

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1856

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

Wm A Little, George Aler, John J Rollow, John Haydon Jr, John S Wellford, M Slaughter, James McGuire—  
Common Councilmen

The Mayor as Chairman of the Committee heretofore appointed reported an amendment to the Charter of the Corporation which was read & ordered to be submitted to the Legislature now in session.

On motion ordered that the Finance Committee be & they are hereby authorized to settle with Mess'rs English & Spindle & Mr Wm Warren for the purchase of their houses on Market Square.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Council that Mr John F Ficklen has been improperly charged with \$7.01 tax on his income it is ordered that the same be remitted.

An application of Mr R C Duerson to have the avenue at the back of lot opened according to the plat of the Town was, on motion, referred to the Street Committee with directions to report thereon

The following accounts were read & ordered to be paid

Hart & Hayes           \$3.06

Jas Jennings         \$4.75

C B White             \$2.56

And then on motion the Council adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday evening February 1<sup>st</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

John Haydon Jr, George Aler, J S Wellford, John J Rollow, Wm A Little, Jno F Scott, James McGuire, Montg'y Slaughter, Chas C Wellford—Common Councilmen

Ordered that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby required to pay the note of the Mayor &c for \$1000 due on tomorrow to Mr D H Gordon, out of the additional tax of 1855, now in his hands, said sum, together with fifteen hundred dollars of said tax heretofore used to pay the note for that amount to Robert C Duerson, to be returned to said fund out of the first taxes of 1855, when collected and received by the Chamberlain.

The following resolution offered by Mr John F Scott was adopted, viz;

Resolved that the President of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company be requested to furnish the Common Council with a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Company up to the present time, and as much in detail as can well be done, stating specifically what has been paid for land, damages, for salaries to officers, for engineering, office expenses, construction of road, for super structure, for tools, implements &c, also what (if any) contracts may have been made for iron, Rail road sills &c, what is the present indebtedness of the Company; what contracts are yet unfinished and what the amount is to pay on same; also what are the means

for prosecuting the work &c with any other information he can give, of interest touching the Road or its Prospects.

The Council proceeded to appoint proxies to represent the stock of the Corporation at a meeting of the Stockholders of the Fred'g & Valley Plank Road Company to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst, when the following gentlemen were elected, viz;

John F Scott, Wm A Little, Montg'y Slaughter.

On motion the Finance Committee are directed to re-examine and finally settle the accounts settled by John S Caldwell, late Collector of Taxes in March last (1855) and report to the Council.

The Mayor stated that a call had been made by the Board of Directors of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Co for the amount due said Company on the subscription of the Corp'n to the Capital Stock of said Company under the 16<sup>th</sup> requisition of the Board of the Directors, being \$5 per share on 850 shares; Whereupon on motion it is ordered that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed to issue bonds to the amount of \$4250, being the amount of the 16<sup>th</sup> requisition to said Company said bonds to be issued at 19 years there that are called for during this month to bear date this day, & those that may be issued thereafter to bear date the 1<sup>st</sup> March next, said bonds not to be disposed of at less than par, and in sums of not less than one hundred dollars.

And then on motion the Council adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening February 12<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

John J Rollow, John Haydon Jr, C C Wellford, Geo Aler, John F Scott, William Warren Jr, Montg'y Slaughter, John S Wellford, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

The following resolution was offered by Mr John S Wellford, viz;

Resolved that two delegates be appointed to proceed to Richmond & confer with the President of the Richmond, Fred'g & Pot'c Rail Road Co & the Representative from Spot'a & Stafford in relation to the bill now before the House of Delegates conferring certain franchises and privileges upon the said Company and that they use their best discretion with regard to the interests of the Corp'n of Fred'g. And the vote having been taken thereon it was passed.

The following preamble & resolution offered by Mr M Slaughter were adopted, viz;

Whereas a Rail Road connexion from a point near Belle Air in Stafford to the junction of the Warrenton Branch with the Orange & Alexandria Rail Road would not only accomplish at a smaller costs than any other plan proposed a desirable Rail Road route to Washington City to Richmond providing for mails and travel a speedy transportation but would also establish by the most direct route the means of access to the Fred'g Market for trade and travel of a large section of the Country; Therefore Resolved,

1<sup>st</sup> That the Representatives of Fred'g in the Legislature be, and they are hereby requested to advocate such legislation as they may deem efficacious to secure this construction of said connexion.

2<sup>nd</sup> That if in the opinion of said Representatives the accomplishment of said object is not practicable then that they are hereby requested to advocate such legislation as may ten to secure a direct rail road connexion between said point in Stafford County and the Manassas junction.

Mess'rs Wm S Barton & John S Caldwell were elected by ballot the Committee under the foregoing resolutions.

The application of Jas T Kendall to build a blacksmith shop at the southern extremity of Prince Edward Street is referred to the Street Committee with directions to report thereon

On motion, the Council adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening February 26<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

John J Rollow, J S Wellford, John Haydon Jr, Geo Aler, D H Gordon, James McGuire, Wm A Little, M Slaughter, John F Scott—Common Councilmen

Dr John S Wellford presented a report of the School Commissioners which was read & ordered to be filed; and on motion of Mr Wm A Little, it is ordered that 500 copies of the said report be published in sheet form under the directions of the School Comm'rs for general circulation.

The following preamble & resolution offered by Mr Wm A Little was adopted, viz;

Whereas the Finance Committee have agreed to borrow thirty five hundred dollars for twelve months upon the security of the Corporation interest in three houses and lots on Caroline & William Streets owned by the Corp'n, Therefore Resolved,

That the Mayor be authorized to execute the obligation of the Corporation for said amount and to execute the deed of trust to secure the same under the directions of the Finance Committee

Thomas B Barton, Esq, President of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company made a report in writing, furnishing the information called for by the Resolutions of the Council passed Feb'y 1, 1856, which report was read & on motion received & ordered to be filed.

The following a/c were presented, read & ordered to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated, viz;

Geo Aler	\$77.00
John S Caldwell	\$64.25
J S Marye, W S Barton, & Conway	\$30.00
Jesse White	\$4.35
E Conway	\$10.00

On motion, resolved that the Finance Committee be directed to distribute on the 1 March the fund then on hand arising from the Special tax & the money loaned upon the faith of the Town properly among the bond holders of the Corp'n whose bonds became due the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1855, to the payment of which said funds were pledged by a former order of the Council.

On motion the Council then adj'd

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening Feb'y 27<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

John J Rollow, Geo Aler, John S Wellford, Jas McGuire, Chs C Wellford, John F Scott, John Haydon Jr, M Slaughter, D H Gordon, Wm Warren Jr—Common Councilmen

A Preamble & Resolutions having reference to the Bill for extending the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Pot'c Rail Road, lately passed by the Legislature of Virginia were presented to the Board, read, and on motion made & seconded the Preamble & Resolutions were laid on the Table.

On motion the Council then adj'd

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Thursday evening March 6<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

C C Wellford, Jas McGuire, M Slaughter, John S Wellford, Wm Warren Jr, John F Scott—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of appointing three Commissioners to open a Poll at the Court House on Monday next being the second Monday in March to take the sense of the voters of the Town upon accepting or rejecting the Act of the General Assembly entitled, an Act "to Amend the Charter of the Town of Fredericksburg" passed February 27<sup>th</sup> 1856; Whereupon on motion John M Whittemore, John Coakley, & Wm T Hart were appointed Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid, under the 20<sup>th</sup> section of said Act

On motion the Council then adj'd

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1856

Present William Allen, Recorder

John J Rollow, John Haydon Jr, John S Wellford, George Aler, Chas C Wellford, James McGuire, M Slaughter, Wm Warren Jr—Common Councilmen

The Recorder stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of taking some measures to prevent the spread of the small pox which prevails in the Town to some extent; whereupon the following resolution offered by Mr Jno J Rollow was adopted, viz;

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Resolved that a guard be stationed at the houses of Charles W Gore, to prevent the ingress or egress of persons calculated to spread the contagion of small pox under which he is now suffering

Resolved that Mr James Walker be employed as the guard & that he be authorized to employ an assistant if necessary and that the Recorder do allow such Guard compensation as he may deem reasonable and proper.

The Clerk of the Council presented to the Board the Poll book received by him from the Commissioners appointed by the Council to open a Poll at the Court House on this day to take the sense of the voters of the

Town upon accepting or rejecting the Act of the General Assembly entitled “An act to amend the Charter of the Town of Fredericksburg” passed February 27<sup>th</sup> 1856; and the Council having examined the said poll, have ascertained that one hundred and eighty five votes were cast for the amended Charter, and one hundred & eighty eight votes were cast against the amended Charter and that six votes were cast for the amended Charter which being deemed bad or doubtful by the Commissioners were placed upon the back of the Poll; and thereupon a motion was made & carried unanimously that the said six votes be stricken from the Poll; and it appearing that a majority of the votes cast is against the amended Charter agreeably to the said Act all proceedings under it ceases.

On motion the Council then adjourned  
Geo F Chew, C C

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Thursday evening March 13<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor  
William Allen, Recorder

Chas C Wellford, Geo Aler, Wm Warren, Jas McGuire, John J Rollow, Jno S Wellford, John Haydon Jr, W A Little, M Slaughter—Common Councilmen

The Mayor having made a favorable report, it is ordered that the Chamberlain pay the Police Officer their salaries for the quarter ending the 17<sup>th</sup> Instant

Ordered that the Finance Committee do settle the accounts of the Chamberlain & of the Collector of Taxes and report the same to the Council on Saturday evening next.

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

The Fred’g Cemetery Co	\$4.00
C C Wellford	\$13.50
<i>The Fred’g Herald</i>	\$66.09
Wm Allen	\$21.36
James Mazeen	\$8.50
Jno Timberlake	\$7.00
W H White	\$5.75
J B Timberlake & Co	\$20.00
J L Knight	\$19.80
Jesse White	\$2.00
James S Magrath	\$1.25
Baylis & Hazard	\$1.25
B Cole	\$34.20
Js S Magrath	\$30.00
<i>Democratic Recorder</i>	\$34.75
Garnett & Hill	\$11.00
<i>The Fred’g News</i>	\$3.63
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Henry R Robey	\$26.25
Ed McDowell	\$4.29
Wm S Scott	\$13.25
English & Spindle	\$16.56
Ed McDowell	\$30.00
John Haydon	\$4.50

Ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Justices of the Peace for their Services in Court upon the Certificate of the Clerk the amounts due them respectively

On motion the Council adj'd till Saturday Evening next at 7½ o'clock

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Saturday evening March 15<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

John F Scott, John J Rollow, M Slaughter, Wm A Little, Chs C Wellford, John Haydon, James McGuire, John S Wellford, Geo Aler—Common Councilmen

The Clerk of the Council presented to the Board the poll book received by him from Mess'rs John M Whittemore, John Coakley & William T Hart, Commissioners appointed to open a poll in the Town of Fred'g under a Resolution of the General Assembly of Virginia adopted March 11<sup>th</sup> 1856, for the purpose of taking the sense of the voters of said Town on the question accepting or rejecting the amended Charter, passed February 27<sup>th</sup> 1856 and the Council having examined the said Poll have ascertained that 135 votes were cast for the amended Charter and that 249 votes were cast against the amended Charter and it appearing that a majority of the votes cast is against the amended Charter (Agreeably to the said Act) all proceedings under it ceases.

The Finance Committee appointed by an order of the last Council to examine and settle the account of the Chamberlain made the following report which was approved & ordered to be entered on the Minutes, viz; The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of George F Chew, Chamberlain of the Corporation of Fredericksburg respectfully report that they have examined the same and find all the debits supported by proper vouchers and all proper credits given. They received all the scrip notes mentioned in the account from the Chamberlain and destroyed them. We find a balance due by the Corporation to the Chamberlain of eight hundred and seventy five dollars & thirty cents.

M Slaughter, John F Scott, Wm Little—Finance Committee

The Finance Committee appointed by an order of the last Council to examine the Account of Thomas A Curtis, Collector of Taxes made the following report, which was approved and ordered to be entered on the [Page 219] Minutes, viz;

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of Thomas A Curtis, Collector of Taxes for the Corporation of Fred'g respectfully reports, that they have examined the same and find that after crediting a list of insolvents amounting to \$936.80, which has been allowed by the Council there remain a list of uncollected taxes in Real Estate of \$600.25. On personal estate of \$473.85; & on free Negroes of \$252.87; of uncollected licenses of \$76.29 & of rent of \$62; amounting together to the sum of \$ [blank] which account will be carried by the Chamberlain to his debit as uncollected accounts, for future settlement; the Account is otherwise supported by proper vouchers and is correct. No account of the second or additional tax levied during the past year has been submitted to the undersigned.

M Slaughter, Wm A Little, John F Scott—Finance Committee

The following accounts were presented, read & ordered to be paid, viz;

Waite & Sener \$19.83

Rob W Hart \$5.00

An account of Jesse White amounting to \$4.75 is referred to the Chamberlain for examination with direction to pay same if found correct

On motion the Council then adjourned

John S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1856

Present William Allen, Recorder

M Slaughter, John S Wellford, John J Rollow, James McGuire, Geo Aler & Wm A Little—Common Councilmen

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 third Monday in March 1857 and until others are elected in their stead the voters met at the Court House and deposited their ballots and after counting the same it was found that the largest number of votes were given for the following persons to wit;

William Allen	272 votes
Charles C Wellford	272
James McGuire	266
John S Wellford	265
Montgomery Slaughter	263
Wm Warren Jr	262
John J Rollow	259
Wm A Little	267
James Cooke	262
John A English	253
George Aler	251
James Gray	248
Jno M Herndon	237
John E Tackett	234
William S Barton	235
Wm F Cheek	231
Eustace Conway	231
D H Gordon	235
Robert W Adams	228

The first named twelve of whom were declared to have been duly elected

On motion the Council adj'd *sine die*

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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Council Chamber

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1856

William Allen, Charles C Wellford, John J Rollow, Wm Warren, James Cooke, John A English, James Gray, John S Wellford, Geo Aler, James McGuire, & M Slaughter, members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber and severally took the oaths of Office before the Mayor.

On motion Mr Wm Allen was called to the Chair.

On motion the salary of the Mayor was fixed at Four Hundred dollars.  
The Council proceeded to the election of a Mayor when John S Caldwell was elected and took the several oaths of office before Charles C Wellford, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Spotsylvania

Present, John S Caldwell, Mayor

Mr William Allen was elected recorder of the Corporation and took the oath of Office before Charles C Wellford, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Spotsylvania.

On motion the salaries of the Clerk of the Council, Chamberlain, Commissioner of the Revenue, Collector of Taxes & Rents, and Clerk of the Market were fixed at the same amounts as last year.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers of the Corporation for the current year when;  
Geo F Chew was elected Clerk of the Council & Chamberlain of the Corporation  
Robert W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue  
Thomas A Curtis, Collector of the Taxes & Rents  
James M Southard, Clerk of the Market  
John Minor, Surveyor  
Robert W Hart, Inspector & Measurer of Lumber, wood &c  
Joseph B Anderson, Measurer of Coal, Grain &c

On motion the election of Police Officers of this Corporation is postponed until the Meeting of the Council

The Mayor appointed the following standing Committees for the current year, viz;  
On Public Property, James McGuire, Chas C Wellford, James Cooke  
On Streets, George Aler, James Gray, Jno A English  
On Pumps, John J Rollow, Jno S Wellford, Wm Warren  
On Finance, M Slaughter, William Allen, Wm A Little

On motion, ordered that the penalty of the Bond to be given by the Chamberlain & by the Collector of Taxes & rents be fixed at \$10,000 each.

Geo F Chew, Robert W Hart, Jas M Southard, & Joseph B Anderson took the oaths of office before the Mayor  
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The tax on drays, carts & wagons for the current year was fixed at the rates following, viz;

On drays & carts from 1 of April for 1 year	\$7.50
On drays & carts from 1 Nov to 1 April	\$6.25
On drays & carts from 1 Jan'y to 1 April	\$5.00

And on Wagons in the same proportion at the rate of \$15 per annum No license to issue at any time for less than five dollars by the following vote

Ayes, James Cooke, John S Wellford, Chas C Wellford, James McGuire, Wm Allen, George Aler, James Gray

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Noes, John J Rollow, Jno A English, M Slaughter, Wm Warren Jr 4

On motion an account of Thomas Murray for winding up the Town Clock amounting to \$12 is allowed & ordered to be paid.

On motion ordered that the Clerk of the Market attend the Market house every morning at the usual hour; and that he give leave to persons from the country to use any of the stalls on the days that the Butchers do not attend



the Market; and that the Public Property Committee rent out the stalls for the next twelve months with the condition that they may be used as above stated.

On motion the Council adjourned  
Jno S Caldwell, Mayor  
Geo F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening February 26<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor  
William Allen, Recorder

James Gray, John J Rollow, James Cooke, Wm Warren Jr, James McGuire, M Slaughter, Charles C Wellford, John S Wellford, Geo Aler—Common Councilmen

The official bond of Thomas A Curtis, a Collector of Taxes & Rents in the Penalty of \$10,000 with C H Hunt, John W Collins & Wm S Chesley as securities was submitted to the Board approved and ordered to be filed. The official bond of Geo F Chew as Chamberlain in the penalty of \$10,000 with J J Chew, Ro C Duerson & Wm T Hart as securities was submitted to the Board, approved & ordered to be filed.

Wm A Little member elect of the Council appeared and took the oath of office before the Mayor  
Present, Wm A Little

On motion of Mr C C Wellford, the number of Police officers for the present year was fixed at five, by the following vote

Ayes, John J Rollow, James Cooke, Charles C Wellford, James McGuire, James Gray, M Slaughter, Wm Warren, Geo Aler 8

Noes, Wm Allen, John S Wellford, William A Little 3

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On motion the salaries of the Police Officers for the present years were fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars each

The Council then proceeded to the election of Police officers for the current year when Bernard Cole, John Timberlake, James Mazeen, William Bayne & James A Taylor were duly elected.

Bernard Cole, Wm Bayne, James A Taylor, John Timberlake and James Mazeen, police officers, severally took the oaths of office before the Mayor.

On Motion of Mr Wm Allen, Ordered that the compensation of Thos Murray for winding up the Town Clock for the present years be fixed at \$18

The following resolution offered by Mr John S Wellford, viz;

Resolved that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby authorized to borrow on behalf of the Corp'n a sum of money, not exceeding ten thousand dollars in time to redeem the bonds of the Corp'n that will be due and payable on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April next and that he pay the amount borrowed und this ordered out of the Revenue of the current year; was adopted by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, John J Rollow, James Cooke, J S Wellford, C C Wellford, Jas McGuire, James Gray, Geo Aler

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Noes, Wm Allen, M Slaughter, Wm Warren Jr

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On motion of Mr Wm Allen, Ordered that the Committee on Public Property be direct to enquire into the expense and practicality of establishing a work house in the Corp'n and to report their sums [?] upon the subject to the next Council.

On motion, the Council then adjourned  
Jno S Caldwell, Mayor  
Geo F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1856  
Present John S Caldwell, Mayor  
William Allen, Recorder  
John S Wellford, Geo Aler, Wm A Little, John J Rollow, James Gray, John A English, M Slaughter, Wm Warren Jr, James Cooke—Common Councilmen

On motion of Mr Geo Aler, ordered that a Special Committee to consist of two be appointed by the Mayor whose duty it shall be to receive bids for the repairs of the Court House and to report said bids to the Council for subsequent action to be had thereon.  
The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Geo Aler & John J Rollow the Committee under the foregoing order

The following accounts were read, passed & ordered to be paid  
William Holmes \$35.62½  
Wm Allen, for money pd by him to Jas N Walker \$24.00  
Butler B Sacrey \$5.00  
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A communication from Mr Franklin Slaughter upon the subject of the stock held by the Corp'n in the Fred'g Water Power Co was read; and thereupon on motion of Mr S J Wellford, it is ordered that the said communication be referred to a Committee to consist of three with directions to report thereon to the next Council  
The Mayor appointed Mess'rs C C Wellford, John A English, & Wm A Little, the Committee under the foregoing order

The following accounts were read, passed, & ordered to be paid, viz;  
John S Caldwell \$5.00  
B Cole \$3.00  
W J Bradshaw \$1.50

On motion of Mr M Slaughter, ordered that a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to take such steps as may be necessary to place the Corp'n in possession of the Apparatus, Engines &c of the Union Fire Company

Mess'rs M Slaughter & John A English were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr Geo Aler, Ordered that the Clerk of the Council prepare an ordinance prohibiting the turning horses, cattle, &c in an public burying ground of this Corp'n and thereupon the following ordinance was reported and passed, viz;

An ordinance prohibiting the turning of horses or other animals in any public burying ground in this Corporation

1<sup>st</sup> Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that it shall not be lawful for any person to put any horse, or other animal in any public burying ground in this Corporation.

2<sup>nd</sup> Be it further ordained that if any person shall offend hereon he, she, or they shall be subject to a fine of not less than one nor more than five dollars for the use of the Corporation. And if the fine shall not be paid forthwith the animal or animals shall be seized by any constable of the Corporation and sold immediately to satisfy the fine and costs.

3<sup>rd</sup> This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday evening May 12<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

John S Wellford, James Gray, James Cooke, M Slaughter, C C Wellford, James McGuire, John A English, Geo Aler—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of receiving the report of the Finance Committee on the subject of the Tax bill; and thereupon the Chairman of said Committee having stated [Page 224] that they were not ready to report, the subject was laid over until the next meeting of the Council.

Mr James McGuire, Chairman of the Public Property Committee, acting under an ordered of the Council entered on the 25<sup>th</sup> last reported that it is inexpedient at this time to attempt the establishment of a work house in this Corporation. Which report having been read, was on motion received and adopted.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday evening May 16<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

James Gray, Wm A Little, Wm Warren, John S Wellford, James Cooke, James McGuire, Geo Aler—Common Councilmen

On motion the Council proceeded to appoint three proxies to represent the stock of the Corporation at the meeting of the stockholders of the Fred'g & Valley Plank Road Company, to be held on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst; Whereupon the following gentlemen were elected, viz;

Mess'rs John J Rollow, M Slaughter, & John S Wellford.

The Finance Committee reported a bill imposing taxes for the year 1856 and the same having been read on motion the further consideration of the subject was postponed until tomorrow morning 8½ o'clock.

A Communication from Mr J B Ficklen, requesting the Council to fix the lowest cash price for which they would sell the interest of the Corp'n in the house and lot on Caroline Street of which he is now owns the lease for lives, was rec'd and read, and on motion the lowest sum fixed by the Council was \$1800. And the further proposition to refer the matter to disinterested business men was rejected.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition of MR F Slaughter, to authorized him to sell the stock of the Corporation in the Water Power Company, giving him four or six months to effect the sale & allowing him a Commission of 5 pr cent, reported that it is inexpedient at this time to take any definite action in the subject which report was on motion adopted.

On motion the Council then adj'd till tomorrow morning 8½ o'clock

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Saturday morning May 17<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

Wm A Little, James Cooke, Chs C Wellford, John A English, James Gray, George Aler, James McGuire, Wm Warren—Common Councilmen

The bill imposing taxes for the year 1856 as reported by the Finance Committee was on motion taken up, and having been read, the same was passed and is as follows, viz;

“An Act imposing taxes for the year 1856”

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that there shall be levied and collected on persons, property and other subjects of the Town of Fredericksburg, to defray the expenses of the Corporation for the year ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March 1857 the taxes following, to wit;

On Real Estate, one dollar and sixty-five cents on every hundred dollars value thereof by the Commissioner's books

On all personal property other than slaves, one dollar and sixty-five cents on every hundred dollars value thereof agreeably to the Commissioner's books

On each white male above twenty one years of age, six dollars

On each slave above twelve years of age, five dollars

On each free colored male above twenty one years of age six dollars

On monies, bonds, securities and liquidated claims except the bonds of the Corporation one dollar on every hundred dollars

On all capital invested or used in any manufacturing business or invested, used, or employed in any trade or business, fifty cents on every hundred dollars

On the monies and personal property of joint stock companies, one dollar on every hundred dollars

On the interest or profit which may have been received by any person or converted into principal so as to become an interest bearing subject or otherwise appropriated within the year next proceeding the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1856, arising from bonds, bank dividends and certificates of debt of this state or of any public Corporation created by this State, fifteen per centum.

On the salary income or fees of every person as ascertained by the Commissioner of the Revenue under the laws of the State, one dollar & fifty cents in the hundred dollars.

On every license granted an insurance agent or sub-agent, eight per centum on the amount received by him as commission or compensation and in no case less than twelve dollars

On every merchant's auctioneer's and ordinary keeper's license granted by the State, fifty per cent on the state tax

On every license to a broker, five per centum State Tax.

On the dividends declared by Insurance Companies within the year proceeding the 1 February 1856, to be paid by such Companies respectively, fifteen per centum.

On every slave sold by auction, one dollar and fifty cents on every hundred [Page 226] on the amount of sales, to be paid by the auctioneer.

On Bagatelle Tables, fifteen dollars each

On Ten pin Alleys, fifteen dollars provided that where there are more [than] one such alley in any room, then dollars shall be charged for the excess over one.

On billiard tables, fifteen dollars provided that where there is more than one such table kept in any room, then dollars shall be charged for the excess over one.

On every license to a person selling goods by sample or card, otherwise than at some store house or place of trace, thirty dollars

On Hawkers and Pedlars and others vending articles in the Streets or elsewhere in the Town whether foreign or domestic growth and manufacture, ten dollars for each carrier, and no license to issue for less than one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April last

On every License granted by the State permitting the proprietor or occupier of any public room fitted for public exhibitions to use the same for such purposes, forty five dollars; and if the proprietor or proprietors of any such room shall use or permit the same to be used for such purposes without first paying the said tax, he or they shall forfeit and pay to the Mayor and the Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg, fifty dollars and shall be liable also for the said taxes. In such case the tax shall be recoverable immediately by warrant or distress

On every license to the owner or occupier of a Daguerrean Room or Gallery, fifteen dollars

On every public show, exhibition or performance ten dollars for every twenty four hours. and for every exhibition of a circus or menagerie thirty dollars.

On every toll bridge, twenty dollars

Be it further ordained that the Commissioner of the Revenue do extend in the Books provided for the purpose the amount due from each person under the provisions of this ordinance.

Be it further ordained that the said Commissioner shall assess all persons required to obtain licenses under the laws of the State and make a fair alphabetical list thereof so far as he may have progressed with the same at intervals not exceeding fifteen days, and deliver such list to the Collector for his guide in collecting the taxes imposed by this ordinance in such licenses.

Be it further ordained that the Commissioner of the Revenue shall return to the Chamberlain a list of all persons required to obtain licenses as aforesaid that is to say, a list of such as are granted on or after the first day of April and before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, shall be returned as before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the said Month of July and a list of such as are granted the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July and before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March following shall be returned. [Page 227] during the said month of March. Such lists shall specify the date of said license, for what purpose it was granted, the name of the person to whom granted and the amount of tax.

Be it further ordained that every licensed auctioneer who may sell at auction in this Corporation any slave or slaves shall within ten days after such sale render an account to the Chamberlain of the Corporation of the number sold and the prices obtained for them and also pay over to the said Chamberlain the tax imposed by this ordinance on such sales. And any auctioneer who shall neglect or refuse to render such account to said officer within the time presented shall forfeit and pay to the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg ten dollars for every slave so sold by him to be secured by warrant with costs,

Be it further ordained that all persons who shall call on the Collector at the Court House and pay him the taxes due by them under this ordinance by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June next, shall be entitled to a deduction of ten per centum, those paying by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July to a deduction of five per centum, and those paying by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to a deduction of three per centum on the amount of their respective accounts; and all taxes not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September shall bear interest at 6 per centum from that date.

Be it further ordained that the taxes shall be collected, accounted for and paid to the Chamberlain of the Corporation by the Collector from time to time as collected; and that the said Collector shall finally settle his accounts on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December next.

Be it further ordained that the said collector shall not be allowed to return any list of insolvents, absentee or deferred taxes or have any credit therefor but upon oath or affirmation that such list is true, nor shall such return

be admitted by the Chamberlain in his settlement with the Collector until the same be passed upon & allowed by the Mayor & Common Council

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday evening May 16<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

John S Wellford, James Cooke, C C Wellford, James McGuire, George Aler, James Gray, William Warren Jr, John J Rollow, M Slaughter—Common Councilmen

The following resolution was offered by Mr Chs C Wellford, viz;

Resolved that John S Wellford be and he is hereby authorized to effect a lease (in cash for the use of the Corporation) for

\$5000 nett at ten years and that he be allowed a commission of 5 per cent for said service.

Resolved that the Mayor and Chamberlain issue bonds of this Corporation for \$5250 at two years from this date to cover the above lease and they yeas & noes having been called for, on motion of Mr William Allen, the said resolutions were adopted as follows, viz;

Ayes, John S Wellford, James Cooke, C C Wellford, Jas McGuire, George Aler, Jas Gray, Wm Warren Jr

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Noes, William Allen, John J Rollow, M Slaughter 3

Present, John A English

On motion of Mr James McGuire, the bill imposing taxes for the year 1856 was recommitted to the Finance Committee with instructions to report thereon on Tuesday evening next, by following vote,

Ayes, W Allen, Jno J Wellford, James Cooke, C C Wellford, James McGuire, Geo Aler, Jas Gray, Wm Warren Jr, J J Rollow, Jno A English 10

Noes, M Slaughter 1

Mr M Slaughter moved that the tax bill for the year 1856 moved that the Tax bill for the year 1856 be recommitted to the Finance Committee with direction to reduce 50 per cent and called for the Ayes & Noes in said motion and the vote being taken thereon stood as follows, viz;

Ayes, M Slaughter 1

Noes, Wm Allen, John S Wellford, James Cooke, C C Wellford, James McGuire, George Aler, James Gray, William Warren Jr, and John J Rollow 9

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

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At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening May 27<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

James Cooke, James McGuire, John A English, James Gray, W A Little, George Aler, John S Wellford, John J Rollow, W Warren Jr—Common Councilmen

On motion made and seconded ordered that the bill imposing taxes for the year 1856 passed May 17<sup>th</sup> 1856 be and the same is hereby so amended as to read that all persons who shall call on the Collector at the Court House and pay him the taxes due by them under this ordinance by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June next shall be entitled to a deduction of 15 per centum, those paying by the 15<sup>th</sup> August to a deduction of 5 per centum

Mr James McGuire moved that the Clause in the Tax Bill requiring that all taxes not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September shall bear interest at 6 per centum from that date be struck out & on said motion the Ayes & Noes being called for by Mr W Allen, the vote stood as follows, viz;

Ayes, James McGuire, John J Rollow 2

Noes, William Allen, Wm A Little, James Cooke, John S Wellford, George Aler, James Gray, John A English, William Warren 8

Mr William Warren is excused

The Council proceeded to elect by ballot three proxies to represent the Stock of the Corporation in the meeting of the Stockholders of the Fred'sburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June next, whereon Mess'rs John J Rollow, James Gray, & James Cooke were duly elected

The following a/c were presented, read & ordered to be paid, viz;

George Combs \$1.50

Ordered that the account of Waite & Sener amounting to \$21.08 be paid by the Chamberlain if found by him to be correct.

The Committee heretofore appointed to receive bills for the repairs of the Court House made a verbal report and thereupon on motion the said Committee were discharged and the subject referred to the Public Property Committee with the request to report thereon to the next meeting of the Council.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening 12<sup>th</sup> June 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

Wm Warren, John S Rollow, James Cooke, John A English, John S Wellford, Wm A Little, James McGuire, James Gray, George Aler, C C Wellford—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of the Board of Directors of the Fred'sburg Gas Company, to enable the said Board to present their grievances before the Council.

On Motion, ordered that the subject of fitting up the south wing of the Town Hall as a lock up be referred to the Committee on Public Property

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that Mrs J R Harrison has been improperly assessed with the tax on one slave amounting to \$4.25, that Mrs P Sweeney has been assessed improperly with the tax on one slave amounting to \$4.25 and James Gray with two slaves amt'ing to \$8.50 and that the same have been paid to the Collector; on motion it was ordered that the same be refunded by the Chamberlain.

The following accounts were read, passed & ordered to be paid, viz;

Rob't W Hart	\$174.56
Jesse White	\$3.00

On motion ordered that the account of Thomas F King amt'g to \$1.20, of Wm Hargrove White amt'g to \$5.16 be referred to the Chamberlain with direction to pay the same if found to be correct.

The Mayor having made a favorable report on motion it is ordered that the Chamberlain pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending the 16<sup>th</sup> inst

On motion resolved that the Aqueduct Company be and they are hereby required to repair and keep in order the stop cock boxes so that they shall not be dangerous to persons walking on the foot paths of the Town

On motion of Jno S Wellford it was ordered that the tax of the present year on the Capital of the Fred'sburg Gas Company and or in Manufacturing be reduced one half and the amt it now stands on the Commissioner Books, and that the Collector be & he is hereby directed to make the deduction. This motion was carried by the following vote;

Ayes, James Cooke, C C Wellford, John S Wellford, Jas McGuire, George Aler, W A Little, John A English

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Noes, Wm Allen, Jno J Rollow, William Warren 4

On motion the Council adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

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At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening June 24<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

John J Rollow, John A English, Chas C Wellford, James Gray, James McGuire, James Cooke—Common Councilmen

On motion resolved that the Corporation do hereby relinquish to Joseph B Ficklen, the amount due for damages by fire on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 1856 of a building in Fredericksburg insured in the office of the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia by Policy No. 15473, the Corporation holding the reversionary interest in said property and that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed to execute a relinquishment accordingly

Ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Scott [school] Commissioners the sum of four hundred dollars to be applied towards defraying the expenses of the free school for the quarter ending the 30 instant

It appearing that Mr A A Little has been improperly assessed to the amount of \$5.00 & that he has paid the same to the Collector. On motion it is ordered that the Chamberlain refund to Mr Little the said amount

Present, John S Wellford

The Mayor laid before the Board a communication from the Mayor and inhabitants of Lymington in the county of Hampshire, England, in which they depreciate a war between Great Britain and this Country, assuring us of their friendly feelings their determination to cultivate the most friendly relations with the people of this country



& hope we will do the same to theirs, and that the amicable relations existing between the two Countries will not be interrupted; and thereupon the following resolution was offered by Mr C C Wellford and adopted viz; Resolved that a committee of two be appointed to respond to the fraternal sentiments expressed by the inhabitants of Lymington, England, expressing the sincere desire of the people of Fredericksburg to cultivate and encourage a spirit of peace and amity with Great Britain and in all things to discourage any effort among designing politicians and others to embroil the United States in a War which must necessarily calamitous in its consequences to the two great nations, and that the said Committee be directed to report &c  
The Mayor appointed Mess'rs C C Wellford and James Cooke the Committee under the foregoing resolution.

On motion ordered that the subject of the inspection laws be referred to a committee of two to be appointed by the Mayor with directions to report thereon if any amendments be necessary  
The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Jas McGuire & Jno A English the Committee under the foregoing order.

On motion the Council adjourned  
Jno S Caldwell. Mayor  
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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening July 8<sup>th</sup> 1856  
Present John S Caldwell, Mayor  
William Allen, Recorder  
James Gray, James Cooke, Chs C Wellford, John S Wellford, Jno J Rollow, George Aler—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of John L Marye, Jr President of the Fredericksburg Water Power Co and that gentleman being present addressed the board upon the subject of the disposition by the Corporation of her interest in the Fred'sburg Water Power Company; and thereupon, on motion of Mr Allen the further consideration of the subject is laid over until the next meeting of the Council.

The Mayor stated that a call had been made by the Board of Directors of the Fred'sburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company for the amount due said Company in the subscription of the Corporation to the Capital stock of said Company under the 17<sup>th</sup> requisition of the Board of Directors being \$5 per share on 850 shares; Whereupon on motion it is ordered that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed to issue Bonds to the amount of \$4,250 being the amount of the 17<sup>th</sup> requisition to said Company, said bonds to be issued at 20 years to bear date the 15<sup>th</sup> of the present Month, said bonds not to be disposed of at less than par & in sums of not less than \$100.

Mr Charles C Wellford from the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to draft a response to the Communication received from the inhabitants of Lymington, Hampshire County, England made a report in these words, viz;

The Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia in the United States of America are happy to reply in the name and on behalf of their fellow citizens to the gratifying communication of the inhabitants of Lymington in Hampshire, England.

The friendly and fraternal sentiments which have been addressed there, from their brethren beyond the ocean meet with a deep and heartfelt response from the great body of the American people.

The feelings of indignation and mortification with which the inhabitants of Lymington regard the prospect of the severance of friendly relations so happily for themselves and mankind, subsisting between them, the two great representatives of the Anglo Saxon family are cordially and profoundly reciprocated by the Citizens of Fredericksburg. Repugnant to the benign principles of their holy Christianity, they profess in common, that warlike relations between Great Britain and America would be no less destructive to the immediate as well as

the remote national interests of both countries and disastrous in result to civilization and mankind, Words may not express the measure of his guilt [Page 233] who would recklessly tamper with those bonds of unity which have so happily facilitated in the past their mutual progress and mutual usefulness. Oceans may roll between their shores but professing the common the language of Shakespeare, the code of Blackstone, and the creed of Christ theirs in common is the glorious mission to evangelize and Christianize the world.

The citizens of Fredericksburg while yielding to none other in their loyalty to the beneficent institutions, it is their happiness to enjoy, cherish not sentiments of jealousy against the institutions, no feelings of alienation from the people of their transatlantic mother, they are happy to believe that the kindred feelings of mutual good will pervade the great mass of the American and British community and they will not permit themselves to believe that the governments of either country will be so obstinate in error or persistent in wrong as to enforce in the other our appeal to the frightful arbitrament of arms.

They confidently trust that humanity and patriotism will so far control the cabinet, counsels of both countries as to expedite a definite and conclusive adjustment of the various questions upon which they are now in variance in a manner equally consistent with the security and honor of the one as of the other. Such an adjustment it is believed is demanded by the common sentiment of the people of both countries and that such an adjustment will be had is confidently anticipated.

The inhabitants of Fredericksburg form but a small portion of the American people, but they will be happy so far as in them lies to facilitate such an adjustment.

John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Record

Councilmen

Charles C Wellford

James Cooke

James Gray

William A Little

John S Wellford

John J Rollow

George Aler

James McGuire

M Slaughter

John A English

William Warren, Jr

Done at Fredericksburg, Virginia the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1856

Teste

George F Chew, Clerk of the Council

Which having been read, was adopted and on motion it was resolved that the same be signed by the Mayor, Recorder, & members of the Council that the seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto and that the same be forwarded to its destination by the Clerk of the Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

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At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening July 22 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

James Cooke, Chs C Wellford, John J Rollow, James Gray, Jno A English, James McGuire, George Aler, M Slaughter, Jno S Wellford & W Warren, Jr—Common Councilmen

The following resolution offered by Mr Chs C Wellford was adopted viz;

Resolved that the Directors of the Water Power Company be and are hereby empowered to fix a price and terms upon which the interest of this Corporation in said Water Power may be sold, and to appoint a suitable agent or agents to effect such sale, provided that no sale be made which shall not require the purchasers or purchasers to operate said power within the limits of this Corporation; and provided further that the said agent or agents so appointed receive no compensation should no sale be effected.

On motion of Mr John S Wellford, ordered that the Public Property Committee be directed to cause the gateway to the Burying ground situated on Prince Edward Street to be bricked up and the gate removed and that the police officer by & they are hereby required to enforce rigidly the ordinance passed July 12<sup>th</sup> 1853 prohibiting internments in the Public Burying Ground on Prince Edward Street.

The following resolution was adopted, viz;

Resolved that any hog with an iron ring of wire in the nose twisted 2 inches long may be permitted to run at large in the streets of the Town from this date until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November next.

On motion of Mr Jno S Wellford, ordered that the Clerk do prepare an ordinance on the subject of internments in the Corporation and report the same to the Council

On motion Mr John J Rollow was excused.

A proposition of Mr Thos Taylor to light the Court House with gas was rec'd & on Motion laid on the table.

Mr William Warren on motion was excused

On motion the Council adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

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At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening 26<sup>th</sup> Aug't 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

John J Rollow, James McGuire, John A English, James Gray—Common Councilmen

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned

G F Chew, C C

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening September 16<sup>th</sup> 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

James Gray, John J Rollow, James Cooke, James McGuire, George Aler, John S Wellford, Chs C Wellford, Jno A English—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that a call had been made by the Board of Directors of the Fred'sburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company for the amount due in the subscription of the Corporation to the Capital stock of said Company under the 18 requisition of said board being \$2.50 pr share on 850 shares; whereupon on motion ordered that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed to issue bonds to the amount of \$2,125 the amount of said requisition,

said bonds to be issued at 21 years to bear date the 15<sup>th</sup> instant and not to be disposed of at less than par & in sums of not less than \$100

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the School Commissioners the sum of \$300 to defray the expenses of said school.

It appearing that Mrs W F Broaddus was erroneously assessed with dividends on 3 shares of stock of the Va Bank at \$100 pr share instead of \$70 pr share making an error of \$1.12½ against him & which he has paid; on motion ordered that the said sum of \$1.12½ be refunded to him.

It appearing that John H Robert has been erroneously assessed with tax on a slave amounting to \$5 & that the same has been paid.

On motion, ordered that the same be refunded to him.

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On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to Bernard Cole & John Timberlake the sum of \$25 each certified by the Corporation Court of Fred'sburg as an allowance made to them as keepers of the Court House.

On motion ordered that the Public Property Committee be and they are hereby directed to have such repairs made to the Court house as they may deem necessary for its preservation.

An ordinance in the words and figures following was passed, to wit;

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that from and after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1856 it shall not be lawful for goats or kids to go at large in the streets of the Town of Fredericksburg, aforesaid under the penalty of \$10 for each goat or kid so going at large to be recovered of the owner or owners by warrant in the name of the Chamberlain of the Corporation for the [use] of the Corporation

The following bills were read, passed & ordered to be paid, viz;

Benjamin Clark	\$5.
T Byrum & E Bloxton	\$3.50
Garnett & Hill	\$1.00
Jesse White	\$3.25
William Allen	\$12.00
William Holmes	\$5.00
Duval Jones	\$2.40
William Bayne	\$3.00
Jno B Alexander	\$1.38
James Peyton	\$2.50

On motion ordered that the account of Doct W S Scott be referred to the Street Committee

The Mayor having made a favorable report, on motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending the 15 Inst

On motion the Council adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

W A Little

There not being a quorum present the Council stood adjourned

G F Chew, C C

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on 17<sup>th</sup>  
Dec'r 1856

Present John S Caldwell, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

James Gray, Geo Aler, Jno A English, Jno S Wellford, J J Rollow, W A Little, Jas McGuire, Chs C Wellford,  
Jas Cooke,--Common Councilmen

The following resolutions were offered by Mr W A Little and adopted, viz;

Resolved that Geo F Chew be & he is hereby authorized to effect a loan in cash for the use of this Corporation for two thousand dollars nett, to be paid out of the first collections of tax to be received in the Year 1857; and the Council hereby pledge the Taxes of 1857 for the payment of said loan & that the Mayor & Chamberlain issue a bond for the amount borrowed.

Resolved that the said G F Chew be allowed a Commission not exceeding five per cent for effecting said loan.

The following accounts were read, passed & ordered to be paid, viz;

William Allen	\$69.74
Jno Timberlake	\$4.25
J H Bradley	\$2.72
W M Baggett a/c	\$25
Jno Eubank	\$4.
Baylis & Hazard	\$3.40
<i>The Fred'sburg News</i>	\$16.75
Doggett & Taliaferro	\$3.67

Ordered that the account of Doggett & Taliaferro amt'g to \$3.67

Be referred to the Chamberlain for examination & if found by him to be correct that he pay the same.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the School Commissioners \$370 to defray the expenses of the said School for the quarter ending the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec'r 1856

The Mayor having made a favorable report, on motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending the 15<sup>th</sup> inst

On motion ordered that the Mayor be & he is hereby authorized to employ additional police during the Christmas Holiday & that such other periods as he may deem necessary.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Mayor

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