Mayor's Report of the Financial Concerns, of the City of Portland, for the Year Ending April 9, 1850

Portland (Me.)
MAYOR'S REPORT

OF THE

FINANCIAL CONCERNS

OF THE

CITY OF PORTLAND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 9,

1850.

PORTLAND:
EDWARDS, CARTER & CO., PRINTERS.
1850.
MONIES VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL,
MAY 14, 1849,
AND ASSESSED ON THE POLLS AND ESTATES,
(INCLUDING THE LEVY OF THE STATE AND COUNTY TAXES,)
FOR THE PURPOSES HEREAFTER MENTIONED.

SALARIES FOR CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor, ........................................... $850
City Clerk, ........................................... 225
City Marshall, ..................................... 800
Commissioner of Streets, ......................... 600
Three Assessors $250 each, ....................... 750
Assistant Assessors, ............................. 150
Superintendent of City Clocks, ................... 75
City Constable and Messenger, .................... 275
Ringer of City Bell, ............................... 75
City Physician, .................................... 125
Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, ........ 200
Superintendent of Burials, ......................... 75
Keeper of the Powder Magazine, ................. 100
Keeper of the Exchange, .......................... 125
Clerk of the Common Council, .................... 125
Engineers, ....................................... 100

--- 4650

Over expenditures for Salaries in 1848, .................. 376 95
Contingent Expenses, ................................ 3709 43
Collector and Treasurer’s Commissions, ............... 1500
Support of Poor, and Brick Yard, .................... 4000
City Watch, ....................................... 2300
City Police, ....................................... 3000
Discount on Taxes, ................................ 1500
Annuities for Engine and Firemen, ...................... 3300
Contingent Expenses of the Fire Department, .......... 1998 75

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ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,
of the CITY OF PORTLAND,
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 6, 1850.

 RECEIPTS.

Received of WILLIAM LORD, Collector and Treasurer
On Tax bills for the year 1843,.............32 55
   "   " 1844,.............45 53
   "   " 1845,.............82 67
   "   " 1846,.............424 08
   "   " 1847,.............1725 32
   "   " 1848,.............9,872 77
   "   " 1849,.............70,746 36
                   \___________________________/  82,929 28

RECEIVED FROM LOANS.

For payment of City Debt, in part,.............2000
   " purchase of two lots of Land, for City Stable and Engine House, \.............1350  \ 3,350

SALE OF THE EXCHANGE.

Received from the United States,.............149,000

HEAD MONEY.

Rec’d. head money of Foreign Passengers,.............1642 50

Carried forward,..........................$236,921 78
Brought forward................................$236,921 78

BANK TAX.

Received of the Treasurer of the State, the
City's proportion of Bank Tax, for sup­port of Schools..........................................819 49

INTEREST.

Received on City Bonds,..............................3750

RENTS.

Received for Rent of City Hall,.....................281
  "  "  "  Stalls in Market House,........232 50
  "  "  "  Offices in City Hall,..............25
  "  "  "  Store of Smith and Hersey,....300
  "  "  "  Hay Scales,.........................131 25
  "  "  "  Old State House,.................100
  "  "  "  Exchange Hall,....................216
  "  "  "  United States' Courts,.........1500
  "  "  "  Post Office,.....................100
  "  "  "  Stores and Offices, in
        the Exchange,......................385 41
  Fees collected at Powder Magazine,....115 42
  " of B. C. Fernald, for rent of
  School Room,................................31 25

                                          3417 83

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Rec'd. of Judge of Municipal Court,..........34
  "  County Treasurer for Fines, &c...65 08
  "  for Exhibitions,......................20
  "  Dividend on Atlantic and St. Law­rence Rail Road Stock,..............60
  "  of Lewis Stetson, for entering City
  "  Drain, Park Street,..............5
  "  Chas. P. Ingraman,  "  "  "  .6
  "  W. S. Dana,  "  "  "  ....4
  "  James Alden,  "  Mayo "  ....5
  "  James Deering,  "  Preble, "  51 40
  "  George Loring,.................10

                                          $260,48

Carried forward.................................$244,909 10
Brought forward, ............................. $244,909 10
Rec'd. from other sources brought forward, $260 48
  "  J. M. Thompson, City Marshall,
   for Fines, .............................. 11 08
Advertising Real Estate, &c. .................. 59 75
     331 31

FROM THE BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF POOR,
FOR ARTICLES SOLD FROM THE CITY FARM, BRICK YARD
AND OTHER SOURCES.

Received from Street Commissioner for
  Hay and Bricks, ....................... 1865 51
  "  for support of Paupers belonging
      to other Towns, .......................... 183 15
  "  from State of Maine, for support
      of Paupers, ........................... 390 72
  "  for Sales of Pork, and other
      articles, ............................. 944 62
  "  of E. Harmon, for Note and
      Interest, .............................. 18 10
  "  of R. Emerson, ....................... 17 35
  "  of Alfred Adams, ..................... 15
  "  of J. Kent, ............................ 30
  "  of L. Goodwin, ....................... 18
  "  E. Marston, pension, .................. 59 25
  "  Samuel Richards, ..................... 13 10
     3554 80

TEMPORARY LOANS OF 1849.

Received for Loans to pay State Tax, ....... 12,000
  "  outstanding Bills, ................... 6000
     18,000

$266,795 21
EXPENDITURES.

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SALARIES.

Paid Mayor, ........................................ 850
" City Marshall, .................................... 800
" City Clerk, ....................................... 225
" City Assessors, ................................... 750
" Seven Assistant Assessors, ......................... 197 40
" Superintendent of City Clocks, ..................... 75
" City Constable, Messenger and Clerk
   of the Market, .................................. 275
" Ringer of City Bell, ................................ 75
" Superintendent of Burials, ........................ 75
" Keeper of Powder Magazine, ......................... 100
" " the Exchange, ................................... 93 75
" Clerk of Common Council, .......................... 125
" Over Expenditures of 1848, ......................... 28 56

............... 3,669 71

DAMAGES FOR LAYING OUT NEW STREETS.

Paid Thomas E. Knight, ......................... 100
" William Oxnard, ................................. 31 25
" Edward Oxnard, .................................. 31 25
" John Fox, ........................................ 62 50
" Nathaniel Blanchard, ............................ 75
" Gustavus Holm, .................................. 20

............... 330

TOWN OF FALMOUTH.

Paid the Town of Falmouth, for return Poor, .................. 170,67

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

Paid Accounts allowed by City Council, of

1848, ............................................. 2,088 48
" Roll of Accounts, ............................... 1,015 30
" " ................................................. 666 54

............... 3,770 37

Carried forward, .................................... $7,930 70
Brought forward, .......... $7,930 70

SCHOOLS.

Paid Salaries of all the Instructors, ........ 9,316 53
  "  " balance from last Year, ........ 348 39
  "  " for Fuel, ...................... 850
  "  " Books and Stationary, ............ 250
  "  " Rent of Abysinian Vestry, ......... 30
  "  " Repairs of School Houses, .......... 1,000
  "  " Incidental Expenses, .............. 350
  "  " Apparatus for High School, .......... 100
  "  " Repair of School House, No. 3, .... 2,436 33
  "  " Outstanding Bills of 1848, .......... 772 93
  "  " Requisition of School Committee, ... 370

$15,824 18

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Salary of Chief Engineer, ........... 200
  "  " Engineers, ..................... 124 51
  "  " for Hose, ...................... 337 75
  " Contingent Expenses including balance
     of last year, ..................... 3611 70
  " Annuities to Firemen, .............. 3,500
  " for 6 Reservoirs, .................. 2116 04
  "  " Repairs of 2 Reservoirs, .......... 109 22
  "  " of Casco Street Engine House, .... 468 80
  "  " Engine No. 8, ................... 400
  "  "  " 1, ..................... 1,100

11,968 02

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid for support of Poor and Brick Yard, ... 11,251 68
  "  " at Insane Hospital, ............ 522 56
  " Salary of City Physician, ........... 125
  " Repair of House of Correction, ........ 650

12,549 23

Carried forward, ....................... $48,272 13
Brought forward, .......................... $48,272 13

BURRING GROUNDS.
Paid repairs &c, as per Bills allowed, .......... 239 01
" for City Tomb, .......................... 463 24

INTEREST ON CITY DEBT.
Paid Interest on City Debt and Temporary Loans, ............................................. 11,998 08
" Interest on Trust Fund for Poor Widow's, &c, ................................. 240
" Interest on Trust Fund, for Female Orphan Asylum, .............................. 240

STATE TAX.
Paid State Tax of 1848, .......................... 12,208 36

COUNTY TAX.
Paid balance of County Tax for 1848, ........ 1,154 27
" County Tax, 1849, .......................... 4,669 93

CITY WATCH.
Paid to Watchmen, .............................. 2,715 81

CITY POLICE.
Paid Policemen and Deputy Marshals, .......... 3,055 92
" Portland Light Infantry Company, ........... 200
" for 13 Police Coats, ........................ 39

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.
Paid Discount on 39,707 75, under the 4 per cent, .................................... 1,586 04
Paid discount on 2,447 47 under the 2 per cent, .......................... 48 51

Carried forward, .............................. $87,130 30
Brought forward,.................$87,130 30

STREETS SIDE WALKS AND BRIDGES.

Paid expenditures, as per Appropriation,......................10,000

" " by order of Council,.........................2,083 55

" R. F. Green, for Bricks,.........................41989

" " " flowage of his land,.......................75

" P. Callan, labor on drain in Portland Street,...................22 50

" E. Fox, damages on York Street, and perfecting title from Mosely heirs,..................300

" " for Chesnut, and Mayo Street Drain,...................487 62

" Salary of Street Commissioner,.......................600

.....................13,988 56

COLLECTOR AND TREASURERS COMMISSIONS.

Paid Commissions on Tax Bills for the years, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848 and 1849,..........................1,668 02

TEMPORARY LOANS, PAID UNDER APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1849.

FOR SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid Certificate No. 210,.........................400

" " " 218,.........................500

" " " 213,.........................1000

" " " 217,.........................500

" " " 223,.........................100

.....................2,500

CITY HOSPITAL.

Paid Certificate No. 201,..............................1,000 00

BACK COVE BRIDGE.

Paid Certificate No. 229,.............................880 00

HIGH WAYS, SIDE WALKS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Certificate No. 233,.........................650

" " " 244,.........................250

" " " 266,.........................200

" " " 267,.........................250 1,350 00

Carried forward,..............................$108,516 68
Brought forward: $108,516 88

RENT OF WOOD STAND.
Paid Nathan Winslow: 150

NEW STABLE AND SHED.
Paid for New Stable: 810 93
Shed: 258 63

NEW STABLE AND SHED.
Paid for New Stable: 810 93
Shed: 258 63

PURCHASE OF LAND.
Paid for City Stable Lot: 1100
Engine House Lot on Brackett Street: 250

TEMPORARY LOANS OF 1849.
Paid sundry Notes: 18,000

CITY BONDS.
Paid for City Bonds, issued to aid the construction of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail Road, which Bonds are now held by the City to be used for the payment of the City Debt and other purposes: 125 000

CITY DEBT AND TEMPORARY LOAN.
Paid Certificate No. 208: 400
209: 260
214: 400
219: 200
225 & 226: 2000
228: 200
197: 1000
100
257: 1000
227: 100
20: 500
21: 500

7,560

MISCELLANEOUS.
Paid J. G. Hovey for fireworks: 500
Sundry bills 4th July: 603 01
W. Corey, Furniture: 46 75

Carried forward: $261,646 44
Brought forward..........................$261,646 44

Paid Tolling Bells and firing minute Guns on
the death of President Polk..................31 90

" George Evans for negotiating sale of
the Exchange and arguing the case
U. S. vs City of Portland.....................500

" United States, for repairs on Exchange
Building, as per contract....................2000

" Repairs on the Old State House..............1641 38

" For removing Pillars &c. in City Hall........127 04

" Furniture &c. for City Hospital..............504 87

" Copying Records of Town of Falmouth........191 50

" Expenses of well on Wood Stand Lot..........65 57

" United States costs in suit vs the City......18 39

" for Fence on Wood Stand Lot................182 91

---------- 6,413 32

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$268,059 76
CITY DEBT.

Whole amount of City Debt, including Temporary Loans.................. $201,422 41

THE CITY DEBT FALLS DUE AS FOLLOWS.

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Payable at the pleasure of the City Government, .................. 3,000

Trust Fund for Portland Female Orphan Asylum, .................. 8,000

Trust Fund for Poor Widows and Married Women, .................. 4,000

$201,422 41
RATE OF INTEREST ON CITY DEBT AND TEMPORARY LOANS.

$3,000 00 at 4\% per cent. per annum.
61,436 41 at 5 " "
59,186 00 at 5\% " "
77,00 800 at 6 " "

$201,422 41

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.
On Tax Bills for the year 1842, ........... 388 72
" " 1843, ........... 303 46
" " 1844, ........... 297 80
" " 1845, ........... 312 81
" " 1846, ........... 699 87
" " 1847, ........... 1,743 50
" " 1848, ........... 5,112 88
" " 1849, .... ... 18,464 21

$27,323 25

JAMES B. CAHOON, MAYOR.

PORTLAND, April 9th, 1850.
SALE OF THE EXCHANGE AND DISBURSMENT OF THE PROCEEDS.

Amount received for sale of the Exchange, ...... $149,000
Paid the United States for repairs, ............ 2,000
  " Hon. George Evans, for negotiating
    sale, &c. .................... 500
  " for fitting the Old State House for the
    accommodation of the City
    Government, .................... 1,641 33
  " for City Bonds, .................... 125,000

______ 129,141 38

Leaving this amount in the Treasury unappropriated ... $19,858 62

This money being in the Treasury, the Council directed that
the Temporary Loans and Public Debt falling due, and such other
expenditures as have been ordered since the annual appropriation,
should be paid from this fund, leaving it for the next Council to de-
termine how much of these payments should be included in the
taxes of 1850.

The following payments have been made from this fund, viz:
For Croton Engine, No. 8 ....................... 400
  " Casco " 1 .......................... 1,100
  " Repairs on Casco Street Engine House, ... 468 80
  " 4 Reservoirs, ......................... 1,306 62
  " Repair of 2 Reservoirs, .................. 109 22
  " Annuity to Croton Engine Co. No. 8, ........ 200
  " Contingent expenses of the Fire De-
    partment, ........................ 1,450 70

______ $5,035 54

  " Bricks for Sidewalks, ........................ 419 89
  " Drains, .................................. 510 12
  " R. F. Green, flowage of his land ............ 75
  " E. Fox, damages on York Street &c. .......... 300
  " Repairs on Streets &c. ................... 2,083 55

______ 3,388 56

  " " School House No 3, .................... 1,436 33
  " Overseers of the Poor, ................... 2,528 10

Carried forward, ....................... $12,388 53
Brought forward, ........................................ $12,388 53

For City Shed.......................................................... 258 63
" Furniture at City Hospital........................................ 504 87
" Well on Wood Stand Lot.............................................. 65 57
" Fence " " ....................................................... 182 91
" Expenses of Burying Ground........................................ 39 01
" Procuring copy of the Records of the Town
   of Falmouth..................................................... 191 50
" School Committee.................................................. 370 00
" United States, cost of suit vs the City........................ 18 39
" W. Boyd, pr vote of Council..................................... 75 00
" Removing Pillars in City Hall................................... 127 04
" Amount transferred to Treas. & Collector's
   Commission account............................................. 77 17

FOR TEMPORARY LOANS.

Paid Certificate No. 208, ................................. 400
" " " 209, ............................. 260
" " " 214, ............................. 400
" " " 219 ............................. 200
" " " 225 & 226 ............................. 2,000
" " " 228 ................................ 200
" " " 197 ............................. 1,000
" " " 257 ............................. 1,000
" " " 227 ................................ 100

5,560 00

$19,858 62
1. **East Cemetery**—Corner of Congress and Mountfort streets, containing about seven acres, including a large School Lot, with two School Houses thereon.

2. **West Cemetery**—Corner of Danforth and Vaughn streets, containing about fifteen acres.

3. **Old Ferry Ways and Flats**—At the foot of Thames street, three rods wide, extending to the channel.

4. **Lot of Land**—on Brackett street, sixty-six feet on the street, and one hundred and twenty-four feet deep, with a large Brick School and Ward Room thereon.

5. **Lot of Land**—On Congress Street, between Pearl and Lime streets, sixty-two feet on the street, and one hundred and nineteen feet deep, with a large two story School House thereon.

6. **Lot of Land**—On the North side of Spring street, about seventy feet on Spring street, running back from said Spring street, one hundred and fifty-one feet, with a large Brick School House thereon.

7. **Lot of Land**—On the South side of Spring street, between Centre and South streets, fifty feet on Spring street, and one hundred and thirty-three feet deep, with a School House thereon.

8. **Lot of Land**—On the North side of Spring street, between Park and State streets, sixty feet on Spring street and seventy-nine feet deep, with a large Brick School House, granite front, Ward Room and Engine House thereon.

9. **Lot of Land**—East side of Casco street, sixty feet on Casco street, and one hundred and five feet deep, with a School House and Brick Engine House thereon.