

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council.

Gentlemen—The accompanying communication, written and dated the 6th Inst., I intended to submit to you one week ago to-night, but did not do so mainly because I did not care to influence your action in relation to others.

Under rule 26, governing the deliberations of your honorable body, a reconsideration may be had at your present session of the motion increasing my salary from \$1,800 to \$2,000.

Being fully satisfied of the propriety of the communication above referred to, I respectfully request you to reconsider the action in my case, and that the salary be permitted to remain as it was for the year 1874.

Thanking you for your kind action,

I am your obedient servant,

F. G. RUSSELL,
City Attorney.

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To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—At your session last evening the Committee on Ways and Means reported in favor of increasing my salary \$200. In qualifying for the second term one year ago, I tacitly entered into contract with the city to perform all duties pertaining to this office for an annual salary of \$1,800, no matter if the responsibility and work should increase two fold during such term.

For this reason, and because, owing to general financial distress, it is difficult for many worthy persons to obtain any salary whatever, I beg leave to request that you will make no change in the salary of this office at present.

Thanking the committee for their unsolicited and very complimentary action, and you gentlemen, always for kind consideration, I am,

Very respectfully,

F. G. RUSSELL,
City Attorney.

Accepted and placed on file.

FROM THE RECORDER.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I hereby nominate and recommend for appointment as Clerk of the Recorder's Court of said city for the year ensuing, Alexander I. McLeod.

Very respectfully,

Your obed't serv't.

GEORGE S. SWIFT,

Recorder of the City of Detroit.

Accepted, and the nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Baxter, Blodgett, Christian, Dorr, Dunlap, Finney, Finnegan, Gies, Guthard, Heames, Hinchman, Horn, Hough, Kurtz, Owen, Rouland, Schmitt, Schmittziel, Shanahan, Wilks, and the President—21.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I hereby nominate and recommend for appointment as Deputy Clerk of the Recorder's Court of said city for the year ensuing, George H. Leher.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEORGE S. SWIFT,

Recorder of the City of Detroit.

Accepted and the nomination was confirmed as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Baxter, Blodgett, Christian, Dorr, Dunlap, Finney, Finnegan, Gies, Guthard, Heames, Hinchman, Horn, Hough, Kurtz, Owen, Rouland, Schmitt, Schmittziel, Shanahan, Wilks and the President—21.

Nays—None.

FROM THE CLERK OF THE RECORDER'S COURT.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your honorable body that the jury heretofore impaneled in the matter of opening an alley through part of outlot 15, Lieb farm, south of Preston street, have filed their report, which was duly confirmed on Saturday, the 9th day of January, 1875; also that I have this day filed in the office of the City Clerk certified copy of said report, together with the order of the court confirming the same.

Respectfully yours,

A. I. McLEOD,

Clerk of the Recorder's Court.

Accepted, and consent being granted, Ald. Baxter offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of Five Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the awards of the jury and for apportionment of costs in the matter of opening an alley through that part of outlot 15, Lieb farm, south of Preston street, in the Tenth Ward. And the City Controller is hereby di-

rected to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer for said sum to pay said sum.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Baxter, Blodgett, Christian, Dorr, Dunlap, Finney, Finnegan, Gies, Guthard, Heames, Hinchman, Horn, Hough, Kurtz, Owen, Rouland, Schmitt, Schmittziel, Shanahan, Wilks and the President—21.

Nays—None.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE POOR.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I hereby nominate Mr. John Martin for the office of Deputy Director of the Poor, and the undersigned most respectfully asks your honorable body to confirm said nomination.

Faithfully, your obedient servant,

LUTHER B. WILLARD,

Director of the Poor.

Accepted, and the nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Baxter, Blodgett, Christian, Dorr, Dunlap, Finney, Finnegan, Gies, Guthard, Heames, Hinchman, Horn, Hough, Kurtz, Owen, Rouland, Schmitt, Schmittziel, Shanahan, Wilks, and the President—21.

Nays—None.

The Clerk read the following communication received from the

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

in Lansing assembled:

To the Common Council of the City of Detroit: Whereas, the death of Capt. E. B. Ward is an event of recent occurrence, therefore,

Resolved, That this House desires to put on record a memorial tribute to his worth. Not that we would charge the fiat that called him hence if we could, nor yet that our expression can avail aught to him.

It is not ours to chide the universal law which commands "dust to dust," and whether or not, as the Grecian philosopher has said, "to die is gain," any expression of regret or of mourning on our part could in no way affect the person who has passed away.

To the immediate friends of the deceased, his loss is a cause for heartfelt grief and mourning, while by the industrial and commercial interests of the State and country, it will be most severely felt.

But the memory of a good man is of value to those who survive and come after him, through his example; the honor which is paid to the heroes and princes of the earth would be but poorly bestowed if it had for its object only the tinsome adulation of the persons themselves.

We honor the memory of great men and women of historic fame, that we may hold their characters up as worthy of imitation. Greatness consists not alone in winning battles or in guiding states, but in the career of Capt. Ward we have an example of greatness in developing the industrial and material interests of his State and country.

He developed for himself a kingdom, at the head of which he stood without a peer.

The more honor that he chose this field for the exercise of his genius and energy, since the average ambition of the land looks to the forum as the touchstone to greatness and renown.

Capt. Ward was essentially the King of the Commons, for the reason that his powers of concentration and execution, manifested through his various enterprises, went directly to the sustenance, comfort and general good of the masses.

A man's private virtues are his own, his public life belongs to the race.

While Capt. Ward was not a holder of political offices, he was nevertheless a public man in the broadest sense, and while it is the province of biography and of cotemporary history to deal with the details of his career, this House takes pleasure in placing on record this brief tribute to the memory of one who was great and good, through his great usefulness, his kindness, his charity and his public beneficence.

JOHN F. HOYT,

Speaker of the House.

DANIEL S. ROSSMAN,

Clerk of the House.

Accepted and placed on file.

FROM THE CITY CLERK.

That he presented the proceedings of the last Council to the Mayor on the 13th Inst., and they were approved by him on the 15th Inst.

Accepted and placed on file.

Also, That David W. Gray, Clerk of the Central Market, Henry Kuemmel, Weighmaster of the Eastern District, John Ivers, Poundmaster of the Western District, Dr. Joseph Ferguson, City Physician of the Third District, Dr. Hamilton E. Smith, City Physician of the Fourth District, Theodore F. Kerr, City Physician of the