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To His Honour the Mayor
Aldermen, and Councellors, of the
City of Montreal in council assembled

The Humble Petition of Alex. Comeau

Respectfully Sheweth.-

That he has ever most cheerfully enforced personally, and caused the Police Force, to enforce, the Municipal rules and regulations which Your Honourable Body have from time to time passed, and moreover in many cases gratuitously tendered, to discharge the duties of Offices, which were about being created and which would have incurred heavy expenses to the City.-

That in such cases your petitioner when courting the responsibility of such Offices "for the sole purpose of saving expences to the City," was enabled by the authorities vested in the Police Force under him, to avail himself of such assistance from them, as circumstances rendered necessary in the discharge of these various duties.-

That in consequence of a notice received from the City Clerk, on the 15th instant informing him that he has been appointed Inspector of Bread &c for the City of Montreal. Your petitioner most respectfully represents that he feels pride, in this enjoying the confidence of Your Honourable board; and will not shrink from this arduous and important individual duty, so essential to the whole community of this City, but more principally to the poorer Classes.

Your-

Your Petitioner would however casually observe (and this without a view to Pecuniary interest) that the Inspector of Bread and Milk &c for the City of London receives "to perform such duties four Hundred Pounds Sterling per annum; besides assistants to discharge them.—

Your Petitioner cannot however but represent that such are now the multiplicity of his individual responsibilities; that he labours under the most serious inconveniences, owing to the Cramped, unhealthy, noisy, and incovenient situation of his present Office; being situated under the intolerable noise of a Weigh House, where the Wine and Wet of all discriptions, cause an everlasting dampness, and where the noise and abuse of Prisoners in the adjoining cells to it, is in itself almost intolerable to endure, when engaged at those various duties which require application to the desk, in those few leisure moments left him from his outer duties.— Under these circumstances Your Petitioner would earnestly pray that the Police Committee be pleased to enquire into the facts above Stated; and on a favorable report Your Petitioner be allowed a Sum of £25.0.0 annually to provide himself with an Office (in as central but more commodious and healthy a place.—

All which is nevertheless respectfully Submitted by Your Petitioner

Alex Comeau
Insp[r] of Bread &c

Montreal 16th Jany 1842.

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16 January 1842

Petition

Of M. Alex Comeau

Praying all. for the Office

as Inspector of Bread

Presented 31 Jany 1842.

Referred to the Police Committee

Champ de Mars
Monday Mg 31 Janv 42

Dear Sir

I have been much indisposed since yesterday Morning - and the better part of the day - the Doctor says - I must keep within doors - I regret therefore, I will not be able to meet the Council this evening - I hope next week - they will proceed to Business - and dispose of the Orders of the Day -

The Communication of the Gas Company must I presume be referred to a Special Committee, - and if I may make a suggestion - as the matter involved the Revenue of the City - one or two of the Finance Committee - with any other Members - than the Light Com: ought to compose etc -

The

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the subjects at issue between the Light Comm: - and the Gas Company should be considered, - and decided, on as early as possible

I am Dear Sir
Your very obl
O.M. Lith Mayor

J.P. Sexton Esqr
City Clerk

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31 janvier 1842

J. J. Sutton Esqr
City Clerk

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Nous les soussignés certifions que le porteur de la présente Guillaume Gendro est un homme sobre, honnête et d'une conduite régulière

Donné à Montréal ce 25 Janv 1842

M C Bowster
C Wilson
John Cunnick

Vallée Boyer & Co
P. Benoit
William Francis
Benj. Brewster
Léon Fournier
Jos Dufaux
P Beaudry
Louis Raymond

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Aux honorables Maire, Echevins,
& Conseillers de la Corporation de la
Cité de Montréal.

Etienne Beauvais, Charretier de la dite Cité —
Expose humblement à vos honneurs, que sur un ordre
à lui signifié à la Requête de vos honneurs,
il a Comparu le 25 Janvier dernier devant la Cour
des Sessions hebdomadaires de la Paix, & sur son
Confession du jugement, a été condamné à une amende
pour avoir fait courir trop vite, son cheval, fait qu'il
aurait pu nier s'il n'eut pas voulu contester pour ne pas —
s'engager dans des discussions;

il ose espérer que ~~la~~ Cour, & vos honneurs,
en Considération de ce que c'est la première fois qu'il
a été accusé d'avoir contrevenu aux Réglements de
Police, quoiqu'il exerce depuis plusieurs années la
Profession de Charretier, et surtout en Considération
de son bon Caractère attesté par le certificat —
Ci-joint, il espère que vos honneurs daigneront
le décharger de la totalité ou, au moins d'une
partie de l'amende prononcée contre lui, et fera
justice.

Montreal le 6 Février 1842.

Etienne + Beauvais
Sa Marque

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I certify that the within-named Etienne Beauvais was sued, confessed judgment, and was fined, as within is alleged.

7th February 1842.

H. Driscoll
P. M.

6 février 1842

Requête
de Etienne Beauvais,
Chevalier.

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Aux honorables Maire, Echevins,
et Conseillers de la Cité de Montréal

Guillaume Gendreau, Charretier de la dite cité de Montréal, ayant été cité à comparaître devant la Cour des Sessions hebdomadaires de la paix à la Requête de vos honneurs, le 25 de Janvier dernier, s'est fait un devoir d'obéir à cet ordre, et quoi qu'il eut, peut être, pû contester sur le fond de l'action, il s'est résigné à — Confesser jugement, espérant que cet acte de soumission disposerait vos honneurs à le traiter avec la bienveillance dont les témoignages favorables qu'il joint à sa présente vous convaincront qu'il n'est pas indigne.

Il est père de famille; c'est la première fois qu'il a été actionné en justice depuis 14 ans environ qu'il exerce la profession de Charretier, il s'est bien déterminé à se montrer toujours observateur des Réglements auxquels par sa profession, il peut être plus particulièrement soumis.

Pourquoi il supplie vos honneurs de le décharger de l'amende à laquelle il a été condamné, le 25 janvier dernier, vû la — Confession de jugement, ou du moins de la réduire

réduire, sous son offre de payer les frais dudit jugement. Et ferez justice.

Montréal le 5 Février 1842.

Guillaume Gendreau
Marque

I certify that Guillaume Gendron was sued, confessed judgment, and was fined, as is within alleged.

7th February 1842.

H. Driscoll
P.M.

5 février 1842

Requête de Guillaume Gendreau, Charretier.

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Les soussignés certifient que le S.r Etienne Beauvais, charretier, de la Cité de Montréal, est un homme honnête, sobre, et d'une conduite régulière.

Montréal ce 1er fevrier 1842.

George Jeffrin

Serafino Giraldi

Isaac Aaron

S C Sewell M.D.

John White

Jo Friedrick Hetz

Thomas M. Pinson

Robt. Jas. B. Stewart

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To the Honorable the Mayor
Aldermen and Citizens of the City
of Montreal

The Petition of St. A. Bourdon
Clerk of the West Market in
this City

Respectfully Showeth

That your Petitioner has been a Servant to the City for the last ten years. and having enjoyed the Confidence of your Honorable Body, at the formation of the Council, has Continued since, that time, to fill the responsible Office which he now holds,

That your Petitioner has for the Accommodation of Certain numerous Classes, of the Public Kept the Market Open, and attended and Collected the requisite fees there, on many of the days, included in the Number of 86 Holydays, established by the Laws of Council; by means whereof a greater degree of Satisfaction, has been afforded, to an influential portion of the Community, both within and beyond the City Limits, and the City revenue has been Considerably Augmented;

That your Petitioner, has never limited his attendance, in the Market, or application to his duties, to the hours assigned

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assigned in the By Laws of the Council, but he has invariably opened the Market Place at a much earlier hour than the prescribed one, and has remained in the Weigh House, daily from two to three hours, later the period requires of him, for the greater accommodation of the Public, and increase of the City Revenue;

That Since the Appointment of Petitioner to his present Office, Important & Onerous duties other and extraneous to those properly incident to the situation of Clerk of the New Market, have been imposed on and performed by him, by means whereof a large increase of revenue is obtained for the City.—

Your Petitioner refers to the registering and numbering of Coaches, Cabs, Caleches &c, That under the provisions of the New Law, regulating Vehicles for hire in this City the labours of your Petitioner & his Responsibility in this respect, have been greatly augmented— the present revenue arising from this source being fully double the amount formerly obtained from it,

That your Petitioner is under the necessity of Keeping correct and Regularly balanced books of Accounts & Statements of all Monies received on account of Vehicles Seperate & apart from those levied on the Market and his solicitude and liability are proportionably enhanced,

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That Your Petitioner in the full Confidence of having given Satisfaction, and convinced that Justice will be done him, would respectfully throw himself on the decision and recommendation of the Market Committee, who are daily observers of Your Petitioners arduous duties, & of his exertions to augment the revenue of his office when it is in his power;

Wherefore Your Petitioner respectfully prays you will be pleased to take his Case into Consideration, and to grant him such increase of Salary as under the Circumstances Your Honorable Council may be pleased to determin just & proper

All which is nevertheless
Respectfully Submitted

Montreal 18th February 1842

F. X. Bourdon
Clerk of the New Market

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18 February 1842

Petition of

W. Joseph Bourdon

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The Honorable the Mayor & Council of Montreal

Montreal 25th February 1842.

Gentlemen

I am tenant of a vacant piece of ground in Craig Street, the rent for which is Twenty five pounds p annum

I beg to represent that it has been assessed for the present year at Five pounds

As the rent of the lot is quite equal to its value being as above described only a vacant piece of ground; I appeal respectfully against the rate in the hope that you will order a suitable reduction therefrom

I remain respectfully
Gentlemen.
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.

T. B. English

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25 February 1842

Petition

Of Wm G B English for a

Reduction in the

Assessment of

a Lot belonging to him

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Presented Feby 1842

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Montréal

A L'Honorable Peter McGill
Maire, & aux Echevins & Citoyens
de la Corporation de la Cité
de Montréal.

William Shaw, Charretier de
Montréal,

Que le vingt neuf Janvier
dernier, son engagé auroit eu l'imprud-
ence de laisser aller son Cheval attelé
à une voiture d'hiver, plus vite que
le moyen trot, & sur poursuite contre
lui faite, il auroit été le huit
Février courant, condamné devant
la Cour de la Session Hebdomadaire
à Montréal sur sa Confession, à
payer l'amende imposée
par la loi en tel cas.

Que c'est la première fois
que votre Suppliant ait été condam-
né pour une telle infraction à la
loi, qu'il est pauvre & a une nom-
breuse famille dont il est l'unique
soutient.

Inconséquence

En conséquence de ce que ci dessus votre Suppliant prend la liberté de s'adresser à vos Honneurs, & les prie de vouloir bien lui faire remise de la dite amende & il ne cessera de Prier.

Montréal 25me Février 1842.

Wm Shaan

I consider the above Petitioner
to be worthy of the clemency of
the Council

Thos Mitchell
Adjt

25 février 1842

Petition of

William Shaan

Remittance of a fine

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To the Honorable the mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal

The Fire Committee of the Council, Respectfully Report,

That, as represented in their Statement recently made to the Chairman of the Finance Department, it is the opinion of Your Committee that a probable Gross Revenue of £1500 — — Currency would be obtained from the Taxes imposed for Sweeping Chimnies, if that source of Revenue to the City were properly and systematically collected. The Expences of the Fire Department, including the Salaries of the Inspector and the Collector of Chimney dues, the expenses of Sweeps and an allowance of £325 — — Currency, for the Fire Companies and Engines, amount to the sum of £1000 — Currency per Annum, Thus a Net Revenue of £500 — — Currency, should be expected and ought to be derived from the Department under the immediate Charge of Your Committee.

The unpleasant duty has, however devolved on Your Committee of communicating, that under the defective and unmethodical System of Collection hitherto pursued, the maximum Revenue to be derived from the Chimney money does not promise to exceed £800 — annually even if it should amount to that Sum.

The Department under these Circumstances, in lieu of contributing an annual Sum of £500 — — Currency to the City funds, as

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as under proper management it ought to do;- will have annually to draw upon those funds, to the extent of about £200.--, for the purpose of meeting that excess in its expenditure beyond the amount of its receipts.

By the 27th Section of the By Law, "Establishing and Regulating the Fire "Department" of the Council - It is enacted, "That it shall be the duty of the Overseer "of Sweeps to accompany, in person, the "Chimney Sweepers in their rounds through "the City, to see that they discharge their duty "in a proper manner, and without unnecessary "annoyance or trouble to Householders".

The strictest attention to the obligations of the above cited section of the By Law is rendered imperatively necessary, as well by the general character of the Individuals employed as Sweeps, and their incurable disposition to loiter, neglect and even abandon their work, when not under such supervision, as by the difficulty amounting almost to an impossibility of collecting the Chimney dues, unless demanded at the time the sweeping is performed.

Your Committee have long struggled against the painful necessity of representing, that x in their opinion the present Overseer of Sweeps & Collector of Chimney money, Mr J. Perrault, is by physical infirmities, delicate health and general habits unequal to the task of accompanying the Sweeps in the manner prescribed by the By Law of the Council, and incapable

of

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of performing the varied duties of his appointment. That even in the imperfect manner in which those duties have been hitherto executed, Mr Perrault has been necessitated to procure the nearly constant aid of one and sometimes more Individuals as Assistant Collectors. That the amount of Revenue has consequently been, and it is apprehended will continue to be inadequate and greatly less than it should have proved, and might yet be made, under a proper overseer, and more energetic Collector.

The expenses of sweeping have in the meanwhile augmented in an inverse ratio, till they have at last attained to nearly double the amount they formerly were, before the Incorporation of the City, and when nearly twofold the quantity of Labor was required to be executed, that is now necessary to perform.

Your Committee therefore respectfully request that such remedy will be adopted under the Circumstances, as, in the wisdom of the Council, may be considered expedient.

All which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Committee Room,
1st March 1842

P. Dervier Chairman
William Molson
Stanley Bagg
Arch D Hume

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1st March 1842

Fire Committee

Report.

Chimney sweeping

Read 14 March 1842.

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Montreal 8th March 1842

To

the Hon. P. McGill Mayor &
Members of the Council

Gentlemen,

The duties attached to the Situation I hold, having considerably increased since your choice fell on me to fulfill them, say in June last; I beg leave to call your attention to the propriety of raising my Salary, in order to give me the means to pay an Assistant; it having become now absolutely necessary to keep a Sett of Books, for various purposes, but more so, specially, to keep the accounts with Government; the said accounts having now to be sent home to England & also same account books for the Extra Work done out of the usual Rounds, at the order of any Individual who chooses to pay for such Extra Sweeping &c &c &c

Considering that it would be use-less, to have renewed, the great number of Certificates in my Behalf, which I submitted in June last to the Council, I shall refer the Members of it, to Lt. Col: Eden, Lt. Col: Maitland, Lt. Col: Young W. H. Gray Esq. Barrack Master, the Hon. Jos. Masson, the Messrs Des Rivieres, the Cashiers of all the Banks, the Wardens of all the Churches, the Merchants in a Body & to all the Respectable Citizens, who I trust, will say that I have spare nothing on my part, to do them Justice in performing the duties attached to the said Situation.

I Remain

Gentlemen

your most obedient & humble servt.

Renault

Overseer C. S. & Collector

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8 march 1842

Mr Perrault's appn. for
an increase of salary

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To the Honorable the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal

The Fire Committee of the Council

Respectfully Report –

That in conformity with the Resolution in Council of the 31st day of January last past, they have taken into consideration the Petition of the Members of the Union Fire Company; praying that because the late John Potter in his lifetime a Member of the Company, lost his life by a Cold caught while on duty; and his Widowed Mother now upwards of Sixty years of Age is in extremely indigent circumstances, and for other reasons enumerated in the Petition the expenses of the Doctor's Attendance on the late John Potter and the expenses of his funeral be defrayed by the Council – And Your Committee are of Opinion and recommend that the Sum of Seven Pounds and ten Shillings Cy be allowed and paid the Mother of the Said late late John Potter for the reasons and the object set forth in the Petition of the Union Company.

All which however is respectfully submitted –

Montreal 11th March 1842 –

O. Perrier Chairman

William Molson

Sec. Pd. Hume

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11 mars 1842

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11 March 1842

Report of the
Fire Committee on the
Petition of the Union Fire Co.
in reference to the late
John Potter.

Presented March 1842

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Montreal 14th March 1842.

To the Hon. P. McGill - Mayor

&

Citizens of Montreal,

Gentlemen,

Having understood by the Proceedings of the Council of last Week, that the present Collector of C. Money is to have an Assistant, I beg leave to offer you my Services as such, having already acted in that capacity under Mr. Perrault in the Winter 1840 & 1841 with the approbation of the Chairman of the late Fire Society - I have since collected the Statute Labour - Money for the Corporation last fall, to the Satisfaction, I trust, of the City Treasurer - and am Ready to perform such duties as may be prescribed to me by the Collector in Chief, for the Annual Salary of £75 Cy, on giving Securities to your Satisfaction.

I Remain

Gentlemen

your most Obedient Servant &c

P. Rousseau

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14 March 1842

Petition of P. Rousseau

to assist the Collector

of Chimney Money.

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16 March 1842

Montreal Mar. 16. 1842

Sir I have received your note of the 15th Inst Stating that I have been appointed assessor for the West Ward the present year.

They to appraise you that I acted in that capacity in the year 1840, which no doubt will be a sufficient reason for the Council to appoint another in my place. I am Sir

Your Obt Sr

J. A. Perkins

A Ross Esqr
City Treasurer

Mr Shaw Ross Esqr
City Treasurer

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Montreal 16 March 1842

J. D. Sexton Esqr

Sir I received your letter of yesterday informing me that I was appointed assessor for the present year

I beg leave to remark that two years have not elapsed since I served as assessor and as there are many in this city who have never served in that capacity and are fully entitled to the privilege I hope the council will reconsider my appointment and name another to serve in my place and by so doing will oblige yours

Humble Servant

John Jeffers

16 March
1842.
John T. Affin
City Assessor.

J. P. Sexton Esqr.
City Hall

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Montreal 19 Mars 1842.

Monsieur

Les devoirs que je suis maintenant appelé à remplir comme un des Juges de la Cour de District, étant incompatibles avec ceux de membre de la Corporation de Montreal, je me trouve, à regret, dans la nécessité de resigner mon siège dans le Conseil de ville: Je vous prie en conséquence de vouloir bien accepter au nom de la Corporation ma resignation -

Je ne puis pas pourtant prendre congé de vous, Sans vous remercier vous en particulier Mr le Maire et tous les membres de la Corporation individuellement pour les marques d'attention que vous m'ont été portées durant tout le temps que j'ai eu l'honneur d'occuper

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d'occuper un siège dans le conseil - et quoique je ne puisse plus prendre part à vos délibérations, cependant je ne cesserai pas de prendre le plus vif interest dans tout ce qui sera fait par la corporation pour le plus grand avantage de mes concitoyens -

Recevez Mr le Maire pour vous même et pour tous les membres de la corporation l'assurance du plus profond respect avec lequel je me souscris

Votre très humble
et obéist serv

L'Honorable
Mr le Maire de
Montreal

Ely Guy
Conseiller

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19 March 1842

Councillor Guy's Resignation

—

Read at the Meeting of
Council held
the day of March 1842

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To the Worshipful the Mayor Alderman Hamilton
of the City of Montreal,

The Petition of the undersigned Citizens
of Montreal,

Humbly Sheweth -

That it would contribute much to the embellishment of the City, if the Street known as St Claude St were carried in a straight line down to the river

That there is no means, at present, for the people residing in Sanguinet Street to reach the river, but by the New Market or the Bonsecours Hill, whereas were St Claude Street prolonged to the river, they would be saved this circuit, and be much accommodated -

That a most favorable opportunity present itself now, for the accomplishment of the plan proposed by your Petitioners; for the house which formerly stood in the way of the proposed improvement having been lately destroyed by Fire, Your worshipful body would only have to pay for what would be required for the new Street as for a vacant lot.

That many of the proprietors of property in the neighbourhood of the proposed new Street would doubtless be willing to contribute somethings towards

towards the proposed improvement.

Wherefore Your Petitioners pray that Your Worships will consider this Petition, and take such measures thereupon as you may see fit.

Montreal. March 21. 1842.

Robt. MacKay
Wm Hall
Th. Samuel Sarid
Wm Cord
Jas. McGill Des Rivieres
M. Roy
Wm Hall
J.B. Lubien
J. Martel
John Bleakley
Gar Self & Wm Bleakley

Geo. Longmuir
J.B. Viger
Aug. Perrault
Frances Plasco
Henri Des Rivieres.
Alfred Pinsoneault
André Ouimet
J. Griffin
Robt. Easton

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21 March 1842

Petition

To Continue St Claude Street

– to the River –

Presented 6th April 1842

Referred to the Road Commrs.

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District of
Montreal. 3

To the Honorable The Mayor,
Aldermen and Council, of and for the
City of Montreal.-

The Petition of the Undersigned Pro-
-prietors and residents in St Gabriel street
and its vicinity, in the City of Montreal,-

Most respectfully represents,-

That your Petitioners were inform-
-ed with great satisfaction, that the City Corporation
had during the last season, acquired the house
on the East side of "Walkers lane" to open that
street to the River for public convenience, and
your Petitioners now learn with extreme morti-
-fication that it is not the intention of the Cor-
-poration to widen that lane, during the ensuing
season.—

Your Petitioners would respectfully
observe that the procrastination of an event so
much and long desired not only by your Petitioners
but also by others, the inhabitants of other parts
of this City, will occasion serious public in-
-convenience and annoyance, and more particularly
so just now, from the immediate proximity of the
new Steamboat wharves, at the foot of that
lane, where, from the great difficulty of access
to the River through the present narrow com-
-munication, for so general a thoroughfare as

Walkers

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Walker's lane, will occasion a constant scene of confusion and disturbance to the whole neighbourhood.—

Your Petitioners most respectfully indulge the hope that the City Corporation will see the necessity, for the reasons before mentioned, to cause the buildings adjoining Walker's lane, already acquired for that purpose, to be immediately removed, and the long complained of obstacles to a free and easy communication to the River side through St. Gabriel Street, may be at once disposed of.—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Montreal 24th March 1842.—

Paschal Lachapelle
Henri Des Rivieres.
M. McCulloch
Robert Allen Jr
J. Leakley
James Hoathe.
R. Watkins
John White.
Louis Perrault
G. Decondu
Ferdinand Perrin
Leon Goulette
Joseph Cajetan de Blanc
R. Trudeau

S. Jenard
Vte Gillet
P. Boulanger
H. O. Andrews
Geo French & Co
Pierre Todoin
N. B. Desmarteau
A. Prévost.
J. Boulanger

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André Aumet
Fleury Jean
Louis Lamoureux
P. Bernier
Jo. Bourdon
Jerome Grenier
L. P. Boivin
T. Ladouceur

T. Taylor
John J. Day
J. Griffin

M. Caldt
Serafina Giraldi
N. Dumas
E. R. Stabil

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24 March 1842

Petition of

Proprietors & Residents

in St Gabriel Street

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal, in Council assembled:

The petition of James Henry Lambe, of said City of Montreal, who respectfully states, that having been duly notified that he had been named Assessor for the Queen's Ward for the present year, He, although he had been one of the Assessors for the whole City in the year 1826, did not object to perform the duty not being at that time aware, that by the provincial Act of 4 and 5 Victoria, He as Assessor would have to take the Censes.

Your petitioner, further states, that being unable to write or speak the French Language, he is utterly unqualified and not capable of taking the censes, and sees with dismay, that by the VIIIth Section of said Act, that "Assessors neglecting to "make the required returns or making said returns through negligence erroneous "-ly are liable to be punished by fine and imprisonment and even to all the pains "and penalties of corrupt perjury", to all which punishments he through incompe-tency might render himself liable.

Wherefore Your petitioner prays that your Honorable Council will be pleased to take the premises into your consideration - to annul his appointment as assessor for the Queens Ward and to appoint a person in his place who will be qualified to perform the duties incumbent on the Person who has to take the Censes.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Henry Lambe

Montreal 28th March 1842.

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28 March 1842

Petition

Of Jas Henry Lambe Esquire

to be exempted from the appointment

of Assessor

Presented March 1842

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To The Honorable The Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal,

The Market Committee

Respectfully Report,

They have taken into consideration the Petition of Mr. Maurice Eardley, referred to your Committee at the last quarterly meeting of the Council; and on account of the zeal, attention, and ability displayed by the Petitioner in the performance of his duties since the period of his appointment, as well as the increase of labour recently imposed on him, whereby the amount of money collected on the Hay Market has been considerably augmented, Your Committee are unanimously of opinion, that his salary should be increased in the annual sum of twenty five pounds Currency, from the 1st ~~day of July last~~ instant; and in reference to the Petition of Mr. Antoine Schwartz, Assistant to Mr. Eardley, heretofore submitted to the Council, Your Committee are also of Opinion upon the same principle

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principle and for the same reasons to those by which they were influenced in the case of Mr. Eardley, his Salary should be increased in the annual sum of twenty five pounds Currency, making a net Salary of seventy five pounds Currency per annum in lieu of all fees perquisites and emoluments.

Charles, S. Rodier,
Chairman.

O. Berthelot
Arch Hume

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(30 march 1842)

Report of the Market
Committee
On the Petitions of
Gardley & Schwartz

Presented 30 March 1842
&
adopted by the Council

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To the Honorable the Mayor,
the Aldermen and Citizens
of the City of Montreal.

The humble Petition of Patrick Brennan
of the said City, Soap Candle Manufacturer

Respectfully Represents.

That Your Petitioner was
summoned to appear before the Justices
of the Peace at their weekly Sessions on
the 15th of March last, and answer to
two Informations laid against him
by the City Surveyor, viz:

That on the 7th day of March last &
a long time previously, he had caused
to be built a Wall, to wit: house,
bordering on William Street, without
having previously applied to the
Surveyor of Highways, and caused
him to make, by Pickets or otherwise,
the Line of the said Street - contrary
to the Rules of Police & the By-Laws
of the Council.

2ndly That on the said 7th day of March
and previously, he did place and keep,
Building Materials on part of William
Street opposite a Lot of Ground, for
the purpose of building on said Lot,
without having previously obtained
the allotment on the part of the said
Street for that purpose, from the
said Surveyor or other person duly
authorised, - contrary to the said
Rules and By-Laws.

Which

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On which two Indictments, Your Petitioner was convicted in the Several Penalties of Five Pounds & Five Shillings, and all Costs.

That at the time Your Petitioner commenced the contemplated Building, he was not aware any By Law existed requiring him to notify the City Surveyor on the subject, or he certainly would have done so; and that if he has erred, it was entirely thro' ignorance, and without any intention of violating the Police Regulations or the By Laws of the Corporation.

Your Petitioner begs to state that there was no line drawn; that the said Street was almost impassable; and that no notice was served on him from the City Surveyor or any other person, until he received a Summons to appear at the Weekly Sessions; except one, for the removal of a few loose Stones, which removal he immediately caused to be made.

Under these circumstances Your Petitioner trusts, that You will be pleased to take this Petition into Your gracious consideration, and grant the Prayer thereof, by allowing the above Penalties to be remitted, as it was entirely thro' ignorance, and not designedly that Your Petitioner infringed on the By Laws of the Corporation.

And Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Montreal 1st April 1842. O'Connor

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1st April 1842.

Petition of Patriet Brennan
for a Remission of Penalty.

Presented 6th April 1842
and
Referred to the Road Committee

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To the Honorable the Mayor, The Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal,

The Committee on Police and Health

Respectfully Report,

That in conformity with two several orders of Council, they have taken into consideration the Petition of Henry Corse Esquire and others, complaining of excavations made in the Pt. Ann Suburb for the manufacture of Bricks; and the Petition of divers Inhabitants in Pt. George Street complaining of a Nuisance there, originating in, and occasioned by the Anatomic's Lecture Room of the Mc. Gill College being situated in that Street.

With regard to the first mentioned Petition, the Excavations being made on private property, The Council have obviously no right of interference with them, unless they can be shewn to be dangerous to the public safety or detrimental to the Public Health; in either of which case a Remedy is provided by Law as already existing - And Your Committee have directed the provisions of the Law to be enforced.

With respect to the Lecture Rooms, however expedient and desirable that they should be removed to a more retired part of the City, there exists no legislation to compel their removal: It

found

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found to be inconvenient or noxious by those residing in their immediate neighbourhood, ample means are already afforded by Law, either to obtain Compensation in the One instance, or to have the nuisance abated in the other. Your Committee have however directed the Inspector (Mr Brandon) to visit and carefully examine the premises with a view to the suppression or removal of any just cause of Complaint, and the immediate prosecution of any one offending against the Regulations of the Council.

The whole respectfully submitted

Committee Room
6th April 1842

Sabrevois de Bleury
chairman

William Molson

Jos. Bourret.

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Dated 6th April 1842.

Mc Gill College, St Geo. St.
Anatomies Lecture Room.
Manufacture of Bricks
Both in St Lewis Wards

Report
of
Committee on Police & Health

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adopted 6th April 1842

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To the Honorable the Mayor, The Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal.

The Finance Committee having taken into consideration the Petition of divers Merchants and Traders against the duty imposed on sales by Auction, within the City Limits.

Respectfully Report,

That they consider the Tax referred to, a fair and legitimate source of Revenue; And that it would be difficult in the opinion of Your Committee to point out any Tax that bears more indirectly upon the Citizens of Montreal - a great portion of it being paid by Non-residents.

Your Committee cannot concur with the Petitioners in opinion, that the small sum, to which they represent the Tax to amount, can have any injurious effect on the trade of the Province. That the collection of the Tax has been attended by difficulty was occasioned altogether by the disposition evinced, and the evasions made by interested parties to evade it's payment.

And Your Committee regret to notice that among the most prominent of these parties were some of the Petitioners.

The only reasons Your Committee can observe for discontinuing the Tax, are, the defectiveness of the Law not providing proper means for it's Collection, by which the Council may be brought into Collision with the Citizens, and

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and the unequal pressure of the duty occasioned by the circumstance that non-resident Purchasers are frequently afforded opportunity to avoid it's payment.

Taking these circumstances into consideration, and to avoid all unpleasant proceedings, Your Committee are of opinion, it would be advisable to rescind the By Law complained of in the Petition — they would however observe that the estimated Revenues for the Current Year will be, in consequence, diminished in the sum of Two thousand pounds Currency.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted

Montreal 25th April 1842.

J. Reed Smith
O. Berthelot
A. Derrier

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14th April 1842

Report of Committee on Finance

Presented 25 April 1842

and

Ordered, To be taken into Consideration at the next Meeting of Council

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Montreal 18 avril 1842

Mr. le Maire

et

Messieur les Echevins et Conseillier de Ville

Dézirant. pratiquer un troux de la rue a la Cave d'une Maison appartenant au Eritier de feux H. Latour Eqr. Sur la rue Notre Dame. pour y autres les bois et autre Chouze necessaire a l'usage de la Maison. je vous au demande tres respectueusemant la permissions Esperant que vous Macorderé Cette vaveur. je demeur an attandan votre tres humble et Respectueuse Vc

S. S Boudrian

par. pro. N. Boudrian

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Application of

M U Boucheau -

-

Prayer cannot be granted -

Mr le Maire
et Messieurs le Echevin et Conseillier de
Ville

Hotel de Ville
Montreal

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Montreal 18th April 1842

Gent.n Mayor

I beg leave to inform you that we propose to build this spring the property now occupied by the representatives of Carlton & Cook, corner of St Paul & St Francis Xavier Sts & that we would have no objections to give to the Corporation such space of ground as is laid down on the plan for widening St Francis Xavier St, provided the Corporation would allow us fair compensation for the same, or abide by the decision of arbitrators —

An answer to the above will much oblige

Gent.n Mayor

Your very humble servant

J J Gibb

To the Worshipful the Mayor
& Corporation of Montreal

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Letter of R. J. Kimber, Esqr
Offering to cede ground in
St François Xavier Street

Presented 25 April 1842
and
Referred to the Road
Committee

To the Worshipful
the Mayor & Corporation
of Montreal

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Montreal 19 April 1842

To his Honor the Mayor & Counsel of the City of Montreal –

We the undersigned, your Petitioners, Proprietors of Houses in St Germain & St Bernard Street, off Bleury St St Lawrence suburbs – most humbly call your attention to the very bad state which these streets are in – we have at our own expense caused sewers to be made in each, but from the constant thorough fare these few years past, they are cut up so much, they are now almost impassable – and as their length is only about 150 yards each and would require but small expence – your Petitioners most humbly pray that your Honours will order them to be macadamised – And your petitioners will ever pray –

William Hrage
H M Dwyer
John Hilton
Wm Gunn
15 St Germain

Edward Prentice
Thomas McNaughton
Thomas Walsh
N. Davison
Mary Oneal
James Clapp
G Daily
Thomas Williams
Adam Dodds
James Peddie
Andw Elliot
John Hutchinson
James Clarke
Daniel Sutherland

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Petition of Proprietors &c
praying for the Macadamizing
of St Germain & St Bernard Streets

Presented 25 April 1842.
Referred to R. Committee

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To The Honorable The Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal.

The Memorial of the Undersigned.

Respectfully sheweth.

That the City Treasurer has recently furnished two separate Accounts for drains, made in front of properties belonging to your Memorialist, on the S.E. and N.W. sides of St Paul Street of the said City, and requested payment therefor.

Your Memorialist respectfully begs leave to represent to the Council, that, the drain constructed on the said S.E. side of St Paul Street, is not of sufficient depth, for her property to be in any way benefitted thereby. Wherefore your Memorialist prays, your Honorable Body will be pleased, in consequence of the fact above stated, to cause the charge therefor to be withdrawn.

And your Memorialist will &c &c

M. E. de Montenach

Montreal
23 April 1842

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Memorial

of

M. L de Montenach

On a drain, St Paul St

Presented 25th April 1842

Referred to the Road Committee

To The Honorable The Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal

The Petition of the undersigned Proprietors and others in the St. Anne Suburbs

Respectfully Sheweth

That Wm. Street in the said Suburbs is along established thoroughfare therein, thickly peopled and having large Commodious and Costly buildings built upon it, That it is the direct Communication from the St. Annes Market through the St. Annes Suburbs, to the St. Joseph and St. Antoine Suburbs and to the highroad leading to Lachine, That as such it is evidently a Connecting Street with one of the Main Entrances to the City That the said Street, is now and has been for some time past in a Most neglected ~~and~~ dangerous and nearly impassible Condition, And your Petitioners therefore pray you will order such Repairs thereto as will render it, safe and possible, and your Petitioners will, as in duty bound ever pray

W D Wm Camb.
J. A. Perkins
A Wm Sarrick
G. F. Holt
~~Alice Bostwick~~
J Henry Lamb
Noah Shaw
C. Dorwin
R Latham
S, F, Sykes
P, Dromgoole
Wm Spier

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Petition of
Dunscomb & others about William St
Presented 25th April 1842
Referred to Road Commee

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To the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of Montreal

The Memorial of the Undersigned Proprietors & Residents on St. Antoine Street, respectfully sheweth that the want of a drain throughout the extent of St. Antoine Street is much felt by the residents thereon and your memorialists being about erecting several superior dwellings on their properties situate between Mountain & Guy Streets - on the line of St. Antoine Street aforesaid - would beg to urge the necessity of constructing a drain on that part of St. Antoine Street from Mountain to Guy Street previous to your memorialists making requisite arrangements for the drainage of their properties - And your Memorialists further beg to offer that in the event of the funds of the City being inadequate to the expenditure during the present season they are willing to advance the whole cost of the drain in front of their respective properties - It being understood that the amount loan'd shall be deducted from our respective assessments for Eighteen hundred and forty three

Wherefore &c - &c

Wherefore & &

John Torrance

John Try

Jean Bruneau

Joseph A. Cardinal

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(25 April 1842)

Petition of Torrance Tobbins
for drain in St Antoine Street

Presented 25 April 1842.

Referred to The R. C.

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To. His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, of the City of Montreal,-

The Petition of Samuel Watson, of the City of Montreal, Butcher,- William Manuel, of the same place, trader, and Kenneth Ferguson, of the same place, Carpenter, -

Respectfully Represents,-

That Your Petitioners are proprietors of certain Lots of Ground in the neighbourhood of the Victoria Road, through the centre of which the Creek leading from the back of the City to Messrs Molson's Breweries, at present runs.-

That the Pickets forming the sides of the said Creek in your Petitioners Lots, have fallen in, and in consequence have obstructed the course of the Water to such an extent, that one of your Petitioners Cellars has been overflowed therewith, and other damage thas been sustained.-

Wherefore your Petitioners respectfully beg to call your attention to the said Creek, and pray that you will be pleased to take the state thereof into your serious consideration, and to order that, as soon as the

lowness.

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lowness of the water will permit, the said portion of the said break be repaired, and the pickets re-placed in their former position —

And your Petitioners will ever pray &c

Montreal 25th April 1842 —

Saml Walker

William Mannel Junr

Kenneth Ferguson

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Petition of

Samuel Watson Val.

in reference to a Creek

Presented 25th April 1842

Referred to the Road Committee

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To the Right Honble the Mayor, Aldermen & Counsellors assembled

The undersigned petitioner having received an account, from the city hall, for the constructing of a drain in front of his property St Paul street, lately the property of Madame Demontmeet, and not being able to derive any benefit from the said drain - for the same reasons as advanced by that Lady in her petition lately presented to the hon^ble Counsil - (viz) the drain being at least three feet above the level of the basement flats - in consequence of which the petitioner humbly prays that he may not be charged with the said account

John Atkinson
Painter

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1 Petition of
John Atkinson

Presented 6th May 1842
Referred

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To the Honorable the Mayor, the Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal.

The Special Committee appointed to take into consideration the Proposition made by Councillor Redpath to the Council on the 14th Ulto. to give all the Ground necessary for the Continuation of Dorchester and St Catherine Streets, on the terms therein Stated.

Respectfully Report

That they consider the Offer of Councillor Redpath a very liberal and public Spirited one, calculated to be of public benefit, and which the present exceedingly depressed State of the City funds alone prevents them recommending to be adopted by the Council.

That Your Committee being influenced by considerations of the inadequacy of the present means of the Council, to the extent of the works in progress; the number of Improvements determined on by the Council before the important one under consideration elicited their notice; and the proportion of labor and expense, already contributed in that particular Section of the City, can only recommend that the Proposition of Councillor Redpath be acquiesced in by the Council on the terms Stipulated by him in all other respects in his consenting to contribute, at his own expense, one half instead of one third of the amount required for

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for fencing the Streets and making the improvements mentioned by him, and advancing the remaining half at interest for five years, in lieu of, until such time as the Annual Revenue derived from the Improvements, exceed the Annual Amount of Interest paid on the Bonds as suggested in the proposition.

And further on condition that Councillor Redpath advance as a loan on Interest to the Council for five years, the money necessary to be paid to Miss Stoyle for continuing the line of Street through her property, in the event of being compelled to give up her property for that purpose, as Stipulated in the said proposition.

With these modifications in the terms and conditions of the proposition under Consideration, Your Committee recommend that it be accepted.

The whole nevertheless respectfully Submitted.

Committee Room
6th May 1842

Alexis de Bleury
William Molson
Jos. Bourret.

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Dated 6 May 1842.

Report —

of the Special Committee on Councillor Redpath's proposition —

Presented 6th May 1842.
Adopted in amendment
13th May 1842.

Mr Redpath's proposition
delivered to him
13/9/42 W.W.

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Bank of British North America

Montreal 11 May 1842

The Hon.ble The Mayor
Aldermen & Council
of the City of Montreal.

Gentlemen

I have been requested by the Directors of this Branch to intimate to you that payment of the sum of Ten Thousand pounds Cy due to this Branch by the Corporation and for which Bonds for £1000 each were granted will be required on 13.th Nov.r next the date of payment therein specified.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servt
Jno Paton Manager

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11th May 1842

Letter from The Saloon
Manager B N A Bank

Read at Comm. Meeting
13 May 1842

Presented 13 May 1842

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To.

The Honorable The Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal.

The Finance Committee having taken into consideration, the Petition of Benjamin Clamp and other Grocers, praying that certain sums paid by them on the renewal of their licenses as Grocers may be allowed them and imputed on the amounts to be hereafter paid by them when obtaining their Licenses as Tavern Keepers.

Respectfully Report.

That the City Council have control in each case over only Two pounds of the sums referred to by the Petitioners; the Balance being the Amount of the Provincial duty; and that under all the circumstances of the Case into which Your Committee have prosecuted their enquiries and with which they have made themselves thoroughly conversant, they do not deem it adviseable to recommend that the Prayer of the Petitioners should be acceded to.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

F. Rodgerth
O. Berrier
O. Berthelot
Adam Ferrie

Committee Room
City Hall 13 May 1842

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Finance Committee

Report

On the Petition of the Grocers

Presented 13th May 1842

Rec'd & Adopted - 13th May

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To the Honorable the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Montreal —

We the undersigned beg to represent to your Worships the disgraceful state of the Neighbourhood in that part of Craig Street in which we reside; arising from deposits of filth which have been made during the Winter months, and since, in the Space opposite the Haymarket, and Field adjoining, and which now send forth an odour disgusting to the Sense, and most prejudicial to the Health.

We beg to represent that the deposition of Offensive matter in

in the spot alluded to, is not authorised by the Character of the Neighbourhood which is inhabited by persons moving in a respectable sphere of life, and whose comfort is seriously intrenched on by this nuisance -

We also beg to state that within these last few months, the fields in which these accumulations of filth are made were enclosed at the expence of the inhabitants, and it is a matter of serious complaint that so central a situation should even have been thrown open for the objectionable purpose which it now serves -

We are Gentlemen your most
obedient Humble Servants -

Fred: Glackmeyer
A. Campion
Patrick Brennan
Abner Brown
Geo Bond

David Moss
Hy Macaul M.D.
John Birss
Wm Macnider M.D.
Charles Shrimpton
James Henderson
John Hope
Chs Glackmeyer
Mr Aubertin
Th Baker
John Stapels
E J Pinnaud
A McNider
A. O'Meara
James Tyre

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Petition of

Dr Mount

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To, The Honorable The Mayor,
The Aldermen and Citizens
of the City of Montreal.

The Committee on Roads and Improvements, respectfully Report, on the Matter of the demand of A Lafamboise Esquire, on behalf of the Heirs Lamothe.— That in Virtue of the Resolution of Council, passed at their Meeting on the 6th Ultimo.— Authorizing the Road Committee to negotiate with Mr Lafamboise in reference to the purchase of the house mentioned in the petition of that Gentleman.— They have finally concluded an arrangement with Mr Lafamboise on behalf of the Heirs Lamothe, for the purchase of the old House, and the Ground upon which it stands, fronting Lagauchetiere Street.— And for every other matter and Claim in connection with the property of the Heirs Lamothe, by reason of Widening Lagauchetiere Street to forty feet in accordance with the plan laid down by the City Surveyor for the Sum of One hundred Pounds.

All of which, nevertheless respectfully submitted

Committee Room
8 June
1842.

O. Berthelet
John Mathieson

Jos. Bourret.

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Road committee Report.

8 June 1842

In reference to an agreement entered into with Mr Laframboise on behalf of the heirs Lamothe.

Adopted 8th June 1842

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City Surveyors Office

8th June 1842

Sir

I have the honor to suggest to the Council that as the property of P. S. Lucanel Esq. St François Xavier St. is about being rebuilt, it would be desirable that the Corporation should immediately acquire the ground requisite for the widening of the said street.

I also beg to enclose a "report of cleaning streets" for last week exhibiting the time when each street was gone through so as to shew that, that duty was fully attended to, at the time prescribed by the Bye law.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient

humble Servt

John Ostell

City Surveyor

The

Hon. P. McGill

&c &c &c

Mayor

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8 June 1842
Letter

From Mr Ostell, John
Re widening of St Francois-Xavier St.

Presented 8 June 1842

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To

The Honourable the Mayor the Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Montreal, in Council assembled.

The undersigned Proprietors and residents in that part of St Urbain St situate between Craig and Lagauchetiere Streets, understanding that St Urbain St is contemplated to be made and macadamized immediately respectfully beg to represent that the public sewer now existing in the said street is choked and impeded in its outlet from the want of declivity to the same and likewise that the

the said drain is at a depth altogether insufficient to permit of draining the cellars of your Petitioners' houses.

Wherefore your Petitioners pray that your honorable body will cause to be constructed, a sufficient drain in the street previous to the macadamization thereof.-

And your Petitioners will ever pray &c &c.

Montreal June 1842

John Dodge
Bethune & Kittson
J. Norman Bethune
W. R. Clarke
Robert Simon
G. J. Perry
William Kelly

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William Don
John Taylor
Charles Gall
William Burnet
A M Delisle
Thomas Watson
Thomas Phillips
Pr Alfred Phillips

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(8 juin 1842)

Petition

From Proprietors and others

in St Urbain Street between

Craig and Lagauchetiere

Sts

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Presented 8 June 1842

and

Referred to The Road Committee

R.C.

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Montreal June 13th 1842

To the Honorable

The Mayor and Corporation of

the City of Montreal. –

Your Memorialist on behalf of the Proprietors of Public Conveyances in Montreal — respectfully submits the embarrassment, and oppressiveness, about to result to them from the operation of No 12 Ordinance and Enactment for the better regulation of such conveyances. –

Firstly – That such a regulation has not been rendered necessary by any accidents having occurred from the want of lights on such Carriages, and was the City of Montreal generally lighted, as is contemplated, and is the case with other Cities, the liability even to accidents would not in the least degree exist. –

Secondly – That promptly to obey such a regulation is impossible, as it would require 474 Lamps to light up all the Public Vehicles, and such a number could not be obtained in Canada, even assuming that the Proprietors possessed the pecuniary means to purchase up the most expensive, such being intended only for the Carriages of the Wealthy. –

Thirdly – That such an Enactment is

without

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precedent, even in London, Edinburgh or Dublin; and as far as your Memorialist can learn, in any other City in Great Britain. —

Praying therefore your prompt attention to the above facts

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Servant

W Stockley - Manager

Montreal Gas Company

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Memorial
of
V. Stockley

Presented 13 June 1842
and
Referred to the Special Committee
on Coaches Cabs &c.

To. The Honorable The Mayor
The Aldermen and Citizens
of the City of Montreal.

The Police Committee. Having in conformity with an Order in Council, taken into consideration the Representations made by the Messrs. Leeming Auctioneers of this City, that the Public Crier, had Sold the Market Building by Auction on the Morning of the 18th ultimo, and also the applications of the said Messrs Leeming and divers other Auctioneers to be appointed City Auctioneers.

Respectfully Report.

That the Public Crier is authorized by Law to Sell real Estate, and Property ("Immeubles") by Auction for and on behalf of the City, and as it is not at all probable the Council will ever have any other Kinds of property to dispose of, Your Committee are of Opinion, that the Appointment of an Auctioneer to the City, is altogether unnecessary. They have not therefore examined into, and do not deem it advisable to report upon the Merits of the different Applicants for the Office.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Committee Room
13th June
1842

Chairman

William Molson

Jos. Bourret.

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Dated 13 June 1842.

Police committee Report

On Applications for
the Appointment of Auctioneers
to the Corporation &c

adopted 14th. June 1842

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26 Oct. 1842

Report
of James Telfer

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The Honorable The Mayor, Aldermen & Citizens of Montreal.

Hon.ble Sir and Gentlemen

On the 2d November "41 - The undersigned submitted a Memorial for your consideration, respecting certain losses sustained by him - and therein set forth - in respect of laying the wood pavements in St. Francis Xavier and Notre Dame Streets.

Certain parts of that Memorial not being drawn up in a manner sufficiently explicit to satisfy the minds of persons not thoroughly conversant with mechanical pursuits - and the variations of, or rather fluctuations in the prices of Lumber - The undersigned most respectfully submits the following explanations of parts of the said Memorial, which he trusts will have the tendency of satisfying every reasonable mind, of the justice of his claims for remuneration.

The undersigned will therefore submit the following facts as intimately connected with the claim set forth in the Memorial referred to - but not insisted upon in that Document.

Previous to the time the undersigned commenced laying Notre Dame Street - Deals of the description and quality required for that purpose, sold from ten to twelve dollars per Hundred - The great length of time that Stuff of this description, stood at these prices, did not allow the undersigned to anticipate any sudden or

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material change, and at those prices, he would have had some remuneration, which if it did not leave his job a profitable one, would have prevented him from raising any further claim. It may be remarked probably that if materials had fall in price, the undersigned would have been the gainer — without allowing any of his profits to revert back to the parties from whom the Contract was taken. But this objection if urged at all the undersigned believes will not be persisted in: — The price of Materials was then so low, that a further fall could scarcely be expected, and as was remarked in the Memorial, work of this kind was altogether new in this City — which rendered any calculation respecting it more or less uncertain.

The work was undertaken in good faith and in the belief that it would at least pay itself, and allow the undersigned by experience acquired to be better able to undertake similar works hereafter with better profits

The planks that were cut for this Pavement and subsequently laid, have cost from Eighteen to Twenty one & half Dollars per hundred, when delivered in my Yard. And beside this unprecedented rise in the price of Materials — the great waste occasioned in cutting, and in split pieces when sawn into nine inches in length, which were of course useless, exposed

the

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the undersigned to a very heavy loss, which he respectfully assumes could not have been reasonably anticipated in his first calculation.

The Undersigned would further submit to your consideration, In respect of laying St. Francoise Xavier Street, that when asked on a subsequent occasion by the Road Committee, as to the difference in price between a Pavement of Plank of the above description, and one consisting of solid Blocks, such as are laid in this Street, he without any further calculation than what he had previously made for the Plank paving — readily answered — that six-pence per square Yard, would probably be required in addition for solid block pavement.

This reply was given without considering the vast difference in price between the cubic foot of Plank and the cubic foot of solid Pine, fit for such Pavement

The difference will be apparent by the following remarks — Plank at twelve dollars per hundred would be seven-pence halfpenny for each Plank — now a Plank contains three cubic feet, which would be only two pence halfpenny per cubic foot — whereas, which must be well known to some Gentlemen of the Council, the cubic foot of solid Pine will cost about six-pence, when allowance is made for Cartage, Measurement &c. and also logs unfit for the Purpose. Thus it will appear that the loss been heavy indeed; the six-pence per sup^{ce} Yard, that I had proposed, to the Road Committee being only

what

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what I had thought of in my own mind as a compensation for Sawing Pine logs into square scantlings – the same expence of cutting being afterwards required to reduce these Scantlings into Blocks – as in the planks

In order that Your Honour and the Gentlemen of Your Council may be convinced of the truth of this Statement – the City Surveyor can attest that only a few days after the Undersigned had made this verbal Contract with the Road Committee he called upon that Officer and informed him of the miscalculation, and at the same time declaring his intention to decline proceeding further with the work – but that Officer advising that such a step would look very ill to the eyes of the Public – induced him to Persevere with the greatest diligence – that if possible his loss might be so trifling as to bear it silence – In this expectation the Undersigned has been severely disappointed, otherwise he would not have appealed in the case, as he has been compelled to do. Repeating his former conviction that Your Honour and Gentlemen of the Council, will not suffer an Individual who has done every thing within his Power, to be a looser to such a considerable extent in a Public work, like the Present,

Justice is all that can be expected from you – and that it your wish and desire to render it in this case, when convinced of the justness of the claim is the conviction of Your Humble Servant

James. Telfer

Mr Telfer – 17 January
to Comfort the Council
at Next Meeting

Presented 13 June 1842.
Report of James Telfer on wooden pavements.

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To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen & Citizens of the City of Montreal.

The Finance Committee having taken into consideration the application made by Robert Weir, Junior Esquire, Secretary of the Montreal Turf Club, for a Subscription from the City to be added to the City Purse to be run for at the St. Pierre Races in the ensuing fall.

Respectfully Report,

That, under existing circumstances, they cannot recommend the application to be acceded to, or anything to be subscribed on behalf of the City for the purpose stated in Mr. Weir's letter.

Committee Room
13th June 1842

J. Redpath, Chairman
P. Derrier
O. Routhier

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Dated 13th June 1842.

Report of Finance Committee on application of Robt. Weir Jr Esqr for a Subscription to the City Purse at the Races.

Adopted 16th June 1842

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A Son Honneur le Maire,
les Echevins et Citoyens
de la Cité de
Montréal &c. &c. &c.

La Requête des soussignés, Charretiers et propriétaires de Calèches et autres voitures publiques, de la Cité de Montréal.

Expose Humblement:-

Qu'en vertu d'un Statut et Règlement No. 51, fait et passé en Conseil, par la Corporation de cette dite Cité, le sixième jour de Décembre dernier, aux fins de régler les voitures de louage et de fixer le Tarif d'icelles, vos Requérans, par la douzième Section du dit Statut, seraient obligés, la nuit, lorsque la Lune n'éclaire pas, d'avoir en quelque endroit apparent de leurs dites voitures, au dehors et sur chaque côté du devant d'icelles, deux fanaux allumés, portant, y inscrit en chiffres d'au moins un pouce de hauteur, le numéro de chaque voiture;

Que vos Requérans

prennent

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prennent la liberté de vous soumettre respectueusement: qu'il n'est encore arrivé, à leur connaissance, aucun accident qui puisse rendre cette précaution nécessaire, la dite Cité de Montréal étant déjà, ou devant être, par la suite, suffisamment éclairée pour prévenir même jusqu'à la possibilité d'aucun accident de ce genre;

Que la mise à exécution de la dite section de ce Statut serait des plus onéreuses pour vos Requérans, et qu'il serait même, en quelque sorte, impossible pour eux de s'y conformer, attendu qu'ils ne pourraient placer les fanaux en question sur le devant de leurs calèches (qui sont trop basses pour cet objet), sans exposer continuellement ces fanaux à être brisés par les personnes qu'ils conduiraient, en montant dans les voitures, ce qui entraînerait de grandes dépenses à vos Requérans, et peut-être même des différends entre eux et le Public qui ne pourrait qu'en souffrir;

Que

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Que les modiques ressources qui sont à la disposition de vos Requérans, ne leur permettent pas de faire l'acquisition de semblables fanaux, et que, d'ailleurs, en supposant qu'ils pussent le faire, la Province ne pourrait leur en fournir un nombre suffisant, à temps pour les mettre en état de se conformer de suite au Statut en question;

Qu'un pareil Règlement a été jusqu'à présent sans exemple dans aucune des Capitales, et, l'on pourrait ajouter, dans aucune des autres villes du Royaume-Uni, où la population est infiniment plus considérable que dans cette Cité;

Pourquoi vos Requérans concluent à ce qu'il vous plaise prendre leur prière en considération, et les tirer de l'embarras où ils se trouvent, en introduisant quelque

amendement

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amendement à la douzième Section du Statut en question — Et vous ferez Justice —

Montréal, 15 Juin 1842

A. R. Cherrier

Avocat des Requérans soussignés —

narcise martinau

Ovide sa × Bergeron
marque

Jean sa × Bélish
marque

Joseph sa × Chapelot
marque

Joseph sa × Paquet
marque

Eusèbe sa × Sené
marque

John craig

John Hodge

Maurice Ryan

John Duke

Richard Egan

Etienne sa × Beauvet
marque

Robert Brownlee, Cals 4 —

François Payette

Edouard sa × Sarrasin
marque

Charles sa × Lauzain
marque

Fos sa × Chef dit Vadeboncœur
marque

François sa × Mouette
marque

Cavin sa × Sicard
marque

Antoine sa × Lakente
marque

Isidore sa × Emond
marque

Médard sa × Lévesque
marque

Maurice sa × Hébert
marque

François sa × Lamouche
marque

Narcisse sa × Lauzon
marque

Dominique sa × Lacas dit Renaud
marque

Jean Bte sa × Bougie
marque

Joseph sa × Cadieux
marque

Charles sa × Laporte
marque

Michel sa × Desaubels
marque

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15 juin 1842

Refusée –

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Montreal, 14th June
1842

Sir,

I beg leave to request you to submit to the Corporation of this City, the enclosed Petition from and on behalf of the Carters and proprietors of Caliches and other public vehicles, of the City of Montreal —

Should the Council be of opinion that affidavits are required to substantiate the facts stated in the said Petition, I shall make it my duty to forward you the same at whatever time they may be pleased to appoint —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obt Servant
A R Cherrier
Advocate
St. Vincent Street

John P. Sexton Esquire
City Clerk
Montreal

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14 June 1842
Petition from
Carters &al

Presented 20th June 1842
and
Referred to the Special Comm.
on Coaches Cabs &c.

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To. The Honorable The Mayor
And Aldermen. of the City of Montreal
In Council Assembled

The Petition of W. H. Latham. Manager of the Theatre Royal - Prayeth - for a Reconsideration of his former Petition - on the Supposition. that your Honorable Council. may have Considered. the Same. to have been intended to Act. as a Precedent for future time

Your petitioner. respectfully. disclaims. any such intent. and prays. that it may be considered as an act. for the time being. Attributable Solely to the Very limited means Afforded. by the Scant Patronage hitherto Extended to the Theatre — And in no wise to Infringe. the Law. even upon this occasion. Should the Termination of the Season prove more fortunate than the Beginning -

To prove which - Your Petitioner. will be ever happy to afford an Examination of the Receipts of Theatre - at any time - by any person or Officer - appointed by Your Honorable Council.

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Your Petitioner prays. at least. for a Suspension of the Tax (if it should be found convenient to Remit or Lessen the same) till the Issue of the Season be known

In the firm reliance. Your Honorable Council. will give a Favorable Attention to the Prayer of One. who Acts. for a Respectable & neglected Community. rather than for himself. Your Petitioner will ever pray

C Chatham

Theatre Royal
June 14th 1842

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14 Juin 1842

Petition

of Mr W H Latham

Manager of the Royal Theatre

praying for a lessening of the Tax.

Presented 14 June 1842

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