents..... \$255 15

A first and final estimate in behalf of Smith and Sylvester, for grading and paving with brick, (where not already paved,) the east sidewalk of West street, from St. Clair street to First street.

735  $\frac{1}{2}$  lineal feet, at 54  $\frac{1}{2}$  cents..... \$400 60

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Louisiana street, from East street to Virginia avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Smith and Sylvester, for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved,) the east sidewalk of West street, from St. Clair street to First street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, the contracts severally concurred in, and bonds approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit for your consideration, the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of John A. Whitsit, for constructing a brick sewer two and one-half feet internal diameter, in and along Indiana avenue, from Tennessee street to, and connecting with, the Illinois street sewer. Bond, twenty-five hundred dollars; surety, John Schier.

Contract and bond of Michael Faust & Co, for grading and bowldering the south gutter, and curbing with stone, and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Ohio street, from Noble street to a point 222 feet east of Harvey street. Bond, nine hundred dollars; surety, B. Zimmerman.



Contract and bond of Michael Faust, for grading and bowldering the gutters of Ohio street, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, from East street to Noble street. Bond, nine hundred dollars; surety, B. Guneman and G. Adolph Wungler.

Contract and bond of William Morrison, for grading and graveiling the alley between Archer and Dorman streets, from Pogue's Run to Michigan street. Bond, three hundred dollars; surety, Henry Geisel.

Contract and bond of William Morrison, for grading and graveiling the first alley east of East street, from Walnut street to Massachusetts avenue. Bond, two hundred dollars; surety, Henry Geisel

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following affidavits, now on file in my office, for collection of street assessment, by precepts, to-wit:

J. L. Spaulding vs. Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr., and Francis A. Churchman, for.....	\$15 04
C. T. Langhorn vs. Thomas D. Reid, for.....	46 75
C. T. Langhorn vs. Mary McCarty, for.....	46 75
Lorenz Schmidt vs. John D. Steep, for.....	14 80
Lorenz Schmidt vs. John D. Steep, for.....	14 80
R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson vs. Allen R. Benton, for.....	44 80

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the precepts were ordered to issue by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Van Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Thalman.

The City Clerk presented a communication from the Indianapolis Benevolent Society, asking aid from the city to assist in opening and operating a Friendly Inn and Wood Yard; which was referred to the Committee on Public Charities, without printing.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to the Joint Committee on Finance:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the month of October, 1880:

Board of Health.....	\$180 00
City Assessor's Department.....	66 00
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	217 27
City Dispensary.....	243 94
City Hall.....	599 20
City Hospital and Branch.....	884 26

City Treasurer's percentage.....	485 33	
Damages and Costs .....	7 05	
Fire Department.....	5,574 63	
Fountains.....	21 00	
Gas .....	5,129 03	
Incidentals .....	936 03	
Markets.....	57 25	
Market-Masters' Fees.....	171 64	
Parks.....	126 97	
Police .....	4,161 00	
Printing.....	152 08	
Salary.....	4,700 41	
Sewers.....	86 25	
Station Houses.....	140 92	
Street Improvements.....	1,491 84	
Street Repairs.....	4,991 96	
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		\$30 424 06
School Fund.....		1,429 85
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Total.....		\$31,853 91
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Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Joint Committee on Finance:

*Report of Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, for the month of October, 1880.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand September 30th, 1880.....	\$159,230 49
From delinquent taxes.....	4,230 79
From auction licenses.....	10 00
From benefits.....	321 00
From coal licenses.....	14 00
From dog licenses.....	4 50
From express licenses.....	6 30
From fines and fees.....	434 31
From hucksters' licenses.....	45 00
From market masters' fees.....	353 35
From peddlers' licenses.....	38 00
From promiscuous.....	50 08
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	\$164,787 82
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DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health .....	\$182 00
For City Assessor's Department.....	66 00
For City Civil Engineer's Department.....	233 45
For City Commissioners.....	6 00
For City Dispensary .....	243 94
For City Hall.....	149 20
For City Hospital and Branch.....	901 96
For City Treasurer's percentage.....	485 33
For damages and costs.....	7 05
For elections.....	30 00
For Fire Department.....	5,431 06
For fountains .....	21 00
For gas.....	5,129 03

For incidental.....	937 48
For market-masters' fees.....	171 64
For markets.....	54 50
For parks.....	122 60
For Police.....	4,161 00
For printing.....	152 08
For salary.....	4,562 91
For school fund.....	2,526 69
For sewers.....	86 25
For station houses.....	152 85
For street improvements.....	1,487 94
For street repairs.....	4,649 39
Balance on hand September 30th, 1880.....	132,786 47
	<u>\$ 164,737 82</u>

## TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1880.....	\$21,359 71
Received from rents.....	258 01
	<u>Balance on hand Oct. 31, 1880.....</u>
	<u>\$21,617 72</u>

Respectfully submitted, W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.  
To JOSEPH T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion by Councilman McKay, it was ordered that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet next Monday night.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, presented the following communication; which was referred to the Police Board:

L. J. M.

CONVENT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,  
Indianapolis, Oct. 22d, 1880. }

To the City Council:

*Gentlemen:*—We beg to claim your attention for a few minutes, regarding an increase of fees from \$1.50 to \$2.25 per week. It is true, our work is a work of charity, and we would gladly receive these prisoners gratis; but as we cannot get much work for them, we find it impossible to live at the present low rates. We have also a great many other poor girls who depend entirely upon our charity.

Respectfully, your humble servant,

MOTHER M.,  
of St. Anselm, Superior.

Councilman Thalman presented the following communication; which was referred to the Joint Committees on Public Light, with power to act:

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 2d, 1880.

MR. THALMAN:

*Dear Sir:*—The School Commissioners desire to have the lamp-post on the south side of Ohio street, near Meridian, removed to the first alley east of Meridian, (Public Library); also, remove lamp-post on north side of Ohio street, near Meridian, to first alley east of Meridian.

Very respectfully,

H. C. HENDRICKSON,  
B. and S. agt.



The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*.—The following reports of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of October, 1880, are respectfully submitted:

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Three Days.	Monthly Totals
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Hospital .....	12					
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Branch.....	1					
Number of beds in Hospital .....	100					
Number of beds in Branch.....	10					
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	42	35	37	51	46	42
No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	2	1	1			2
No. of adult patients received during week .....	9	11	20	6	2	48
No. of infant patients received or born during week.....					1	1
No. of adult patients discharged during week .....	16	8	6	9	4	43
No. of infant patients discharged during week.....			1			1
No. of adult patients who died during week.....		1		2	2	5
No. of infant patients who died during week.....	1					1
No. of patients in Branch at beginning of week.....						
No. of patients in Branch at end of week.....						
No. of adult patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	35	37	51	46	42	42
No. of inf't patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	1	1			1	1
No. of pay-patients at beginning of week.....						
No. of pay-patients at end of week.....						
Aggregate number of days of patients in Hospital.....	284	273	324	338	136	1355
Aggregate number of days of patients in Branch .....						49
Aggregate number of days of employes in Hospital .....						478
Total.....						

Total expenditures for month .....	\$968 64
Cash collected from pay-patients and other sources, and paid to City Treasurer.....	\$19 89
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished .....	1833
Average daily cost of each patient .....	.71-4 cts.
Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes.....	.52-8 cts.

WILLIAM N. WISHARD, M. D., Superintendent.

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*.—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of October, 1880, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	168
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary .....	112
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary .....	39
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	9
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	8
Number of Diseases of the Throat.....	0
Number of Out-door Patients treated .....	80
Number at Station House .....	4
Number at News Boys' Home .....	0
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	252

Total number of Visits made during month.....	329
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	669
Number of Births during month.....	1
Number of Deaths during month.....	3

## EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

C. A. Ritter, Superintendent.....	\$ 61 66
F. A. Morrison, 1st Assistant.....	45 83
C. I. Fletcher, 2d Assistant.....	37 50
F. M. Ferree, Prescription Clerk.....	30 00
W. A. & I. N. Pattison, drugs.....	27 60
A. B. Meyer, coal furnished.....	2 75
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co.....	3 20

Total expenditures for month..... \$208 54

C. A. RITTER, M. D., Superintendent.

## APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced and read the first time, and were then placed on their second and third reading, and final passage, without suspension of the rules:

By the Fire Board, through Councilman Thalman:

Ap. O. 67, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

By the Hospital Board, through Councilman Bryce:

Ap. O. 68, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of City Hospital and Branch.

By the Police Board, through Councilman Downey:

Ap. O. 69, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Station Houses.

By the Committees on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Van-Vorhis:

Ap. O. 70, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

By the Committees on Printing, through Councilman Bedford:

Ap. O. 71, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of Printing, Stationery and Advertising.



Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71, were severally read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Ap. O. 67, 1880.—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$835.16.]

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 68, 1880.—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$968.64.]

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 69, 1880.—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$293.78.]

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 70, 1880.—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$13,108.62.]

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Bernhamer.

Ap. O. 71, 1880.—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$154.25.]

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None

Councilman Bedford introduced the following motion; which was referred to the Joint Committees on Office Fixtures and Supplies:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to procure

1 case of drafting instruments.....	\$45 00
1 protractor.....	11 00
2 doz. thumb tacks.....	2 00

Councilman Mauer presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss:*

To the Honorable, the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen

of the City of Indianapolis, in said County and State:

*Gentlemen:*—Josiah C. Willits would respectfully inform your honors that he now is, and for ten years last past has been continuously a resident of the city of Indianapolis; that in the year 1876, and ever since, he was, and has continued to be, the owner, and in possession of Lot No. 2, in Square No 3, in Waldo's subdivision of Out-Lot No. 158, in said city of Indianapolis; that said lot was assessed to him for purposes of city taxation upon the tax duplicates of said city of Indianapolis for each of the years 1876 and 1877; and was for such purpose, in the year 1876, valued, appraised and listed at \$400.00, and \$400.00 additional for improvements thereon, and was, in the year 1877, so valued, appraised and listed at \$350.00 and \$350.00 additional for improvements thereon—when in truth and fact, at no time during said year 1876 was there any improvement on said lot; and in said year 1877, the only improvement thereon of any kind, was a small stable on the rear end, erected in the year 1877, and really not worth more than \$75.00; and that said assessments for improvements were utterly erroneous and unjust, except as to said \$75.00 stable for the year 1877. And he would further represent that he was also assessed for taxation purposes as aforesaid for personal property as follows, to-wit: 1876, with \$275.00 and poll; 1877, with \$420.00 and poll; 1878, with \$145.00 and poll, and 1879 with \$115.00 and poll. And your petitioner further states that his said lot was sold for the taxes assessed against him, including the erroneous assessments aforesaid, on the 13th day of February, 1880, at the city tax sale, to S. A. Fletcher & Co, for \$57.46, and a certificate of purchase was executed and delivered to said purchasers, who are still the holders thereof; that during all the time from 1875 up to this date, he has had personal property within the corporate limits of said city of Indianapolis, of sufficient amount and value, which might at any time have been subjected to the payment of any and all taxes due from him to said city; that his said personal property has been, during the whole period aforesaid, in your petitioner's possession, open and unconcealed; but he says no demand was ever made upon him for property to satisfy such taxes, or any portion thereof.

And he further represents that said Fletcher & Co. are ready and willing to return said certificate, and to accept the amount paid by them, with six per cent. interest, upon a decision that an error has been made, and have expressed, in writing, their willingness so to do—which writing is attached hereto, marked "Exhibit B."

Your petitioner therefore claims that said sale of his said lot was erroneous, illegal and void, and says that he is now ready and willing to pay the full amount of all taxes, penalties and interest justly and lawfully due from him to said city of Indianapolis, upon the setting aside of the said tax sale of his lot.

Wherefore, your petitioner, the said Josiah C. Willits, prays your honorable bodies to order that said sale of his said lot be set aside, and that the Treasurer of said city of Indianapolis be ordered and directed to refund and repay to said S. A. Fletcher & Co. the amount paid by them for said lot at said tax sale thereof, with six per cent. interest thereon, upon the surrender by them of their said certificate of purchase.

And he further asks that the City Assessor and Treasurer of said city of Indianapolis may be ordered and instructed by your honorable bodies to cancel and set aside the erroneous assessments for improvements on said lot, made as aforesaid, and to re-assess the same without any charge for improvements thereon for the year 1876, and at the actual value of the improvements on said lot for the year 1877, and to compute the amount of taxes, penalties and interest due from him to said city upon such assessments, and the proper assessments against him for the years 1878 and 1879. And for this, and all proper relief in the premises, your said petitioner will ever pray, &c. And being duly sworn, said Josiah C. Willits says the foregoing statements are true in substance and in fact.

JOSIAH C. WILLITS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of October, 1880.

ROBERT DENNY, Notary Public  
in and for Marion county, Indiana.

EXHIBIT A.

Indianapolis, Sept. 21, 1880.

Mess. S. A. FLETCHER & Co., City.

Sirs:—It appears from the records that on February 13, 1880, you purchased Lot 2, Square 3, Waldo's sub. of Out-lot 158, assessed to Josiah C. Willits, at city tax sale, for..... \$57 46  
And that on Feb. 14, 1880, you purchased said lot at county tax sale, for.... 30 30

Amount of both sales..... \$87 80

Mr. Willits directs me to say to you that a very material error has arisen in some way in the amount of city taxes for which he was properly liable. This has evidently arisen from charging him with \$400 for improvements on said lot, when in fact none was on it until in 1877, and then not over \$50 worth; but, to be entirely within limits, will put it at \$75. Upon this basis I submit the following statement:

Year.	Lot.	Imp.	Personal.	Total.	Rate.	Poll.	Tax, penalty and interest.
For 1876.....	\$350	.....	\$275	\$675	\$1 40	.50	\$12 75
For 1877.....	350	\$75	420	845	1 12	.50	12 16
For 1878.....	300	75	145	520	1 08	.50	7 03
For 1879.....	250	75	115	440	93	.50	4 59

Total amount of taxes, penalty and interest for the four years..... \$36 53  
Add amount of county sale..... 30 34

Amount for which he is willing to settle..... \$66 87  
With interest from dates of tax sales.

As Mr. Willits had personal property all the time in the city subject to distraint, he believes sales illegal and void, but would prefer settling amicably, rather than to institute proceedings to set them aside. You will confer a favor by informing me, at your earliest convenience, as to your views of the matter.

Yours, truly,  
ROBERT DENNY.

EXHIBIT B.

MR. ROBERT DENNY, Attorney at Law, 30 north Delaware St.

Sir:—In response to the communication on opposite page, we have to say that, if you will present your complaint of irregularities in the sales to the proper officers, namely, the City Treasurer and Assessor and the County Auditor, and if they de-



*cide* that an error has been made, we will be willing to return the certificates they issued to us, upon the repayment of the amount we paid, together with six per cent. interest from date of sale. This is customary in such cases, and is certainly as little as you could ask us to take.

Very truly,

S. A. FLETCHER & Co.,  
Locke.

Sept. 21, 1880.

Councilman Prier introduced the following motion ; which was adopted :

That Henry Clay be allowed an extension of thirty days to complete his contract on Ohio street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

J. Leason Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest:

Jas. M. Magner City Clerk.