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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 26th January 1848

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

G Gilman, P Hough, Hugh Scott, J McGuire, C C Wellford, Geo B Waite, L J Huffman—Common Councilmen

The Mayor informed the Board that they had been convened for the purpose of taking preventive steps against the spread of the Small pox or *Variola vera*, one or two cases of which had made its appearance within the limits of the Town; Whereupon after consideration it was [Page 337] on motion, Resolved that two Physicians of the Town be employed at the expense of the Corporation to vaccinate all poor persons within its limits, who are not able to pay for the same and that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to be paid to said physicians, that is to say, fifty dollars each, the said physicians being expected to visit all parts of the town.

Doctors Wm S Scott and John S Wellford were appointed the Physicians under the foregoing order and the Mayor was requested to see that it was carried into execution.

On motion, Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to see that the State Laws in force for the prevention of the spread of the Small Pox, be rigidly enforced, if in his opinion and upon consultation with the physicians of the town, such course is deemed necessary.

The Chamberlain of the Corporation was directed to refund to Mrs Mary Nelson, the tax paid by her on Negro slave, Ezekiel for 1847. The said slave being old and infirm and having died in the early part of this year.

On motion the Council adjourned.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

At a Council of Claims held 16 March 1848 pursuant to public notice

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

Wm Allen, G Gillman, C C Wellford, P Hough, A G Lucas, H Scott, U H Bradshaw, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

An account of the Mayor for fines &c received by him during the year amounting to thirteen dollars and thirty three cents was paid to the Chamberlain and ordered to be passed to the credit of the Corporation.

The Chamberlain stated to the Board that he had received from Wm Allen, Chairman of the Pump Committee the sum of eighty nine dollars and eighteen cents received by him from Doct. Wm Bankhead for one-half of the expense of a new well and pump opposite J J Chew's corner. [Page 338] which sum has been carried to the audit of the Corporation in his account.

The Mayor having reported favourably as to the manner in which the Police officers had discharged their duties, it was ordered that their salaries for the quarter be paid by the Chamberlain.

A Petition from the Spotswood division of the Sons of Temperance praying the use of the Middle room of the Town Hall on Monday night of each week to hold their meetings was submitted to the Board and the prayer of the petition granted.

On account of Phillips & Scott for materials furnished B Fidler and D True constructing a well and pump for the Corporation, opposite John James Chews amounting to \$41.54 was presented by Mr Charles Herndon, attorney for Phillips & Scott, accompanied with an explanation of the manner in which said account was raised and on motion it was laid on the table.

The Account of T B Barton presented to the Board on the 14th September last and then laid on the table was called up by Mr Allen and on motion was again laid on the table without any definite action thereon. A motion of adjourning was made and seconded but was not carried and then,

The following accounts were read, passed and ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain, viz;

Mary J Benson's for tax on slave improperly given in to Comm'r	\$1.75
J B Alexander's for hauling dirt on the Streets	\$2.37
R B Semple, B Cole & J Timberlake for amt paid J Davis for cleaning Mayor's Office during the past year	\$9.00
R B Semple for wood furnished the Mayor's office this year & part of proceeding year (omitted then)	\$16.13
R B Semple for holding inquest on T Minor, a slave	\$5.00
B Cole & J Timberlake for summoning inquest &c &c above case	\$5.12
Jesse Curtis for supper for town guard in December last	\$3.00
John H Maddox for Candles &c for Council Chamber	\$3.88
Edw'd McDowell for stationary &c for Mayor's office	\$4.74
A Howard for picks & hoes &c furnished for Street Committee	\$6.08
Wm E Davis for plank bridge &c on the Street	\$1.10
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John Scott & Son for sundries	\$2.40
Tackett & Ford for blankets furnished for the Jail	\$8.25
James McGuire for lock for grave yard gate	\$.50
J S Caldwell for sundries furnished for Jail & Ct House	\$24.31
Daniel & West for advertising ordinance &c	\$1.25
News Office or advertising ordinance, blanks	\$10.25
James D Harrow for advertising ordinance &c	\$7.25

Hugh Scott, James McGuire, A B Lucas were appointed a committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Sergeant and Chamberlain and report thereupon to the Council on Monday Morning next at 9 o'clock

On motion the Council adjourned till Monday Morning next at 9 o'clock

R B Semple, Mayor
A Goodwin, CC

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday morning the 20th March 1848

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

G Gillman, H Scott, A G Lucas, P Hough, Geo B Waite, Thomas F Knox, L J Huffman, U H Bradshaw, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Sergeant and Chamberlain made the following reports which were submitted to the Board, approved and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, viz;

On the Sergeant's Acct "The undersigned a committee appointed by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fredericksburg to examine the account of John S Caldwell as Collector of Taxes and rents have performed that duty and they certify that the account is correctly stated and that the same is properly balanced.

Given under our hands this 18th March 1848

Signed, Hugh Scott, James McGuire, A G Lucas"

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On the Chamberlain's Acct "The undersigned appointed a committee to examine and settle the account of A Goodwin, Chamberlain of the Corporation of Fredericksburg for the Fiscal year ending this day, respectfully report that they have examined said account and find the audit in said account properly entered and the debits supported by proper vouchers and that there is a balance due the Chamberlain of Two Hundred and forty dollars and thirteen cents as pr annexed account.

Given under our hands this 18th March 1848

Signed, Hugh Scott, James McGuire, A G Lucas"

The Collector of taxes returned the following insolvent lists for the year, viz;

Whites amounting to	\$206.05
Blacks amounting to	\$104.75
Total of insolvents	\$310.80

The Collector also returned the following lists of deferred taxes and rents for the year viz;

Taxes	\$328.83
Rents	\$84.33
Total of uncollected Taxes & Rents	\$413.16

The following accounts were submitted to the Board and on motion ordered to lay on the table for the future action of the Council, viz

Waite & Sener's for sundries furnished for Jail (withdrawn 25 March 1848 & paid by order of Committee on Public Property)	\$13.33
Doct R L McGinnis for post mortem examination of body of Tom Minor, a Slave (murdered)	\$20.00
Doct W M Smith for attendance on Mrs Owens	\$12.00

This being the day fixed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as Common Councilmen for the Town of Fredericksburg until the 3rd Monday in March 1849 and until others are elected in their stead, and the freeholders and housekeepers being notified of such election, met at the Council Chamber and deposited their ballots and upon counting the same it was found that they largest number of votes were given for the following persons, to wit;

Hugh Scott	421
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James McGuire	222
B S Herndon	199
Geo B Waite	187
Landon J Huffman	170
Wm Allen	162
A G Lucas	147
Thomas F Knox [Page 341]	138
Peyton Hough	136
Wm Slaughter	129
C C Wellford	125
M W Carter	119
Granvill Gilman	116

The first named twelve of whom were declared duly elected to serve as Common Councilmen until the 3rd Monday in March 1849, and until others are elected in their stead.

And the Council adjourned

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

Tuesday Evening March 21st 1848

Wm Allen, James McGuire, Peyton Hough, Wm Slaughter, Hugh Scott, Geo B Waite, Thomas F Knox, L J Huffman, C C Wellford, B S Herndon, A G Lucas, M W Carter members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber and were sworn into office by the Mayor.

On motion the salary of the Mayor for the present year was fixed at the sum of four hundred dollars

The Council then proceeded to the election of Mayor when Robert B Semple was unanimously re-elected and took the several oaths of office before Franklin Slaughter a Justice of the Peace for the County of Spotsylvania.

The Council then went into the election of a Recorder when Brodie S Herndon was re-elected and took the several oaths of office before the Mayor.

On motion the salaries of the following officers were fixed at the following sums per annum, viz;

Clerk of the Council	\$50
Chamberlain of the Corporation	\$100
Commissioner of the Revenue	\$60
Clerk of the Market	\$100
Jailor	\$50
Police officers (each)	\$125

And the commission to the Collector of Taxes and rents for the current year was fixed at the usual rate of 10 pr cent commission on Taxes and 5 pr cent on Rents.

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The Council fixed as compensation to the Bellman for the year the use of the house on the Court house lot free of rent.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers of the Corporation for the current year, when Arthur Goodwin was elected Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation, John Metcalfe, Commissioner of the Revenue, Daniel Bradford Clerk of the Market, John S Caldwell, Collector of taxes and rents, Bernard Cole and John G Timberlake Police officers, John Minor Surveyor, Jesse White, Bellman, Matthew D Anderson, Measurer of Coal, Grain &c &c; Robert W Hart, Inspector and Measurer of Lumber, plank &c &c for the Corporation; Robert W Hart, Measurer of Wood for the Corporation, embracing the Basin, Wharves and Rail road depot.

A Goodwin, M D Anderson, B Cole, J G Timberlake, Bradford and R W Hart were severally sworn into office by the Mayor.

On motion of L J Huffman, the standing Committees for next year were the same as last year, the vacancies in the Committee on Streets being supplied by the appointment of Wm Slaughter and M W Carter each Committee to appoint its own Chairman. The following are the Committees, viz;

On Pumps, A G Lucas, Geo B Waite, Thomas F Knox, Wm Allen

On Streets, H Scott, R S Herndon, Wm Slaughter, M W Carter

On Public Property, C C Wellford, J McGuire, L J Huffman, P Hough

The Clerk of the Council was authorized to contract with the Publishers of the three newspapers printed in the town for the publication of ordinances &c, during the present year.

The tax on dray, cart, and wagon licenses for the present year was fixed at the same rates per annum as last year, viz;

Five dollars on all dray and cart licenses issued between the 1st of April and 1st of November next and on all issued between the 1st November next and the 1st April 1849 three dollars and fifty cents. On all Wagon licenses issued between the first named periods eight dollars and between the two last named periods five dollars each.

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The subject of numbering the licensed drays, carts and wagons of the Town and making other regulations in relation thereto was after some discussion laid aside for the future action of the Council.

The Mayor was authorized to employ Counsel for the Corporation in the appeal cases in the Hustings Court of J B Timberlake & Co and Gabriel Johnston arising under the ordinance of the Corporation licensing auctioneers.

And then the Council adjourned

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber Monday evening the 3rd April 1848, called by the Recorder.

Present, B S Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, M W Carter, Wm Slaughter, L J Huffman, Hugh Scott, P Hough, J McGuire, Geo B Waite—
Common Councilmen

Captain Wm A Jackson, one of the Committee of arrangements appointed by a meeting of the Citizens to superintend the internment of the remains of the late Sydney Smith, a Lieutenant of the U States Army who was killed in the City of Mexico, while gallantly discharging his duty to his Country, appeared before the Council as the Chairman of said Committee and having suggested the propriety of the Council making a small appropriation for the defraying the expenses of furnishing crape &c for the Citizen who may unite in the procession, and stating the sum necessary for said purpose would not probably exceed twenty Dollar it was on Motion, Ordered that said amount be subject to the order of the Committee of arrangement and the Chamberlain pay the same for such part thereof as may be necessary for the purpose.

It was then on motion, unanimously Resolved that the Mayor and Council would unite with the Citizens in the funeral ceremonies in honor of the deceased.

And then the Council adjourned until Wednesday next at ½ past 7 o'clock PM.

B S Herndon, Recorder

A Goodwin, CC

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening the 5 April 1848

Present B S Herndon, Recorder

P Hough, Wm Allen, H Scott, A G Lucas, L J Huffman, M W Carter, Thomas F Knox—Common Councilmen

The following ordinance was passed, viz;

“And ordinance to amend ‘An Ordinance to license and regulate Drays, Carts, and Wagons, passed June 23rd 1829’”

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that said ordinance of the 23rd June 1829 be and the same is hereby so amended as to embrace within its provisions and requirements all persons residing without the limits of the town who shall own any Dray, Cart or Wagon used for carrying or hauling any produce merchandise wood or other article whether for hire or not from any store, warehouse, or other place in the Town to any other store, warehouse or place in said Town or to any wharf in the Town or near thereto , or from an wharf in the Town or near thereunto to any store, warehouse or other place within the limits of the Town.

2. Be it further ordained that all Drays, Carts and Wagons for which by the ordinances of this Corporation licenses are required to be taken out, shall be numbered or marked as follows, viz; when the dray, cart, or wagon to be licensed is intended to be used for hire, to be numbered and when not to be marked “private” and in either case the date of the year for which license is issued to be appended to the number or mark. And it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue of the Corporation in cases of applications for licenses when the dray, cart or wagon is intended to be used for hire, to designate the number to be affixed to the dray, cart or wagon of the person applying therefore; and all persons who are required to take out licenses shall cause the number or mark with the date of the year for which the license is issued as aforesaid to be painted or otherwise legibly marked in some conspicuous place on the side of his or her dray, cart or wagon, and upon failure to do so, he, she or they shall be subject to a fine of five dollars to be recovered as hereinafter mentioned.

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3. Be it further ordained that in all cases of a failure on the part of any owner of a dray, cart or wagon to take out a license in the manner prescribed by said ordinance of the 23 June 1829, as well those enumerated in said ordinances as those named in the first section of this ordinance, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars to be recovered as hereafter mentioned.
 4. Be it further ordained that hereafter the Collector of Taxes shall annually on the 1st day of May in each and every year, return to the Commissioner of the Revenue of the Corporation a list of all persons who shall have paid the taxes on their drays, carts, and wagons for the then current year, commencing on the first of the proceeding month; which list shall be compared with the list of those to whom the Commissioner may have issued licenses and a copy of both to be returned to the Mayor for the more ready detection by the police officers of any violations of this ordinance.
 5. Be it further ordained that all fines and forfeitures accruing for any violations of this ordinance shall be sued for in the name of the Chamberlain of the Corporation for the time being and shall be recovered with costs before an Justice of the Peace of the Town aforesaid; one half of which shall go to the informer and the other half to the use of the Corporation.
- This ordinance shall be in force from and after the 15th April 1848.

On motion the Council then adjourned
 B S Herndon, Recorder
 A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on
 Wednesday evening the 17th May 1848

Present R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

James McGuire, L J Huffman, P Hough, Hugh Scott [Page 346] M W Carter, C C Wellford, Wm Allen,
 Wm Slaughter, Geo B Waite, Thomas F Knox, A G Lucas—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated the Council had been convened for the purpose of receiving a report of a committee appointed at a meeting of the Citizens to ascertain the sense of the property holders and voters of the Town of the subject of a subscription on the part of the Corporation of \$50,000 to the Fredericksburg and Blue Ridge Rail Road, and to take such preliminary steps in relation thereto as the Council may deem proper.

Mr John S Caldwell on the part of said Committee then made a verbal report of the action of said Committee, accompanied with the lists of names of the property holders and votes, for and against said subscription on the part of the Corporation; Whereupon Mr Wm Allen made a motion that in considering said lists, no regards be had to those names on said lists who are not freeholders, which motion being seconded was put to the vote and rejected.

The following resolution offered by Mr Wm Slaughter was then adopted, viz;

Resolved that in conformity with the expressed wishes of a majority of the voters of the Town as exhibited by the foregoing subscription lists, We, the Common Council thereof will subscribe fifty thousand dollars to the stock of the Fredericksburg and Blue Ridge Rail Road Company, so soon as the Legislature of the state shall grant authority to the Corporation to make such subscription which authority we will use our exertions to obtain.

The vote on the foregoing resolution being taken by Ayes and Noes, was as follows, viz;

Ayes, L J Huffman, Wm Slaughter, P Hough, Geo B Waite, M W Carter, B S Herndon, Thos F Knox, C
 C Wellford, James McGuire and Hugh Scott 10

On motion of Hugh Scott it was, ordered that the Commission of the Revenue be and he is hereby required to take a list of all taxable property within the limits of the town as indicated by the stones put up as marks or boundaries [Page 347] thereof under the several acts of Assembly extending the limits of the Town with the View of assessing said property with taxes, and thereby testing the question as to the true Corporate limits of the Town.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain of the Corporation refund to Tarlton a colored man, the amount received from the constable 7 March 1848, say \$7.25 for one half of proceeds of two hogs sold by said constable under the ordinance of the Corporation prohibiting hogs from running at large in the streets.

On motion ordered that the said ordinance prohibiting hogs from running at large in the Streets be so amended as that the moiety of all sales of hogs sold under said ordinance be paid over to the owner of the hogs, instead of the Chamberlain for the use of the Corporation.

On motion of Wm Allen the account of Thomas B Barton for services rendered during the Mayoralties of Benj Clark and R B Semple, amounting to fifty dollars and heretofore laid upon the table was called up and the vote, on its payment was ordered to be taken by Ayes and Noes. Before the vote was taken a motion to adjourn was made and failed, as also a motion to lay the account again on the table and then the account was rejected by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, Slaughter, Hough, Herndon, Knox, Wellford, Allen 6

Noes, Waite, Carter, McGuire, Scott, Lucas, Huffman 6

The mayor giving the casting vote in the negative.

An account of Jesse White of seventy five cents for lighting up the Court House for a meeting of the Citizens to make arrangements for the funeral ceremonies of the late Lieut. Sydney Smith was ordered paid.

On motion ordered that the Clerk of the Council report to the next meeting of the Council what are deemed to be the duties of the Commonwealth attorney for the Corporation so far as he can ascertain the same.

John M Forbes, Esq, appeared before the Council on behalf of the "Guards' Odd Fellows" and [Page 348] "Sons of Temperance" asking of the Council a lease of a part of the Court House lot for 99 years, renewable forever for the purpose of erecting a suitable Hall thereon for the use of said associations, which application was postponed for future consideration and Mr Forbes requested to attend the meeting of the Council when the same should be under consideration.

And then the Council adjourned,
R B Semple, Mayor
A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday evening the 16 June 1848

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, J McGuire, P Hough, Wm Slaughter, Hugh Scott, L J Huffman, Common Councilmen

The Chamberlain having submitted his estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation for the Current year; the receipts being based on the returns by the Commissioner of the Revenue, of the Taxable property, and by the Sergeant of the Corporation, of the rents of Town Property; It was on motion Ordered that the taxes for the present year be as follows, viz;

On Real estate	4½ per cent on the annual value thereof	
On each white male above the age of 16 years		\$1.75
On each slave above the age of 12 years		\$1.75
On each free male Negro or mulatto above the age of 16 years		\$1.75
On each free female Negro or Mulatto above the age of 16 years		\$.75
On each horse		\$1.50
On every carriage, Cariole, Gig, Phaeton, or pleasure carriage of any description of the value of \$100 or under		\$1.75
For each one above the value of \$100, 2 percent of the value thereupon		
On each alley in every ten pin alley, or Bowling Saloon, five dollars.		

The Mayor having reported favorably as to the manner in which the Police Officers had [Page 349] discharged their duties for the present quarter it was ordered that their salaries for the same be paid by the Chamberlain.

The following resolution offered by Mr Wm Slaughter was adopted, viz;
Resolved that the Mayor and Recorder as members of the Hustings Court be requested to represent to said Court that in the opinion of the Council a salary of one hundred dollars is a sufficient allowance to the Commonwealth attorney for his services in said Court.

An account of B Cole for arresting James Grayson, a free man of color in May 1838, under and advertisement of the Council offering a reward of one hundred dollars, was presented to the Board and on motion was laid on the table.

On motion it was ordered that John L Marye have permission to put up a counting room or building between the Town Hall & the warehouse of said Marye, now occupied by Ball & Scott, provided said building be similar in all respects to the one already put up between said warehouse and the house owned and occupied by Duff Green so far as ingress and egress to and from the Market house is concerned.

Wm Slaughter, B S Herndon, and Hugh Scott were appointed a Committee to confer with the parties applying for the use of a portion of the Court House lot for the erection of a Hall on the same, and ascertain from said parties whether it is their intention to abandon their application for said lot and to report generally such other information as they can obtain in relation to the title of the Corporation to said lot; also the propriety of granting leave to the Baptist Church to erect a building thereon for public worship.

Resolved that the Mayor of the Town be directed forthwith to employ the County Surveyor of Spotsylvania to designate the limits of the Corporation of Fredericksburg as laid down in the amended Charter of 1759 and report to the Mayor and Council.

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Ordered that the Committee on Public Property be directed to rent out the North Wing of the Town Hall the Council hereby revoking the permission granting the use of said room to the Young Men's Society and said committee is hereby authorized to tender the use of the center room in the Town Hall to said society to hold its meetings, said privilege however not to interfere with any permission heretofore granting to other societies the use of said room. Said Committee is also requested to attend generally to the interests of the Corporation in renting out the public property; and to notify Mess'rs Waite & Sener that the rent of the house occupied by them will be raised at the expiration of the year for which it is rented.

On motion the Council then adjourned
R B Semple, Mayor
A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday evening the 24th July 1848
Present, R B Semple, Mayor
Wm Allen, H Scott, M W Carter, Wm Slaughter, James McGuire, L J Huffman, P Hough—Common Councilmen

The Mayor submitted to the Board a map, or diagram of a survey of the boundaries of the Town, accompanied with a report explanatory thereof, made by Mr Beazley, Surveyor of the County, under an order of the Council of the 16th June 1848, which led to a discussion of the propriety of some action on the part of the Council, with a view to the taxation of persons and property within the boundaries of the Town as laid down by said Map, but which had not heretofore been assessed with taxes; Whereupon it was on motion, Ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to obtain the written opinion of Counsel as to the proper mode of procedure on the part of the Corporation to tax said persons and property.

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The official bond of A Goodwin, Chamberlain of the Corporation in the penalty of five thousand dollars with Wm Allen as security was submitted to the Board, approved and ordered to be filed by the Mayor.

An account of R B Semple, Mayor for two dollars paid to the Chain carriers in making the survey of the Town was passed and ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain.

On motion the Council adjourned till Monday evening next at 8 o'clock
R B Semple, Mayor
A Goodwin, CC

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday evening the 31st July 1848
Present, R B Semple, Mayor
B S Herndon, Recorder
Wm Slaughter, P Hough, Hugh Scott, James McGuire, Wm Allen, M W Carter, C C Wellford, Thos F Knox—Common Councilmen

John S Caldwell appeared before the Council and took the oath of office as collector of Taxes and rents before the Mayor.

The official bond of John S Caldwell as collector of taxes and rents in the penalty of five thousand dollars, with Samuel Phillips and A K Phillips as securities was read to the Board, approved, and ordered to be filed by the Mayor.

An acct of R B Semple, Mayor, for holding an inquest on the body of Sarah Lewis, found drowned, amounting to five dollars was passed and ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain

An account of B Cole and J Timberlake amounting to \$5.25 for summoning an inquest and attendance on the same, in the above case was presented to the Board and ordered to be laid on the table for the present.

A petition of the young men's society was [Page 352] presented by Mr C C Wellford, which being read it was on motion Ordered that the order of the 16th June 1848 in relation to the renting the north wind of the Town Hall be and the same is hereby rescinded and then it was ordered that the Young Mens' Society have the use of said room at a rent of twenty five dollars per annum the rent to commence on the 1st January next.

An account of Phillips & Scott for materials furnished D True for the construction of a well at the corner of the street opposite John J Chews, amounting to \$41.54 which was laid on the table the 16 March 1848, being called up and Mr C Herndon of counsel for Phillips & Scott having appeared in advocacy of said claim and several members of the Board having made statements in relation thereto, the account was passed and ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, Knox, Slaughter, Hough, Herndon, Wellford, Scott & McGuire	7
Noes, Carter, Allen	2

An account of A G Lucas for an iron plate purchased of Jackson & Roberts and placed as a causeway at Wm Warrens corner and for cash paid for stone work, amounting to \$15.15 was presented and on motion ordered to be laid on the table.

A motion to reconsider the motion laying the foregoing account on the table having been made and carried it was on motion ordered that said account be rejected, the material and work charged for in the same not having been authorized by the Committee on Streets whose duty it was to superintend work of such character.

Present, Geo B Waite and L J Huffman, Common Councilmen

The Mayor having retired from the chair and called upon the Recorder to preside, a motion to adjourn till Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock was put to the vote and carried.

B S Herndon, Recorder

A Goodwin, CC

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber Aug 2nd 1848 pursuant to order of adjournment on Monday last

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B Hough, Wm Allen, Wm Slaughter, A G Lucas, H Scott, M W Carter, J McGuire—Common Councilmen

Upon a representation made to the Board by the Mayor an application of A Cox to permit the railing erected by him on the line of the Curbing of the footway before the house occupied by James G Timberlake, to stand, the same having been put up under an impression that it was not in violation of the ordinances of the Corporation was granted.

The Council also granted permission to the Bank of Virginia to erect a post near the line of the curbing before the Bank Door, for the accommodation of persons attending the Bank on Business.

The Mayor having temporarily vacated the chair and requested Wm Slaughter Esq to preside, Mr Slaughter took the Chair and the following preamble and resolution was office and adopted.

Whereas at a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Mayor's office on the 14th day of Sept 1847, a bill of Thomas B Barton, Esq was presented to the Council for services rendered for time to time to the Corporation and whereas said bill was rejected by the Council on the 17th May 1848, under the impression that the services charged for were properly included in the duties of attorney for the Commonwealth in the Hustings Court of this Corporation; and whereas the Common Council are now satisfied that the services charged for in said bill of Thomas B Barton Esq do not pertain to the said office, therefore, resolved that the order of said Council rejected said bill be and the same is hereby rescinded.

It being then stated that Mr Barton decline receiving compensation for said services, the said bill is withdrawn.

The [Mayor] having resumed the chair, the Council then adjourned

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber 19th Sept 1848

Present B S Herndon, Recorder

Wm Slaughter, L J Huffman, Thos F Knox, Wm Allen, James McGuire, M W Carter, P Hough, A G Lucas—Common Councilmen

The Council met pursuant to a call by the Mayor, who not appearing and the Recorder having stated that to his knowledge there was no business for their consideration, a motion to adjourn was made and carried, the Council having waited until 8 o'clock

B S Herndon, Recorder

A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Thursday the 12th October 1848

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, M W Carter, Wm Slaughter, A G Lucas, Thos F Knox, L J Huffman—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering sundry matters of interest to the citizens, among which he would name that of the propriety of purchasing a town clock to be put in the tower of the Episcopal Church now in process of erection; the consideration of which after some interchange of sentiment on the subject was postponed until tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock when, it was ordered that the police officer specially notify the members to attend the Council for the purpose of considering said motion.

The quarterly report of the Mayor in relation to the discharge of their official duties by the Police Officers for the quarter ending on the 3rd Monday of last month having been read and being satisfactory it was ordered that the Chamberlain of the Corporation pay their salaries.

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An account of B Cole and J Timberlake for \$5.25 which was laid on the table 31 July 1848 was taken up and passed; also an account of Mrs Susan Crump for tax on slave, \$1.75 improperly charged in 1847, and laid on the Table 18 March 1848; An account of Doct Robert L McGuire for \$20 for a post-mortem examination of the body of Thos Minor, laid on the table 18 March 1848, was also ordered to be paid; and an account Doct Wm M Smith, for attendance on Mrs Owens amounting to \$12 laid on the table 18 March 1848 was taken up and rejected.

The account of John Minor surveyor against C C Wellford for two dollars which was laid on the table 1st July 1847 was taken up and on motion again laid on the Table.

And then the Council adjourned till tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

Council Chamber, 13th Oct 1848

B S Herndon, Recorder, Thomas F Knox, M W Carter, Wm Allen and William Slaughter Common Councilmen having met pursuant to order of adjournment on the 12th Inst and no quorum being in attendance at ½ past 7 o'clock, then retired.

A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday evening the 4th December 1848

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

Wm Slaughter, Wm Allen, M W Carter, A G Lucas, P Hough, J McGuire, L J Huffman, H Scott—
Common Councilmen

On motion, ordered that the sum of fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation to defray the [Page 356] expenses of two delegates to Richmond to aid in procuring the passage of a law obtaining the subscription of the state to the contemplated Rail Road from here to Orange Court House, said sum to be at the disposition of Peter Goolrick, Esq, the President of the lat town meeting who is authorized by said meeting to appoint said delegates. The vote on said appropriation being taken by ayes and noes resulted as followed, viz;

Ayes, L J Huffman, James McGuire, P Hough, H Scott, Wm Slaughter, Wm Allen

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Noes, M W Carter and A G Lucas 2

Absent, Hugh Scott, Common Councilman

A motion was made by Wm Slaughter to removed the restriction prohibiting wagoners from camping in the Main & Commerce Streets, which being to the vote was negatived.

On motion the Mayor was requested to notify the citizens that all filth &c taken from their respective lots and deposited in the Street opposite the same would be removed at the expense of the Corporation.

And then the Council adjourned.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening the 26th December 1848

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

A G Lucas, P Hough, W Slaughter, Wm Allen, C C Wellford, James McGuire, M W Carter, Thos F Knox—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated the Council had been convened for the purpose of taking such order in relation to the cleansing of the Streets &c of the Town, as to them might be deemed necessary, as a measure of precaution against the spread of Asiatic Cholera now said to prevail in some portions of this country.

Whereupon on motion it was [Page 357]

Resolved that the Mayor divide the Town in to six wards and that he appoint as many inspectors in each ward as he shall deem necessary whose duty it shall be to visit and inspect every lot in their respective wards at least once a week from the day of their appointment to see that all filth is removed from such lots and the premises kept clean and in good order; and that all the streets in their respective wards be kept clean from all sources of unhealthy or noxious exhalations.

Resolved, that the inspectors so appointed be and they are hereby authorized to enter each and every lot for the purpose of performing the duty imposed on them by the foregoing resolution.

Resolved that the inspectors be authorized to remove all filth from the lots of such persons as are not able to pay for the same and from all unoccupied lots where the owner or owners do not reside in Town, at the expense of the Corporation; and if any person shall refuse or neglect to clean his or her lot, the inspectors shall forthwith have the same cleaned at the expense of the Corporation and report the fact to the Mayor with the name of such person or persons who shall so refuse or neglect the said inspectors are hereby authorized to purchase lime at the expense of the Corporation to be used for the purification of such places as in their opinion may be deemed necessary.

The Town then laid off into six wards as follows and the following inspectors appointed, viz;

For Ward No. 1, extending from the lower end of the Town to Mrs Daingerfields Corner.

A K Phillips, E E Rollins, James B Timberlake, George Aler, G Gilman, and Daniel G Read.

No. 2 extending from Mrs Daingerfields to J S Caldwell's corner

John S Caldwell, Wm U Short, J L Shultice, Thos S Thornton, Frank Slaughter and B B Sacrey.

No. 3 extending from John S Caldwell's to the Farmers' Hotel.

Peter Goolrick, Roy Jones, B S Herndon, Geo W Eve, Geo Gravatt, J B Alexander, J J Rollow, Gab Johnston.

No. 4 extending from the Farmer's Hotel to Commerce [Page 358] Street

John F Scott, Wm H White, James Cooke, R J Thomas, R Dickey, J J Berrey, Wm S Scott, P Hough

No. 5 extending from Commerce Street to Benj Clark's corner.

John B Hall, Wm Warren, Wm Slaughter, Jos Sanford, Wm M Smith, James McGuire, Wm Browne and J W Lucas.

No. 6 extending from B Clark's to the upper end of the Town

Benjamin Clark, Thos F Knox, John Hart, M W Carter, John J Chew, Wm J Murray, John Copenhaver, & U H Bradshaw

An ordinance concerning hogs was read and passed as follows, viz;

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that it shall not be lawful for any person to keep in his or her lot within the limits of this town any animal of the hog kind from and after the 15th day of January 1849, and formed ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding. And if any person shall contrary to the true intent and meaning of this ordinance keep any animal of the kind aforesaid, he or she shall forfeit and pay five dollars to any person who will sue for the same, to be recovered by arrant before any justice of the peace.

Be it further ordained that if any person shall be convicted of violating the foregoing section of this ordinance and shall not, on the same day, remove from his or her lot the animal or animals of the kind aforesaid, it shall be considered a new offense under this ordinance and the party offending liable to the penalty aforesaid to be recovered in like manner.

Be it further ordained that if any slave shall keep any animal of the kind aforesaid on any lot apart from the lot of his or her master or mistress contrary to the meaning of this ordinance such slave so offending shall upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, be punished by stripes not exceeding thirty nine but such punishment may be remitted upon the payment of the penalty mentioned in the first section of this ordinance.

The vote on the foregoing ordinance being taken by Ayes and Noes was as follows;

Ayes, Knox, Hough, Slaughter, Carter, McGuire, Allen 6

Noes, Wellford, Lucas, Herndon 3

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The Mayor having reported in writing as to the manner in which the Police Officers had discharged their duties for the past quarter, their salaries were ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain.

An account of A G Lucas for 28 cents for sundries furnished the Corporation in December 1836 was passed and ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain.

The Mayor having withdrawn from the Chair, the Recorder presided for the remainder of the sitting.

A memorial in relation to the dangerous practice of individuals keeping in store large quantities of gunpowder, signed by numerous citizens of the town was read and the same on motion referred to the consideration of a committee consisting of the Recorder, Thomas F Knox and M W Carter.

On motion ordered that the Mayor be requested to draught a petition to the Legislature praying authority to be conferred on the Common Council of this town to raise revenue by laying a tax upon licenses to Auctioneers and also upon auction sales, and that the Police Officers be required to present such petition to each vote in the town for his signature.

An account of Bernard Cole which was laid on the table on the 16th June 1848, being taken up and Doct John H Wallace having stated what he knew of the transaction on which said account was base, and Mr Cole having exhibited to the Board a paper containing the advertisement offering the reward of \$100 on the part of the Corporation in [blank] and also copies of the records of the Hustings Court of Fredericksburg convicting [blank] in the years [blank],

A motion was made to pay the same and failed by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, Knox, Slaughter, Lucas, Allen 4

Noes, Hough, Carter, McGuire, Herndon 4

Mr Wellford being excused from voting, not being prepared to vote understandingly at this time.

A motion to reconsider the foregoing motion was made and passed and the account laid on [Page 360] the table again.

And then on motion the Council adjourned.

B S Herndon, Recorder

A Goodwin, CC