

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1864

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Mayor's office on Monday January 25th 1864

Present, M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

J Gordon Wallace, Wm H Cunningham, Law B Rose, James McGuire, Jas H. Bradley, J G Hurkamp.

An account of Dr J G Wallace against the Corporation amounting to \$8 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

An account of John Timberlake, late Jailer of this Corporation amounting to \$75.75 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

On the petition of John L Andrews, setting forth that he had lost during the occupation of a part of the county of Spotsylvania by the Yankee Army during the Spring & summer of 1862, 24 bonds of \$100 each issued by the Corporation of Fredericksburg to Andrew & Quisenberry and of which he was the assignee, and asking that duplicates thereof be issued to him, on consideration whereof [Page 371] the Council doth direct and order that the Chamberlain issue duplicates of said bonds, upon the said John L Andrews entering into bond with security to be approved by the Chamberlain in the penalty of \$4,800.00 conditioned to indemnify & save harmless the Corporation from all loss damage or injury which she may sustain or be liable to sustain by reason of issuing such duplicates & that he pay the expenses thereby incurred.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain issue to Wm J Jeffries a new bond for \$100 in place of a mutilated one for that amount which has been delivered prior to the Chamberlain.

Mr D H Gordon by note in writing resigned his office as a member of this board, which resignation was on motion received.

The Council proceeded to elect a member of the Board to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr D S Gordon, when Mr Geo W Eve was duly elected.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain cause the Commissioners books for the year 1862 to be brought from their present place of deposit to his office in the Town of Fredericksburg, to be turned over by him to the Finance Committee.

An account of G F Chew amt'g to \$20 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

An account of Kelly, Tackett, Ford & Co amounting to \$320.25 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Three accounts of Wm King, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$1,006 are allowed and ordered to be paid.

The Committee heretofore appointed to invest the sum of \$50,000 paid in to them by M Slaughter, Treasurer of the Relief fund in 7 pr ct coupon bond of the Confederate States, made a report in writing in the words and figures following to wit: To the Mayor & Common Council of Fredericksburg, Gentlemen: The undersigned respectfully report that in pursuance of the directions of the Common Council at their former meeting. They proceeded to invest the sum of \$50,000 in 7 per cent coupon bonds of the Confederate States which they purchased at \$100.50 the premium of ½ percent on \$250 being paid by a drafter through John M Herndon on Geo F Chew, Chamberlain [Page 372] of the Corporation. Said bonds are deposited by Mr Herndon in the Bank of Virginia at Richmond for safe keeping & Mr Herndon

was requested to ascertain whether said coupon bonds can be transferred into registered bonds of the Confederate States & to make the change if it can be done. The amount directed to be paid on to the Chamberlain at said meeting of Council of \$18,000 for the [use] of the Overseers of the Poor, and of \$25,000 to same for the purchase of bonds of the Corpo of Fred'g by the Finance Committee have been duly paid over by Mr Slaughter, Treas of relief fund to said Chamberlain.

Respectfully submitted, M Slaughter, J H Bradley, W A Little

Which report having been read was adopted & ordered to be spread on the minutes of the proceedings. The Mayor appointed Mr Wm A Little a member of the Finance Committee in the room and stead of D H Gordon, resigned.

Mr James A Taylor, resigned his office as a Police Officer of the Corpo, to take place on the 15 Dec 1863, which resignation was on motion received.

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Mayor's office on the 5th day of March 1864

Present, M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

J G Wallace, Horace B Hall, Wm H Cunningham, J H Bradley, Jno J Young.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

James T Kendall \$147.00

Geo Gravatt \$6.00

M Slaughter \$237.50

On motion of J G Wallace, ordered that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby directed to cause to be deposited in the Virginia Bank at Richmond to the credit of Jno M Clarkston, Supt the sum of \$4,022.00 to pay for 200 bushels of salt for the use of the inhabitants of this Corpo

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Court House on Monday morning the 21st day of March, 1864

Present, Wm A Little, Recorder

L B Rose, J G Hurkamp, J J Young, H B Hall, Jas McGuire

There not being a quorum present for the dispatch of the business the members present ordered the polls to be opened for the election of twelve councilmen this being the day fixed by law for that purpose, and the voters having cast their ballots, viz;

For Wm A Little 160

J G Hurkamp 147

J M Herndon 129

G W Eve 117

B T Gill 116

W H Cunningham 112

J W Sener 109

H B Hall 103

J H Bradley 93

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| J J Young | 93 |
| L B Rose | 93 |
| J McGuire | 89 |
| Geo Gravatt | 80 |
| J G Read | 67 |
| P P Burr | 53 |
| Geo Gillman | 53 |
| C Armat | 48 |

The first named twelve of whom were declared duly elected
 And then Council adjourned

Council Chamber March 21, 1864

Wm A Little, J G Hurkamp, G W Eve, Wm H Cunningham, H B Hall, J H Bradley, J J Young, L B Rose, J McGuire, B T Gill

Members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber, and severally took the oaths of office before J Gordon Wallace, Esq a Justice for the Corporation of Fredericksburg

On motion Jas H Bradley was called to the Chair

The salary of the Mayor was fixed at one thousand dollars.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor, when Montgomery Slaughter was elected and took the several oaths of office before J G Wallace Esq a Justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg.

Mr Wm A Little was duly elected Recorder of the Corporation and took the oaths of office before J G Wallace, a Justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg.

On motion the salaries of the following officers were fixed as follows:

The Clerk of the Council at two hundred dollars

The Chamberlain of the Corporation at eight hundred dollars

The commissioner of the Revenue at five hundred dollars.

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The Collector of Taxes and Rents at five per cent on the amount collected.

Geo F Chew was elected Clerk of the Council & Chamberlain.

Robt W Hart Commissioner of the Revenue

L J Huffman, Collector of Taxes and Rents

[blank] Surveyor

[blank] Inspector & measurer of Lumber &c

[blank] Weigher & measurer of coal, grain, salt &c

On motion the number of Police Officers for the current year was fixed two and their salaries were fixed at five hundred dollars each per annum.

The Council then proceeded to elect Police Officers for the current year, when James T Kendall and James A Taylor were elected on the first ballot.

The tax on Drays, Carts & Wagons for the present year was fixed as follows: viz, on drays & carts \$15 and on wagons \$30

The Mayor appointed the following standing committees for the year, viz

On Finance, John W Herndon, Wm A Little, J H Bradley
On Public Property, Wm H Cunningham, J G Hurkamp, James McGuire
On Streets, J J Young, Geo W Eve, B T Gill
On Pumps, J W Sener, H B Hall, L B Rose

On motion ordered that the Public Property Committee be and they are hereby instructed to inquire & ascertain what price can be obtained for the Fire Engines & apparatus & whether it is desirable to dispose of the same and report the result of this deliberation to the Council.

On motion ordered that the Public Property Committee be & they are hereby instructed to have the roof of the Court House & other buildings repaired if deemed necessary & practicable

On motion ordered that James H Bradley, J J Young, John G Hurkamp be and they are hereby authorized to purchase from Mer five hundred bushel of corn & other for distribution among the needy citizens of the Town, a cost & charged.

Robt W Hart, James T Kendall, James A Taylor severally [Page 375] took the oaths of office before the Mayor

On motion the Council then adjourned
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Mayor's Office on the 14th day of April 1864

Present, William A Little, Recorder

John J Young, John G Hurkamp, Geo W Eve, Joseph W Sener, James H Bradley, B T Gill—common Councilmen

The Recorder stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of cooperating with the Corporation Court in an application to the Secretary of the Treasury to be relieved from confederate taxation for the present. Whereupon on motion the Council unanimously adopted the proceedings of the Court & concurred in the appointment of M Slaughter, Mayor, T B Barton, Atty for the Commonwealth as a committee to present said application.

Joseph W Sener appeared was qualified and took his seat at the Board. The following persons were appointed overseers of the Poor of Town to serve until the next annual appointment viz; James H Bradley, Charles B Waite, John G Hurkamp, Jno L Knight, James McGuire and L J Huffman.

An account of E Stephens for burying an infant child found dead amounting to two dollars was presented and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council adjourned.
Wm A Little, Recorder

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Mayor's office on the 30th day of April 1864.

Present, M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, L B Rose, Jas McGuire, Jos W Sener, J J Young, B T Gill, James H Bradley

On motion of Mr Jas H Bradley, Messrs Wm A Little, Jas H Bradley, & John F Scott were appointed a committee to confer with the assessor as to the assessed value of real estate in the town of Fredericksburg for taxation by the Confederate States Government, and report to the Council

On motion ordered that the agent for the delivery of salt [Page 376] do furnish each individual entitled thereto with 25lbs of salt at 13 cents per pound in new issue

Ordered that the account of Slaughter &c for expenses of freight in the Corpo salt amounting to \$2919.35 be paid by the Chamberlain and that the Mayor tender to the said firm the thanks of the Council for their kindness in attending to the business without charge.

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Mayor's office on the 3rd day of May 1864

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, H B Hall, James McGuire, G W Eve, B T Gill, J J Young.

Mr Wm A Little, Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to confer with the assessor as to the value to be assessed on the real estate in the Town of Fredericksburg for Taxation by the Confederate States Government made a report in writing which report having been read, it was adopted and ordered to be filed and a copy thereof furnished to the assessor.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted viz'

Resolved that the Commissioner General be respectfully requested to abstain from impressing articles of food meat &c in the Town of Fredericksburg, where in fact there is but very little food of any sort, and the population are actually in danger of starvation, and where we believe that the supply of meal at present instead of being sufficient to permit us to have ½ a supply for the people for six months would not in fact furnish a ½ supply for the people for 1 month. And we respectfully suggest that the meat recently impressed by Capt Roy, in the store of Messrs Heinichen & Berrey & Co which was perhaps the only meat in any quantity for sale in the Town be released from said impressment.

On motion the Council adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 31st day of May 1864.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

Wm H Cunningham, H B Hall, J J Young, L B Rose, J G Hurkamp, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called for the purpose of taking steps for the relief of our citizens who have been arrested as hostages by the enemy, and who are now confined at Fort Delaware and therefrom the following statement of fact &c in the shape of a communication to the Hon Sec'y of War of the Confederate States was presented by Mr Wm A Little and unanimously adopted, viz

Fredericksburg Va May 31, 1864

To the Hon James A Seddon

Sec'y of War of the Conf'd States

Richmond Va

At a meeting of the Mayor & Common Council of Fredericksburg Va held this 31 of May 1864 a Committee of the citizens, to wit, Montgomery Slaughter and John F Scott were appointed to repair to Richmond and present to you the following statement and application.

Statement

On Sunday the 8th Inst a number of slightly wounded and straggling Federal soldiers who entered the town, many of them with arms in their hands and with the capacity and intention we feared of doing

mischief in the way of pillage and injuring our people who were unprotected by any military force, were arrested by order of our municipal authorities and forwarded to the nearest military post as prisoners of war under a guard of citizens. These prisoners amounted to about 60 men of whom but few are said to have been slightly wounded. In retaliation for this act the Provost Marshall under orders from the Secretary of War in Washington arrested on the 20th inst some sixty of our citizens and forwarded them to Washington to be held as hostages for said prisoners. Ten of the Citizens were afterwards released in Washington and have returned to their homes, leaving some 51 citizens still in confinement who have been sent to the military prison at Fort Delaware.

In behalf of these unfortunate people who are thus made to suffer so seriously and for their suffering families who are thus left without their natural protectors and many of them without [Page 378] their means of support, we appeal to you to take such steps as may be proper & in accordance with military regulations to return the said prisoners to the Federal authorities, and thus secure the release of our citizens. Surely the matter of a few prisoners cannot be allowed to interfere with the human or generous work of restoring to these desolated homes and those mourning women and children the only source of comfort which the fate of war has left them in this war ravaged and desolated town, the presence of those loved ones who are separated from them and imprisoned at Fort Delaware.

The following is a list of the citizens arrested and carried to Washington as aforesaid.

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| 1. James H. Bradley | Released at Washington |
| 2. Thomas F Knox | Released at Washington |
| 3. James McGuire | Released at Washington |
| 4. Counsellor Cole | Released at Washington |
| 5. Michael Ames | Released at Washington |
| 6. John G Hurkamp | Released at Washington |
| 7. John J Chew | Released at Washington |
| 8. George H Peyton | Released at Washington |
| 9. Wm H Thomas | Released at Washington |
| 10. John D Elder | Released at Washington |
| 1. T B Chewning | 21. L J Huffman |
| 2. R B Reynolds | 22. Lewis Mowe |
| 3. Jas B Marye | 23. John T Evans |
| 4. Geo Aler | 24. Walter Bradshaw |
| 5. Charles Mander | 25. Sam'l D Curtis |
| 6. Benj F Currell | 26. Lewis Wrenn |
| 7. John T Knight | 27. William White |
| 8 Wm C Smith | 28. John Solan |
| 9. Joseph W Sener | 29. Geo W Eve |
| 10. E W Stephens | 30. James Mazeen |
| 11. Charles Cash | 31. Abraham Cox |
| 12. Charles B Waite | 32. Wm Brannan |
| 13. Charles G Waite Jr | 33. James A Taylor |
| 14. Geo W Wroten | 34. A E Samuel |
| 15. Thomas Newton | 35. Tandy Williams |
| 16. R A Alexander | 36. Robt S Parker |
| 17 Robt Smith | 37. Christopher Reinz |
| 18. L Love | 38. Thomas D Coleman |
| 19. Geo F Sacrey | 39. Patrick McDonnell |
| 20. Henry M Towles | 40. Chs Williams |
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| 41. William Cox | |

42. Walter M Mills
43. Thos S Thornton
44. John Joice
45. John Minor
46. Richard Hudson
47. W B Webb
48. Alex Armstrong
49. Wm Willshire
50. Gabriel Johnston
51. Geo Mullen
52. William Burke

The following citizens were arrested subsequently and are still held by federal authorities

1. William Lange
- 2 Thomas Manuel
- 3 Joseph Hall
4. William U Jones
5. Wyatt Johnston

On motion of Messrs M Slaughter & John F Scott were appointed a committee to present the foregoing statement &c to the Hon The Sec'y of War of the Confederate States, the expenses of said Committee to be paid by Chamberlain upon the order of one or more of the Finance Committee.

John Timberlake is appointed a police officer of this Corporation to date from the 28th May 1864

On motion Messrs J H Bradley, H B Hall & J J Young are appointed a Committee to collect for the use of the Corporation all the chlorid of lime and other disinfecting agents left by the enemy in this Corporation
On motion then Council then adj'd
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of Town of Fredericksburg on the 13th day of June 1864
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Wm A Little, Recorder
Wm H Cunningham, H B Hall, J J Young, Jas McGuire, B T Gill, James H Bradley—Common Councilmen
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Messrs M Slaughter & John F Scott, the Committee heretofore appointed to report to Richmond & present the statement and application for the relief of our citizens who have been arrested as hostages by the enemy, and who are now confined at Fort Delaware, to the Sec'y of War of the Confederate States made a report in writing and thereupon the following resolution offered by Mr J J Young, viz;
Resolved that the Council tender their thanks to Messrs Slaughter and Scott for the faithful discharge of their duty in the premises from the time of their entering thereon to the present period was passed by the following vote; Ayes, W H Cunningham, H B Hall, J J Young, Jas McGuire, B T Gill, Jas H Bradley -6
No, W A Little, who stated that he approved fully of the action of the Committee up to the time of their return to Fredericksburg be that he disapproved of their subsequent action as unauthorized and as establishing a bad precedent.

On motion ordered that the agent for the sale of salt continue to dispose of the salt to the citizens, who have not been supplied at 13¢ per pound and the balance at 25¢ pr pound.

On motion the Council then adjd
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of Town of Fredericksburg held on the 20th day of June 1864
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Wm A Little, Recorder
Wm H Cunningham, H B Hall, B F Gill, J J Young, James McGuire, L B Rose—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called in order to receive and consider the report of Mr G H C Rowe of his mission to Washington to effect the release of your Citizens, now in confinement as hostages at Fort Delaware, and thereupon Mr Rowe made a report in writing as follows: viz

Fredericksburg, June 20th 1864

Hon M Slaughter, Mayor &c

Sir: In discharge of the Commission confided [Page 381] to me by the Municipal authorities to represent to the Federal authorities, the terms upon which the exchange of certain citizens of Fredericksburg was proposed to be procured by consent of the Confederate Government. I have to report that I proceeded to the officer of Col H H Wells, Provost Marshall General of the defenses south of the Potomac at Alexandria as the nearest military post of the United States with which I had opportunity of communicating. It was received and treated by that officer with all the consideration and delicacy consistent with the circumstances of my approach and finally furnish with a passport to return and signify to the Confederate Government the assurance that the authorities at Washington would unconditionally release the citizens captured at Fredericksburg when the soldiers taken prisoners by the Municipal officers were surrendered. They gave me authority to bring the prisoners referred to with their lines with the assurance of certainty that I should simultaneously receive the captured citizens. I therefor propose that the soldiers in question be delivered to you on parole to be nullified & fulfilled only when the citizens shall be forthcoming. This proposition it seems to me, obviates all difficulty of misconstruction and I will thence take the delivery and receipt of the prisoners at Alexandria. It is proper to state that in 1862 I undertook and executed a similar commission of exchange of citizens captured with success and thorough satisfaction to our Government, and I am sure with its assent and cooperation as proposed, I will now reap a similar result.

I am Sir, with the highest respect truly yours

G H C Rowe

Which report was on motion received & ordered to be filed and on motion of Mr Wm A Little it was unanimously

Resolved that M Slaughter, Mayor and G H C Rowe, Esq be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners on the part of the Corporation of Fredericksburg to proceed to Richmond and to urge upon the Confederate States authorities to agree to the return of the prisoners arrested in Fredericksburg, either by parolling them subject to exchange for our citizens, prisoners now in the custody of the United States authorities, or in any other way which may be agreed upon to effect the object and the whole subject is hereby referred to said Commissioners, with full authority to do every thing in the premises which in their judgment they may deem necessary and proper to secure the release and return of our citizens to their homes.

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On motion Dr J G Wallace is appointed to attend to any cases of small pox in this Corporation, and to take such steps as he may think necessary to prevent the spread of the disease and that his bill for the same be paid by the Chamberlain.

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 27th day of June 1864.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

James H Bradley, W B Hall, J G Hurkamp, L B Rose, J J Young, B T Gill—Common Councilmen

Messrs M Slaughter & G H C Rowe, the Committee heretofore appointed to proceed to Richmond & to urge upon the Confederate States authorities to agree to the return of the prisoners arrested in Fredericksburg &c made a verbal report of the success of their mission and filed the following document as a part thereof viz;

Confederate States of America War Department, Richmond Va

Brig Gen'l M M Gardner June 23rd 1864

Sir: I will thank you to deliver to M Slaughter, Mayor of Fredericksburg, fifty six Federal soldiers (privates) who are to be exchanged for an equal number of our people captured in Fredericksburg. I will thank you also to furnish M Slaughter the necessary guards &c for their transportation to Fredericksburg. Please send two or three surgeons with the party.

Respty yr obt Svt R Ould aft of exchange

Official J H Alexander

Endorsed Head Ins Post Richmond June 23rd 1864

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Resp referred to Major Carrington for the execution of the within order of Mr Ould, by command of Brig Gen'l Gardner, E A Sample, Capt & A A G.

Which report was on motion received.

On motion of Mr Wm A Little ordered that the Commissioners of exchange of prisoners be and they are hereby authorized [Page 383] to employ two ambulances to be used in conveying the Federal prisoners now here up to Alexandria and all expenses attending the same together with those incurred by said Commissioners heretofore in affecting the exchange be paid by the Chamberlain upon the order of the Finance Committee.

On motion ordered that Jas T Kendall procure a voluntary guard of 15 men to relieve the guard now having the Federal soldiers in charge during the coming night.

On motion the Council then adjd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 20th day of June 1864

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

B T Gill, L B Rose, Jas H Bradley, H B Hall, J G Hurkamp, J J Young, Jas McGuire, J B Sener

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of receiving the report of Mr G H C Rowe, Commissioner for the exchange of Federal prisoners for our citizens prisoners confined at Fort Delaware.

Whereupon Mr Rowe, made a report in writing as follows, viz;

Fredericksburg, July 8th 1864

Hon M Slaughter, Mayor &c

Sir: I have the honor to report that I reached the Military Lines of the United States in safely with the fifty-six Federal prisoners of War and four Civil officers of the so-called State of West Virginia, committed to my charge by the Corporation authorities to be exchanged for the captive citizens of Fredericksburg after some difficulty in obtaining personal access to the authorities at Washington and several days discussion there, I succeeded in closing a negotiation that the Federal prisoners delivered by

me should be released from their paroles simultaneously with the delivery of fifty then captive Citizens of Fredericksburg and seven Confederate prisoners of war on board a flag of truce steamer with transportation to Split rock on the Potomac River. In the execution of this obligation the Federal [Page 384] authorities delivered to me, on board the Steamer Weycanoke whence they were landed at Split Rock on yesterday forty nine citizens & two prisoners of war according to the roll which accompanies this report. Marked A. The four citizens and five prisoners of war still due, I have solid assurance will be forwarded by the same route at an early day. In discharge of expenses I have paid the sum of \$366.83 in Federal money & \$70 in Confederate Money,
Very Respy, G H C Rowe
Which report having been read was on motion received.

On motion of J J Young, the thanks of this body be tendered to Mr Rowe for the energetic and efficient manner in which he has effected the exchange of Federal prisoners for our captive citizens.
On motion the Council adj'd
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 18th day of July 1864
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Wm A Little, Recorder
J G Hurkamp, Jas H Bradley, Wm H Cunningham, Jas McGuire, B T Gill, J J Young, H B Hall

On account of B Clark acting coroner for holding an inquest on the body of Chs Humphreys amt'g to \$5 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

On account of Jas T Kendall for summoning an inquest on the body of Chs Humpheys amt'g to \$3.00 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

An account of Martha Stephens for board and lodging the Federal guard of Citizens returned under a flag of Truce, amounting to \$80 is allowed and to be paid.
On motion the Council adj'd
M Slaughter, Mayor
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 5th day of August 1864
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Jas H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, J W Sener, J J Young, L B Rose, James McGuire—common councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called at the instance of two of its members. Whereupon Mr J J Young stated the object to be to consider the propriety of in memorializing the Confederate Government to effect that a Military force be stationed here to protect the citizens & their property from depreddation by the Enemy. And thereupon on motion of L B Rose, it is resolved that a committee to consist of three be appointed by the Mayor to draw up a memorial as aforesaid and report the same to the Council at its next meeting for its consideration.

The Mayor appointed Messrs L B Rose, J H Bradley, W A Little the Committee under the foregoing resolution.

Dr J G Wallace, Physician apptd to attend small pox cases made a report which was read and ordered to be filed. Information therein expressed received.

Ordered that the account of Dr J G Wallace amt'g to \$564.00 which is allowed by the Council is paid by the Chamberlain.

On motion of Mr J W Sener, the Council then adj'd to meet at the call of the Committee to prepare the memorial to the Confd Government &c
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, on the 13th day of August 1864.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little Recorder

H B Hall, Jos W Sener, Geo W Eve, L B Rose, Jas H Bradley, B T Gill—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called for the purpose of laying before it a communication received by him from Mr Wellington Newton in the words following; [Page 386] to wit:
Linden, August 9th 1864. My dear Sir I send by Capt Hammack's boat, 100 bushels of wheat for the use of the needy of Fredericksburg and its vicinity. I leave the distribution entirely to your discretion with confidence that you will dispose of it to the best advantage

M Slaughter

Mayor of Fredericksburg

(here the minutes were torn)

Whereupon, on motion, It is ordered [torn] hereby requested to acknowledge [torn] to tender to Mr Newton, the th[torn] then made by him.

On motion, ordered [torn] by Mr Newton, be turned over to the Overseers of the Poor, to be appropriated by them as indicated by the letter of Mr Newton. And the said O P are directed to report the manner in which the said donation has been distributed.

On motion ordered that the Street Committee be and they are hereby instructed to view the canal & premises in the vicinity of Hurkamp's tannery and to take such steps as may be necessary to abate any nuisance which may be occasioned by the overflow of water or otherwise in said vicinity.

An account of W Wright for attending to the Town Clock was on motion referred to the F Committee with instructions to settle the same upon the best terms they can.

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 5th day of October 1864.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

James, McGuire, W H Cunningham, Jas G Hurkamp, L B Rose, J W Sener, H B Hall, J J Young, B T Gill, G W Eve, J H Bradley. (just here the minutes were torn)

Upon the representation by Mr J M Herndon, that he had lost the July coupons [torn] Corpo, No^d 14, 83, 90, amounting to \$33. [torn] to the sd Herndon, the sd amt of \$33. [torn] any loss which she may sus [torn] such payment.

[torn] Resolved that: Whereas it [torn] the salt agent has been [torn] Fred'g, the salt belonging to this Corporation, and this Council wholly disapproving of this action as a violation of the law and an injustice to our own citizens, do hereby direct the said Salt agent, not to sell or deliver and of said salt to anyone not a citizen of this Corporation, and if necessary, the Mayor is directed to call this matter to the attention of the next Court of this Corporation.

On motion ordered that the salt agent be and he is hereby directed to deliver to the citizens of the Town salt at the rate of 5 lbs to each member of the family at the price of 25¢ per pound. Said delivery to be made between this date and the 20th day of October 1864.

An account of Sarah W Wroten against the Corpo amounting to \$520 was presented and on motion laid on the table.

On motion the Council then adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 19th day of October 1864.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

W A Little, Recorder

L B Rose, W H Cunningham, Jos W Sener, G W Eve, Jas H Bradley, James McGuire

The Mayor stated the Council had been called for the purpose of receiving a report from the overseers of the poor as to the distribution of the wheat received from Mr U Newton as a donation to this Corpo. And thereupon Mr Jas H Bradley, President of the Board of the Poor made a report shewing the distribution of the sd donation together with a list of the recipients and it appearing by said report that there is a balance of \$1,431.00 in the hands of the sd President said balance was paid over by him to the Chamberlain

Mr Geo Mullen was unanimously elected an O Poor of this Corpo in the room instead of Jno L Knight who has departed this life.

On motion of Mr Wm A Little, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of this Council be and they are hereby tendered to Mr James H Bradley for the energetic & efficient manner in which he has performer the arduous duties imposed upon him as President of the Board of Overseers of the Poor for this Corporation.

An acct of Ro W Hart Commissioner of the Rev for 6 mos salary to the 16th Sept 1864 amt'g to \$250 was ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain.

An acct of Mr A E Aler agst the Corpo for entertaining the Yankee Surgeons amt'g to \$60 was on motion laid on the table.

Whereas as the Council in their former resolution may have done injustice to Mr Smith, the salt agent & upon further understanding & a full verbal report from the said agent, in regard to his action & the instructions under the law giving him considerable discretion in distributing the salt in certain contingencies, therefore Resolved that the Council are now satisfied that the said salt agent had not disposition to violate the law or the instructions [Page 388] of the Council which may have been

misunderstood by him and they are willing and do hereby withdrawn any censure of said agent which may be implied in said former resolution.

On motion the Council then adjourned
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 1st day of November 1864

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
W A Little, Recorder

Wm H Cunningham, L B Rose, H B Hall, J W Sener, J J Young, Jas McGuire, B T Gill, J G Hurkamp

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called for the purpose of considering what amendments if any should be made in the Market laws. And thereupon on motion of Mr L B Rose ordered that the Clerk of the Council do prepare an ordinance in accordance with the view expressed by the Council this day and report the same to the Council at its next meeting.

An acct of Geo P King against the Corpo amounting to \$800.00 was on motion laid on the table. And then the Council adj'd to meet on Thursday next at 4 o'clock PM
M Slaughter, Mayor

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 4th day of November 1864.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Wm A Little, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Jos W Sener, Jas McGuire, Wm H Cunningham, B T Gill, G W Eve—Common Councilmen

There being no business transacted the Council on motion adjourned.

M Slaughter, Mayor
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 11th day of November 1864

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
W A Little, Recorder

James McGuire, G W Eve, W H Cunningham, J W Sener, H B Hall, Jno J Young, L B Rose, B T Gill, J G Hurkamp—common councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called for the purpose of considering an application to be made to the Confederate Government for relief from taxation and thereupon on motion Mr L B Rose, if was Resolved;

That the Mayor and Thos B Barton, Esq be appointed a Committee on the part of this Corpo to present in Richmond either to the secretary of the Treasury, or to Congress, as may be deemed best after consultation with our Representative & others there, an application to be proposed by a committee duly appointed for said purpose for relief of this Community from Confed taxation at the present time, and to do whatever they may deem best in the premises to effect that very desirable object.

Messrs M Slaughter, W A Little and Geo F Chew were appointed the committee to prepare the application referred to in the foregoing resolution.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain of this Corporation do pay to John Coakley, agent &c the sum of one thousand dollars.

On motion the Council then adjourned
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on the 19th day of November, 1864

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Wm A Little, Recorder

Horace B Hall, Wm H Cunningham, J G Hurkamp, Jos W Sener. G W Eve, James McGuire

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called for the purpose of considering a communication rec'd from T B Barton Esq one of the Commr on the part of this Corpo to present in Richmond and application for relief from Confed taxation and the said communication having been read, on motion of [Page 390] Mr Geo W Eve, it is ordered that the application proposed to the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council and addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury of the Confederate States be modified and addressed to the Congress of the Confed States and that our Senator be requested & our representative be instructed to use their influence in obtaining the relief sought for by said application.

On motion, ordered that Messrs H B Hall, L B Rose, John J Young, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit state and settle the final accounts of the Relief Committee

On motion ordered that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized to sell the \$15,000 of Confed Bond now held by the Corpo & place the proceeds of sale to the credit of the Corpo

On motion the Council then adjourned
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Mayor's office on the 2nd day of December 1864.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Wm A Little, Recorder

L B Rose, B T Gill, Jos W Sener, J G Hurkampm, J J Young, G W Eve—Common Councilmen

Messrs J J Young, L B Rose, & H B Hall the Committee heretofore appointed to audit, State, and settle the accts of the Relief Committee made a report in the words & figures following, to wit:

Fredericksburg December 1st 1864

To the Common Council of Fredericksburg

We the undersigned Committee appointed by the Council to examine the account of M Slaughter, Treasurer of Fredericksburg Relief Fund, beg leave to report that be [we] have discharged that duty and certify that on the 20th day of October 1863 as will appear to Council proceedings of that date there remained in the hands of the Treasurer (\$101,130-46/100 dollars) one hundred and one thousand one hundred & thirty 46/100 dollars in Confederate money which has been disbursed as [Page 391] follows

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| To overseers of the Poor by order of Council | \$20,000.00 |
| To Chamberlain of the Corpo by order of Council | \$25,000.00 |
| Invested in 7 pr cent Confederate Bonds by order of Council (Trust fund) | \$50,000.00 |
| Paid to sufferers under direction of Council Committee | \$6,099.15 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer paid over to Geo F Chew, Chamberlain | \$31.31 |
| | \$101,130.46 |

Which closes & finally settles the account of the said M Slaughter as Treasurer of the Fredericksburg Relief Fund

Jno J Young

L B Rose

H B Hall

Which report was on motion adopted, confirmed, & ordered to be filed.

Jno M Herndon, Esq by note in writing resigned his office as Common Councilman, which resignation was on motion received.

The Council then proceeded to elect a member of the board to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jno M Herndon, Esq when Mr Geo Gravatt was duly elected.

On motion ordered that W A Little, John F Scott & Geo W Eve be and they are herein appointed a committee whose duty it shall be to confer with the Confederate States assessor in regard to the assessment of real estate in Fredericksburg to consider the matter under the second instructions from Sec'y Trenholm and endeavor to agree with the assessor upon the assessment in accordance with said instructions.

On motion ordered that the payment of the sum seven hundred & fifty dollars made to John Contay, agent &c by the Chamber upon the order of W A Little of Finance Committee be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Geo Gravatt, member of the Council elect appeared was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the Board.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Council be and is hereby tendered to M Slaughter, Treasurer of the Relief Fund, for the able and faithful discharge.

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Mr Geo Gravatt was appointed a member of the Finance Committee in place of J M Herndon resigned.

On motion ordered that the Clerk of the Council do correspond with the Clerk of the Council of Richmond & obtain from him a copy of the Ordinances regulating the sale of provisions &c in the Streets of the City of Richmond, &c

On motion, ordered that Wm A Little, Geo W Eve, & J J Young be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to represent to the Sec'y of War of the Confed States the facts in regard to the action of Gov't Agents & others in the purchase of Transportation of provisions &c from this Town to Richmond to request from him the same protection against their said action which has been granted the City of Richmond.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Mayor's Office on the 16th day of December 1864

Present M Slaughter Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

G W Eve, Jas W Sener, L B Rose, J J Young, W H Cunningham, B T Gill, H B Hall—Common Councilmen

Wm A Little Chairman Comm'ee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to confer with the C States Assessor in regard to the assessment of real estate in Freds'burg &c made a report in writing which report having been read was adopted & ordered to be filed and the Clerk is directed to furnish a copy [Page 393] thereof to the assessor.

Mr Wm A Little, Chairman of the Comm'ee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to represent to the Sec'y of War of the Confed States the facts in regard to the action of Gov't agents & others in the purchase and transportation of provisions &c from this Town to Richmond, made a report in writing which report having been read was adopted & ordered to be filed the Clerk is directed to furnish a copy thereof.

On motion Or'd that the Chamberlain pay to the Police Officers their Salaries for the quarter ending the 19th Instant.

On Motion the Council then adj'd
M Slaughter, Mayor