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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sburg on the 10th day of January 1863

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, A B Adams, J H Bradley, J M Herndon, J G Hurkamp, Jno A English, J G Wallace—Common Councilmen

The Mayor M Slaughter submitted a report of his receipts & disbursements of the funds received by him for the relief of the suffering citizens of the Town shewing gross receipts of thirty two thousand, two hundred & ninety two dollars & sixty cents, and disbursements fourteen hundred & thirty nine dollars and eighty five cents, which report was approved & confirmed & ordered to be filed.

On motion, ordered that the Mayor be & he is hereby authorized to employ such additional Police officers as in his judgment may be necessary.

On motion ordered that the Mayor be requested to have prepared and presented to Gen'l Lee a memorial on behalf of the Common Council respectfully requesting him to cause to be adopted more efficient measures for the protection of the property of the citizens and the promoting of the sanitary condition of the Town.

The following resolutions offered by Mr Wm A Little were passed, viz;

Resolved that the funds now being raised by the voluntary contributions of the Army & thus for the relief of the citizens of Fredericksburg who have suffered so severely by the bombardment & sacking of the said Town by the abolition Army shall be received and disbursed by the following committee this day appointed by said Council for the purpose, to wit; Montgomery Slaughter, Mayor, Wm A Little, Recorder, J H Bradley [Page 357] John M Herndon, John G Hurkamp and J Gordon Wallace, any three of whom may act.

2nd That said Committee shall have authority to collect from the Richmond Committee and from all other sources of contribution such funds as may be received by said Committee or be contributed otherwise, and shall acknowledge by publication in one of the Richmond papers said amount from time to time, that said fund shall be expended by this committee in the purchase first of such supplies of provisions &c as may deem necessary and required to supply the pressing and temporary wants of the sufferers and shall have the power to appoint a subcommittee to distribute said supplies which subcommittee shall be paid a reasonable per diem compensation for their services.

3rd That for the direction of said subcommittee the principal of said distribution of supplies shall be as follows, to wit; That any citizen of Fredericksburg who is an actual sufferer by the bombardment and sacking aforesaid shall receive a fair share of said supplies for the relief of his or her temporary want upon making application for the same, an account of all which shall be regularly kept with each individual.

4th That the Committee this day appointed shall cause a notice to be published requiring every citizen of Fredericksburg as has suffered as aforesaid to prepare and present before said Committee a statement in writing of the particulars and amount of his or her said loss with an affidavit thereto and that the said statement being carefully examined and audited by said Committee the whole fund when collected shall be finally distributed among said Citizens in proportion to their respective losses.

5th That said Committee shall employ a Clerk for the purpose and shall keep an account of all its receipts and expenditures and shall report from time to time its action in the premises with a full statement of said receipts and disbursements to the Council.

The following resolution offered by Mr Jas H Bradley was passed, viz;

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg in this their first meeting since the bombardment and sacking of the Town by the abolition Army that they acknowledge with grateful feelings the spontaneous and liberal response which the gallant soldiers of the Army of Northern Virginia as well as the warm hearted Citizens of the Confederacy have already made to the loud call which has [Page 358] arisen from

the severest misfortunes and cruel sufferings of this whole community inflicted by the hands of the abolition Army. That we recognize in this liberality & in these voluntary contributions to our necessities the wide spread and university feeling that the cause in which we suffer is the common cause of a united people, and that the sympathy excited by our case is an earnest of the feeling which binds the remotest portions of the Confederacy together in the same determination to acquire our independence at whatever sacrifice of life or property, that the sacrifices which we have made have been cheerfully submitted to by our people and that the results of the battle of the 13th of December 1862 have gone very far to enable us to endure with patience the inflictions of an enemy whose insolence and vandalism were then and there so signally punished by our noble army.

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

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on Monday Morning the 16th March 1863
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Wm A Little, Recorder
J G Wallace, Jas H Bradley, H B Hall, Jno A English, J G Hurkamp

There being no quorum present for the dispatch of other business the members present ordered the polls to be open for the election of twelve Councilmen this being the day fixed by law for the purpose and the voters having cast their ballots, it was found on counting the same that the voter were as followed, viz; for

H B Hall	108
L J Huffman	108
G W Eve	107
J G Wallace	70
John T Scott	90
James H Bradley	89
W A Little	88
John M Herndon	87
D H Gordon	87
John G Hurkamp	87
Jno A English	79
Jas McGuire	50
G H C Rowe	45
James Cooke	22
R T Thom	22

The first named twelve of whom are declared duly elected

Adjourned till 6½ o'clock this afternoon
M Slaughter, Mayor
G F Chew, C C
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Council Chamber, March 16th 1863

Wm A Little, Jno G Hurkamp, Horace B Hall, Jno A English, James H Bradley, L J Huffman, James McGuire, J G Wallace members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber and severally took the oaths of office before John Coakley, Esq'r, a Justice of the Peace for the Corp'n of Fredericksburg.

On motion, W A Little was called to the Chair.
The salary of the Mayor was fixed at six hundred dollars for the annum.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor when Montgomery Slaughter was elected and took the several oaths of office before John Coakley, a Justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fred'sburg

Mr W A Little was elected Recorder of the Corporation and took the oaths of office before M Slaughter, Mayor

On motion the salary of the Clerk of the Council was fixed at one hundred dollars

The salary of the Chamberlain was fixed at four hundred dollars

The salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue was fixed at two hundred & fifty dollars

The salary of the Collector of taxes & rents was fixed at the same rates as last year

George F Chew was elected Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation

Rob't W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue

John S Caldwell, Collector of Taxes & rents

William Slaughter, surveyor

R W Hart, Inspector & Measurer of lumber & wood &c

R W Hart, Weigher & Measurer of Coal, Grain, Salt &c

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

The Council then proceeded to elect Police officer for the current year when John Timberlake & James A Taylor were elected on the first ballot.

The Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees [Page 360] for the current year, viz;

On Finance, Jno M Herndon, D H Gordon, Jas H Bradley

On Public Property, W A Little, J G Wallace, Jno A English

On Streets, John T Scott, L J Huffman, J G Hurkamp

On Pumps, H B Hall, Jas McGuire, Geo W Eve

On motion the Council adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sburg on the 1st day of April 1863

Present W A Little, Recorder

J G Wallace, Jno A English, James McGuire, L J Huffman, H B Hall, J G Hurkamp—Common Councilmen

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

1st Resolved that the thanks of this body be and they are hereby tendered to Asst Surgeon C A Jones of the 18th Reg't Georgia Vol's McLaws Divison, Army of N Va for the successful skill, kind attention and unwearied attentit'y with which he had devoted himself to the cases of smallpox, to whose care he has specifically assigned by Gen'l McLaws but to every call of the sick and suffering to whom he has so kindly ministered at a time when the community but for his presence unto has been left almost without medical aid, his uniform and considerate attention is duly appreciated and is hereby gratefully acknowledged by the residents of Fredericksburg.

2nd That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Gen'l McLaws and to Dr Jones and also published in the Richmond papers.

The Council proceeded to elect a councilman in the place of Mr Jno T Scott who declined to serve when Mr Geo H C Rowe was unanimously elected.

Mr G H C Rowe duly elected a Common Councilman appeared, was qualified before the Recorder & took his seat at the board.

Present Geo H C Rowe

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The Police officers heretofore elected having failed to appear and qualify on motion their offices are declared vacated and on further motion the Council proceeded to elect a Police Officer when Mr James T Kendall was elected on the first ballot, his salary to commence at the period at which he was appointed by the Mayor.

On motion the Council proceeded to elect a Collector of Taxes and Rents in the room & stead of John S Caldwell, dec'd when Landon J Huffman was elected on the first ballot.

The Recorder appointed Mr G H C Rowe a member of the Street Committee

The following resolutions offered by Mr Jno A English and unanimously adopted, viz;

1st Resolved that this body has heard with deep regret of the recent death of John S Caldwell, Esq'r who for many years was a member of our Council and who had filled during his life with honor & credit many of our municipal offices including those of Sergeant of the Corporation, Mayor of the Town, and at the time of his death the responsible office of Collector of Taxes and rents. In the sudden dispensation of Providence we realize the loss of a faithful and efficient officer, a valuable citizen and a useful and honored member of our afflicted Community.

2nd That as a testimony of our respect we cause the above Resolution to be entered upon the records & a copy to be sent to the family of the deceased and to the Richmond papers for publication.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W A Little, Recorder

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sburg at the Mayor's office on the 2nd June 1863

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

W A Little, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, James McGuire, Jas H Bradley, L J Huffman, G H C Rowe, H B Hall, J M Herndon—Common Councilmen

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Douglas H Gordon member of the Council elect was qualified before the Mayor & took his seat at the Board.

An a/c of Geo F Gordon against the Corp'n amounting to \$23.19 was allowed and ordered to be paid

The Council proceeded to elect overseers of the Poor for the Corporation for one year from this date when Chs B Waite, James H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, Jas McGuire, L J Huffman, Jno L Knight were elected on the first ballot.

An ordinance imposing taxes on ordinaries, Boarding houses, eating houses, coffee houses, 25 per cent on State licenses, Merchant licenses, in manufacturing 50¢ on the \$100, for the year 1863 was passed (see order book for ordinance in full)

The Tax on drays, carts & wagons for the present year was fixed as follows, viz;
On drays & Carts \$10; & on Wagons \$20

On motion ordered that the Mayor be & he is hereby authorized & requested to order from Richmond fifty bags of salt for present distribution & that he continue to order it as in his opinion necessity may require.

On motion, Resolved that the Finance Committee be instructed to sell the \$2000 of Confederate \$15,000,000 loan Bonds & invest 10,000 of the money to the credit of the Corp'n in 7 or 8 per cent Confederate stock & to purchase Corp'n bonds to the extent of \$10,000 if they can be purchased at a rate not higher than 85¢ on the dollar.

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

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Mayor's office on the 22nd July 1863

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
W A Little, Recorder

Jas H Bradley, J G Wallace, H B Hall, Jas McGuire, John M Herndon, J G Hurkamp, L J Huffman

Mr Landon J Huffman resigned his office of Common Councilman of the Town of Fredericksburg which resignation was on motion rec'd

The official bond of L J Huffman as Collector [Page 363] of Taxes and rents and of Geo F Chew as Chamberlain of the Corp'n was presented to the board, approved & ordered to be filed.

Whereas an officer of the Confederate States has visited Corporation for the purpose of obtained the labor of the free Negroes thereof on Government work, and is willing that the Corporation shall have the benefit of the labor of such free Negroes on cleaning the Streets & lots of the Town generally in said Corp'n; thereupon on motion, it is ordered that the Police Officer of the Corporation do list said free Negroes & cause them to appear before Mr Geo Aler who is hereby appointed superintendent of streets for that purpose to be employed by him in cleaning the Streets & lots of the Town at a per diem allowance of \$2 for each free Negro so employed.

A proposition in writing from Mr Jos B Ficklen proposing to purchase from the Corp'n the fee simple on a house & lot situated on Caroline Street was read & on motion the said proposition is declined for the present.

Mr Geo W Eve, member of the Council elect having failed to appear & qualify on motion the Council proceeded to elect a member in his stead, when John J Young was duly elected on the first ballot.

The Council proceeding to elect a member of the board in the place and stead of Landon J Huffman this day resigned when Laurence B Rose was duly elected on the first ballot

The Mayor appointed John Young a member of the Committee on Pumps and Lawrence B Rose a member of the Committee on Streets

On motion Mess'rs H B Hall, Lawrence B Rose & John J Young are appointed a committee to audit, state & settle the accounts of the Relief Committee

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

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Mayor's office on Monday the 21st of September 1863

Present W A Little, Recorder

Geo H C Rowe, Law B Rose, Jas H Bradley, J G Hurkamp

There being no quorum present the Council stood adj'd

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sburg at the Mayor's office on Tuesday the 22 day of September 1863

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

W A Little, Recorder

Lawrence B Rose, John J Young, James McGuire, James H Bradley, John G Hurkamp, Geo H C Rowe—
Common Councilmen

John J Young, member of the Council elect was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat.

On motion of G H C Rowe, resolved that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for the relief fund and that the same be placed in the hands of the Overseer of the Poor of the Town to be disposed by them as they in their discretion may think best for the relief of the poor of the Corporation

On motion the Council adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sburg at the Mayor's office on the 6th Oct 1863

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

W A Little, Recorder

J Gordon Wallace, Jas McGuire, J H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, John J Young, Law B Rose, H B Hall

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called to consider sundry matters amongst which was the necessity of employing additional police officers

James A Taylor was elected Police Officer of this Corp'n to date from the 1st day of Sept 1863

On motion ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to employ an additional police officer at such time as he may think proper and occasion may require

On motion of Jas H Bradley ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to settle with Rob't W Hart his account as agent for the delivering of salt & to report to the Council

The Mayor appointed Mr Jas H Bradley & John G Hurkamp the Committee under the foregoing order.

On motion the Compensation of the agent for the delivery was fixed at 10 per cent upon the amount received.

On motion Mr J H Bradley & John G Hurkamp the committee appointed to settle the account of the agent for the [Page 365] delivery of salt is directed to make the necessary arrangement for the future delivery of the Salt.

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sburg on the 21st day of October 1863

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

W A Little, Recorder

L B Rose, John J Young, H B Hall, Jas H Bradley, J G Wallace, James McGuire, Jas G Hurkamp—Common Councilmen

Mess'rs John J Young, H B Hall & L B Rose the committee heretofore appointed to audit, state & settle the accounts of the Relief Committee made a report in the words & figures following, viz;

We the undersigned Committee appointed by the Council to examine the accounts of the Relief Fund Committee beg leave to report that we have discharged that duty and find the Treasurers statement correctly set forth to this date as follows, 1863

Receipts

Jan'y 10 th by amt rec'd of M Slaughter, Mayor as reported to the Council this day	\$30,852.75
Oct 20 amt rec'd since Jan'y 10 th 1863 to this date	\$133,316.70
	\$164,169.45

Disbursements

Oct 20 To amt pd to Fred'sburg suffers in money, provisions & expenses of receiving & delivering supplies to this date	\$63038.99
Balance in the hands of M Slaughter Treas	\$101,130.46

In addition to the above Mr R R Howison, Treasurer of Richmond Committee paid out in money and for the purchase of provisions the sum of \$43,554.36. The provisions were all distributed here under the directions of the Council

Resp'y submitted

Jno J Young

H B Hall

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

Ordered that the Chamberlain pay to Robt W Hart Comm'r of the Revenue, two hundred and fifty dollars, amt of his salary for the Year 1863

On motion of Mr Wm A Little, it was unanimously resolved by the Mayor and Council that the grateful thanks of the Body [Page 366] & through it of this Community be and they are hereby respectfully tendered to Peter C Daniel Jr Esq'r the President and to the Directors of the Richmond, Fred'burg & Potomac Railroad Company for the liberality and generous kindnesses on said road to the citizens of Fred'sburg during their recent trials & sufferings in our common cause.

We especially remember the liberal promptness with which train were sent up without charge in November last to remove our exiled women and children from the threatened bombardment of the Enemy, the free transportation of the remaining furniture from our desolated and deserted homes to Richmond and the prompt and gratuitous transportation of supplies procured by the Relief Committee to a needy and almost starving population and but for which famine would have been added to our abundant trials.

In all these and many other instances of liberality to our people we recognize that whole sailed patriotism & genuine old Virginia generosity and sympathy which commands our admiration and prompts this deeply felt expression our gratitude.

Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Rail road Company at Richmond, Va.

Mess'rs James H Bradley & J G Hurkamp the Committee appointed to audit, state & settle the account of the agent for the delivery of salt made a report shewing a balance due by the said agent of \$266.75. The Committee

also reported that they had appointed Mess'rs Smith & Armat the agent for the delivery of salt which report were on motion adopted and confirmed.

On motion Mess'rs Wm A Little, Jas H Bradley, and J G Wallace were appointed a Committee to take into consideration what disposition should be made of the balance of the Relief fund now on hand & to take into consideration generally the whole subject in all its bearings and the said committee are directed to report the result of their deliberation to the Council

On motion the Council then adj'd
M Slaughter, Mayor
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Mayor's office on Thursday the 5th day of November 1863

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Recorder

James H Bradley, H B Hall, J G Hurkamp, James McGuire, John J Young, L B Rose

John A English by note in writing resigned his office as a Common Councilman which resignation was on motion received.

The Council proceeded to elect a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John A English when Mr Wm H Cunningham was unanimously elected on the first ballot.

Mr Wm H Cunningham member of the Council elect appeared was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the Board.

Present Wm H Cunningham

Mr Wm A Little, Chairman of the Comm'e appointed at the last meeting of the Council to take into consideration what distribution should be made of the balance of the Relief fund now on hand &c made a Report in the words & figures following, to wit;

To the Mayor & Common Council of Fred'g Va

The undersigned Committee appointed by the Council to consider the subject of the appropriation & distribution of the balance of the Relief Fund now in the hands of the Relief Committee, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the matter and received the suggestions of numerous citizens in regard to it, and they submitted the following view as the result of their deliberation

They deem it the duty of the Council to see to it that the noble contributions from the Army & Citizens of the Confederacy to relieve the suffering people of Fredericksburg should be so managed that some practical & permanent benefit to this Community may be derived there from and should thus exhibit it to all future generations of our people not only the sacrifices we have freely made, and the wrongs we have endured but the patriotic liberality of an noble army and of our generous fellow citizens throughout the Confederacy and to this end we submit,

1sgt That fifty thousand dollars of said Fund be invested in seven per cent Confederate States bonds, the interest of which shall establish a permanent fund for the maintenance and support of the immediate families of soldiers from Fredericksburg who may be killed or disabled in the service and whose families may require such assistance and the education [Page 368] of their children and also to the support & education of the children of the Poor of Fred'sburg. This fund to be duly conveyed by the Mayor & Council to Trustees in whose name it shall be invested.

2nd That eighteen thousand dollars (which with the \$2000 already paid over to the Overseers of the Poor will make \$20,000) shall be appropriated to the support and maintenance of the deserving poor of the Town, who shall be unable to provide for their families by their labour during the coming winter.

This fund to be transferred to the Chamberlain of the Corporation subject to the orders of the Poor of said Town for said purpose.

3rd That twenty five thousand dollars shall be at once paid over to the Chamberlain subject to the order of the Finance Committee for the purchase of the bonds of the Corporation of Fred'sburg under the direction and discretion of the Finance Committee to be held by said Committee as an investment for the future action of the authorities of the Town.

4th That two thousand dollars be paid to M Slaughter, Treasurer of the Relief Fund to reimburse actual losses sustained by him in receiving, keeping and disbursing during the confusion incident to the troubles of the times, the very large sums passing through his hands as Treasurer of the Relief Fund and as compensation in part for his time and trouble in said position.

5th Any balance in the hands of the Committee to be directed by said Committee to equalize the money & rations distributed so that said distribution may be made as equal as possible, among the Citizens who have suffered by the occupation and bombardment of the Town by the Yankees.

Respectfully submitted

Wm A Little, Jas H Bradley, J Gordon Wallace, by W A L

Fred'sburg Va

Nov 4th 1863

Which report having been read and discussed and the vote taken thereon it was adopted.

Mess'rs M Slaughter, James H Bradley & John M Herndon were elected Trustees to act under the first section of the foregoing report.

On motion of Mr Wm A Little ordered that T B Barton be requested to draw the conveyance from the Mayor & Common Council to the Trustees, agreeably to the first section of the foregoing report & to submit the same to the Council

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 Fred'sburg at the Mayor's office on Monday the 23rd day of November 1863

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

W A Little, Recorder

Wm H Cunningham, John J Young, Jas H Bradley, Jno G Hurkamp, D H Gordon, Jas McGuire

A Report of the Committee appointed to examine the salt account of Mr Samuel Smith &c was returned & approved and said committee paid into the hands of the Chamberlain the sum of \$1771.75 balance due by said Smith &c. Lawrence B Rose, member of the Council appeared and took his seat at the Board

On motion ordered that the number of Trustees provided for in the first section of the report of the Committee in reference to the Disposition of certain funds be increased to five; whereupon Wm A Little and John James Chew were duly elected trustee.

On motion resolved that the authority of the trustees to invest the \$50,000 referred to in the first section of the report of the Committee returned to the last meeting of the Council be enlarged so as not to confine them to the seven per cent bonds of the Confederate States.

On motion ordered that Wm A Little, D H Gordon, & J J Chew be appointed a committee to examine the deed presented by Thos B Barton Esq'r said Committee to report to an adjourned meeting of the Council at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion made & seconded ordered that the overseers of the poor take such steps as they may deem necessary in their judgment to provide for the wants of the poor of this Corporation.

An account of Jas J Kendall amounting to \$111.50 was presented & ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council adj'd
M Slaughter, Mayor
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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sburg at the Mayor's office on Tuesday the 24th day of November 1863
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
William A Little, Recorder
J Gordon Wallace, John M Herndon, James H Bradley, Douglas H Gordon, James McGuire, John J Young

The Committee appointed to examine the deed prepared by Thomas B Barton, Esq'r reported that they had discharged that duty and presented the deed with certain amendments which after consideration on motion were affirmed and the deed as a whole adopted and on motion it was ordered that the Mayor cause a fair copy of the deed to be made and that he do execute the same in solemn form

On motion resolved that out of the fund of \$25,000 required to be invested in Corporation bonds, the premium which the trustees may have to pay in investing the \$50,000 conveyed to them by the Mayor & Commonalty of the Town be paid and that said Trustees be authorized to draw on said fund in the hands of the Chamberlain to an extent necessary for that purpose.

And then the Council adj'd
M Slaughter, Mayor