RIGIDON'S Proclamation.

ENCOLLAMATION.—Whereas, the Common Council did, by resolution on the 25th day of October last, direct the submission to the people of the question, whether they will adopt the plan and proposition of George Gordon, Esq., who will receive in payment therefor the bonds of the city, redeemable in ten or twenty years at the option of the city. For the erection of water works, and the introduction of pure water into the city. Whether they will adopt the proposition of the Sacramento Water Company," or whether they will reject both plans and propositions;

"Intuition calling an election of the people to determine whether they are in favor of a direct tax of three-fourths of one per cent. or whether they are in favor of negotiating a loan not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, for not less than eight years, and at a rate of interest not exceeding ten per cent, per annum;

"Intuition and an office that the people be requested to determine by their vote whether there shall be appropriated (by special tax or by loan.) the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, for the use and benefit of the Fire Department, to be applied in conformity with the suggestions contained in the report of the Fire and Water Committee, (which is published herewith and marked "C.")

Now therefore, I. C. I. HUTCHINSON, Mayor of the city.

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Nov. therefore. I. C. I. HUTCHINSON. Mayor of the city of Sacramento, do issue this my Proclamation, to the qualified electors thereof, requesting them to assemble in their respective wards on the Thirteenth day of January inst., to wit: At the "Magnolia Sal on." in the first ward; at the "Crescent City" Hotel, in the second ward; and at the "United States" Hotel in the third ward. And the following persons will act as Inspectors and Judges of election:

In the First Ward—G. M. Duval, Inspector; — Prendergast. E. J. Barrol. Judges.

In the Second Ward—W. Roland, Inspector; Doct. H. Houghton. Cyrus Rowe, Judges.

In the Third Ward—L. B. Patchin, Inspector; James W. Haines. H. Arents, Judges.

And then and there, in the usual manner of holding and conducting elections decide by vote whether they will adopt the plan and proposition of George Gordon. Esq., for the crection of water works and the introduction of water into the city—or whether they will adopt the proposition of the "Sacramento Water Company,"—or reject both plans and propositions to wit:

Those voting will write upon their ballots, "Public Water Works—Yes;" or "Private Water Works—Yes;" or, "Water Works—Nes;" or, "Private Water Works—Yes;" or, "Water Works—No," as they n.ay elect:—and for particulars of the several plans and propositions, reference is made to their publication accompanying this proclamation—marked "A." plan and proposition of George Gordon; and marked "B." proposition of Sacramento Water Company."

Likewise, at the same time and place, the qualified voters of the city will determine by their votes whether they are in favor of a direct tax of three-fourths of one per cent.—or, whether they are in favor of negotiating a loan, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, for not less than eight years, and at a rate of interest not exceeding ten per cent. per annum—io wit: Those voting will write upon their ballots, "Tax," or

write upon their ballots, "Tax," or "Loan," as they may determine.

And furthermore, at the same time and place, the qualified voters aforesaid will decide by their votes whether the sam of twenty-five thousand dollars shall be raised by speci. Ftax. or loan, for the use and benefit of the Fire Department aforesaid—to wit:—Those voting will write upon their ballots, "Fire Department—Yes—Loan." or, "Fire Department—Yes—Tax," or, "Fire Department—No," as the case may be.

C. I. HUTCHINSON, Mayor.

Sacramento, January 1st. 1853.

REPORT OF MR. CHEDIC, on the Proposition of GEO.
GORDON to furnish the City with Water. Adopted

Gordon to furni Oct. 26th, 1852.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of Geo. Gordon, Esq., to erect Water Works in this city, being impressed with the urusual importance of the contemplated enterprise, have extended to it a careful consideration, and respectfully report:
The gentleman above referred to makes two distinct propositions, to erect works of greater or less magnitude, as follows:

1st - Reservoir cemented ma-

sonry; size. 100x 60 feet; contents, 450.000 gallons; of masonry strong enough to sustain 60 feet; contents, 450,000 gallons; weight of water, to hold 2000 tons; foundations laid twelve feet below surface and made solid to surface, with abutment wings, elevated 25 feet above surface on massive are, es of water. The interior in three stries, adapted for flouring mill. The The inflouring mill. The building requires to be iron-bound in every way, and the foundations the fearedations carried below the influence of surface water..... 2d--Four boiler iron tanks, to coatais 100.000 galls., at 10e. -Building mented masonry, 30.000 lbs. iron

work 130.000 ft tim-

3d - Machinery; one steam engine, 60 horse power; two sets of pumps capable of lifting together 400 000 gallons daily; ene 130.000 ft timber and plank.
110.000 feet excavation and embankment -- cost, 2d-B. ick building, 40x50 ft. for fl ur mill and for machinery...... 18,000 00
3d-Machinery spare steam engine of 25 horse. Flouring mill four run of stones, with elevators, bolt, smut and cooling machines, &c. &c. expelle of making 100 bbls, of flour daily nices, for spare steam en-gine of 25 horse. as in A. with the addition of forty-horse power to steam engines & treble capacity of

daily : pipes. for lifting from river; Estimate in A. diaphragm fiter, for purifying wa-ter; shafting, gea-Addition, for ower & pumps. ting. &c. &c. 4th—Four miles and 4 of mile of east iron pie-4th—Tunnel from river to res-ervoir, and con-nections with east iron pipes, from 13in, diame-

pumps...

5-Water pipes

4½ miles, as in A..

6th — Elbows, ter to 3in . capable of conducting 600, 000 gallons daily, where needed. at 4½c. per lb, deliv-ered. 6.000 00 31.500 00 6.800 00 5th-Elbows,

joints, bends, stop cocks. fifty - four fire pluces, tools for works, Ac. as in A...... 16,000 00 6,800 00 f or suspension bridge, to carry pipes over slough if needed,..... fire plus 4.4 sols for works, we... 6th-Laying 44 miles of pipe ex-cavating 7000 cu-bic yds. of earth; 28 tons of lead for

making 4000 joints, &c... 16 000 00 \$125,800 00 \$199.300 00 As, upon the basis of Mr. Gordon's calculations, the

As, upon the basis of Mr. Gordon's calculations, the smaller works would supply a population of 20 000 souls with ten gallons each daily, and a further outlay of \$40.000 would more than double their capacity, the estimate marked A is deemed amply sufficient for the wants of our city, and has been only considered. In acting upon this proposition, several points present themselves. First—the terms. The city will, in the shortest possible period of time, be put in the possession of works and apparatus sufficient to insure a copious supply of water, abundantly adequate for all purposes, fire and domestic, at a cost of \$125.800, payable in city bonds, at ten or twenty years, at the option of the city, bearing an interest of ten per cent, per annum, and specially secured by a lien upon the works. By scrutinizing the estimate, it will be seen that the details are fair and reasonable, and the interest asked for below current rates. Of the terms nothing can be said disparagingly. It remains, then, to consider the necessity and advantages of the works, and they are deemed necessary, for many reasons.

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Firstly—as a protection against fire. It is a source of surprise to all, both residents and non-residents, that our city should so long have escaped a conflagration. While almost every other city and town of note in the State has been visited, and some repeatedly, with destructive fires, ours has escaped; not because we have been in a position to protect ourselves from their violence, but that fortui tous circumstances have enabled us to arrest that sweeting destruction which has often threatened us. That such exemption will always continue it would be folly to hope; sooner or later, unless more powerfully armed with the necessary appliances to arrest its progress, fire will spread throughout the city, and, in one night, destroy incalculably more property than would defray the whole contemplated expense in question. When place I in comparison with the value of the real and personal property of our citizens, the cost of the works sinks into utter insignificance. No sane man will question the paramount necessity of our guarding against fire, and that our city is, in this respect, most sadju deficient. In the cities of New York and Philadelphia the reduction in the rates of insurance, consequent on the introduction of water, more than pays the interest on the cost of its introduction, and designates, with unerring certainty, its protective value,

Secondly.

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Secondly, as a conservator of health, it is necessary. Physicians unite in the opinion that soft water, on account of its superior soluble qualities, is more healthful as a beverage than the hard, unpalatable yield of our city wells, and a commission issued to the female portion of our inhabitants inquiring the relative merits of each for domestic purposes, would elicit strong testimony in favor of the softer article. With a plentiful supply of water, greater habits of cleanliness, both of person and domicil, arise, and a consequent elevation of the moral tone of the corsmunity. Its purifying influence penetrates all places and pervades all classes, and by works of this character, so constructed, many are brought into familiar contact with an elem nt of whose invigorating and cleansing properties they were be ore ignorant, and experience soon teaches them its healthful, influence. This result is abundantly endorsed by the periodical reports of the water departments of the various cities where a copious supply has been introduced.

Thin'ly, as a source of revenue it is advantageous. By a calculation which your Committee finds to be below the reality, and, therefore, safe data, the next yearly income derivable from the works will amount to \$49.600—it estimates the yearly proceeds of the sale of water at \$81.000, as follows:

Assuming the number of houses in the Water Dirict as 1000 (the reality exceeds this estimate, as will be found on reference to the Report of Mr John McClary, Sergeant of Police hereto annexed), the imposition of the light tax of \$3 per month for each house, for which will be supplied, say 100 gallons daily, will yield.

There will be 100 houses, such as baths, hotels, livery stabes, bakeries, hay yards, etc., which will pay \$15 per month extra.

... \$81,000

\$6 750 per month,

Chairman Water Board..... \$ 2.500 Chairman Water Board, 2.500
Superintendent. 2.500
One Clerk and Collector, 1.800
Four Men, \$1.500 cach, 6.000
Renewal and Repairs, 6.000
Interest on Bonds, 12.580

 Salaries of Engineers,
 \$7.200

 Fuel.
 10.800

 Repairs of Machinery,
 2.000

Proposition of the Sacramento Water Co.
Proposition by the Sacramento Water Company to farnish the people of the city of Sacramento with water.

people of the city of Sacramento with water.

D. O. Mills, P. B. Cornwall, Henry E. Robisson, F. W. Page, J. S. Hambleton, A. D. Patterson, Charles Gratiot, B. F. Hastings, Richard Chenery, incorporated under the name of the "Sacramento Water Company," by virtue of an act entitled an act concerning corporations passed by the Legislature of the State of California, April 224, 1850, their successors, associates and assigns be and they are hereby authorized to lay down pipes through the streets, alleys, public grounds or squares of the city of Sacramento, for the conveyance of pure fresh water from the American or Sacramento rivers into said city, for a term of ten years.

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This contract is made pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to authoriz: the Mayor and Common Council of the city of Sacramento to contract for supplying the city with water;" conditions as follows: Said pipes to be laid from a reservoir constructed so as to contain not less than 400,000 gal ons at an elevation of not less than twenty five feet above the level at the north west corner of K and 4th streets, and the pipes leading to and from said reservoir shall be capable of discharging not less than 600,000 galors every twenty four hours. At any time when said reservoir shall be found insufficient for the supply of the city, said company shall erect an additional reservoir adequate to answer the demand as the city shall increase in grewth.

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The said Sacrameuto Water Company shall be entitled to receive from the inhabitants of the city of Sacramento who may elect to take the water of said Company alrates of compensation to be fixed by a board of Commissione rathree to be appointed by the Common Council, and three by the Directors of said Company, and in case of disagreement said board shall appoint an umpire whose decision shall be final and conclutive.

The first election of said Commissioners to be held at the first regular meeting of the Common Council after the completion of said works and due notice thereof given by said Company.

The corporate authorities of the city of Sacramento shall be entitled to the use of the water of said Company for the purpose of extinguishing fires only, free from charge, and to that end shall have power under the direction of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to tap the pipes and connect them with hydrants at such points as they may deem proper.

The time for the completion of said Water Works is hereby limited to the month of March 1854, and unless fluished within that time the privileges granted by this act shall be mult and void except in case of shipwreck of materials or other unavoidable accident.

Upon the full and due performance by said Company of all the requirements and stipulations herein contained the privilege hereby granted to said Company shall be and remain to them exclusive for the term of ten years from the day of March 1854.

Said Company shall in all cases replace the earth or pavements of the streets after laying down the pipes and shall leave the streets in as good order and condition as they found them.

As a further consideration for the supply of water to the city to extinguish fires, no taxes shall be levied by the city upon the Works of said Company, that from an after the month of March, 1854, the s

Report on the Fire Department.

To the Hon. the Mayor and Common Council of Sacramento:
Gentlemen:—The undersigned to whom was referred that portion of the late general message of his honor the Mayor, relative to an appropriation for the Fire Department, respectfully report:
The conflagration which so lately laid in ruins our beautiful and flourishing city has demonstrated, in the view of your committee, the impotency of an inadequate appropriation for the department in question. Admitsing that it was beyond the power of human agency to arrest the conflagration under the circumstances which attended it, yet were revealed the facts that the city possessed but one engine upon which dependence could be placed; a mere nominal supply of water, and the department a numerical force totally inadequate to even up ordinary service. That this condition of affairs is attributable to the lukewarmness with which the manifest necessities of the department have been considered, cannot, in the opinion of your committee, be denied. The appropriations in this respect have not been made with that promptness and liberality without which it will be impossible to establish and maintain in any community a force commensurate with its wants. It is not a wise economy that withholds the appropriation of monies in this direction. How insignificant in amount seems the sum recommended by his honor, the Mayor is comparison with the amount of property consumed like a flash in the short life of the late conflagration. With suitable apparatus upon which men can depend and attach a pride, and an abundant supply of water, the number of enrolled firemen would speedily augment and attach a point of efficience, in which we could place some confidence. On the other hand, a sparing hand will but sustain a sickly department, which will be found most impotent when its services are most needed. Upon the security of property in our city depends, in no small degree, the extent of its credit, and how much an efficient will not attempt to calculate. We are wi

tion to the protection extended to property embraced within them.

The present force of the department consists of one engine in good order. No. 3; two engines, Nos. 1 and 2. condemned; two Hook and Ladder Trucks. Nos. 1 and 2. destitute of ladders, and about 1000 feet of hose—300 teet having been destroyed in the late fire, and the hooks and ladders of Hook and Ladder company No. 1.

Under these circumstances, deeming the recommendation of his honor, the Mayor, just and necessary, your committee woul i advise in accordance therewith, that his suggestion of an appropriation of \$25,000 for the use of this department, to be raised by special taxation or loan, be submitted to the people at an early day for their decision; and that, in case of its approval by them, there be ordered from the East, as soon as possible, six new engines and 6000 feet of hose, in such manner as your honorable body may see fit to direct.

GEO. W. CHEDIC, JOS. H. NEVETT.

Sacramento, December 13, 1852.

Sacramento, December 13, 1852. Report of Finance Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

To the Hon, the Mayor and Common Council:
The Finance Committee have had under serious consideration that part of the Mayor's late message relative to the present financial condition of the city, and have anxiously sought for other means to replenish the exhausted treasury of the city, than by the levying of a direct tax upon its citizens crippled as they are in their resources by the late disasters of fire and flood. Subsequent to the fire, when the indomitable energy of the community was displayed in the unparalleder applity with which a "city in ashes!" was rebuilt, and its business or revived, as to encourage the committee to hope that the receipts from licenses, as well as the prompt payment of delinquent taxes upon personal property, would go far to meet the extra drafts made upon the city treasury in consequence of that disaster. Your com-

payment of delinquent taxes upon personal property, would go far to meet the extra drafts made upon the city treasury in consequence of that disaster. Your committee had also hoped to report an increased amount of revenue from the Harbor Master's department, but the stringent measures recommended by the Contract Committee to compel the payment of dues from the steamboats, have as yet been ineffectual, and it is feared they will continue to refuse payment of the large amount due the city, until compelled to do so by due course of law in the suits now pending.

The more recent disaster of a partial overflow and the unusual amount of rain that has since fallen, has not only suspended in a great measure the business of the city and destroyed the hopes of revenue indulged in, but has also left the streets and roads in so bad a condition, as to make it absolutely necessary to expend a much larger amount upon them than was previously anticipated. With this state of affairs existing, we have to choose one of two plans for the collection of revenue—either to lievy a tax of § per cent, authorized by the charter and recommended by his honor the Mayor, or to take the necessary steps to obtain a loan upon the faith and credit of the city, which latter can only be done by a vote of the people in its favor. The first plant a direct tax) appears to your committee to be much the best for the permanent interest of the city and its citizens; because, if they by a prompt payment of the money necessarily expended by the city in consequence of the disasters that have befallen us, show their determination to overcome the difficulties that surround us, they not only maintain the public credit unimpaired, but they also strengthen

their own business relations and prospects. With money in the treasury to pay the drafts upon it, the city is enabled to get her work done at its cash value. But if such work is to be paid for in bonds redeemable some years hence, it will cost the city probably double the real value of such work, thereby greatly increasing taxation in the future. But while the committee are impressed with the belief that the cellection of a tax is the best plan, they cannot shut their eyes to the fact that the citizens are illy prepared to pay such tax, (small as it would be) after the severe losses they have sustained. On the other hand, it is held that the tax-payer could better afford to pay twice the sum a year or two hence, and therefore a loan should be obtained. In this dilemma the committee prefer to have the sense of the citizens upon the subject, and recommend that a vote be taken whether the sum required shall be raised by direct tax of \(\frac{7}{2} \) per cent, or by a loan for a short term of years. The committee therefore offer the following resolution,—all of which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved. That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue his proclamation calling an election of the people in accordance with the provisions of the city charter, to vote upon the question whether they are in favor of a direct tax not exceeding three-fourths of one per cent. or in favor of negociating aloan not exceeding \$50.000, for not less than eight years, and at a rate of interest not exceeding 10 per cent. per annum. jan3

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J. L. POLHEMUS.

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HENRY BOWMAN. [dec28] HENRY S. BURGESS.

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G. L. SIMMONS.

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