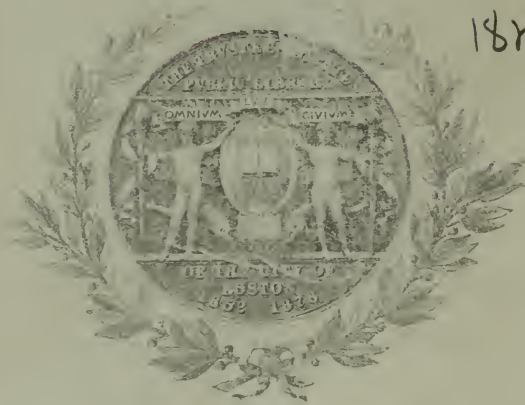


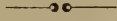


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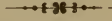
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF BRIGHTON,

April, 1844.

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REPORT.

The Committee chosen March 4th, 1844, to examine and audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer have attended to their duty, and beg leave to submit the following Report.

RECEIPTS.

Amount rec'd of S. D. Ruggles, Collector of Taxes for 1843,	\$ 4,116 94
“ borrowed of the Bank of Brighton,	1,700 00
“ of Cash and Bills received of C. Heard, for balance of taxes, 1842,	450 00
“ rec'd for rent of Town Farm three quarters, in full to January 1, 1844,	75 00
“ “ from State School Fund,	46 21
“ “ from Fish Wardens of Charles River,	178 50
“ “ from First Parish for use of Town Hall,	90 00
“ “ from E. C. Sparhawk for use of do. from Universalist Society,	60 00
“ “ from B. F. Pierce for use of do.	35 00
“ “ W. Fletcher for use of do.	72 25
“ “ for support of State Paupers,	33 95
Total,	<hr/> \$ 6,857 85

EXPENDITURES.

Schools.

Amount paid	J. Ruggles as Instructor in Male Department of High School one year,	\$ 700 00
“	“ M. L. Eastman, Female Depart. of do. 37 weeks at \$ 7 14 per week,	264 22
“	“ Miss Lucy Tilton as Teacher of North School 42 weeks at \$ 4 per week,	168 00
“	“ H. L. Eastman as Teacher of Centre School 42 weeks at \$ 4,	168 00
“	“ H. A. Hoyt as Teacher of West School 34½ weeks at \$ 4,	138 00
“	“ E. Noyes as Teacher of West School 9 weeks at \$ 4,	36 00
“	“ S. A. Hall as Teacher of East School 30 weeks at \$ 4,	120 00
“	“ G. Peabody as Teacher of East School 13 weeks at \$ 4,	52 00
“	“ J. A. Warren as Teacher of Infant School 44 weeks at \$ 4,	176 00
“	“ for Fuel for Schools,	172 43
“	“ Mrs. A. Winship for Rent of Land for Centre School House one year,	15 00
“	“ H. L. Christian, for Painting School House,	35 00
“	“ Centre District School Library,	15 00
“	“ North do. do.	15 00
“	“ East do. do.	15 00
“	“ C. Wentworth, making fires, East School,	5 75
“	“ A. Rice, do. North do.	7 00
“	“ G. Fuller, do. Centre do.	6 00
“	“ W. Fletcher do. High & Inf. do.	11 17
“	“ W. R. Champney, do. West do.	7 00
“	“ W. R. Champney, Prudential Com.	10 00
	Amount carried forward,	\$ 2,136 57

Amount brought forward,		\$ 2,136 57
Amount paid	S. Dearborn, Prudential Committee,	10 00
“	“ G. Fuller, “ “	10 00
“	“ A. Rice, “ “	10 00
“	“ Rev. Mr. Adams, General School Committee, for 30 visits to Schools,	25 00
“	“ J. S. Kelly, 28 visits do. do. do.	28 00
“	“ Fowle & Capen for Common School Journal,	7 50
“	“ W. Warren for Postage on do. do.	72
“	“ Miss Eastman, for cleaning School-room,	2 00
“	“ Kelly & Spring’s Bill,	1 62
“	“ Mr. Sampson, Stove Pipe,	8 12
“	“ S. Dearborn, repairs on East School House,	5 60
“	“ J. Osborn, setting Glass,	1 15
“	“ J. Ruggles, sundries for High School,	4 00
“	“ G. Fuller’s Bill,	1 06
“	“ W. R. Champney, do.	1 30
	Total,	\$ 2,252 64
Geo. R. Hichborn’s Bill, for General School Com- mittee, not rendered.		

Town Officers.

Amount paid	H. H. Larnard, Treasurer,	40 00
“	“ W. Warren, Clerk,	40 00
“	“ Geo. Livermore, Assessor, 22 days,	44 00
“	“ H. Haynes, do. 20 do.	40 00
“	“ W. R. Champney, do. 20 do.	40 00
“	“ W. R. Champney, Constable, notifying 3 Town Meetings, at \$ 6,	18 00
“	“ Do. distributing School and Town Reports,	6 00
“	“ Do. notifying Officers to take Oath,	4 00
	Total,	\$ 232 00

Support of Poor.

Amount paid	J. Shackford, Board, &c.	\$ 275 01
“	“ H. Prince, for amount paid sundry bills,	52 57
“	“ Delia Weld, for support of Pennel Weld,	58 50
“	“ W. Warren, for Medicine,	8 02
“	“ W. Fletcher’s Bill, Funeral Expenses, &c.	23 44
“	“ B. H. Cook, 2 Bills of sundries,	17 11
“	“ Town of Cambridge, support of E. H. Dunham,	22 00
“	“ Kelly & Spring’s Bill of sundries,	20 86
“	“ J. Goding’s Bill,	23 00
	Total,	<hr/> \$ 500 51

Fire Department.

Amount paid	Members of Engine Company No. 2, Poll Tax,	\$ 28 50
“	“ R. H. Bent, for Horses No. 2,	32 51
“	“ H. Webster, Crackers,	2 67
“	“ W. H. Patten, care of Engine No. 2, 6 months, to July 1st, 1843,	12 50
“	“ O. H. Smith, care of Engine No. 2, 6 months, to January 1, 1844,	12 50
“	“ E. Bogle, Repairs on Engine No. 2,	4 75
“	“ Geo. S. Dowse, Refreshments No. 2,	3 71
“	“ Members of Engine No. 1, Poll Tax,	51 00
“	“ W. Fletcher, care of No. 1 one year,	18 00
“	“ do. Oil,	1 19
“	“ C. Warren, for Refreshments,	8 00
	Total,	<hr/> \$ 175 33

Miscellaneous.

Amount paid	Treasurer, Balance due April 10th, 1843,	455 98
"	" Bank of Brighton, two Notes and Interest,	1,734 94
"	" Geo. W. Little, Note and Interest,	522 84
"	" H. Davis, Hoisting Draw,	149 37
"	" Town of Cambridge, Repairs on Bridge,	195 54
"	" Insurance of Town Hall,	31 00
"	" W. Fletcher, Lighting Town Hall, &c.,	57 72
"	" " Ringing Bell one year,	40 00
"	" " " " six months, to March 1st, 1843,	20 00
"	" " Making Fire, 1841,	2 00
"	" C. White, Sundries,	1 88
"	" J. De Wolf, for Gravel, Centre District,	26 20
"	" W. Warren's Bill,	8 53
"	" B. Holton, for Gravel, West District,	11 70
"	" S. Dearborn, Repairs on School House, 1842,	3 14
"	" C. Brackett, Coal for Town Hall,	19 21
"	" Rev. A. D. Jones, General School Com- mittee, 1842,	18 00
"	" W. D. Dudley's Bill, Labor,	5 92
"	" First Parish, Gravel,	2 50
"	" E. C. Sparhawk, Abatement,	3 00
"	" S. Holbrook, "	5 10
"	" S. Brooks, "	16 84
"	" W. R. Matchett, "	1 53
"	" H. Darling, "	1 50
"	" F. Winship, "	11 22
"	" H. Brackett, Prudential Committee, &c., 1842,	23 05
"	" Metcalf & Co., Printing,	29 00
"	" Geo. Livermore's Bill,	1 00
"	" B. Holton, for Gravel,	10 30
"	" J. Winship, for clearing snow from Roads,	2 00

\$ 3,411 01

Amount brought forward,	\$ 3,411 01
“ “ C. Brackett, Coal for Schools, 1842,	21 12
“ “ S. Buttrick, for Advice to Assessors,	10 00
“ “ B. F. Pierce, for amount paid Small Bills,	57 19
“ “ Interest on Notes,	582 00
“ “ J. D. Dudley's Bill, Labor,	11 00
“ “ S. Sawyer, “ “	2 75
“ “ Wilson & Wright, Entertainment of Town Officers,	64 00
“ “ W. R. Champney, Prudential Com. 1842,	10 00
“ “ S. Dearborn, “ “	10 00
“ “ School Fund Corporation,	12 50
“ “ A. Rice, Bill,	12 05
“ “ H. Haynes,	1 48
“ “ J. Gordon, for Work on Bridge,	17 50
“ “ S. W. Herrick, for Lumber,	12 68
“ “ G. Fuller, “	3 38
“ “ C. Warren, Sundries,	8 55
“ “ J. Greenwood, for Drain,	36 11
“ “ Non-resident Highway Taxes, 1842-3,	80 56
	Total, \$ 4,363 88

Town Debt, April 1st, 1844.

Two Notes, S. H. Bennett,	4,000 00
Interest,	120 00
Two “ S. S. Larnard,	1,500 00
One “ H. Pierce,	1,000 00
One “ E. Kendall,	1,000 00
One “ S. Kendall,	1,000 00
One “ L. A. Pratt,	500 00
One “ C. Blodgett,	200 00
One “ Mrs. Hastings,	500 00
Two “ Geo. H. Brooks,	1,500 00
One “ Mrs. Blodgett,	500 00
Outstanding Debts, — probably,	240 00
	Total, \$ 12,060 00

Recapitulation.

Total Amount of Expenditures,	\$ 7,524 36
“ “ “ Receipts;	6,857 85
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Balance due Treasurer, April 1, 1844,	\$ 666 51
“ “ Sundry Notes and Bills against Town,	12,060 00
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	\$ 12,726 51
Balance due the Town from S. D. Ruggles, exclusive of Abatements and Premiums	1,015 00
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Total Amount of Town Debt, April 1, 1844,	\$ 11,711 51
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Amount of Town Debt, April 1, 1843,	\$ 12,375 98
“ “ “ April 1, 1844,	11,711 51
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Reduction of Debt the last year,	\$ 664 47
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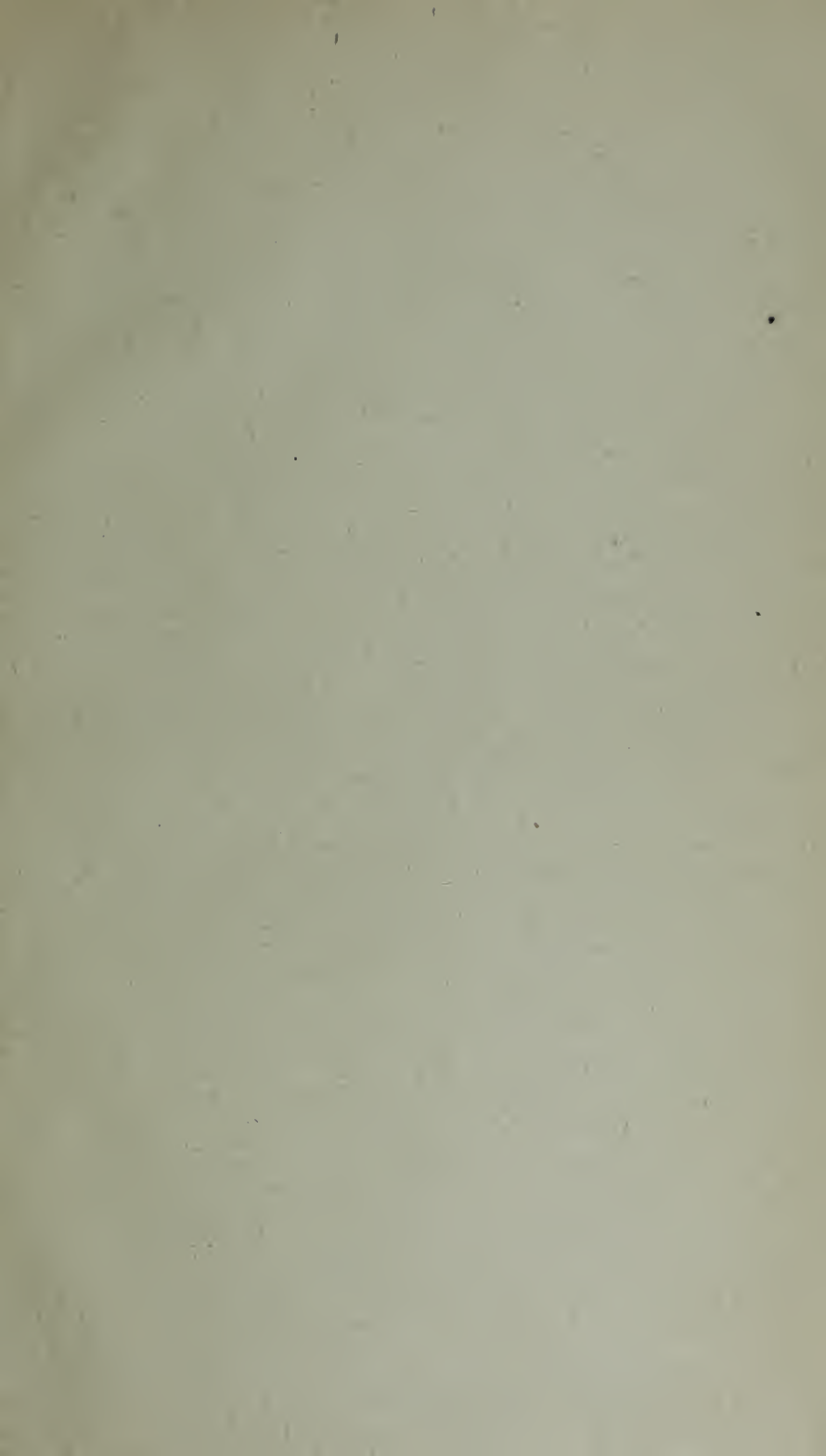
Your Committee find the accounts of the Treasurer correctly kept, and proper vouchers in his hands for all expenditures the past year.

In conclusion, they would respectfully suggest the necessity of a change in the present system, or rather want of system, in collecting taxes, so that the Treasurer can calculate with some degree of certainty upon the receipts. It will be seen that more than a *thousand dollars* of the amount assessed the last year remains unpaid, and between six and seven hundred dollars is now due the Treasurer for money advanced to sustain the credit of the Town. Your Committee are of the opinion, that, by adopting a different course, at least *two hundred dollars* could be saved in collection and interest; and all demands upon the Town promptly met without resorting to loans, and much unnecessary trouble saved the Treasurer, which now renders the office a burden to a man desirous of sustaining the credit of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WARREN, }
 HORACE BRACKETT, } *Auditors.*
 JONA. WHITNEY, }

Brighton, April 1st, 1844.



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