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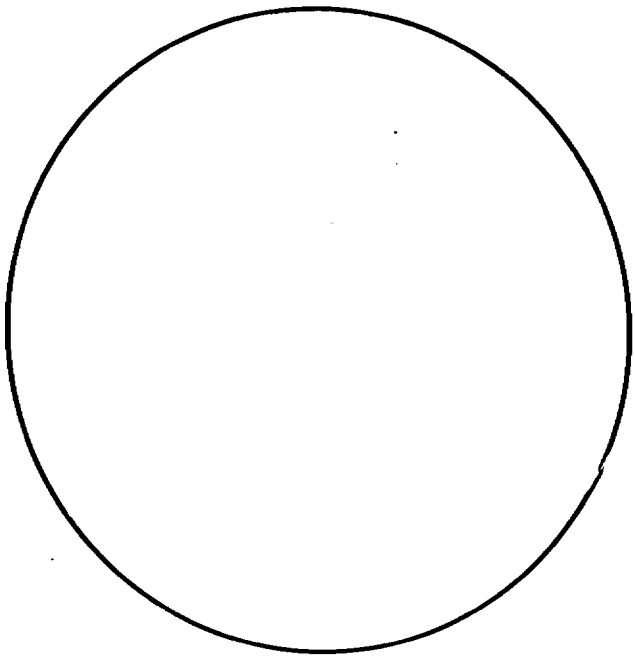
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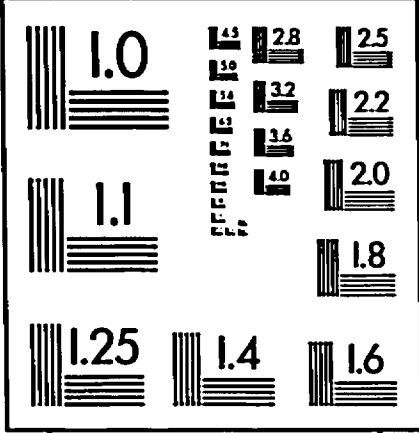
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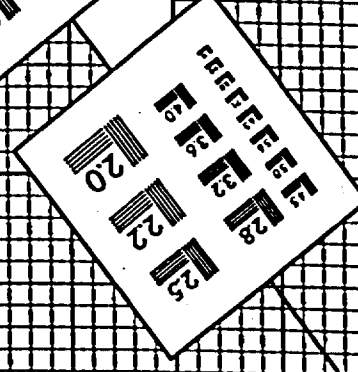
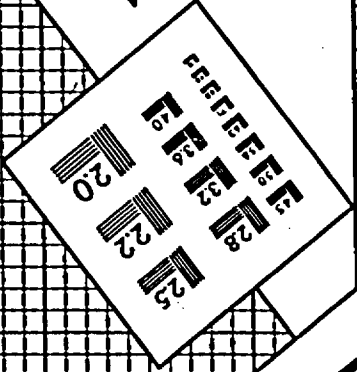
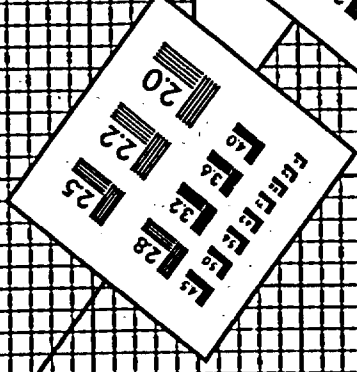
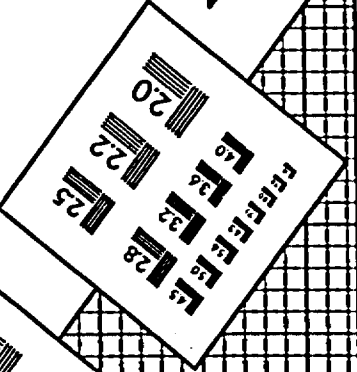
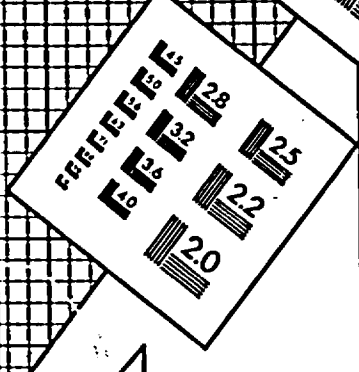
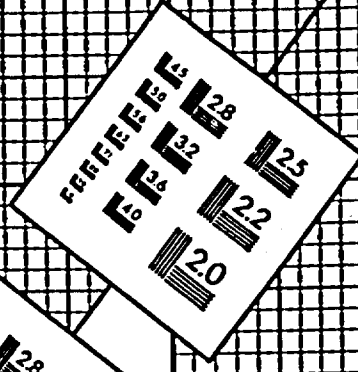
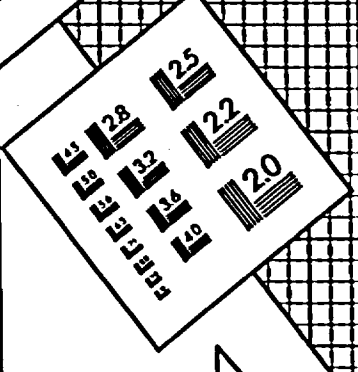
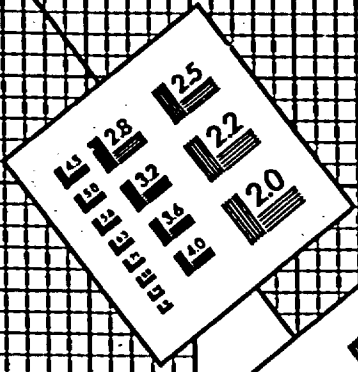
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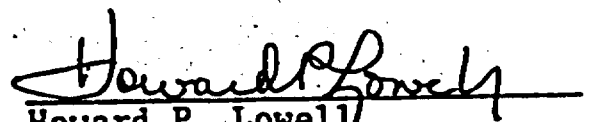




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The Land leased to David George for the years 1837 & 1838  
and the said farm to be put back agreeably to the lease of the  
Trustees for the next two years -

Done: J. H. Galloway  
November 27 1839

Whereupon,

On motion, Resolved that the said proposition be accepted -

Provided that the said J. H. Galloway shall pay the sum proposed in  
Bond - or appear to the said Commission against him in the Superior  
Court and confess Judgment for the said amount as Damages - and  
also for the amount of arrears of Rent due by him to the Trustees with  
Costs - he make such other arrangements for settling the said sum,  
as approved by Mr. Beall the Counsel of the Board.

The following Resolutions were on motion, and after consideration adopted -

Whereas, it will soon become necessary for this Board to make  
new Leases of the farms belonging to this Corporation - Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that no Leases  
shall hereafter be made for a longer term than twelve years.

Resolved, That the Acting Committee of this Board be instructed  
and they are hereby authorized to enter into arrangements for the  
reletting the farms belonging to this Corporation, on the expiration  
of their present Leases, and for that purpose to make new Leases with  
any person or persons containing such stipulations, Covenants and  
Agreements, and for such periods not exceeding the term of twelve years,  
subject to the approval of this Board, or said Committee may deem  
most expedient - and that for this purpose Mr. Houston be added to  
the said Committee.

A Proposition of David George for letting the farm now occupied by him  
as Tenant of Thomas H. Barton was submitted and read - and on  
motion the same together with other proposals for letting the Common  
Lands, was referred to the Committee appointed for such purpose -

On motion, Resolved that this Board of Trustees will, in reply to a  
note thereon sent to the assignment to Mr John - Patterson of the  
Lease given to Mr. Mungard Bond - it being represented to the Board that  
the said John Patterson is the said Patterson

On motion, Ordered that Mr. David Mc Coy, be legally notified to  
remove from the farm the Occupier, on the 20th of March next  
Also that Edward George and David Mungard be notified to give up  
possession of the said farm in their respective parts on the said day -

On motion the Board Adjourned

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle  
Common February 22<sup>d</sup> 1840

Present  
Thomas James President, Thomas Stockton, Henry John James  
Samuel Beall - Thomas Challenger - W. B. James - Ephraim  
Bartman -

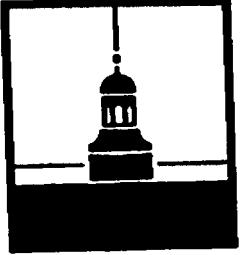
After spending some time in the consideration & examination  
of plans proposed for the alterations and improvement of the Court  
House and Public Offices for the better accommodation of the County  
and preservation of the Records of the County - to be submitted to the  
Legislature to procure an appropriation for said purposes - On  
motion Adjourned to tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock

Saturday February 22 1840 The Board met pursuant to  
Adjournment - Present -

Thomas James President - Messrs. Stockton - Beall - John  
Challenger - Bradford - W. B. James - Gray - Bowman -

On motion, The following Resolution was adopted -  
Whereas, William S. Read Esq. has applied to the Board for the  
assignment of the Leases to his assignee, the Leases for the term of a year  
to Samuel Mc Donald with whom he is in treaty for sale of his term  
therein - provided he shall conclude an agreement with him for said  
Sale - Resolved, That the Board will give their assent to the  
assignment of said Leases as applied for by the said William S. Read  
by the said William S. Read - provided that the arrears of Rent due  
by the said William S. Read for said premises be first paid -  
and that thereupon the Secretary be authorized to endorse upon  
the Leases the said assent of the Board and certify the same  
under the Corporate Seal of the Trustees.

The Acting Committee Reported to the Board a memorandum  
of an agreement made by them with Mr. David Mc Coy for the  
Lease of the farm now occupied by him as Tenant of Thomas H. Barton



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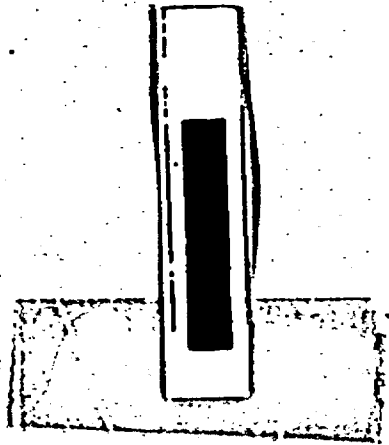
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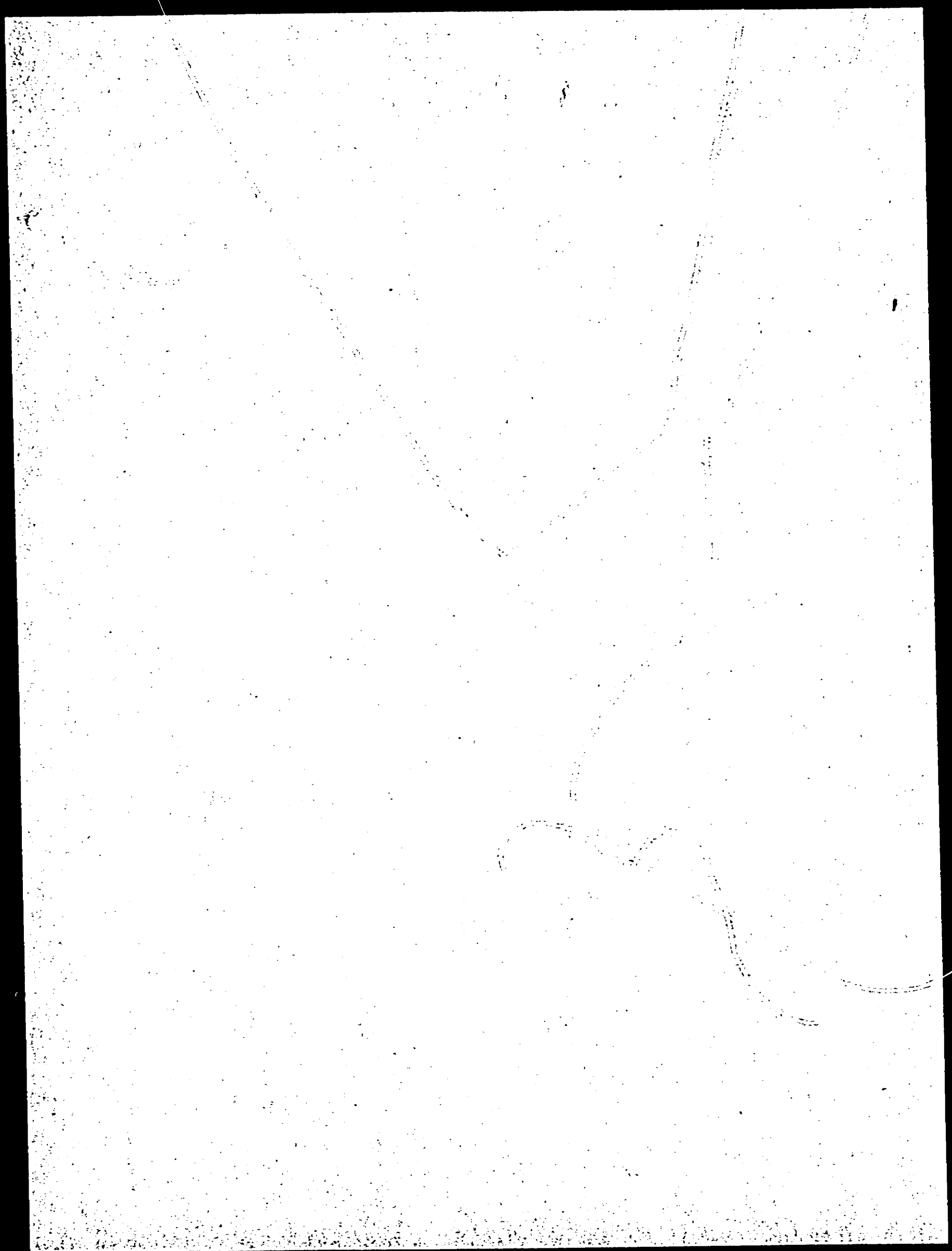
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**TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON**

**Minutes**

**February 1791**  
**to**  
**December 1869**

at a Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at  
Newcastle on the 20th of February 1791.

The Board took into consideration the Act of the last  
Session of the Legislature of this State, entitled, "an Act for the  
better Relief of the Poor," whereby the Trustees of the Poor of each  
County are directed to furnish within their respective Houses and lots  
or lots or a quantity of land not exceeding one hundred and  
thirty acres any Buildings may be erected for the  
Reception and employment of the Poor and from and since  
that the Trustees of the Poor of this County would be desirous  
to accept of a situation nearly central, be it they in a full  
said area contiguous to a street perhaps inferior to one  
in the County either for the Manufactures of the Poor or the  
Proceed of the Land cultivated by them

Do Unanimously Resolve

That this Board will cede to the  
Trustees of the Poor of this County for the purposes of erecting  
Buildings thereon for the Reception and employment  
of the Poor of the said County a quantity of Land lying  
on the South Side of the State Road leading from  
Newcastle to Christiansa Bridge not exceeding one  
hundred acres being part of that Tract heretofore by the  
name of the Newcastle Common

Resolved

That Joseph Tallow and Archd. Alexander  
or either of them wait on the Trustees of the Poor of  
said County and communicate the above Resolution

Dated at Newcastle the Day and Year aforesaid

- David Finney
- Gerrard Bellford
- Joseph Tallow
- Henry Johns
- Les Booth
- George Read Jr
- Les Readle
- Archdald Alexander
- Joseph Boffs
- John Sturton



At a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held in the Town of Newcastle March 2<sup>d</sup> 1791 a quorum of Trustees being present

That Archibald Alexander reports that Mr Sallow and himself have been before the Trustees of the Poor of Newcastle County the Resolution respecting the Coping of that part of the Newcastle Common lying on the South side of the State Road leading from Newcastle to Christ Church Bridge for the purpose of having Buildings erected thereon for the reception and employment of the Poor of this County and also Communicated a Report from the said Trustees of the Poor that a Coping of some other part of the said Common would in the Opinion of the said Trustees be more convenient for the purposes afo<sup>r</sup>

The Trustees of the said Common now present took the same into Consideration and directed Mr Sallow and also Mr Riddle to propose to the Trustees of the Poor afo<sup>r</sup> for their Assent for the purposes afo<sup>r</sup> a Coping of a part of the said Common as herein after described to wit: 1<sup>st</sup> Either the above described Part lying on the South Side of the State Road afo<sup>r</sup> with an area thirty on Southeastern Extremity of the said Common next to the Town of Newcastle and bounded on the South West by the State Road so that the whole shall not exceed the quantity of sixty acres or 2<sup>d</sup> a quantity of Land part of the said Common situated on the South Eastern Extremity thereof next to the Town of Newcastle and bounded to the South West by the State Road afo<sup>r</sup> not exceeding sixty Acres or 3<sup>d</sup> a quantity of Land part of the said Common being the North Eastern part thereof bounded by the Ancient great Road leading from Newcastle to Wilmington and lying between the lands of John Wilson and James Colclough not exceeding sixty Acres And it is the Opinion of the Trustees present that if neither of the Copings before proposed be accepted no further or other Coping ought to be offered

- David Finney
- Henry Bedford
- Jos Booth
- Henry Johns
- George Read Jun
- James Riddle
- Jos Bagge
- Archibald Alexander
- Joseph Fallow

At a meeting of the a Majority of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1792.

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| Present David Finney Esq: Chairman | Joseph Fallow,               |
| John Stockton,                     | Arch <sup>d</sup> Alexander, |
| Henry Bedford,                     | George Read, Jun,            |
| Henry Johns,                       | Matthew Pearce.              |
| James Riddle,                      |                              |

The intended Improvement of the Common under Consideration Proposed and agreed to, that the Trustees proceed to consider certain general Principles as to letting the same on lease.

- 1<sup>st</sup> That the said Commons shall be laid out in Lots and let on lease.
- 2<sup>d</sup> That a proportion of the said Commons adjacent to the Town of Newcastle, shall be reserved as a Common.
- 3<sup>d</sup> That the Lots so to be laid off for Tillage, shall not be less than eighty, nor more than one hundred and ten Acres.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That a number of small Lots shall be laid off for Grass Lots which shall not exceed the Quantity of six Acres, nor less than one Acre.
- 5<sup>th</sup> That there shall be reserved out of every Lot leased for Tillage, in the proportion of ten Acres to the hundred, which shall be kept for wood land.
- 6<sup>th</sup> That the Lessee shall live on, and occupy the Lands himself, or by his Tenant, and in the last case be compelled to make certain Improvements - Viz - The out Lines thereof to be secured by Fencing and Ditching, and build thereon a brick House twenty feet by sixteen two stories high, and cover the same with a Roof of Cedar Shingles.

That

22. 7th. That the Term of Leasing shall be for thirty Years.

Resolved, that Joseph Fallow, John Stockton & James Riddle, be appointed a Committee to receive proposals for Leasing, and for having the Land divided into Lots as aforesaid, - which said divisions with a Plot thereof shall be Communicated to, and laid before the Board of Trustees; And that the said Committee shall call a meeting of the Trustees, when they shall think it expedient. —

At a meeting of the Trustees of the New-Castle Common, on the Day of 1792 —

It was ordained, That the Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Board to receive proposals for renting the Tract of Land called the New-Castle Common, be authorized to contract for leasing the same (except the proportion thereof reserved as a Common) for any term not exceeding thirty Years, upon the best Terms that can be obtained, either by public Auction or otherwise; stipulating with the Lessees, that the Improvements directed by this Board at their last meeting be made; and that the same lands shall during the last ten Years of the Term at least, be worked as follows - one fourth thereof in Winter Grain, and one other fourth in Summer Grain, reserving also ten Acres out of every hundred for Wood Land, which shall remain untouched by the Tenants. And be it further Ordained, that the said Committee be also empowered to take every necessary Step requisite to ascertain and fix the Lines of the said Tract of Land with the owners of the adjacent Lands - by Composition or otherwise.

And be it further Ordained, that Messrs Geo. Reed, Junr?

23. Alexander, & Johns, be appointed a Committee for the purpose of framing a system of By-Laws for the Government of this Corporation, and also, a form of Leases to be laid before the Board for their Approbation.

And be it further Ordained, that it is expedient that a Common Seal be procured for the Corporation, and that the Committee appointed for framing the By-Laws, shall also prepare a Device for the said Seal. —

And be it further Ordained, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to procure on loan the sum of one Hundred Pounds, for the purpose of defraying certain expences incurred by the Corporation. —

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New-Castle Common, on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1792 —

Present - David Finney, Esq. Chairman.

John Stockton,  
Gen. Bedford,  
Kensy Johns,  
James Riddle,

Joseph Fallow,  
Geo. Reed Junr.  
Matt<sup>r</sup>. Pearce.

The Committee appointed for the Purpose of framing a system of By-Laws, for the Government of the Corporation, Reported a set of Rules & Ordinances, which being read and Considered by sections, were amended and adopted by the Board and Ordered to be transcribed in the Book of Transactions; They are as follow: —

The By-Laws or Ordinances of the Corporation as adopted

this day 1792

Section 1. Whereas it is necessary for the preservation of good order and the dispatch of business, that a member of the Board of Trustees should be selected to preside over and regulate the deliberations thereof

Be it therefore ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-Castle Common that the said Trustees shall at their next meeting



chose by Ballot a member of their Body who shall preside at the Assembly of the said Board and be stiled President of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, and shall continue in office until the first Tuesday in March next ensuing hereof and ninety three and until an other be chosen. And that the said Board of Trustees shall on the same first Tuesday of March aforesaid or as soon after as conveniently may be and annually thereafter, choose a President as aforesaid Provided always and be it ordained that that the said Board of Trustees have Power to choose a President pro Tempore in case of the Absence or other inability of the President elect, to attend and in case of the Vacancy of the said Office by death or removal to supply the same by a new election of a President for the Remainder of the year.

Section 2

And be it further Ordained that the President shall have power to preserve Order in and regulate the deliberations of the Board of Trustees so as to effectuate despatch of business And in case of an equal division, shall have an additional casting Vote. He shall have power to convene the Board of Trustees at other Times besides the Times appointed by Law for that purpose And it shall be his duty to convene the said Board of Trustees at the request of any two members of the said Board Provided that three days Notice of the said meeting be given by advertisement signed by the Secretary and set up in public Views in the said Town of Newcastle.

Section 3

And be it further Ordained that there shall be a Secretary who shall be chosen by Ballot and continue in office during the Pleasure of the Board of Trustees, that it shall be the duty of the said Secretary, faithfully to receive all the Acts and proceedings of the Corporation in regular Books to be provided for that purpose and to do and perform every matter and thing appertaining to the office.

Section 4th

And be it further ordained that there shall be a Treasurer who shall be chosen by Ballot and continue in Office during the Space of Two years that it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and safe keep the monies belonging to the Corporation that the Treasurer shall not pay over any monies so received by him to any person or persons whatsoever without a written Order signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. And by such payments and which shall be his warrant for so doing. Provided always that it shall be the duty of the

the Secretary to countersign all such orders as may be drawn by the President or the Treasurer in Pursuance of and conformably to any Ordinances or Ordinance of the Board of Trustees and that the Treasurer shall become bound to the Trustees of the New Castle Common in an obligation in writ of Cap. Temp. Five Hundred Pounds Lawfull Money of the State of Delaware - Condition for the due and faithful performance of the office of Treasurer of the New Castle Common or such other security as the said Trustees shall approve. And that it shall be the Duty of the Treasurer to demand and receive the Rents assigned to be paid by the respective Tenants of the Corporation when they shall grow due and in case of failure in the punctual discharge thereof by distress Suit or Entry to compel the most speedy payment of the same Rents And that the Treasurer shall in Books to be provided for that purpose make regular Entries of the Amount of the Rents that may have been Received by him and for what year of Lease and when and from whom.

Section 5th

And be it further Ordained that no Order as aforesaid shall be given or drawing monies out of the Treasury unless authorized and signed by Ordinances of the Board of Trustees regularly recorded the Substance of which Ordinances tending to show the purposes of the Appropriations shall be contained in the said Ordinances tending to show the purposes of the Appropriations shall be contained in the said Ordinances which shall not be countersigned by Secretary unless the same conformable to the Ordinances.

Section 6th

And be it further Ordained that the Secretary shall in regular Books to be provided for that purpose make Entries of all orders to be drawn as aforesaid and countersigned by himself or any other person the Date the Amount and purpose for which drawn and make Report thereof Annually to the Board of Trustees.

Section 7th

And be it further Ordained that the Treasurer shall keep in Books to be provided for that purpose regular Accounts as well of all monies that shall be received by him and from whom and on what Account charging himself therewith as of all monies that shall be paid away by him and to whom for what purpose and at what times and regularly file all orders that shall be drawn as aforesaid requiring payment of monies by him and shall and



being required to Render an Annual Account of all Receipts and  
payments of monies as aforesaid to the Board of Trustees Provided always -  
and it is hereby further Ordained that the Books and Accounts of the  
Treasurer and the Board so as aforesaid to be filed shall at all Times be open  
for the Inspection and examination of such Committees as the Board  
of Trustees may from to time appoint for that purpose -

Section 8th

And Be it further Ordained that the Board of Trustees shall  
meet quarterly yearly from and after the first Tuesday in March  
September December and March three in each year and every year  
thereafter at such convenient place in the Town of Newcastle as  
may be Determined and by the said Board or where they last  
assembled which it shall be the duty of the Secretary to advertise  
at least three days before the stated time of meeting

Section 9th

And Be it further Ordained that a General Statement  
of the Receipts and expenditures of monies of the Corporation shall  
be regularly published within three months after each twenty fifth  
day of March in every year after the Twenty fifth day of March  
seventeen hundred and ninety four for the Information of  
the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle by distributing among  
them and setting up in Public View in the said Town a  
sufficient number of printed or written boards well containing  
such Accounts which it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to  
make proper distribute and set up as aforesaid -

Section 10

And Be it further Ordained that there shall be an  
Acting Committee to consist of three members who shall be  
chosen by Ballot at the present meeting and shall continue  
in the exercise of the duties aforesaid them until the first Tuesday  
in March next and be chosen Annually thereafter on the said  
first Tuesday in March Provided always that the Board of Trustees  
shall have power to supply by a new election any vacancy that may  
happen in the Committee by Death absence removal or other Disability  
to attend to the duties thereof that it be the duty of the Acting Committee  
to lease the lands belonging to the Corporation concern the situation of -  
the Board of Trustees to enter upon any of the Lands leased in  
of forfeiture or determination of the lease by efflux of Time -  
that the Committee shall have power to enter upon the Lands  
situated upon the leased Premises at least eight Times in each

year of Lease for the purpose of Inspecting the situation of the  
Leased and seeing the state of Improvements alleged to be  
made and the general state of repairs of the premises and  
executing a due observance of the covenants to be performed on  
the part of the Tenant in such Tenures as they may  
deem proper and make Report thereof at each quarterly  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees that the Committee shall have  
power to contract for the Leasing the Lands of the Corporation on  
the most advantageous Terms to be procured conforming in all  
respects to the Ordinances and direction of the Board of Trustees

Section 11

And be it further Ordained that the members of the  
said Acting Committee for the time being shall be the Attorneys of  
the Corporation who or any two of whom shall be vested with  
and exercise all the Powers delegated to them as members of  
the Acting Committee aforesaid by any Ordinance of the Corporation  
Provided that no act done by any two of the members of the  
said Acting Committee without the privacy of the third member  
shall good or available

Section 12th

And Be it further Ordained that the Secretary shall and  
he is hereby required to procure a Common Seal for the Corporation  
which shall be a circular Piece of Brass of the Size of a  
Spanish Milled Dollar with the following Device to wit -  
A Heberdorman holding a Plough drawn by two oxen -  
enclosed in a Shield crested with a Harrow holding a Suttle  
and around the whole Device shall be inscribed in Roman  
Characters "Corporation Seal of Newcastle Common" Provided  
always that the Common Seal of the Secretary shall be the  
Common Seal of the Corporation until a Seal of the before  
mentioned Description be procured

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Section 13th

And Be it further Ordained that the Yeas and Nays  
of the members of the Board of Trustees on any question shall  
at the Desire of any two members of the Board be entered by  
the Secretary among the Records of the Proceedings of the said  
Board and the question together with the Yeas and Nays  
thereon so recorded shall at the desire of any two members be  
forthwith published at their Expense and made known by  
the Secretary under his Signatures to the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Newcastle by at least twelve houses bills or written  
advertisements to be set up at the Court House and public  
Places in the said Town and in other public Places therein  
Provided that if any other part of the Proceedings of the said

Beards be copied by printed, with the part so Requested to be published the same shall at the desire of any other Free members be Communicated and made known by the Secretary in some open and on the same paper or on the same publication and any member shall at all times have liberty to enter among the proceedings of the Board the Reasons of his Dissent on any Question that may be there Decided -

Second

His By LAWS or Ordinances for the regulation of the Real property of the Corporation and the disposal of its Lands.

Chapter 2

Section 1 Whereas it is expedient that the Lands held in the Liberties of Newcastle Common should be disposed of and the Funds arising therefrom should be appropriated in such manner as would be most beneficial to the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle Be it therefore Enacted That the Newcastle Common shall be laid out in Lots by a Surveyor under the direction of the Acting Committee of the said Town and the said Common be let out under certain Leases - Provided always that portions of the said Common adjacent to the said Town of Newcastle be reserved as and for a Common for the use of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Newcastle

Section 2

And Be it further Ordained that each of the said Lots as shall be laid out and appropriated for the purpose of Tillage shall containe not more than one hundred and ten Acres nor more than eighty Acres of Land Provided always that there shall be reserved of every Lot of Land laid for Tillage in the proportion of ten Acres east of every five and a half Acres of Land in Wood Land for the benefit of the said Premises Provided further nevertheless that no Girdling or Throwing wood or Limbs shall be cut or taken away from the same by the Lessee or any person considered any pretence whatsoever

Section 3

And Be it further Ordained that no one of the Lands known by the name of the Newcastle Common as laid out on the South side of the great Road leading from the Town of Newcastle to the Village of Chatterbox Bridge shall be laid out in grass Lots each of which shall not containe more than six Acres nor less than one Acre of Land

Section 4th

And Be it further Ordained that the Lessee by themselves or their Tenants shall reside on and occupy the several Lots of Land that may be laid for Tillage as aforesaid Provided always that in case of residence and Occupation thereof by a Tenant of a Lease the Particular Lessee shall be compelled to make the following Improvements that is to say the Lessee shall enclose by Hooping and stretching the outline of the leased Premises and erect on the said Premises a Brick fireplace with a Stone Four stones and a cellar under the same that the said fireplace shall be twenty feet long sixteen feet wide and two common stones in height and shall be covered with a roof of Cedar Shingles and otherwise finished within and without in a substantial and secure manner And the said Lessee shall plant fifty apple Trees at least on the leased Premises and secure and cultivate the same in an husbandlike manner Provided further and Nevertheless that the before mentioned Improvements of Hooping and stretching and planting fifty apple Trees thereon as aforesaid shall be made by the Lessee in all events whether he actually and personally resides on the leased Premises or not Provided also and it is Ordained that all the improvements herebefore mentioned and provided for in this Ordinance shall be made within seven years from and after the Twenty fifth day of March Seventeen hundred and Ninety two otherwise all and every Lease and Lease of the said Lots shall determine and become absolutely void and of no effect

Section 5th

And Be it further Ordained that the Term of Leasing the said Lots shall be for thirty years -



Section 6

And Be it further Ordained that the Sumes arising from the Leasing of the said Lands shall be appropriated in such manner as the Trustees of the Newcastle Common shall by their Laws and Ordinances futerwardly direct. And Be it always that the said Sumes shall be used they are hereby pleased for the payment of all moneys that may be borrowed by the Acting Committee and payment to any Resolutions of the Board of Trustees for the disbursements of any business incurred on account of and propertie to the leasing of the said Common or any part thereof.

Section 7th

And Be it further Ordained that the Trustees of the Newcastle Common shall and will by Mortgage of the said Newcastle Common lease to be paid at such future some or times as may agreed on any moneys that may have been or shall be borrowed under the direction of the Board of Trustees for the purposes specified in the next preceding Ordinance. Provided that the same Mortgage be not for a longer term than thirty years.

Section 8th

And Be it further Ordained that no member of the Acting Committee and shall be intitled to any lease or lease from the Trustees of the Newcastle Common of any lands or lots within the bounds of the Newcastle Common by virtue of any contract or agreement with the other members of the Acting Committee and without the previous approbation and consent of a majority of the board of Trustees. Provided always Nevertheless and be it further Ordained that if the said contract or agreement be approved of and consented to as aforesaid the member or members of the said Committee to whom such lease may be agreed to be made shall upon such approbation and consent as aforesaid being signified by the Board vacate his or their office as a member or members of the Acting Committee which Vacancy in the said office shall be forthwith supplied and filled up by a new election in such

such manner as is prescribed by Ordinances of the Board of Trustees in other cases of Vacancies in the said office.

Section 9th

And Be it further ordained that so much of the Newcastle Common as hath been reserved as and for a Common shall be enclosed by a fence of Post and rails under the direction of the Acting Committee and or such part thereof as they may deem proper. And that every inhabitant of the Town of Newcastle who shall have a freehold tenure or pay an annual Rent of forty Shillings shall be entitied to Common for one Acre and within four and no more weeks in the Case of Open Pasture having obtained a License or Writing from the Acting Committee.

*[Large decorative flourish or signature]*

The Board of Trustees then proceeded to the Election of Officers for the said Corporation pursuant to the provisions in the said By Laws; when the following Persons were elected— Gunning Bedford, President, Matthew Pearce Secretary, & James Booth Treasurer— John Stockton, James Riddle & Joseph Fallow, were appointed the Acting Committee.

Special Ordinances.

Whereas, Messrs Stockton, Fallow & Middle, did on the fourth Day of August last, borrow from John Hyatt, Esq. the sum of one hundred Pounds for the use of this Corporation, and have given their Bonds to the said John Hyatt, for the re-payment thereof with Interest within two Years from the Date thereof; which sum they have paid over to the Treasurer of this Corporation for the public purposes of the same; and as it is but just and reasonable that the obligors in the S. Bonds be indemnified from any loss thereby:

Be it therefore Ordained, that a Mortgage of that Portion of the New Castle Common directed to be leased, be executed to the said John Stockton, Joseph Fallow & James Riddle, under the Signature of the President, and the Seal of the Corporation, for the purpose of securing the Re-payment of the sum of Money borrowed as aforesaid; That Messrs Johns & Read, Junrs. be directed to prepare the said Mortgage, and the Secretary is hereby directed to affix the Seal of the Corporation to the same; And that an abstract of the said Mortgage be entered by the Secretary on the Records of the Corporation.

Resolved, that an Election be holden on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant to supply the Vacancies which have happened in the Board

Trustees, and that Notice of such Election be given by the Secretary by Advertisement. —

James Riddle's account for Monies paid on account of the expences incurred in surveying the Common amounting to £35.0.0 and also, his Account for Monies paid for Books for the Corporation amounting to £5.15.0— being exhibited and examined, were severally allowed.

Also, Joseph Fallow's Account for sundry expences incurred in surveying the Common, amounting to £4.2.11. being exhibited and examined was allowed. —

Resolved, that the President draw Orders on the Treasurer for the Payment of the above accounts.

Adjourn'd to the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1793 —

Present Gunning Bedford, President  
 John Stockton                      Henry Johns  
 James Riddle                      George Read, Junr.  
 Joseph Fallow                      Matthew Pearce

The Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported to the Board a Draught of a Mortgage to be executed by the President of the said Board pursuant to an Ordinance of the said Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> September last. An abstract of which said Mortgage follows:



The same Committee also reported to the said Board, a Draught of Leases to be executed to the Tenants — which being considered, amended & approved — It is ordained that the said Leases on the request of a Majority of the Acting Committee, be executed to such persons as may be approved of, under the Signature of the President, and the Seal of the Corporation, which the said Secretary is hereby directed to affix. —

A further account of James Riddle, for expenses incurred in surveying the Common, amounting to £ 2.4.6. being examined was allowed.

Also a further account of Joseph Fallow, for expenses incurred in the above manner — amounting to £ 3.4.7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. being examined was allowed.

Resolved, that the President include the above sums in the Orders heretofore directed to be drawn in favor of the said James Riddle & Joseph Fallow, pursuant to an Ordinance of the 12<sup>th</sup> September last.

Orders were drawn accordingly in favor of James Riddle for £ 42.19.9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. and Joseph Fallow for £ 7.6.6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. —

At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle, Common, on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1794

Present Kensey Johns, President Pro: Tem:  
 John Stockton, Joseph Fallow,  
 Arch<sup>d</sup>. Alexander, Geo. Read, Jun<sup>r</sup>,  
 James Riddle, Matthew Pearce.

Whereas it appears to the Board of Trustees, that there are two Vacancies in the said Boards — one by

by reason of the removal from the Town of New Castle of Joseph Boggs, and the other by the Death of John Silsbee, former Members of the said Board. Be it therefore Ordained, that the said Vacancies shall be filled up by an Election to be holden on the first Tuesday in March next, at the Court House in the Town of New Castle, and that Notice thereof be given by the Secretary to the Inhabitants of the said Town, by at least four Advertisements in the most public places in the said Town at least five days before the Election. —

Whereas the Terms of Leasing Lots in the Common heretofore Ordained, as they regard the time when the Annual Rent reserved shall commence, have been found not to afford sufficient encouragement to Tenants. Be it therefore Ordained, that the Term when the Annual Rent reserved to be paid shall commence, is hereby extended, from the Term of One Year, to that of four Years, from and after the Commencement of each Lease. —

Adjourn'd to the first Tuesday in March.

At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1795.

Present  
 Arch<sup>d</sup>. Alexander, Joseph Fallow,  
 George Read, James Riddle,  
 James Booth, Geo. Read, Jun<sup>r</sup>,  
 Kensey Johns,

On Motion Arch<sup>d</sup>. Alexander, was appointed President pro: temp: and George Read, Jun<sup>r</sup> Secretary pro: temp: —

Whereas it appears to the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, that five Vacancies in the said Board have been occasioned, to wit, one by the Death of John Silsbee, and four by the removal from the Town of New Castle of John Stockton, Matthew Pearce, Joseph Boggs & David Finney, former Members of the said Board — and whereas it is necessary that such Vacancies should be supplied — Be it therefore Ordained

36. Ordained, that an Election be holden on Thursday the tenth of December instant, at the Court House in the said Town, for the purpose of supplying the said Vacancies, and that six or more days notice be given to the Inhabitants of the said Town, by a sufficient number of advertisements, set up in the most public Views thereof, signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary of this Board.

Be it further Ordained, that Joseph Fallow & James Booth, members of this Board, or one of them, be and are hereby appointed, to hold, superintend and Conduct the said Election, according to the provisions of the Charter and Laws in such case provided, pursuant to the preceding Ordinance, and make return thereof to the Board of Trustees, at their meeting next after the said Election, of the Persons elected to supply the vacancies aforesaid.

Adjourn'd to Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> December next.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1796 —

Present —

Arch<sup>d</sup>. Alexander,  
George Read, Junr.  
James Booth,  
Joseph Fallow,  
Henry Johns,

James Riddle,  
Nicholas Van dyke  
James M<sup>r</sup>. Callmont  
James Caldwell  
John Birds —

Arch<sup>d</sup>. Alexander was appointed President pro temp.  
— and John Birds was Elected Secretary. —

On motion, Ordered, that James Booth & Joseph Fallow, the Committee to hold an Election to supply certain vacancies in this Board, Occasioned by the Death of John Silsbee, and the removal of John Stockton, Matthew Pearce and David Finney, former Trustees — make

37. — make report of their proceedings; which is as follows;

That on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1795. an Election was held at the Court House, in the Town of New Castle, for the purpose of supplying the afo<sup>r</sup>. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common; and that John Bird, Nicholas Vandyke, James M<sup>r</sup>. Callmont, William Hull & James Caldwell, were duly elected.

Ordered, that the Committee empowered to lease the Common Lots, make report of their proceedings in writing — Accordingly they report as follows: —

In pursuance of the powers delegated to John Stockton, and the subscribers, a Committee appointed to contract for leasing certain parts of a Tract of Land called the New Castle Common — We have contracted to demise the several Lots herein after mentioned, to wit; —

Lot No. 4. to Alexander Read 2 3/4 per Acre,  
Lot No. 7. to James Montgomery. — 2 5/8 — Ditto,  
Lot No. 5. to Joseph Enos. — 2 5/8 — Ditto,  
Lot No. 10. to Samuel Pool — 2 5/8 — Ditto,

and in pursuance thereof leases have been executed, and are now exhibited to the Board.

And your Committee further report, that a discourse was had between the Committee and Robert Barr, relative to the Leasing of Lot No. 3 — at 5/ per Acre, on the same Terms on which Lots No. 5. 7. & 10. have been leased; and your Committee understood that the said Barr, intended to execute a Lease accordingly, but that he hath entered upon and held the Premises, and no Lease hath yet been signed.

And in like manner, a discourse was had with William Doland, and he agreed to take a lease of Lot No. 2. & actually entered upon and occupied the Premises, — but has since removed to the western Country.

That a proposal was made by John & Matthew Haire, to take a lease of Lot No. ; that no agreement was made with them, other than that if they would take a lease and give security they should have a lot — That they have taken possession of Lot



Lot No. cut wood thereon, and cultivated a part of the Land; and have refused to take a lease on the Terms agreed to by the other Tenants.

Signed  
Joseph Fallow  
James Riddle.

The Board agreed to the following  
Ordinance.

Whereas it hath been heretofore ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, among other things, that there should be an acting Committee, to consist of three members to be chosen by Ballot Annually on the first Tuesday in March— And whereas no choice hath been made pursuant to the said Ordinance to compose the said Committee, since the first Election under the same, and almost three Years have elapsed since the said Election— And whereas it is expedient that one Member be chosen to exercise the Duties of the said Committee until the period of the ensuing Annual Election, on the first Tuesday in March next— Be it therefore Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, That so much of the heretofore recited Ordinance as provides for the Annual Election of three members to compose the acting Committee aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby suspended until the first Tuesday in March next, and that one Member of the Board may be chosen at the present meeting to supply the place and perform the Duties of the said acting Committee, and shall be and is hereby vested with all such power and authority as may be necessary to enable such Member to perform the Duties of <sup>the</sup> acting Committee aforesaid until the said first Tuesday in March next; and the performance of such duties as aforesaid is hereby enjoined on such Member as may be elected pursuant to this Ordinance.

Whereupon Joseph Fallow Esquire, was duly Elected the Organ of the Board, in the room of the acting Committee aforesaid. Adjourned to Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, at the House of Mrs Darty, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 1796—

Present. Gung Bedford, Esq. President  
Joseph Fallow, James Caldwell,  
Henry John, Nicholas Ward Dyke,  
Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander, James Booth,  
James McCallmont, John Bird,  
James Riddle,

On motion of Mr Booth,

Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to revise the Rules, Regulations & directions heretofore made or given, relative to leasing the Common Lots; and that they report their Opinion thereon, or such measures as they may deem necessary to be adopted for the better ordering of that Business—

And the said Committee, are Mess<sup>rs</sup> Booth, McCallmont and Alexander; who are to report their Proceedings to a meeting of the Board of the Trustees, on Saturday evening next.

Adjourn'd, to Saturday next at 6 o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, pursuant to adjournment, on the Evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 1796—

Present Gunning Bedford, Esq. President.  
James Booth, James McCallmont,  
James Riddle, Nicholas Ward Dyke,  
James Caldwell, John Bird—  
Joseph Fallow,

When the following Resolutions were adopted.

1<sup>st</sup> That the Committee be directed to lease all the Common Lots now untenanted, upon the best Terms that can be agreed upon, dispensing, if they think requisite, with the Directions heretofore given for erecting Buildings on such Lots.  
2<sup>d</sup> That the Rent shall commence with the Lease, and shall not

not be less than four shillings per acre, except for No. 1. which shall not be less than three shillings per acre.

3<sup>rd</sup> That the Leases now to be executed by the Committee aforesaid shall not exceed the Term of 15 Years - But the Committee is hereby authorized to Covenant, that if the Tenant shall within that time erect thereon a Brick dwelling House of the Dimensions as mentioned in the former Leases directions, the Trustee shall execute a new Lease for any Term, not exceeding 30 Years - without any increase of Rents.

4<sup>th</sup> That in all the Leases to be made out as aforesaid each Tenant shall Covenant to Fence, Ditch and set in a proper manner with thorn-Quicks annually, at least forty Rods on the lines enclosing the Tract leased; and when the whole Quantity of Ground be cleared, which by the former Regulation is permitted to be cleared, that not more than one fourth thereof be put in Winter, and one other fourth thereof in Summer Grain yearly; and that whether the whole Quantity of Ground be cleared or not, this Regulation respecting the working of it shall operate for the last four Years of the Term -

5<sup>th</sup> That in case any of the present Tenants shall offer to surrender their Leases, the Committee aforesaid shall be authorized to receive the same, and let out the lands therein mentioned upon the Terms, and agreeably to the directions aforesaid.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, of the New Castle Common, the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1797 -  
Present Gen<sup>l</sup> Bedford, Esq. President.  
Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander, James Caldwell,  
James Riddle, Henry Johns,  
Joseph Fallow, Nicholas Vanduyke,  
William Anll, James Booth,  
John Bird

The Ordinance of this Board, agreed to at the meeting thereof on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1796 - was revised & continued, and Joseph Fallow, was re-appointed the Committee to attend to the leasing the Common Lots; and to execute all the powers, and discharge all the Duties heretofore given to the acting Committee.

And the said Committee reported to the Board, the following Lots, having been demised by them - viz -  
No. 1. to John Daquitt, Esq. - @ 4/- per acre,  
No. 3. to Rob<sup>t</sup> Barr, according to old lease @ 5/- Ditto  
No. 6. to James Mackay, new lease - @ 4/6 - Ditto  
No. 9. to John Enos, Ditto - @ 5/- Ditto  
And that No. 2. the lot formerly entered upon by Mr. Doland was let to Geo. King for the present Year, at the sum of fifteen Pounds.

Resolved, that Joseph Fallow, Esq. be authorized to demand and enter into the possession of Lots No. 7. & 8. and if possession thereof cannot be peaceably had, that then he cause an Action of Ejectment to be brought forthwith for recovering the possession of the same.

Adjourned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of March next.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, of the New Castle Common, pursuant to adjournment, on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1797 -

Present  
Henry Johns, Nicholas Vanduyke,  
Arch<sup>d</sup> Alexander, John Bird,  
James Booth, William Anll,  
Joseph Fallow, George Read Jun.  
James Riddle,

This being the Annual meeting of the Board, at which time the Election of Officers was entered into, according to the By-Laws of the Corporation - When Henry Johns Esq. was duly elected President, James Booth, Esq. Treasurer, & John Bird, Secretary for the ensuing Year.



42. And also, Joseph Tallow, Nicholas Vanduyke, and John Beer were elected the acting Committee, for the year ensuing.

John Hair, appeared before the Board, and stated that he had some conversation with Mr Stockton, a <sup>former</sup> member, respecting the taking one of the Common lots - and also, that he considered himself as having contracted with the said Mr Stockton, for lot no. 8. But on producing a certificate from Mr Stockton, it appeared, that no Contract existed between them. Whereupon a question was put to the Board, as follows: - Shall the Acting Committee execute a lease to the said John Hair, upon the original Terms of the Year 1793? -

Which was determined in the Negative.

Ordered, That Joseph Tallow Esq: the late acting Committee, lay before this Board at their next Meeting, an account of all Monies that have been borrowed by, or on behalf of this Corporation, or are due therefrom; and also of <sup>the</sup> receipts of all money belonging to the Corporation, and of the Application or expenditure of the same.

That the present acting Committee also report to the same Meeting, an account of the lands of the Corporation, which shall not at that time have been leased.

That Messrs Read, Vanduyke & the Secretary, be a Committee to collect and Record the Transactions of this Board.

Adjourn'd to the next stated meeting.

All a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the House of John Parragh on the 12th of February 1794

- Present Henry Johns President
- John Bird Secretary
- A. Alexander
- Joseph Tallow
- James McCalmont
- Nicholas Vanduyke
- William Auld
- James Booth
- James Caldwell

Joseph Tallow Esq: the late acting Committee exhibited an account of the Receipts & expenditures of certain monies belonging to the Corporation

Ordered that the Board proceed to supply the vacancies in the Board occasioned by the Resignation of George Reid Esq: & the death of George Bedfords and the Removal of James Caldwell

Therefore be it Ordained by the Board that an election for that purpose be holden on the first Tuesday of March next on six days notice by at least five advertisements also that James McCalmont & John Bird members of the Board be a Committee to superintend the same & report the same to the next meeting of this Board

Adjourn'd to the first Tuesday of March next at the House of John Parragh of six o'clock to meet at the House of John Parragh

March the 6th 1794  
at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the House of John Parragh

- Present Henry Johns President
- John Bird Secretary
- James Booth
- A. Alexander
- Joseph Tallow
- James Caldwell
- Nicholas Vanduyke

The Committee appointed to supply the certain vacancies in the Board reported that John Brown Henry Goldberg and Alexander Demcan were duly elected members of the said Board and John Brown one of the persons elected appeared and took his seat

The Secretary then proceeded to read the by laws of the Corporation which being ended the election of a President and Treasurer for this Board was entered into

when Archibald Alexander for President and Henry Johns Treasurer were duly elected  
 The election of the Acting Committee was entered into when Nicholas Vandelyke John Crow & Joseph Tattow were duly chosen  
 the Board adjourned to the next quarterly meeting on the 6th of June

At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common on the evening of the 19th of March 1798

- Present A. Alexander President  
 John Bird Secretary  
 Henry Johns Treasurer  
 James Booth  
 William Auld  
 John Crow  
 Henry Coleburn  
 James Riddle  
 James Calmont  
 Joseph Tattow  
 Nicholas Vandelyke

On motion Shall John Haire have a lease of the Lot no 4 being a part of the Newcastle Common of which he has been in the possession some years which was determined in the Affirmative

On motion Shall John Haire have a Lease as aforesaid on any other terms than the payment of Five years Rent on the 25th of March next which was determined in the negative

The Board adjourned to the 17th Instant to meet at the House of John Crow

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common the 17th of March 1798 agreeable to adjournment

- Present  
 Archibald Alexander President  
 John Bird Secretary  
 Nicholas Vandelyke  
 George Read  
 Henry Johns Treasurer  
 William Auld  
 John Crow  
 Henry Coleburn  
 James Calmont  
 Joseph Tattow  
 James Booth  
 James Riddle

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to draw the form of an Ordinance respecting the disposal of the messes belonging to this Corporation

The Committee appointed for the same are George Read Henry Johns & Nicholas Vandelyke who made the following Report

whereas the establishing of a public Seminary of Learning in the Town of Newcastle would conduce much to the general benefit of the Community

Be it Ordained that the Funds arising from the Lands known by the Newcastle Common shall be and they are hereby appropriated for the erection and support of a College in this Town of Newcastle after the Discharge of the debts of this Corporation and the necessary Expenses to be incurred in the management of the Business thereof



Be it ordained that in all cases where the Acting Committee have or shall contract for the leasing of the Lands of this Corporation in pursuance of the Regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees that the President be authorized to sign and the Secretary to affix the seal of the Board to the Leases for the same without any further Order or direction of this Board

Ordered that the Secretary be required to collect the debts for the Lands of this Corporation and have same Recorded the Board adjourned

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the House of John Crow in the Town of Newcastle on the 2d day of July 1798 agreeable to Notice

- Present  
 A. Alexander President  
 John Bird Secretary  
 Henry Johns Treasurer  
 James Booth  
 James Riddle  
 Nicholas Vandelyke  
 James Calmont  
 John Crow

Alexander Read one of the Leasants on the Newcastle Common appeared before the board and stated that he wished to terminate up his lease upon the following terms that if the Trustees would forgive him the Rent now due and permit him to remove some poles he had collected to erect a fence on the messes Read he would agree to be well satisfied to give up his lease



which was unanimously designed to and the Treasurer was authorized to proceed to the recovery of the Arrears due from him by distress or otherwise

On motion

Resolved that John Crow (one of the members of this Board and also a member of the Acting Committee who by the by Law is exempted from holding a lease for any lot or lots under the Trustees of the said Corporation vacates his seat in said Committee) shall be substituted to lease for the lots 110 conformable to the contract heretofore made with the said Acting Committee his seat in the said Committee being first vacated

whereupon the Trustees went into an election to supply the vacancy aforesaid in the Acting Committee whereupon the said John Crow was duly elected the Board adjourned

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the Request of John Bond & James Calmont

- President A. Alexander
- John Bond Secretary
- Joseph Tallow
- James Calmont
- Henry Colfering
- Alexander Demear
- John Crow

On motion Resolved that James Booth the former Treasurer of the Board shall have a Credit for the sum of Ten pounds Nineteen Shilling which he paid the Committee of Health for the Town of Newcastle the 27th of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight also that Henry Johns the present Treasurer shall have a Credit for the sum of thirty Pounds paid November the tenth in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight to the said Committee any former appropriation to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding

On motion

Resolved that the Acting Committee of this Board be and they are hereby authorized and required to cause the lines of the Respective Lots to be surveyed up on the Request of the Owners or any of them if they shall deem it necessary the

expenses of which shall be paid out of the Funds arising from the Arrears of the Common any Appropriation to the contrary notwithstanding

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the House of John Damagh the 11th day of Decemb 1800

Present Archd Alexander President

- John Bond Secretary
- Henry Johns Treasurer
- Nicholas Vandryke
- Joseph Tallow
- John Crow
- James Booth
- James Biddell
- James Calmont
- Henry Colfering
- Alexander Demear

On motion Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the said Common proceed to the choice of a Treasurer by Ballot whereupon Nicholas Vandryke Esquire was duly elected

On motion Resolved that a President of the said Board be now balloted for when A. Alexander Esquire had a majority of votes

On motion Resolved that persons be now balloted for to compose the Acting Committee of this Board to continue in office until the first Tuesday of March next when John Bond Henry Colfering & Joseph Tallow were duly elected

On motion Ordered that the President be directed to sign an Order on the Treasurer of this Board in favour of Joseph Biddle Stockton of Tallow for the purpose of discharging a mortgage heretofore given to them by this Corporation

On motion Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to Credit the Account of John Laquell Senor for one year Arrears on the 25th of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven pursuant to an agreement heretofore entered into with the Acting Committee

On motion Ordered that in cases where the Divisional lines between the Common and the adjacent Lands or may be disputed the Acting Committee be directed and empowered to take such measures as they may deem best for the Establishment of such disputed Lines and that they on all Report thereof to the Board who will finally decide thereon

That the said Committee when such Lines are established shall perpetuate the same by fixing Level marks thereon in such manner as they may deem proper that where such disputed Lines can not be immediately settled the Committee shall in order to do Justice to the Tenants who hold such Tenants ascertain the quantity of Lands that are in the actual Possession of such Tenants







March 1 - 1803

The following Trustees of Newcastle Common met at the House of John Crow the presence being about the Board appointed

- Nicholas Sandilake Treasurer
- John Crow Secretary
- James McCallum
- Henry Johns
- Alexander P. Deane
- James Reddell
- Henry Collyer

The Board proceeded to the election of a President & when the Ballots was cast Archibald Alexander was declared to be duly elected

The Board decided to elect an acting committee and on the nomination of the Ballot it appeared that

- James McCallum
- William Dull
- Henry Collyer

On motion a committee of two members of this Board was appointed to examine and settle with Nicholas Sandilake late Treasurer of the Board his account of John Crow and James McCallum was appointed for that purpose

On motion the Board to the 4th Thursday of the Instant

Fourth Thursday of March

John Binney Henry Collyer James McCallum of John Crow Secretary of the Trustees met according to adjournment not being a quorum adjourned to the next quarterly meeting

June 6

John Crow and Alexander met and adjourned to the next quarterly meeting

Sept 6th 1803

The following Trustees met according to notice at the House of John Crow in the Town of Newcastle to wit

- Archibald Alexander President
- John Crow Secretary
- Henry Johns Treasurer
- Joseph Fothergill
- James Reddell
- William Dull
- Henry Collyer
- James Reddell

The account of Peter Hyatt Esq. dead was presented and allowed for Surveying done by order of the acting committee the sum of Six Dollars

Whereas there is good reason to believe that several persons have made encroachments on the Newcastle Common and for the settlement of any disputes that may subsist relative to the Boundaries thereof

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common that John Crow the Secretary of the Board be and he is hereby appointed the agent of the Board to enter amicable actions with any person or persons who may have made encroachments on the Newcastle Common for the purpose of settling the Boundaries and in case the person or persons who may have made encroachments on the lands aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to enter into amicable adjustment with the agent of the Board he is hereby authorized to cause and Ejectments to be brought against the person or persons who may have made encroachments on the lands granted for a common to the inhabitants of Newcastle and the expenses of such suits or parts that the said agent shall be to in and about the same shall be paid out of the Rents now due or may hereafter become due any thing in any Ordinance heretofore to the contrary notwithstanding



Witness John Crow Secretary

The account of Daniel McCallum appeared to Edward Risher was committed to Jas Reddell James Baith & Henry Collyer who are to Report next meeting of the Board

The committee appointed to settle the accounts of Nicholas Sandilake late Treasurer of this Board reported that he had paid his Rents and there remained due from him the sum of eighty six shillings On motion

Resolved that a committee of two members of this Board be appointed to settle with the Trustees of the Newcastle Common so far as a grant of the Rents coming from the Newcastle Common have been made for the meeting an addition to said account which settlement to be reported to the Board at the next meeting William Dull & James Reddell is appointed for the aforesaid purpose











agent a reasonable compensation for his services  
whereas the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle  
have procured Lamps for lighting the streets of the  
Town of Newcastle

Be it Ordained that the sum of one hundred  
Dollars be paid to the Treasurer of the Town  
of Newcastle by the Treasurer of the Trustees of  
the Newcastle Common out of the unappropriated  
Money of the Aids of the Newcastle Common to  
be applied by the Commissioners of the Town of  
Newcastle to lighting the Lamps of said Town  
keeping them in Repair and for paying or  
paying who may be employed by the said Commissioners  
to light the said Lamps

Resolved that there be two large Lamps  
procured consider the directions of the Commissioners  
of the Town of Newcastle to be placed on the  
corners of the pavement at the Court House of  
the Town of Newcastle and that in case  
the Levy Board of Newcastle do not make  
a provision for the same that this Board  
will appropriate a sum of Money equal  
to the expense out of the unappropriated money  
of the Aids of the Newcastle Common -

Whereas the ground belonging to the Town  
of Newcastle would give a handsome  
appearance if the same was inclosed and  
ornamented with Trees for the purpose of  
having an estimate of the expense and  
a plan of improvement made therefore  
Resolved that James Asdell James Boott  
& George Read be and they are hereby  
appointed to cause a plan to be made  
and estimate of the expense and Report  
the same to the next meeting of the Board

The Time of the Treasurer of the Board  
having some time since expired and  
election for a Treasurer was held and  
on the enumeration of the Ballots it  
appeared that Thomas Loggan was  
elected

John Sennitt the former Acting Trustee  
was continued the Acting Trustee until  
the Annual election who is to make a  
Report to this Corporation of the State  
of improvements on the Land and  
of the Corporation

The Board adjourned to meet at this place the second  
Tuesday of January next of which meeting the  
Secretary is to give the Members notice as well as  
the usual person appointed at this meeting

January 18th 1808

The following Trustees of the Newcastle Common met  
according to adjournment to wit

- President James Boott
- Treasurer Thomas Loggan
- Secretary John Sennitt
- Richard Thomas
- Alexander Duncanson
- Henry Colclough
- John Sennitt

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to have  
an estimate of the expenses and a plan of inclosing  
the Public squares not being ready to lay the plan  
and estimate of expense before the Board are continued  
until the next meeting

The Executors of John Sennitt stated to  
the Board that they had made a sale of the  
land of said Sennitt to John Sennitt & Co. that James  
Smith was the purchaser of whom the Board approved  
and authorized the execution of a Deed in pursuance of the  
Deed of the said John Sennitt on the said Land  
No 2 to the said James Smith -

Whereas a Lot Number 10 in the Newcastle Common was  
at a Public Sale thereof bid off by James McCallum  
and Henry Colclough who have neglected to execute  
a Deed therefore Resolved that notice be given to  
James McCallum and Henry Colclough that the  
Commissioners of the Newcastle Common are  
agreeable to the Commission of Sale at the next meeting  
of the Board and in case of their neglect or refusal  
or give sufficient reason for such neglect or refusal  
Trustees is hereby authorized and empowered to execute  
to the highest and best bidder at Public Sale -

Whereas James McCallum hath entered on Lot  
No 2 formerly held by Alexander Harvey Resolved  
that notice be given to the said James McCallum  
that he become bound and execute a Deed  
for Lot No 2 agreeable to the terms which was agreed to  
by the said Harvey and in case of neglect or refusal  
by the said Harvey and in case of neglect or refusal  
of the said James is hereby authorized to execute the same  
at Public Sale to the Best Bidder -

Resolved that notice be given to the possessor  
of Lots from No 1 to 9 sold by the Acting Trustees hereof  
that unless the same be sold and executed a Deed  
agreeable to the Commission of Sale by the first day of March  
next the Acting Trustee is hereby authorized to execute the  
same to the Best Bidder at Public Sale





A Committee of the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle  
 to wit James R. Black & James Rogers appeared before  
 the Board and reported that since December 1-1857 the Comms  
 of the Town of Newcastle had expended in lighting the lamps  
 of the Town of Newcastle two hundred twenty three and three  
 cents which was one hundred twenty three dollars and three  
 cents more than what the Corporation had appropriated  
 for that use that unless this Corporation would aid the  
 Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle by a further sum  
 the lighting of the Public Lamps must cease  
 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 that a further sum of one hundred and twenty three dollars  
 & three cents of the Funds of the Corporation be and is hereby  
 appropriated for the purpose of paying the sum of one hundred  
 twenty three dollars and three cents expended by the  
 Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle in lighting  
 the Public Lamps of the Town of Newcastle over and  
 above an appropriation heretofore made by this Board  
 and for the purpose of enabling the Commissioners of  
 the said Town of Newcastle to continue to have the  
 Public Lamps of the said Town a further sum of one  
 hundred and thirty dollars is hereby Ordained to be  
 paid the Treasurer of the Town of Newcastle as well  
 as the sum of one hundred twenty three dollars and  
 three cents

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle  
 Common that John Law is hereby appointed  
 Agent of the said Corporation with full power and  
 Authority to demand and receive from those persons  
 who have heretofore contracted with the said Trustees  
 to Rent that part of the Newcastle Common heretofore  
 divided and laid off for that purpose in Lots  
 the excess of Rent due for that use & Occupation respectively  
 of the said Lots or in case those persons should not have  
 it in their power immediately to make such payment  
 then to take Securities to pay the same within a reasonable  
 time and further that the said Agents be and he is  
 hereby empowered to receive any Arrears of Rent owing due  
 from other Tenants or Occupants of other parts of the said  
 Common and inasmuch that a lease be executed to John  
 Law of the said Elizabeth Gray or who was Appraiser  
 of John Law for the Term of Three years from the Twenty  
 fifth day of March next agreeable to the Report made  
 and made in the draft of a Lease in an exhibited to and approved  
 of by the Board for lot Number Nine at Sixty seven cents an  
 acre rentable according to the provisions of an Act of Law of  
 the said Corporation in that behalf made and the said  
 John Law is hereby paying the said Rent three years Rent  
 Appraised to his lot by him on Accounts of the said Elizabeth

previous Occupation of the said Lot  
 and be it further Ordained that all moneys that may be due by  
 the said Agent pursuant to the said Order and shall be by him  
 deposited in the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at Newcastle  
 and there placed to the Credit of the said Corporation subject to be paid  
 on the Order of the President of the said Corporation by the Trustees of the  
 Newcastle Common Co. inasmuch as for the Term being of the Trustees of the  
 and that the President for the Term being Report at next meeting  
 the State of the Accounts of the Corporation with the said Bank -

Whereas a vacancy has happened in this Board by the death of Joseph  
 Tallon Esq. and the Removal from the Town of Newcastle  
 of Joseph Esq. and for the purpose of supplying the Vacancies  
 of said Board  
 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 that an election be holden at the Court House in the Town of  
 Newcastle on Monday the 30th Instant between the Hours of  
 Two and five o'clock P.M. and that Charles Thomas Esq. Alexander  
 Edmondson Esq. is hereby appointed to give public Notice to the  
 Freeholders and Inhabitants of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees  
 to meet at the same time and place for the purpose of choosing  
 two Trustees to supply the Vacancies occupied in this Board by  
 the death of Joseph Tallon Esq. and Removal from the Town  
 of Newcastle of Joseph Esq.

The Committee heretofore appointed to settle with the Treasurer  
 of this Board and Report to the Trustees of this  
 Corporation having not completed the duties assigned  
 them are continued for the purpose of settling with the Treasurer  
 and meeting a Report of the Funds of this Corporation  
 at the next meeting

Be it Ordained that John Law who was heretofore  
 appointed to Rent the Land on the Northwest side of the  
 Market Place agreeable to a previous Ordinance is  
 discontinued and John Law is hereby again ordered to Rent  
 the same agreeable to the Terms of the former Ordinance  
 at public Sale

The Committee appointed to Report on the Accounts  
 presented by the Administrators of Abel Gluyff Esq. and  
 is continued who are to Report at next meeting  
 On election the Board is adjourned to meet the first  
 Tuesday of January next at 5 o'clock P.M.

- The following Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 met to wit
- James Black
  - James Rogers
  - John Law
  - Henry Colby
  - Alexander Edmondson
  - John Simon
  - Charles Thomas
  - Thomas Maguire



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Charles Thomas and Alexander Duncan a Committee  
of the Trustees who was appointed to hold an election  
to supply the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death  
of Joseph Farrow Esq and the removal of Driskoll as Vice  
of Esq made Report that Thomas and James Semmens  
James R Black was duly elected

James Readles was appointed President  
Doro Sem Thomas Esq took his seat as a member  
of the Board

John Jamieson and John Crow the Committee  
had of an appointment to settle with the Treasurer Report  
that that they had given notice to the Treasurer of the  
to inform him that he could not attend to an account  
in respect The Committee are continued who are  
to call on the Treasurer for his account of Receipts  
so as to enable the Committee to make a Report of  
the state of the Funds at the next meeting of the  
Board The Committee had of an appointment to examine  
the account of Abel Glaford and against the Board  
are continued

on Motion Resolved that notice be given  
to James McCallum and Henry Collyer who have  
contracted for a lot in the New Castle Common to appear  
before the Board and show cause why the same not  
executed a lease for the same agreeable to contract  
also that James McCallum into possession of a lot  
had of an appointment by Alexander Henry  
be noted to come before the Board and show cause  
why the said lot shall not be exposed to public sale  
agreeable to an ordinance of the Board -

Resolved that notice be given to all other Proprietors  
of other lots to come forward and exhibit leases  
the Board adjourn to meet the 15th Inst at  
6 o'clock P.M.

July 15 1810

The following Trustees met to wit  
James Booth President  
John Crow Secretary  
Henry Johns  
James McCallum  
George Read  
Alexander Duncan  
Henry Collyer  
Thomas Esq

on motion

Resolved that the Board adjourn to meet the  
3rd day of February next at 3 o'clock P.M.

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January 18th 1810 agreeable to Special Notice  
the following Trustees of the New Castle Common convened  
at the Hall of School Law Court

James Booth President  
John Crow Secretary  
Henry Johns  
James Readles  
George Read  
Henry Collyer  
James McCallum  
John Semmens  
James R Black

on motion the following order was adopted

Be it Ordained and enacted by the  
Trustees of the New Castle Common that a sum of  
money sufficient to reimburse the expenses that may be  
incurred by James Rogers and James R Black Esq  
on a mission to Down Undertaken at the instance of  
the citizens of the Town of New Castle for the purpose of  
settling such measures as may be proper to prevent  
the passage into a Law a certain Bill now before the Senate  
of this State for the removal of the seal of Justice from the  
Town of New Castle and for enacting other Objects the  
same is hereby appropriated out of the existing Funds  
of the New Castle Common and that the same be paid  
by the Treasurer of the said Corporation out of any moneys  
in his hands belonging to the said Common upon a  
Receipt in form by the said James Rogers and James R Black  
in legal form

on motion the Board adjourned to meet the 2  
Tuesday of February next at 3 o'clock P.M.

February 19th 1810

The following Trustees met to wit

George Read  
James McCallum  
John Crow  
Charles Thomas  
Alexander Duncan

Thomas Esq  
James R Black

on motion the Board proceeded to the choice of a Chairman Doro Sem  
where Charles Thomas was chosen

on motion the Board adjourned to meet the  
at all the day 3 o'clock P.M.

The following Trustees met according to adjournment to wit  
James Booth President  
Henry Johns  
Henry Collyer  
Charles Thomas  
Alexander Duncan  
John Crow

Thomas Esq  
James R Black  
George Read  
James McCallum  
John Semmens

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 The Committee to whom was referred the account of Abel Gifford and Co reported that they had examined the account and found that several of the items which have been offered were not returned that the account exhibited close correspondence with the account the Committee to the same Committee to report thereon

The Committee to whom was referred the settlement of the Lake Superior account reported that they had examined the same and that there appeared a Balance in favor of the Academy in his hands of five hundred and one dollar and twenty eight cents that there appeared also an amount for rents of Farm lots and a gross lot on the South west of Christian Brough had a Balance of about six hundred dollars the report was read and approved

The Committee appointed to settle with the Trustees of the New York Academy reported which report was postponed

The Board met to meet the 14th inst at 6 o'clock P.M. February 19 1810

The following Trustees met the 14th inst and so on

- James Booth President
- Henry Adams
- Geo. Thoms
- Henry Calhoun
- Chas. Thomas
- John Crow
- Thomas Adams
- James A. Black
- John Johnson
- James W. Callender

on motion the following Ordinance was unanimously adopted

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the New York Academy that Henry Adams begin the late Treasurer of this Academy deposit the sum of five hundred and one dollar and twenty eight cents the Balance remaining in his hands in the Farmers Bank of the State of New York and on the Town of New York to be paid to the Trustees of the New York Academy and that the receipt of the Cashier for such payment shall be a full discharge to the late Treasurer

The Report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Trustees of the New York Academy was postponed until the next meeting of the Board

The following on motion was introduced by Mr. Adams of the Trustees of the Board Be it ordained that the President shall draw an order or orders in favour of the Treasurer of the New York Academy for any sum not exceeding in the whole eleven hundred and twenty five dollars and all in full and on account of the indebtedness of the Trustees of the Academy which by an order in the 11th of March 1801 was appropriated to the support of the Academy for the purpose of paying the money advanced by James Booth to pay the Mutual Society a Form or Letter under to pay the debt due

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 by the Trustees of the Academy to John B. Latta and Hugh W. R. R. late Trustees of the Academy -

on the question for adopting the same the Board was divided on motion of John Crow and George Read the Yeas and Nays were

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|----------------|--------------|
| Yeas           | Nays         |
| Henry Adams    | George Read  |
| Henry Calhoun  | John Crow    |
| Chas. Thomas   | Thomas Adams |
| James A. Black | John Johnson |
| James Booth    |              |

The account of John Adams was laid before the Board and on motion the same was referred to James W. Callender and Henry Calhoun to report thereon

on motion the Board adjourned to meet on Monday next at 6 o'clock P.M.

February 19  
 The following Trustees met according to adjournment to wit

- James Booth President
- Henry Adams
- James Booth
- George Read
- James W. Callender
- Henry Calhoun
- Alexander Duncanson
- Charles Thomas
- John Crow
- James A. Black

on motion of George Read seconded by John Crow that the entry on the minutes of the 14th inst. purporting to be an Ordinance be expunged from the Records of the Board on the grounds that the pretended Ordinance was not passed with the concurrence of seven members the Constitutional majority of the Trustees on the question for expunging

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Yeas               | Nays                |
| James A. Black     | Alexander Duncanson |
| John Crow          | Henry Calhoun       |
| Charles Thomas     | Henry Adams         |
| James W. Callender |                     |
| George Read        |                     |
| James Booth        |                     |

The following was on motion of Henry Adams proposed for the adoption of the Board to wit Be it ordained that the President shall draw an Order or Orders in favour of the Treasurer of the New York Academy for any sum not exceeding in the whole eleven hundred and twenty five dollars in full and on account of the indebtedness of the Trustees of the Academy which by an Ordinance of the 11th of March 1801 was appropriated to the support of the Academy for the purpose of paying the money advanced by James Booth to pay the Mutual Society a Form or Letter under to pay the debt due by the Trustees of the Academy to John B. Latta and Hugh W. R. R. late Trustees of the Academy



on the question of adoption

Geo. James R. Blau  
Chas. Thomas  
Abner D. Doremus  
Henry Coffey  
James W. Callmont  
James A. Riddle  
Henry Johns  
James Booth

George A. B. [unclear]  
John [unclear]

The following as a further ordinance with respect to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common was presented and adopted

Be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members of the Board of Trustees that it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Newcastle Common and he is hereby required to collect and within five days thereafter deposit in the name of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common in the Farmers Bank of the State of Oregon all moneys due and that shall grow due during his term of office. such moneys when so deposited shall be paid by the Cashier of the said Bank on orders drawn on the same manner and form as prescribed by a former ordinance or Ordinance of this Board authorizing the payment of moneys by the Treasurer of this Board and moreover that the Treasurer shall take from those tenants or other debtors of the said Corporation from whom he may not be able to obtain immediate payments Promissory Notes payable to the Trustees of the Newcastle Common or their Order in the form prescribed by the said Bank for notes there offered for discount and either deposit the notes so taken for collection in the said Bank or according to the directions of the said Board of Trustees offer the same for discount and the moneys that may be received or so obtained shall be carried to the credit of the account of the said Trustees in the said Bank and shall be paid on orders drawn in like manner as herebefore or ordered and for the purpose of facilitating the deposit of notes deposited in or offered for discount in the said Bank on behalf of the said Board of Trustees for the time being is constituted and the future Officers of the said Board respectively shall perform the same of office the attorney in fact of the said Corporation of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common and have full power and authority in the name and under the seal of the said Trustees to make an attorney of record and the requisite instruments by which said the legal interest in the said Promissory notes shall be transferred and is hereby declared to be bound thereby in the same manner as if such transfer had been made by a statement filed and the same being and that every case from the Newcastle Common is hereby pledged to satisfy any responsibility that may be or may be imposed to be created by the said Corporation.

Ordained  
Deposited  
in Farmers Bank  
& Constituting the  
President of the  
Corporation of the  
Newcastle Common

And be it further ordained and enacted by the Authority of the Board of Trustees that the Treasurer shall receive for the performance of the duties enjoined on him by this Ordinance and other Ordinances heretofore or that may hereafter be passed for all moneys collected by him and deposited in the said Bank or which may be paid into the said Bank in virtue of any security or securities to be by him taken as aforesaid the sum of four per centum

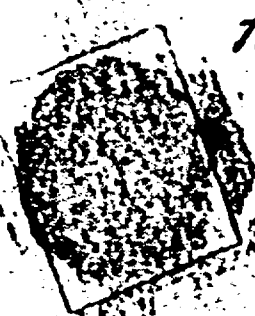
The Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer and the enumeration of the ballot it appeared there were nine votes for Daniel Blaney and one for John E. Latta whereupon it appeared that Daniel Blaney was duly chosen by a constitutional Member - John Crow the Deputy Recorder whereupon the Board resolved that a compensation should be allowed herefor his services as Secretary

On motion the Board proceeded to the choice of a Secretary by ballot and the ballot being enumerated it appeared that the nine votes in favor of John Crow and he was declared to be duly elected Secretary. The Board adjourned to meet on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Instant at 8 o'clock P.M. at the House of John Crow - February 22-1810

The following members of the Board met to wit  
James Booth President  
Henry Johns  
James Riddle  
George Riddle  
James W. Callmont  
John Crow  
Charles Thomas  
John Sevier  
Thomas W. Coffey  
Henry Coffey  
Abner D. Doremus  
James R. Blau

The Board of Daniel Blaney who was chosen Treasurer at the last meeting with James Riddle his Secretary was presented and approved and ordered that the Board be filed with the papers of this Board by the Secretary

The following ordinance was adopted  
Be it ordained and enacted by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members of the said Board of Trustees that so much of an Act of this Board passed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1810 the one and eight hundred and one as in which an appropriation of the one fourth of the profits and income of the Newcastle Common for the support



of an Academy on the Town of New Castle with regard to the rents not yet due be since the same is hereby suspended from 1810 until this date for the space of seven years and on the 1st of August for exception the year 1810 was called for at the request of two members to wit Henry Adams and James R. Black

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Year              | Henry Adams    |
| Thomas M. Mason   | James R. Black |
| John Seman        | Henry Adams    |
| Charles Thomas    | Henry Colby    |
| John Law          | James Booth    |
| James M. Callmont |                |
| James Reddick     |                |
| George Reese      |                |
| Alexander Demore  |                |

A Memorial signed by fifty seven persons Abiding in the Town of New Castle was presented and read recommending a committee of seven to be appointed to enquire into the propriety of the appropriation of the funds coming from the rents of the New Castle Common other than to objects of improvement within the town

The following was presented and read  
 Resolved and ordered and recorded by the Trustees of the New Castle Common seven members of the Board agreeing that

inasmuch as they are hereby constituted and appointed agents of the said Corporation for the purpose of making proposals to the owners of the Union line of Stages between Philadelphia and Baltimore viz New Castle to make a subscription on the part of the Trustees of the New Castle Common to the said line and Frank Town Ferry Road every member of shares not exceeding the rate of one hundred shares to join hundred and fifty to be subscribed by the said owner of the said line and to the said agents be authorized in case their said proposition meets with the approbation and concurrence of the said owners and they make the proper subscription of shares that may be agreed by them to be subscribed on this point that they the said Agents should make the subscription on the part of the Trustees of the New Castle Common according to the rates of any number of shares that may be warranted by such proper subscription and the rates of any number of shares that may be warranted and fifty shares and that the Trustees of the said New Castle Common and they are hereby pleased for payment and to make good the said subscription according to the terms which the said may be subscribed

on motion made and seconded for the adoption the Board was equally divided the year and day was called for

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Year              | Henry Adams      |
| James Reddick     | Henry Colby      |
| George Reese      | Alexander Demore |
| Chas. Thomas      | James R. Black   |
| John Seman        | Thomas M. Mason  |
| James M. Callmont | James R. Black   |
| John Law          |                  |

There not being seven members of any the same was left  
 The Board adjourned to meet the 2<sup>d</sup> Monday of March next at six o'clock P.M.

March 12-1810  
 The following members of the Board met according to adjournment to wit

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|-------------------|-----------|
| James Booth       | President |
| John Law          | Secretary |
| Henry Adams       |           |
| James Reddick     |           |
| James M. Callmont |           |
| Alex. Demore      |           |
| Thomas M. Mason   |           |
| James R. Black    |           |

on motion John Law and James R. Black were appointed the agents of this Board to view and report the state of the improvements on the lands of the Corporation

The Board adjourned to meet on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> instant at 4 o'clock P.M.

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1810  
 The following Trustees of the New Castle Common met according to adjournment to wit

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|-------------------|
| James M. Callmont |
| Henry Colby       |
| John Law          |
| John Seman        |
| James R. Black    |

There not being a quorum adjourned to meet the 23<sup>d</sup> of April next at 4 o'clock P.M.

April 23<sup>d</sup>  
 The following Trustees met according to adjournment to wit

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|--------------|
| John Seman   |
| Chas. Thomas |
| Henry Colby  |
| John Law     |

There not being a quorum adjourned to meet the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May next at 4 o'clock P.M.



May 6th 1810

The following Trustees met according to adjournment

- To wit James McCallmont
- John Cairnie
- Thomas Mayne
- George Reid
- John Law
- Abel Duncanson

There not yet being a quorum adjourned to meet the 12 instants at 4 o'clock P.M.

D.D.S. 4th 1810

The following Trustees met to wit -

- Henry John
- James Riddle
- Charles Thomas
- James McCallmont
- Geo. Reid
- Henry Colsbury
- John Duncanson
- James A. Black
- John Law

the President being absent Henry John is quorum chosen Pres. Term.

John Law and James A. Black the Agents of this Board appointed to view and Report the State of Improvements on the Lands of the Corporation. Report as follows -

Tract No. 1 Occupied by James Smith Lease for 15 years Renewable on Condition of Improvements being made within this Term of 15 years from the date for 25 years the present State of Improvements are Hoop and in Orchard planted thereon with a Frame House & a Kitchen. Basin of Springs is well with a pump thereon the expenditure of the present Term 1812

No 2 Occupied by James McCallmont for 15 years Renewable on Condition of Improvements being made thereon for the Term of 30 years from March 1816 the present State of Improvements a Log House & a Greeny with Corn House and well thereon some ditching done thereon

No 3 Rented to Robert Barr on a Lease of 30 years Conditional that he resides thereon and makes Improvements of Hoops and ditching on the outside lines and plants an Orchard within seven years and in case of Occupation by a Tenant of house to erect a Brick House within the Period and James Frazier a Tenant of Robert Barr resides on the land part of the land is cleared and on the same is an Old Log House

No 4 in Occupation of Daniel Reed under James McCallmont on the Farm of part of the land is Hoop. This Tract was at public Sale sold to James McCallmont & Henry Colsbury for 49 Cents per acre. The same to have had a lease Conditional on making Improvements in lease is yet unmade -

No 5 Occupied by John Thomas the Term of Lease 15 years Renewable on Condition of Improvements the outside lines in part Hoop the part of Orchard will be in the year 1820 thereon small Orchard planted on the premises -

No 6 Occupied by James Lachy the Term of Lease 15 years Renewable on Condition of Renewal the Period of the Lease for Renewal will be March 25 1818 but at present no Improvements are made thereon except an old Log House

No 7 Occupied by John Cairnie Lease Renewable after the year 1814 on Condition of Improvements being made before the Period ended at present with three Hoops that David Inland at present with three Hoops and an Orchard planted thereon of 150 apple trees also a peach Orchard. Buildings thereon a Frame House two Stone High a Frame Kitchen one a half Stone a Stable & two Corn Houses -

No 8 Occupied by John Hair after the year 1811 Renewable on Condition of Improvements being made part of the outside lines Hoop and a two story House built thereon a Frame Stable and small wooden House -

No 9 Occupied by John D. Eves after the year 1812 Renewable on Condition of Improvements being made part of the outside lines well Hoop on the Farm a two story House and shed Kitchen

No 10 Occupied by Elizabeth Pool date of Lease 1796 for 30 years part of which is Hoop on it is a Log Dwelling and Kitchen no Orchard - planted thereon

The Committee appointed to Report on the account of John Hair made their Report that in their opinion the claim of John Hair for fencing ought to be rejected but that from the time the Wilmington Bridge Company opened the Road through the land occupied by John Hair that for the members of said Company for the use of the Road John Hair ought to have a credit or clear count at the rate of four shillings per acre for so much as the Wilmington Bridge Company uses which Report was adopted

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common School Members appointing that John Crow and James A. Black be authorized to make a contract with such person as they may approve of for the Forest of Land at present Occupied by James Lachy whose Term will expire on the twenty fifth day of March next and in case of leasing the same the same provisions are to be stipulated as shall conform to the previous Ordinance of this Board in respect of Hoop ditching and planting orchard and existing a House thereon -

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common School Members appointing that an election be held at the Court House in the Town of New Castle on the second Tuesday of January next between the Hours of Two and five o'clock P.M. to supply a vacancy occasioned in the Board by the death of the said and that the same





Resolved that School was by Bond as already be and one hundred  
app. wanted to settle with the Treasurer of this Board

The Committee appointed last year to audit the  
Public School account reported that the head teacher the  
sum of \$224 of the money appropriated for their  
accounts herewith presented to the Board which account  
was approved by the Board of the account filed  
the 16th day of

March 16th 1891

Trustees of the Newellville Common  
School District

James Booth President

James Beveler

Alfred Duncanson

James R. Black

Henry Colby

Bonnie Stanley

John Sumner

Henry Johns

George Reed

John Crow

James M. Callant

Charles Thomas

The Committee appointed to report on the account of  
the Female Benevolent Society of Newellville reported  
which was read & filed

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the Newellville Common  
School District that the sum of one hundred  
dollars of the moneys of the Newellville Common School  
District in the hands of the Treasurer of the Newellville  
District be put into the hands of the Treasurer of the Female  
Benevolent Society of Newellville to be applied by the Trustees of that  
Society to the support of the school or as under the direction  
and control of the Female Benevolent Society of the Town  
of Newellville on such an amount as these Trustees may consider  
most conducive to the prosperity of that institution

The Committee returned the Copartners and School  
District (see Report filed). The matter of the Copartners of  
School was recommended to John Sumner James M. Callant  
& James R. Black

Whereas the Trustees of the Newellville Academy by their  
Committee have solicited the aid of the Trustees of the  
Newellville Common School District to an application of so much of the  
Fund as may be from an appropriation of the 11th of March  
1891 to be used for the support of the Academy as may be  
be necessary for the erection of the building as may be  
and making some necessary repairs for the preservation  
of the said building with any the aid of other improvements  
and whereas the said Trustees have reported that

Be it ordained that the sum of one hundred dollars

that the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to the Treasurer  
of the Newellville Academy for the purchase of a building  
the funds appropriated and that order be drawn for  
the said sum by the Treasurer

The Board adjourned to the next quarterly meeting

The following Trustees met at the House of John Crow  
the 1st day of April 1891 being convened by order  
of James Booth Organ President of the Board to wit

Henry Colby

John Crow

James M. Callant

Chas Thomas

Alfred Duncanson

Thomas M. Johns

Bonnie Stanley

John Sumner

George Reed

The Board - John Henry Colby President Pro Tem

James Booth Organ the President appeared and took  
his seat

Be it ordained that the Trust of Land heretofore  
occupied by James Larkin part of the Newellville Common  
School District be divided between John Crow and Charles Thomas  
and the part of the same be free holding for ever  
that the said John Crow & Charles Thomas shall  
in the future to be executed by their respective to make  
each of them an addition to the House already  
erected by them to be built on the vacant land heretofore  
occupied by them to be built on the vacant land heretofore  
occupied by them equal to half of the present site of the  
which each of the said parties to wit John Crow & Charles  
Thomas are to be bound to make severally at the  
time the shall build. The former stipulated House on  
their respective parts of land in that case the said  
John Crow & Charles Thomas shall be entitled to a new  
land provided the additional buildings of new  
shall be completed within the time specified in a former  
ordinance without any increase of rent for a term  
not exceeding that of years

Be it ordained that the Trustees of the Newellville Common  
School District be divided between John Crow and Charles Thomas  
at present occupied by James M. Callant & Henry Colby  
which said Trust of land was divided between James  
M. Callant & Henry Colby at the sole thing of the  
but the having not completed with the intention the said  
Trust of land to be divided by John Crow & James R. Black  
subject to the terms of said ordinance which the parties to





to make a satisfactory report that it was the  
opinion of the committee that some persons  
should be employed to have the accounts of the  
corporation regularly stated -  
on motion the committee was discharged  
from the duty required of them.

on motion Resolved that a committee  
be appointed to make  
a report of the financial condition  
during the receipts and disbursements of money from  
the commencement of the Corporation till the 25th  
of March last ~~there~~ particularly specifying  
to whom can be an actual account such disbursements  
have been on such ~~and~~ what sums are still due  
and from whom and what are the annual  
rents and income of the lands of the Corporation  
and by whom the same payable -

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle  
Common Seven Members aforesaid that a moiety  
of the rents of the New Castle Common one or more  
appropriated be and is hereby appropriated for the  
paving of Front Street in the Town of  
New Castle and other improvements.

Resolved that Charles Thomas of Delaware be  
and is hereby appointed for the purpose  
of receiving proposals for paving Delaware  
and Front Street and lay the same before the  
Board for their approbation -

The Board adjourn to meet on Tuesday the  
26th inst.  
September 24

The following Trustees met all or along to adjournment  
to wit

- James Booth President
- John Crow Secretary
- Henry Adams
- George Reed
- Charles Thomas

The next being a vacation they ~~are~~ adjourned to  
meet the 26th inst at 10 o'clock  
September 26th 1811

According to adjournment the following Trustees met  
to wit

- James Booth President
- John Crow Secretary
- Henry Adams
- George Reed
- Charles Thomas
- Samuel Adams
- John Adams
- John Adams

Appropriation for  
Paving Delaware  
& Front Street

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common  
Seven Members aforesaid that be paid out of the  
Treasury of the New Castle Academy for the use of the  
Academy by orders drawn in the usual form and  
herein set out Dollars on account and in further part  
of the moiety of the rents and income of the New Castle  
Common heretofore appropriated by an ordinance of  
the 11th of March 1809 for the support of the New Castle  
Academy -

Resolved that out of the moiety of the rents of the  
New Castle Common heretofore appropriated for  
paving of Delaware and Front Street there shall  
be applied to graveling from the Northwest side of  
Orange Street along  
across to the South West side of Orange Street along  
Delaware Street and the sum of \$262 of the rents  
and income of the moiety of the rents of the New Castle  
Common aforesaid there shall be paid by orders drawn  
in the usual form to Charles Thomas of Delaware  
to be applied by them for the purpose aforesaid  
provided that the Corporation of New Castle for  
New Castle will reimburse the Corporation out  
of this moiety of rents and income of New Castle heretofore  
applied for the paving of the Roads of said heretofore  
the sum aforesaid

Resolved that out of the moiety of the rents of  
the New Castle Common heretofore appropriated  
for paving Delaware and Front Street there  
shall be applied the sum of Seventy five Dollars  
to make a gravel walk from Orange Street to  
Market Street along the Alley way on the South  
side of Emmanuel Church by New Castle Academy  
and the aforesaid sum shall be paid to  
Charles Thomas of Delaware for the purpose  
aforesaid by orders drawn in the usual form

Resolved that the Tomb in front of the  
Academy be removed and placed on the North  
West side of the lot granted to the United  
States by the said Charles Thomas of Delaware  
and it is ordered that the Alley way shall be  
included to prevent the passage of carts or wagons  
the expense of which improvement to be on all  
shall be paid out of the appropriation aforesaid  
for paving Delaware and Front Street  
The Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday  
the 15th day of October next at 10 o'clock  
October 15th



October 15-1811

According to adjournment

James Booth President  
John Law Secretary

met but there was no business transacted  
March 9 1812

The Following Trustees met

James Booth President  
John Law Secretary  
Henry Jones  
George Reed  
James R. Black

There was not a quorum adjourned to meet the 11th  
Instant at 6 o'clock P.M.

The Following Trustees met

James Booth President  
John Law Secretary  
James Beadle  
Henry Jones  
Oran James & Callender  
Henry Colby  
George Reed  
James R. Black

The Trustee proceeded to the election of a President by  
Ballot and on the enumeration there of James Booth began  
was declared to be elected the members proceeded to the election  
of Treasurer and on the enumeration of the Ballot it appeared  
that Daniel Blaney had been elected was declared to be  
duly elected

Daniel Blaney the Treasurer in conformity to  
a Resolution of Sept 10th last past who was appointed  
to make a Report of the Funds of the Corporation Comprehending  
the Receipts and Expenditures of Blaney from the Commencement of  
the Corporation until the 25th of March last particularly specifying  
them to whom and on what Accounts such Expenditures have  
been made - what debts are still due and from whom - and  
what are the Annual Rents and income of the Lands of the  
Corporation and by whom the same are payable - The said  
Report of Daniel Blaney with sundry papers Letters A.B.C & D was  
read and laid on the Table

The Trustee on motion adjourned to meet the 12th Instant  
at 6 o'clock P.M.

March 12-1812

The Following Trustees met

James Booth President  
John Law Secretary  
Henry Jones  
James Beadle  
George Reed  
Henry Colby  
Oran James & Callender  
James R. Black

The minutes of the last meeting were read the Report of Daniel  
Blaney on the State of the Receipts & Expenditures of the Corporation  
was read taken up and leave was given to come in on the  
same

Daniel Blaney presented an Account for services which was read and  
allowed amounting to eight Dollars & Fifty Cents  
an order in favour of the said Daniel Blaney was  
ordered to be drawn for \$8.50

The Account of Daniel Blaney as the Treasurer to the Trustees  
was settled and a Commission was allowed for Cash paid by him  
in the said Daniel Blaney had taken and deposited for Collection  
and on the said Account a Commission of 4% was allowed  
Balance due him the said Treasurer \$17.59

On motion the Secretary of this Board was called on  
to Report what was the State of the Accounts of the Occupiers of  
Grange Lots laid out between the 1st of January & 1st of  
Christmas Bridges who Reported as follows

- That James Callender & Henry Colby Acting Trustees  
on March 13th 1812 Reported that at a public Sale  
the Following person had bought for the Term of years
- 179 Contingent 9-2-10 s. James Beadle at \$2.15
- 180 & 8 Contingent 2-27 s. James Beadle now held by  
for the term of 1818-17
- 184 & 5 Contingent 20-22 s. Robert Blaney now held in Occupation  
by Henry Williams
- 186 & 7 Contingent 20-20 s. John Darringer now held by  
for 20-20
- 188 & Contingent 7-1-14 s. Thomas Johnson now occupied by C. D. Beadle
- 189 Contingent 7-0-0 s. John Darringer now occupied by Jacob Palmer

no lease have been made for any except 1810  
Robert Blaney settled on the 19th of April 1809 all Rents  
up to the 25 of March 1809 from March 25-1805 & state \$140-00  
By Transfer of Henry Williams Note of \$35-00  
and his own Bond for 185-00  
180-00

General Perry occupied of 1809 on  
the 24th of Oct-1809 gave his Note to  
the Trustees of the Corporation for Rents &  
but due payable 60 days after date for 104-92

Henry Williams on the 25th of Oct-  
1809 gave his Note payable to the President  
of this Board for  
in which Note the Rents of 4 up to March 25-1809  
with that of the Note transferred by Robert Blaney  
one single Note is inserted from March 25-1809

The Rents of 1804 & 8 are inserted from March 25-1809  
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 The Report being adopted the Copy was ordered to be made by the Secretary and placed on file to the Treasurer  
 The Secretary was directed to make a Transcript of the order and not allow to be on a side John Hains (Chas. Thomas & Robert Barr for the goods accepted by the Wellington Assurance Company

It was Ordained Senior Members Assenting that a Lease heretofore given to John J. Swords for Grange Lots on the South west side of the New Castle Township 1811 & 2 may be terminated upon payment of the Rents due to the 25th inst or the 25th of March 1811

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common Senior Members Assenting that John Crow & James R. Black be and are hereby appointed agents of the Corporation to Rent Grange Lots 1811 & 2 on the South west of New Castle Township for the sum of fifteen years provided the Representatives of John J. Swords shall demand on the Town in any order and case in case any of the Towns or Receipts of the other Grange Lots shall neglect or Refuse to pay the Rents now due thereon on Demand made by the Treasurer of the Corporation and recent execute Lease therefor agreeable to the Lease heretofore made with such Towns or Receipts and the said John Crow and James R. Black are hereby authorized to Rent such Lots of such Towns or Receipts who shall neglect or Refuse to pay on Demand to the Treasurer for any Term not exceeding fifteen years

The Board adjourned to meet at this place on the 4th day of April next at 6 o'clock -

December 28th 1812  
 Trustees of the New Castle Common on application of George Reed Esq & James Reddell to the President  
 James Booth President  
 John Crow Secretary  
 James Reddell  
 Charles Thomas  
 Thomas Hains  
 James R. Black  
 George Reed  
 John Hains  
 Benjamin

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 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common Senior Members Assenting that there be and are hereby appropriated the sum of sixty Dollars out of the Rents due to the Rents and Income of the New Castle Common which sum of sixty Dollars shall be paid into the hands of James Reddell by order drawn in the usual form for the purpose of obtaining a plan & Estimate of a Bridge over the Chestnut Creek at the Village of Newcast

Resolved that George Reed John Crow and James Reddell be and are hereby appointed a Committee to attend upon Thomas Pope and receive from him a plan and Estimate of a Bridge over the Chestnut Creek at the Village of Newcast

It was moved that the Letters from Thomas Pope on the subject of a Bridge at Newcast be filed

An Account of Robert Porter for painting was presented amounting to four Dollars and allowed also an Account of James B. Black for four Dollars was presented and allowed and an Account of John Dixon for two Dollars was presented and allowed

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common Senior Members Assenting that there be and are hereby appropriated out of the Rents of the New Castle Common the sum of four Dollars for the purpose of paying Robert Porter four Dollars James R. Black four Dollars & John Dixon two Dollars and that orders be drawn in favour of the respective persons in the usual form

Whereas it may essentially contribute to the promotion of the Interest of the Inhabitants of the Town of New Castle if the Corporation possess of the Trustees of the New Castle were so enlarged in relation to the disposing of the Lands thereof for a long or period of time than they have the power at present to convey an Acre at least agreeable to the extent of the Interest or Power therein in the matter of Groundrent

Therefore Resolved that James R. Black Esq and George Reed Esq be and are hereby appointed a Committee to take into consideration the propriety and measure of applying to the Legislature of this State at the ensuing session thereof for a Supplement to the Act enlarging the powers of the said Trustees with that view and also the form of a Memorial proper for the occasion and call to all company etc

John Crow and James R. Black agents of this Corporation Reported that at a public sale held by them on the 4th of April last the land Rents for the Town of New Castle the following Lots of ground on the following terms were sold for the sum of \$1500



and seventy eight cents payable in sixty days on the annual sum  
 of one dollar of twenty five cents for each acre for the same containing  
 fifteen acres less one acre of twenty seven pounds to James Adams and  
 James A. Black also lots 104 & 5 for the sum of seventy three  
 dollars & fifty cents payable in sixty days at the annual sum  
 of twenty cents of acres containing twenty seven acres one  
 acre of fifteen pounds for the sum of thirty four dollars  
 & fifty three cents payable in sixty days to James Adams  
 and James A. Black and annual sum of two dollars and  
 twenty five cents of acres also lots 106 & 7 containing twenty  
 seven acres at the annual sum of twenty cents of acres  
 the said Committee report that no more was done for the  
 same term of fifteen years to Cash P. Bennett on  
 payment of one hundred four dollars & two cents on  
 sixty days at the annual sum of two dollars and  
 hundred and forty cents for each containing seven acres  
 which report was on motion adopted  
 the Board adjourned to meet the 9th day of January  
 next at seven o'clock P.M.

January 9th 1813 The following Trustees of  
 the New Castle Co. met according to adjournment  
 to wit

- James Booth President
- John Law Secretary
- Thomas Johns
- George Reed
- Charles Thomas
- John Fenner
- James McCallum
- James A. Black
- Bryant Menley

The Committee appointed to view a plan and estimate  
 for erecting a draw bridge over the Chestnut Creek  
 at the Village of Newport reported that they had  
 seen from Mr. Thomas Pope a plan and estimate  
 of a draw bridge over the Chestnut Creek at the  
 place aforesaid which was submitted to the Board the  
 Committee appointed to make a draught of a  
 memorial and Bill for enlarging the Powers of the  
 Corporation reported which report was read and the  
 Bill was committed to James Booth Thomas Johns by  
 George Reed Esq.

The Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday  
 next at seven o'clock P.M.

January 9th 1813

The following members of the Board of Trustees of  
 the New Castle Co. met at the House of John Law  
 in the Town of New Castle to wit

- James Booth President
- John Law Secretary
- George Reed
- Thomas Johns
- James A. Black
- James McCallum
- Charles Thomas
- Bryant Menley
- John Fenner

The Committee to which the Bill was re-committed  
 on all their reports which was read and the further  
 consideration thereof was postponed

It was ordered that the Treasurer shall on the  
 General Report of the Receipts and disbursements of the  
 Corporation from the 1st of January last  
 to the 25th of March last

January 14th 1813

The following members of the Board met at the House  
 of John Law to wit

- James Booth President
- John Law Secretary
- Thomas Johns
- James A. Black
- George Reed
- James McCallum

There not being a quorum the adjourned to the 15th instant

January 15th 1813

The following members of the Board met at the House  
 of John Law to wit

- James Booth President
- John Law Secretary
- Thomas Johns
- James A. Black
- George Reed
- James McCallum
- Charles Thomas
- John Fenner

Bryant Menley

Resolved by the Trustees of the New Castle Co. that  
 seven members representing that the sum of thirty dollars  
 be and is hereby appropriated out of the profits and  
 income of the New Castle Co. common for the purpose of  
 defraying the expenses of an agent to attend the General





Feb 14-1844  
 The following members of the Board met  
 James Booth President  
 George Reed  
 James M of Belmont  
 John Sargent  
 John Law  
 The meeting was adjourned till the Board  
 adjourned to Monday the 21st Instant

February 21-1844  
 The following members met to wit  
 James Booth President  
 Henry Adams  
 George Reed  
 James M of Belmont  
 Thomas M of Wrentham  
 Charles Thomas  
 John Law

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Trustees of the  
 Common Law seven members appearing therein  
 That the annual meeting of this Board shall  
 be held on the second Tuesday of each next  
 coming on the second Tuesday of March annually  
 or future any thing in the order now had of  
 the Contrary notwithstanding  
 On Motion Resolved that James Booth Esq  
 the President of this Board be and is hereby  
 empowered to draft the Form of a Lease to be  
 drawn by these Trustees whose former Form  
 have copied

The Board adjourned to meet the second Tuesday  
 of each next

March 8-1844 The following members of the Board  
 of Trustees of the Trustees of the Common met to wit  
 James Booth President  
 Henry Adams  
 George Reed  
 James M of Belmont  
 Charles Thomas  
 Henry Colby Esq  
 Thomas M of Wrentham  
 John Sargent  
 John Law

On Motion Resolved that a Committee of two members be  
 appointed to settle with the Treasurer  
 the President's <sup>and</sup> Henry Colby and Charles  
 Thomas for that purpose  
 The Board proceeded to the election of Officers  
 and the following were declared to be duly chosen  
 James Booth President John Law Secretary and  
 Daniel Blaine Treasurer  
 James Bechell was appointed as  
 Secretary for the Treasurer  
 The Board adjourned to meet at half past seven  
 o'clock on Thursday next

March 10-1844 The following members of the Board of Trustees of  
 the Trustees of the Common met to wit  
 James Booth President  
 Henry Adams  
 George Reed  
 Charles Thomas  
 Thomas M of Wrentham  
 Henry Colby  
 John Law

The Committee appointed to settle with Daniel Blaine the  
 Treasurer that from the 9th of April 1841 to the 9th of the Instant that  
 the said Treasurer had received from the Trustees of the Common Southward  
 Nineteen Dollars and fifty cents that he had deposited in  
 the Bank of the Town by him said Nineteen Dollars and cents that  
 two Dollars sixty seven cents that the Treasurer was indebted to  
 a Commission on the sum of money by him said of credit  
 Dollars and seventy eight cents on the whole sum by him  
 paid also the Committee reported a Balance due the Treasurer  
 on a former statement of thirty one Dollars eighty two and a half  
 cents which after giving the Treasurer a credit for those two last  
 sums will leave a Balance due the said Treasurer of twenty  
 seven Dollars and seventy four cents see Report adopted and  
 filed signed by Charles Thomas & Henry Colby

The Committee appointed to Report on the debt of John Law  
 reported on his debt of one hundred ten Dollars and  
 forty three cents see Report filed and thereupon the Treasurer  
 seven members appearing that the Treasurer of this Corporation  
 settle the debt of the said John Law including the debts incurred of him  
 from time to time of the Trustees of the Trustees of the Common and that on  
 making such settlement John Law be allowed credit for the balance  
 of one hundred ten Dollars and forty three cents in full  
 the amount of money with interest from the several times when  
 the same have been due except with respect to the last item in  
 regard of which some account shall be made and calculated  
 the interest thereon ... Nov 3-1847 President or one for \$100-  
 February 23-1848 amount of \$150 and 1/2 (now added 16th of Dec 1841  
 for \$35-20 same date added \$25-56 President or one for \$100-1844  
 for \$1-60 of President or one for \$2-00 and his bill and this day  
 for \$120-43-

James A Black and James Rogers made application to the  
 Board for to take a lease of all the lands heretofore laid out  
 as a Common at the average rate for lease as the pay at present  
 for part of the same price which Commission was made







Common seven members appearing there upon  
 applications the President and Secretary shall consider  
 a lease to James M. Brown upon for the conveyed  
 terms of the late John Hair in the lands lately leased  
 the said John Hair by the Trustees of the Newcastle  
 Common and what term has been purchased by the  
 the said James M. Brown from the Executive of the said  
 John Hair provided the said James M. Brown first  
 pay to the Trustees of this Board the arrears of Rent  
 due and owing for the said lands -

The Board adjourned to meet on the 30th

Instant

at a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common on Monday  
 the 21st day of February 1815

- Present James Booth President  
 James Readle  
 Henry Johns  
 George Read  
 Alexander Duncanson  
 Henry Colby  
 Nicholas Sweeney  
 Thomas Mays  
 John James  
 Richard Lester  
 George Read Junr  
 James A Black

the Trustees of the Newcastle Common to fill the vacancies in the  
 Board present to an ordinance of the 21st of January last  
 made by which it appeared that Richard Lester and Nicholas  
 Sweeney and George Read Junr were duly elected  
 on account of which the Trustees was presented by John  
 Dixon amounting to Two Dollars and fifty Cents which  
 on motion was allowed and in order for the amount  
 directed to be drawn

The Treasurer made a Report containing a  
 statement of Receipts due to the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 amounting to \$2,952.53

It was moved and seconded that the sum of \$2000  
 be loaned out of the funds of this Corporation to the United States  
 to be applied to the Forfeiture of the New Patent  
 upon the question it was decided in the negative  
 with the dissent of two members the yeas and nays were called  
 for and appeared as follows

Yeas	Nays
James Readle	James Booth
George Read	Henry Johns
Nicholas Sweeney	Alexander Duncanson
John James	Henry Colby
George Read Junr	Thomas Mays
5	Richard Lester
	James A Black 7

It was moved and seconded that that \$1500 be loaned  
 to the United States to be applied to the Forfeiture of the  
 New Patent and on the question it was decided in the negative  
 the Board adjourned

March 9th 1815

The following members of the Board met to wit

- James Booth President  
 James A Black  
 Henry Colby  
 John James

There not being a quorum adjourned to  
 Tuesday next at seven o'clock P.M.

Common seven members up entering their upon  
 applications the President and Secretary shall examine  
 a lease to James M. Bacon for the conveyed  
 terms of the late John Hair in the Lease lately heard  
 the said John Hair by the Trustees of the Newcastle  
 Common and which lease has been purchased by the  
 the said James M. Bacon from the executor of the said  
 John Hair provided the said James M. Bacon first  
 pay to the Trustees of this Board the conveyance of Rent  
 due and owing for the said Lease -

The Board adjourned to Monday the 30th

Instant

at a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common on Monday  
 the death day of February 1815

- Present James Booth President  
 James Readle  
 Henry Johns  
 George Readle  
 Alexander Dimeon  
 Henry Colby  
 Nicholas Vandeyke  
 Thomas Majoris  
 John Jamieson  
 Richard Leston  
 George Readle Junr  
 James A. Black

the Returns of the elections of Trustees to fill the vacancies in the  
 Board past account to an Ordinance of the 21<sup>st</sup> of February last  
 was made by which it appeared that Richard Leston Nicholas  
 Vandeyke and George Readle Junr were duly elected  
 on account of which the Trustees was presented by John  
 Dimeon amounting to Two Dollars and fifty Cents which  
 resolution was allowed and an Order for the amount  
 directed to be drawn

The Treasurer made a Report containing a  
 Statement of Receipts due to the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 amounting to \$2952.53<sup>1/2</sup>

It was moved and seconded that the sum of \$2000  
 be loaned out of the Funds of this Corporation to the United States  
 to be applied to the Redemption of the Old Debt  
 upon the Resolutions it was decided in the negative  
 at the desire of Two Members the Yeas and Nays were called  
 for and appeared as follows

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Yeas               | Nays             |
| James Readle       | James Booth      |
| George Readle      | Henry Johns      |
| Nicholas Vandeyke  | Alexander Dimeon |
| John Jamieson      | Henry Colby      |
| George Readle Junr | Thomas Majoris   |
| 5                  | Richard Leston   |
|                    | James A. Black 7 |

It was moved and seconded that that \$1500 be loaned  
 to the United States to be applied to the Redemption of the  
 Old Debt and on the question it was decided in the negative  
 the Board adjourned

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1815

The following members of the Board met to wit

- James Booth President  
 James A. Black  
 Henry Colby  
 John Jamieson

There not being a quorum adjourned to  
 Tuesday next at seven o'clock P.M.







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 December 26th 1815  
 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 met according to adjournment -

Present James Booth President  
 George Read  
 Alexander Duncan  
 Henry Colby  
 Thomas Major  
 James R. Black  
 John Jernam  
 George Read Jun  
 Nicholas Vernoyke  
 John Law

The committee appointed to settle the accounts of or paying  
 the street of the Town of Newcastle Reported See Report  
 Filed

Richard Seston Account for money expended and work  
 done on the streets of the Town of Newcastle was allowed  
 whereby a Balance appears to be due him of five hundred  
 fifty Two Dollars eighty one and a half Cents

The Account of John Law for money expended in paving  
 the streets of the Town of Newcastle Stone furnished and work  
 Allowance made him for superintending the work amounting  
 to Two thousand eight hundred and thirty eight Dollars and  
 one a half Cents was allowed whereby after deducting the  
 accounts of three checks in the Farmers Bank of the State  
 of Delaware at the Town of Newcastle of Two thousand  
 Two hundred & fifty Dollars there appears a Balance  
 of five hundred eighty eight Dollars one a half Cents for  
 which sum of five hundred eighty eight Dollars one a  
 half Cent the said John Law is to have a Credit given  
 him by the Treasurer of this Board on the Book of Corporation  
 being the Balance of money he has lent of an expended in  
 paving and paving the Streets of the Town of Newcastle  
 under an Ordinance of the Corporation of the 15th of March  
 last past?

James Colby was allowed thirty four Dollars being the  
 simple and interest of a Bond of fifty Dollars taken by  
 him the said James Colby of Maryland Williams for the  
 Balance of a Note of the said Maryland Williams and proceeds  
 of the Corporation and which note was transferred to the  
 said James Colby in part of a Debt due by the Corporation  
 to the said James Colby which said sum of fifty Dollars  
 together with the interest there on from the 23rd of April 1811 in  
 consequence of the Ordinance of the said Williams was made

Report of  
 Committee  
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the Board Order that before payment be made of the sum of money  
 to be paid Colby that he discharge the Bond taken by him of the said  
 Williams together with the interest to the Corporation  
 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common that an Order in  
 favour of James Colby be drawn for thirty four Dollars payable  
 out of the Funds of this Corporation -

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common that an Order in  
 favour of Richard Seston be drawn in favour of Richard  
 Seston for five hundred fifty Two Dollars eighty one and a half Cents  
 payable out of the Funds of this Corporation

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common that  
 up the present Lease which he has from this Corporation on the  
 Twenty fifth day of March next that he should have a Lease  
 for thirty years of the same tract of land for  
 a sum not exceeding thirty years at one dollar and fifty  
 Cents per acre payable in arrears every first day of November  
 and Twenty fifth day of March during the period of thirty years

The Board adjourned to meet the second Tuesday of March next  
 at six o'clock P.M.

March 12th 1816

The following Trustees of the Newcastle Common met to wit

James Booth President  
 George Read  
 Henry Colby  
 Richard Seston  
 George Read Jun  
 John Law

There not being a quorum adjourned to meet the 14th Instant  
 at seven o'clock P.M.  
 March 14th 1816

The following Trustees according to adjournment met to wit

Henry Johnson  
 George Read  
 Richard Seston  
 Henry Colby  
 James R. Black  
 George Read Jun  
 John Law

The President being absent Thomas Johnson  
 was chosen President pro tem The Board proceeded  
 to the election of a President and a Secretary and in the  
 enumeration of the yeas it appeared that James Booth  
 was chosen President and John Law Secretary  
 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 that Richard Seston and John Jernam the committee appointed  
 by Ordinance of the 16th of March 1815 proceed with out  
 delay in procuring materials & causing to be paved and  
 finished



Unspecified the streets specified in the said Ordinance  
And be it further Ordained that the President of  
the Board under the power and Authority vested in him by  
an Ordinance of this Board of the 6th of October 1815 be and he  
is hereby Authorized to borrow the sum of one thousand Dollars  
to be applied towards effecting the objects in the previous Ordinance -

On motion  
Resolved that Messrs deane and George Read Jun  
and John Crow be and they are hereby appointed a Committee  
to Report a plan of erecting a Public wharf on Harmony Street  
and to cause an estimate of the expense of the same to be  
laid before this Board at their next meeting

Resolved that James Booth James R Black and  
John Crow be and they are hereby appointed a Committee  
to settle the Accounts of Daniel Blaney the late Treasurer  
of this Board and to Report what sums of money are  
due this Corporation

The Board Adjourned

April 19th 1816

The following members of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common met according to notice from the President

- James Airdle  
Arthur Linton  
John Jamieson  
Nicholas Deming  
John Crow

There not being a quorum any more to meet on Thursday evening  
at seven o'clock &c

March 11-1817

at a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
held this day agreeable to the By Laws

- Present  
James Booth President  
George Read  
Thomas McEwen  
Alexander Duncanson  
John Jamieson  
James R Black  
Arthur Linton  
George Read Jun  
Henry Johns  
Nicholas Deming  
John Crow

The Board proceeded to the election of a President  
Secretary and Treasurer and on the enumeration of  
the Ballot it appeared that James Booth was  
elected President John Crow Secretary and Treasurer  
D. Blaney Treasurer

The Committee heretofore appointed to settle with  
Daniel Blaney the late Treasurer were continued

James R Black George Read Jun and Nicholas Deming  
on any two of them were appointed to settle the Accounts  
of John Crow Read and Linton and John Jamieson the  
Committee heretofore appointed to examine the Street plan  
The Committee appointed to Report a plan of erecting  
a public wharf at Harmony Street and to cause an  
estimate of the same to be on a new Report which  
Report was Read and filed

The Board proceeded to that business which was  
of following the change -

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
Seven Members assenting that the President of this Board under  
the power and Authority vested in him by an Ordinance of  
the 6th of October one thousand eight hundred and fifteen  
be and he is hereby Authorized to borrow any sum or sums  
of money not exceeding in the whole Two thousand five  
hundred Dollars to be applied towards effecting the objects  
in the Ordinance of the 16th of March 1815

The Board Adjourned to meet on Thursday evening  
next at seven o'clock  
March 23rd 1817

The following Trustees met according to adjournment  
To wit

- James Booth President  
James Airdle  
George Read  
John Jamieson  
Arthur Linton  
Alexander Duncanson  
James R Black  
George Read Jun  
Thomas McEwen  
John Crow

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the following  
Ordinance which was agreed to with out a dissenting vote

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
Seven members assenting that provided that James  
McEwen member assenting that provided that James  
McEwen will engage and contract to contribute  
and pay one half part of the expense and charge of the  
north east side of the wharf proposed to be erected at  
Harmony Street by the said Trustees, it is expedient to  
erect a wharf on the public ground at Harmony Street  
of one side and that a wharf be accordingly erected there  
of the following dimensions to wit fifty seven feet wide  
three hundred and ten feet long and a proper and usual  
height above high water and that the same wharf be  
connected by a bridge or platform extended from the end  
of the said wharf to and connected with the public pier  
situate on the said Street, to be supported by rows of piles  
driven into the bed of the town three ends that two thousand  
dollars be they are hereby appropriated for that purpose to  
be borrowed in the manner directed by the Ordinance of  
this Board in relation to paving certain streets of the said  
Town and that the fees arising from the same be and the same are hereby placed in  
of the said Common be and the same are hereby placed in

Cr'd. for  
Erecting a  
Wharf at  
end of  
Harmony  
Street.



of proprietors for the purpose of repaying the same subject  
 meeting to former appropriation in relation to paving the  
 said streets and that James Ricardo John Fenner Richard  
 Weston be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for  
 effecting the objects of this Ordinance and Contracting with  
 James McCallum in the manner herein specified and  
 that the President of this Board from time to time draw in  
 their favour such sums not exceeding the foregoing appropriation  
 as may be necessary for completing the aforesaid objects  
 the Board adjourned to Thursday the 27th Instant at  
 seven o'clock in the evening -

October 16th 1848

The Following Trustees of the streets to come on with at the  
 House of School now in the Town of New York to wit

- James Booth President
- James Ricardo
- George Reed
- Richard Weston
- Thomas May and
- George Reed Junr
- John Law

on motion Resolved that the committee consist of one appointed  
 to settle and Report on the accounts of Daniel Blaney late Treasurer  
 and one appointed also they said committee one to settle and Report the  
 balances of about due up to the first of next month

James R. Black George Reed Junr & Richard Weston be and they are  
 appointed to settle the accounts of Richard Weston John Law  
 & John Fenner a committee for paving the streets are hereby  
 appointed

Resolved that James R. Black George Reed & George Reed Junr  
 are appointed to settle the accounts of the committee in relation  
 to paving the streets of making the gutter wharf and other works  
 due to individuals from this Corporation

Be it Ordained & it is hereby declared Lewis members appointing  
 that the Seal of New York & Albany Town was created in the  
 year 1816

the Board on the 28th Instant at 6 o'clock P.M.

December 9th 1848

The Following Trustees met at the House  
 of School now so wit

- James Ricardo
  - Thomas Johns
  - George Reed
  - Richard Weston
  - Henry Leiffy
  - John Law
  - Thomas May
  - James R. Black
  - George Reed Junr
- James Ricardo off and  
 President Pro Tem  
 on the business of the  
 Board

The Committee appointed to Report on the accounts  
 of Daniel Blaney late Treasurer Reported that  
 he had collected from the Town from the 2<sup>d</sup> of April  
 1844 \$452.07 1/2 that he had deposited of that sum  
 in the Farmers Bank to the credit of the Corporation  
 \$679.26 leaving a balance in his hands of \$227 1/2  
 that there was due to the said Daniel Blaney as a credit

on a former account of \$24.74 which being deducted from the  
 sum of \$73.01 1/2 left a balance in his hands of \$48.27 1/2  
 which the Board allowed to be credited to the credit of the said  
 Daniel Blaney as a Commission on the full of the sum  
 provided the Corporation which order was adopted

The Committee Reported the Following Items to be due  
 the Corporation to wit

John Jones on Judgment \$312	368-16
Int from Nov 13th 1848 to 56-16	808-21
Nov 13th 1848	154-04
James McCallum	268-00
The Estate of Robert Brown	543-92
Chas Thomas	42-07
James Rogers the 27th of Nov 1848	253-97
John D. Jones	7-68
Wreck of a Ream on Bond - 219-91	141-53
Int from March 25 1848 to Nov - 22-27	52-79
Print	780-00
Wreck on the City of C. Pool Ed	223-78
James Smith	200-35
John Law amount about subject to credit	28-67
Marion Kennedy	4-76
John Cull	62-98
John B. Blaney	24-27
Thomas Bond	109-12 1/2
The Estate of Joseph Beckler	66-92
The Estate of John C. Sever	\$4242 06 1/2
Bonjour all only	

The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Corporation  
 of this Board are hereby appointed to create a wharf at  
 the corner of streets reported as follows  
 that the Committee had paid for the same including a  
 Commission on the sum provided the Corporation of the  
 work

John C. Law paid to Black in Small	547-42
on Oct	149-00
also to S. Crosby for Stone	28-03
John C. Law for Iron	723-42
Commission on the sum of \$26 Cent	14-46
he had been paid in part by Chas	8737-88
	500
Leaving a balance due him on the 1st of September 1848 of	207-99

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 Corporation  
 Building  
 Wharf

John C. Law paid to Black in Small	145-00
in favour of John	145-00
Black in Small note for Black in Small	773-33
Black paid to Law for Iron	4-00
Black paid to Black in Small for Iron	467-33
Commission on the sum of \$26 Cent	9-24
at 26 Cent	476-67
by Law the one of \$200	130
the other for	496
Leaving a balance due him on the 1st of September 1848 of	\$490 00

by which it appears that the Committee have paid amount of the wharf at Hamby Street to wit by

John Crow	737.64
John Samson	476.67
Tombes of Benjamin all only	141
The sums paid by the same Committee in Cash was	1985.55
	375.55

leaving a Balance over and above the sum of eleven Pounds of 8975.05

It also appears to the Committee that the accounts of works done by Stockton Iron all for erecting the wharf at Hamby Street for which the Committee of this Board have been bound to pay have at certain specified periods been accounted for as the works had been settled by the Committee to the sum of 81149.75

John Crow one of the Committee	547.22
By John Samson one of the Committee	290.00
By Benjamin all only	141.00
leaving a Balance due to Stockton Iron all	978.42
	1771.93

It also appears from the accounts of the Committee that there is some other accounts of Iron done by John Crow & John Samson

John Crow	164.40
John Samson	339.73
making in whole due from the Board for the erecting of the wharf over and above the payments on account of Fall was	503.13

To the Committee for balance on account being the Balance of their accounts due to the Board of Iron done by John Crow & John Samson

375.55
339.73
715.28

The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of account the Corporation reported that there was due to John Crow for services as Secretary during his Office of 7 annuities and all was on account of a sum of 8101.39

It was Resolved and ordered that the account of the said John Crow with this Corporation shall be credited with the said sum of 8101.39 and the balance on account by him on the order of the wharf of 237.64 making in the whole the sum of 8339.27 as of the first day of September 1817

It was Resolved that the Treasurer of the Corporation should send from the persons who are reported by the Committee for services appointed for that purpose debtors to the Corporation the sums of money and debts due from them respectively and that it be the duty of the said Treasurer to call on them if the said debtors who shall be on the list the sums due from them then several judgments or orders for the same shall be payable with the interest on the 25th of each month and that he report what he may have done on the premises to the Board at their next meeting

Resolved that the Treasurer appointed heretofore shall give an account on the 1st of June the ensuing of all moneys received in the form of Orders and of their Receipts in Relation to her duty which said shall be taken by the Secretary of the Board

The Board also examined the Accounts of the Committee appointed to frame the Streets as directed by the Committee whereby it appeared that John Crow had expended from April 1816 the sum of 81656.60 and on all moneys of 4839.19 from Company's order 33-19 making a total of 81600.00

leaving a Balance of seven hundred and thirty nine Dollars & seventy three Cents it appears that this said John Crow had received one Piece of 81600.00 and from John Drown 105.00

leaving a Balance which remains unpaid of 815.27

The Board adjourned to the 2d day of November 1819 at 6 o'clock P.M.

- March 9th 1819 =
- The following Trustees met to wit
- James Booth President
  - George Read
  - Thomas Hogen
  - Richard Boston
  - Henry Colby
  - George Read Junr
  - James A Black
  - John Crow

The Minutes of the last Meeting was read The Board proceeded to ballot for a President Secretary & Treasurer and on the Enumeration of the ballot it appeared that the following Officers was duly chosen to wit

- James Booth President
- John Crow Secretary
- Cornelius D Blaney Treasurer

The following persons was appointed as consulting Committee to Richard Boston James A Black George Read Junr

The accounts of George Read & John Crow was presented and read and referred to James A Black Richard Boston & Henry Colby - the Board adjourned to meet the 26th inst

March 26th 1819

George Read  
John Crow met according to adjournment but there being no business adjourned

Newcastle 21st of 16th 1819

The following Trustees of the Newcastle Common met in an order signed by James Booth President on the following words "Whereas an application in writing subscribed by George Read and James Read Esqrs, hath been made to me to call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common within five days, I do hereby appoint a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the House of John Case, at Newcastle on the 26th day of the present month of 17th or 18th inst. I am at Newcastle on the 26th of November 1819

James Booth President of the Board of Newcastle



President  
 James Beadle  
 George Bead  
 John James  
 Richard Denton  
 James A. Black  
 George Bead  
 Henry Adams  
 John Crow

The President being absent James Beadle was chosen President  
 on 17th day of October 1849 that the Treasurer of the Board be required  
 to call on Charles Thomas Esq. of Charles Thomas as cited for  
 the amount of a Bond due by the said Charles Thomas on the 25th of September last  
 and in case the said Charles Thomas has not paid the said Bond due  
 as of record to require him to give his own Bond for the amount  
 due payable in six or seven months and in case of refusal by the  
 said Charles Thomas to pay the Bond given by the Father to the  
 Board or to give his own Bond for the same receiving interest  
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 by his Father to be entered

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 Bond in order to determine the terms of money due the Corporation  
 and in case of the refusal of either of them to obey the said

The following Order was submitted for the consideration of the Board  
 "Be it ordered by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Council  
 appointing that an election be held at the Court House in the town  
 of Newcastle on the 1st day of the instant between the names of  
 James & John of the one part for the purpose of choosing two Trustees of the  
 Newcastle Common Council to supply the seats vacated by Nicholas Wainwright  
 and the place of Thomas Wainwright deceased  
 and they are hereby appointed to give public notice  
 thereof to the inhabitants of the town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees  
 and to superintend the election and make report to the Board at the next  
 meeting which Ordinance being read was passed and all next meeting  
 of the Board

The following preamble and Ordinances were submitted  
 by George Bead Esq. in the following words:

Whereas conceivably has been supposed to exist with respect  
 to the lands and tenements of the Newcastle Common Council and the Town of London  
 adjoining the same which have occasioned different claims of protection  
 to be set up touching and concerning those lands tenements and houses  
 great difficulty hath arisen of the loss of them and removal or death  
 of witnesses to ascertain with precision and truth where the said lands and  
 tenements are and where as it is apparent to the Board of Trustees of the said  
 Common Council that the disputes and pretensions of all sides are  
 and defended as from the present tenor of the several parties it is certain  
 they will be most hurtful to the town which are both tedious and  
 expensive and the costs and charges incident to those proceedings would perhaps  
 equal if not exceed any probable advantage to be derived thereby therefore  
 it is ordained and enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 Council that all suits or proceedings instituted by the  
 said Trustees against any person or persons in relation to the  
 an attorney of the said Trustees so that no further expense be incurred  
 be incurred

The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Council  
 do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct  
 copy of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the  
 Newcastle Common Council as taken at a meeting held on  
 the 17th day of October 1849 at the Court House in the  
 town of Newcastle upon Tyne in the County of Northumberland  
 in the presence of the following Gentlemen  
 James Beadle  
 George Bead  
 John James  
 Richard Denton  
 James A. Black  
 George Bead  
 Henry Adams  
 John Crow

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 and the place of Thomas Wainwright deceased  
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 thereof to the inhabitants of the town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees  
 and to superintend the election and make report to the Board at the next  
 meeting which Ordinance being read was passed and all next meeting  
 of the Board

The President being absent Henry Adams was appointed  
 President on 17th day of October 1849  
 upon motion resolved that the minutes of last  
 meeting be corrected by expunging from the record thereof  
 all the words after the words "Be it ordered" as the same in respect  
 of the minutes of the proceedings of the said meeting  
 are false

The account of Nicholas Wainwright as attorney of the Board  
 concerning the sum of £1000 which had been paid for the  
 the account of George Bead for some which had been refused  
 to be committed to the custody of James A. Black Esq. and  
 John James Esq. was taken up the said Board  
 being first asked and the Board proceeded to the consideration  
 of the same and the said Nicholas Wainwright and the  
 said George Bead was severally called upon for their answers  
 on the case of their attendance to presenting the questions  
 in relation to the said sum of £1000 through the hands of the Corporation  
 by reason of the unwillingness of the said George Bead  
 then Board through the hands of the Corporation to forward  
 the sum of £1000 which James A. Black Esq. and  
 John James Esq. were severally called upon to pay  
 to the said Nicholas Wainwright and George Bead out  
 of the sum of £1000 which had been placed for the payment  
 of the said sum of £1000 which was submitted to the Board  
 on the 17th day of October 1849

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 appointing that an election be held at the Court House in the town  
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 and to superintend the election and make report to the Board at the next  
 meeting which Ordinance being read was passed and all next meeting  
 of the Board





Resolved that George Reed James (now called Jeremiah Brown) be and they are hereby appointed to report the Balance in the hands of the Treasurer also the Balance due from the Treasurer's Committee also to report on that balance to the Balance due from James Rogers -

Resolved that George Reed James Jeremiah Brown and John Lewis be and they are appointed a Committee who shall decide whether the Engineer's Lottery purchased shall be kept or sold and as on no effect can be obtained and that they proceed as they they deem advisable in the premises

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common that the order regarding the purchase of the Lottery shall be paid by the Trustees and that Jeremiah Brown be an agent to have same effected

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common in some alterations appearing that the sum of one hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to and for the use and benefit of the Female Seminary and to be expended under the direction of the Church School Board and that the Treasurer of the Seminary pay the said sum of money in two equal payments to wit on the 28th of March and 28th of September next to the care of the Treasurer of the Seminary to be drawn by the President

1 be read a copy and to the 29th Inst  
March 29th 1820

- The following Trustees of the New Castle Common are met to wit:
- James Beckett President
  - George Reed
  - George Reed Junr
  - Richard Denton
  - Jeremiah Brown
  - Henry Calhoun
  - John Lewis

The Committee appointed to report on the Balance to the Treasurer from James Rogers Report as follows: This Committee find

1. Appointed to report to the Trustees of the New Castle Common on the Balance to the Treasurer due from James Rogers Engine
2. Have taken the subject under their consideration and find that there is but one question in controversy to wit how much of the said James Rogers Engine is chargeable with the Treasurer of the New Castle Common
3. That the said James Rogers Engine is chargeable with the Treasurer of the New Castle Common in the year 1812 when a sale of the same was made to the Committee by James Rogers to the Treasurer of the New Castle Common and that the said James Rogers Engine is chargeable with the Treasurer of the New Castle Common in the year 1812 when a sale of the same was made to the Committee by James Rogers to the Treasurer of the New Castle Common and that the said James Rogers Engine is chargeable with the Treasurer of the New Castle Common in the year 1812 when a sale of the same was made to the Committee by James Rogers to the Treasurer of the New Castle Common
4. That the said James Rogers Engine is chargeable with the Treasurer of the New Castle Common in the year 1812 when a sale of the same was made to the Committee by James Rogers to the Treasurer of the New Castle Common
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10. That the said James Rogers Engine is chargeable with the Treasurer of the New Castle Common in the year 1812 when a sale of the same was made to the Committee by James Rogers to the Treasurer of the New Castle Common

That some proceedings ought to be had in order to bring this matter to a close. There can be no question and the only question is as to proceeding by Caleb O. Bennett in relation to whom the Trustees resolve that the same be referred to the Committee of Sales, or referring to claim to James Rogers has been stable this and concerns of New Castle Common. Alternatives proposed differences and the Committee were received but a balance of the same

March 29th 1820

George Reed (Chairman)  
Jeremiah Brown  
John Lewis

Resolved and adopted

The Accounts of James O. Fairbank Balance	80-00
where of was Report and called	
John Wesley Esq account Report and called	60-00
James Rogers account Report and called	40-00
Walter and James Esq Report and called	1-00
Joseph Roberts Esq Report and called	10-00
Walter and James Esq Report and called	2-54

Resolved that an Amicable Action be entered into with the Editors of the N. C. of John E. Sevier in view to settle and declare on the account due from the Editor of John E. Sevier

Resolved that the Committee had of our appointed to report on the Account of James Rogers be and they are hereby authorized to deliver to James Rogers the same signed by the President of this Board when he shall have paid to the Treasurer the amount of the money paid for the same with the interest thereon due and the amount of the valuation of the same including the 20th of September by Caleb O. Bennett. The amount of such balance to be ascertained by persons mutually chosen by the Committee and the said James Rogers

The Board adjourned to the 24th of April next at 7 o'clock

April 12th 1820

The following members of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common are met being convened by order of the President at the Request of James Beckett to wit:

- James Beckett President
- James Beckett
- Henry Calhoun
- John Lewis
- Jeremiah Brown
- George Reed Junr
- John Lewis

Resolved and adopted by the Trustees of the New Castle Common seven members of our Board that checks or orders be drawn by the President of this Board for the following sums allowed to the persons here after named the 29th of March last to wit in favour of James O. Fairbank for fifty Dollars, John Wesley Esq for fifty Dollars, James Rogers for fifty Dollars, Walter and James Esq for one Dollar, Joseph Roberts Esq for ten Dollars and John E. Sevier for one Dollar and fifty cents

The Board adjourned to meet the 29th Inst at 7 o'clock



April 28th 1920

The following Trustees of the New Castle Common met  
with James Beville President  
George Reed  
John Crow Secretary  
James W. Allmon  
John (name)  
Henry C. (name)

There was a general meeting of the Board held on the 26th of May 1919 at 6 o'clock P.M.

December 5th 1920 -

The following Trustees of the New Castle Common met  
James Beville President  
John Crow Secretary  
James W. Allmon  
George Reed  
Henry C. (name)  
John (name)  
Richard (name)  
James W. Brown

A general meeting of the Board was held on the 26th of May 1919 at 6 o'clock P.M.

Resolved that the duties of a committee in relation to a Finance bill by Calab O'Donnell on the lines of a bill on one side and in the name of James Brown on the other and that the committee proceed to look into James Brown and report the bill back from this side James Brown for a bill up to the first instant which report is to be by the said committee to the Treasurer of this Corporation.

Resolved that a committee of five members be appointed to inspect what reports may be made and necessary to the New Castle Academy the President appointed George Reed and John (name) for that purpose.

Ordered that an Order or Check be drawn by the President of this Board on the usual form for twenty five dollars and seven cents in favor of the Treasurer of the New Castle Academy.

An account of the Board Robert (name) was presented and read for many copies by him and the sale of groups on the Public Square whereby it appeared that there was an account of a balance due the said Robert (name) of twenty five dollars and seventy seven cents which sum was allowed.

Resolved that a committee of five persons be appointed to report the debts due this Corporation from the Respective Towns also the debts due from the Corporation on former Appropriations made which sum was approved.

The Secretary & Treasurer of this Board were appointed for that purpose who are reported to the next meeting.

That the Board adjourn to meet the 26th instant at 6 o'clock P.M.

December 26th 1920 The following Trustees met at the House of John Crow to wit James Beville President John Crow Secretary James Beville, George Reed, James W. Allmon, Henry C. (name), John (name), George Reed, John (name), James W. Brown  
An account of George Reed was read and approved as a bill for the benefit of the Trustees of the New Castle Common

was presented and read for \$1.90 and allowed

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to report the debts due this Corporation reported that the amount of debts due this Corporation on the first day of November last amounted to \$4490.52 that by an Order in of the 29 of January 1914 and by the Order of the Board of the Corporation from March 25 1913 was approved for the purpose of the New Castle Academy and the support of the Schools that may be kept there that out of the same so appropriated from the said Order had been drawn by the said Academy in obedience to an Order of the Board that there should be paid over to the Treasurer of the New Castle Academy of the County of Annapolis the sum of \$3051.91 being the balance of seven and a half years due to the Corporation.

Report of Committee on State of the Funds &c

Further Report of the Committee further reports that this Corporation did appropriate a moiety of the debts of the County of the Corporation in the 6th of March 1915 to the paving and manufacturing Delaware Front and Orange Streets to Henry Street and the same Order in which the funds arising from such moiety to be pledged for any loans that should be obtained for the purpose of that the President of this Board under the authority of the Board October 6th 1915 did pledge the Funds and obtain a loan from the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at the town of New Castle that there be drawn due to the Bank the sum of \$2900. The Committee reports further that by an Order in of 13th of March 1914 this Corporation appropriated \$2000 to the order of a Wharf at Henry Street and that the debts of the County of the Corporation were pledged for the purpose of the said appropriation and the Committee find that summing up the debts due by the County of the Corporation that there is due to the Treasurer of the New Castle Academy to be drawn for by the President of this Board \$3051.91 due to the Farmers Bank 2900.00 due on account for the Wharf 1000.00 total the aggregate of debts due 6951.91 due over and above the Fund 2661.39 on the Report of being made the following was submitted and adopted with but one dissenting vote.

Report of Ordinance appropriating a moiety of debts to N.C. Academy

Whereas by an Ordinance of the Trustees of New Castle Common passed on the 29th of January 1914 one moiety of the debts of the said Common growing due since March 1913 were appropriated on the Town of New Castle and to be for the use of the New Castle Academy and that therefore Ordinance and inserted by the said Trustees some members of the Board that the said Ordinance be and the same be hereby repealed.

And be Ordained by the said Trustees some members of the Board that they are hereby appointed a committee to examine with respect to and make a statement of all monies due to the Trustees of the said Academy and that no payment be made of any monies on account of the Corporation on or after the 1st of January 1919 until the Report of the said Committee and the further Order of the Board.



Be it ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common School that the balance of all cash 17th 1794 and the balance of the 15th 1801 appropriated in the common school and the balance of the 15th 1801 appropriated in the common school be used for the use of the Newcastle Academy and the same be hereby repealed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common School Members reporting that same not exceeding five hundred @ all one of the funds of the Corporation be made the same, hereby appropriated for preparing printing and improving the Newcastle Academy which shall be done for as hereafter directed by the President of the Board and payable to the President of the Trustees of the Newcastle Academy out of any moneys in the Academy not herebefore appropriated and to be drawn for from time to time as it may be directed by the President of the Board in the most judicious manner upon application by the President of the Board of Trustees of said Academy and that an account of the expenditure of the money be reported by the Trustees of the Academy to the Board

Resolved that James R. Black and George Read Junr be and they be hereby appointed to settle with the Treasurer of the Board and report the same as directed by him from the respective terms and the amounts of moneys by him deposited in the Common Bank to the credit of the Corporation which report is to be made at the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that the Treasurer of the Board is to be and required to prepare to all other than the Treasurer of the Board who are to determine the same shall from the said Treasurer to the Corporation and upon the said Treasurer's agreement to have a receipt entered into in each of the books of the Corporation

Resolved that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to receive from time to time a sum of moneys which the said Board has in its power and from each of the several Trustees of the Corporation and to report to the Board at the next meeting of the Board

The Board is ordered to meet on the 12th Tuesday of each month at 6 o'clock

The following Trustee met on Tuesday the 13th of Decr 1821 to wit James Russell Archd. Blair James R. Black John C. Case then not being a year the Board adjourned to tomorrow at 6 o'clock

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common School on the 14th 1821 The following Trustees of the Newcastle Common School met to wit James Russell George Read Archd. Blair Henry C. Coffey George Read Jr James W. Allen James Read James R. Black John C. Case John Case James R. Brown The following certificates were presented read and allowed to wit

James R. Black for 2 feet one of land James W. Coffey	5-60
The 10th of land at Vineyard	
James W. Coffey	33-50
Mr. Allen lot	25-00
Henry C. Coffey	23-52
Thomas H. Allen	11-22
	98-84
	2-62

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common School that the sum of one hundred Dollars be and the same be hereby appropriated for the use and benefit of the Newcastle Academy that the same be paid to the President of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Academy out of the moneys in the Academy not herebefore appropriated and to be drawn for from time to time as it may be directed by the President of the Board in the most judicious manner upon application by the President of the Board of Trustees of said Academy and that an account of the expenditure of the money be reported by the Trustees of the Academy to the Board

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common School that the sum of one hundred Dollars be and the same be hereby appropriated for the use and benefit of the Newcastle Academy that the same be paid to the President of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Academy out of the moneys in the Academy not herebefore appropriated and to be drawn for from time to time as it may be directed by the President of the Board in the most judicious manner upon application by the President of the Board of Trustees of said Academy and that an account of the expenditure of the money be reported by the Trustees of the Academy to the Board

Resolved that James R. Brown be and he is hereby directed to settle with the Treasurer of the Board and report the same as directed by him from the respective terms and the amounts of moneys by him deposited in the Common Bank to the credit of the Corporation which report is to be made at the next meeting of the Board

The Board is ordered to meet on the 12th Tuesday of each month at 6 o'clock

- James Russell
- James Read
- George Read
- John Case
- James R. Black
- James W. Allen
- Archd. Blair
- George Read Jr
- James R. Brown
- Henry C. Coffey

The Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common School to settle with the Treasurer of the Board and report the same as directed by him from the respective terms and the amounts of moneys by him deposited in the Common Bank to the credit of the Corporation which report is to be made at the next meeting of the Board

The undersigned Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common School to settle with the Treasurer of the Board and report the same as directed by him from the respective terms and the amounts of moneys by him deposited in the Common Bank to the credit of the Corporation which report is to be made at the next meeting of the Board

That James R. Black of Decr 1821 until the 12th day of Janr 1822 last unless he be called upon to do so by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common School and that the sum of one hundred Dollars be and the same be hereby appropriated for the use and benefit of the Newcastle Academy that the same be paid to the President of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Academy out of the moneys in the Academy not herebefore appropriated and to be drawn for from time to time as it may be directed by the President of the Board in the most judicious manner upon application by the President of the Board of Trustees of said Academy and that an account of the expenditure of the money be reported by the Trustees of the Academy to the Board

Report of Settlement of Treasurer's Account

James R. Black  
George Read Jr

The Committee to which account had been rendered by the Treasurer and settled the account of the late Treasurer James R. Black which amounted to the sum of \$265.00 which of course is in his hands and for the sum of \$265.00 of April 1821 until the 24th of Decr 1821 he had received a further amount of \$265.00 of the sum of \$265.00 as it appears that the sum actually paid during that time the Board on account of the same was \$265.00 the sum being credited to the late Treasurer's account in the Common Bank to the sum of \$265.00 which the Committee think is fully due from the Board

The following names are printed and are accepted  
 as to be allowed by the Trustees of the Newmarket Common in London  
 appointing that (with or order be drawn by the President of the said  
 in favour of Robert King for Quarter Dollars and twenty five cents in  
 favour of James A. Black for five Dollars and fifty cents in favour of  
 Thomas King for thirty three Dollars and fifty cents in favour of the  
 City of Newmarket for thirty three Dollars and fifty cents in favour  
 of Henry Stahl twenty three Dollars and fifty cents in favour  
 of Thomas Stanton from Orkney three Dollars and twenty five cents  
 in favour of John King twenty three Dollars and twenty five cents in favour  
 of George Adams one Dollar and twenty five cents in favour of John  
 King from thirty three Dollars and fifty cents in favour of the rest of  
 the Board thirty three Dollars and twenty five cents

June 5th 1831

According to adjournment the following meeting met to  
 elect James A. Black Chairman James A. Black was chosen being not  
 a quorum agreed to the 6th of June 1831

- at a meeting of the Trustees of the Newmarket Common held the  
 22th of March 1832 present
- James A. Black
  - Robert King
  - Henry Calhoun
  - James A. Black
  - George Adams
  - Robert King
  - John King

The President being absent James A. Black of James Adams  
 President Pro Tem

The account of John King one of the Comptrolers for  
 paving the street was read and the same was referred to  
 George Adams Henry Calhoun & James A. Black to report  
 on the same the said report to be made at the evening

The following Trustees met to wit

- James A. Black
- James A. Black
- Henry Calhoun
- James A. Black
- Robert King
- George Adams
- John King

As it is ordered seven members appointed to the election  
 to be held at the Court House in the Town of Newmarket on the thirtieth  
 instant return the names of two and forward of each one for the purpose  
 of supplying a vacancy which has happened in the Board of Trustees of  
 the Newmarket Common by the removal from the Town of Newmarket  
 of Henry Stahl Esq and John King Esq and James A. Black Esq and  
 they are hereby appointed to give public notice to the inhabitants of  
 the Town of Newmarket who are qualified to vote for Trustees and  
 to superintend the said election and make report to the Board at  
 the next meeting thereafter

The Board agreed to meet at seven o'clock on the 22nd  
 evening of 1st

March 21/1832  
 The Board met according to adjournment

Present

- George Adams
- James A. Black
- Robert King
- John King
- James A. Black
- Henry Calhoun
- James A. Black
- George Adams
- John King

The Committee appointed on the account of John King for paving  
 the street made the following report

- " We have examined the account of John King of his expenses  
 in 1831 and find the same correct and find that there are  
 1. sufficient receipts for the payment of the charges in the said  
 2. account stated to have been paid by John King the said  
 3. charges were examined it appears that the whole amount  
 4. of charges paid by John King as acting Comptroler being the whole  
 5. amount of the cost of paving Front & Orange Street & the  
 6. Orange Street is twenty five hundred and sixty nine Dollars  
 7. twenty seven cents according to which fifty one Dollars and  
 8. eight cents a Comptroler of two per cent on the amount  
 9. expended makes the charges of John King against the Corporation  
 10. amount to two thousand six hundred and twenty Dollars and  
 11. sixty five cents from the sum is deducted two thousand four hundred  
 12. Dollars the amount paid by the President of the Board, to John King  
 13. is Dollars well known to him of two hundred and twenty  
 14. Dollars and sixty five cents for which he will be entitled to a receipt  
 15. on the Books of the Treasurer to be entered as of the 12th of March 1832

Report on  
 acct of John  
 King for  
 paving  
 Front  
 &  
 Orange  
 Street  
 showing  
 amt paid  
 2670.65

James A. Black  
 Henry Calhoun  
 George Adams } Committee

When Report was read

A Resolution of the Warden and Vestry of Emmanuel Church  
 in the Town of Newmarket was presented and read when it is  
 ordered that the Trustees of the Newmarket Common, and their agents  
 or agents properly authorized by them, shall at all reasonable times  
 hereafter keep open a safe and deposit to and from the safe  
 when the said safe may be opened, for the purpose of keeping  
 the same in proper order and repair and further that the said  
 safe may be placed in the said Church and may be kept by  
 such agent or agents as may be appointed by the Trustees of the  
 said Church and the said safe may be used for the purpose of  
 any other purpose to which it may be applied

Copy of a  
 Resolution of  
 Vestry and  
 Wardens of  
 Emmanuel  
 Church.

In testimony whereof the foregoing is a true copy of  
 the original resolution I have hereunto subscribed my name  
 this twenty first day of March 1832

Robert King  
 Warden

Copy of a  
 Resolution of  
 Vestry and  
 Wardens of  
 Emmanuel  
 Church.



Whereas Isaac Lusk of Philadelphia hath prepared to  
the Board to make a sum of cash for the sum of iron cast and to  
furnish a Roll and found deal plates and to print the said Roll  
in complete operation on the following sum

- " I would propose to contract with the following plan
- " to go eight days without working to show the men
- " and maintain on two feet low broken Dials, the black
- " to have sufficient power to strike a Roll of five hundred
- " weight with suspension of universal joints for the Dial work
- " and compensating slides for the same, the black to strike
- " from a corking plate moved by a pellet to have motion
- " becoming power of a convenient driving shaft & correct tempo
- " low turn perions, the bearings to be ground, the frame to be
- " of wrought iron, the wheels of the best drop, the whole to be
- " made of the best materials of workmanship \$ 500 -
- " of three deals as above - - - - - 550
- " of four deals - - - - - 900.
- " also agree to furnish four deals and the cost shall not
- " exceed one hundred Dollars and for as much less as they
- " will cost also agree to furnish a Roll of about 500 sheets
- " 40 x 60 of paper

and when as the Trustees of the Board and vesting of Emanuel  
bank in the said sum have by their written Resolutions  
pled another Secretary of the Board as per the file

and whereas Isaac Lusk would be to the satisfaction  
of the Town Council of such concern and would be better  
to make a date the City of Philadelphia in the Roll Room of the  
said bank than in other place on the said Town

Be it therefore ordered by the Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common in some manner appointing that the  
offer on file by the Trustees Messrs. and vesting of Emanuel  
bank be and the same be duly accepted for the sum of four  
on the Town State on their Resolutions and that James R. Wall  
Henry Coffey & George Reed join be and they are hereby  
appointed a Committee to contract with the said  
Isaac Lusk for furnishing and setting up a black of  
the description before given with a Roll and found deal plate  
on the terms offered by him on his written proposals and  
that the sum of five hundred Dollars of the Board of  
the Newcastle Common in some manner appointed be and  
the same is hereby appropriated for the payment thereof  
and that upon the completion of the said work to the  
satisfaction of the said Committee

The Consent of the Board is hereby  
given on each of the State of Delaware from the  
of the Trustees of the Corporation in some manner appointed  
four hundred Dollars which shall be by him paid to the said  
Isaac Lusk on the written order of the said  
of the said Committee

Committee to  
Contract for  
a  
Down blocks

and be it further ordered that the said Committee shall  
said block to be set up and found in the Roll Room of Emanuel bank  
and that should other order by the Board it shall be under the  
Commissioner's supervision and attorney of the Treasurer of the  
Board

Ordinance  
for  
Sowing  
Marked and  
Harrowing  
Streets

Committee

Be it ordered by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
some manner appointing that the sum of five hundred  
of the Newcastle Common in some manner appointed be and  
the same is hereby appropriated on file for the payment  
of Henry Coffey Street to French Street and Market  
Street from Delaware Street from the said that in any house  
containing shall preclude the Board from applying so much  
of the Board of the Newcastle Common as may be necessary to  
the payment of interest due the Town Bank on former loan  
and such other debts as may be necessary incurred on the  
all accounts of the office of the Corporation

Be it further ordered by the Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common in some manner appointing that the President  
of the Board be and he is hereby authorized and required from  
time to time to borrow of the Town Bank such sum or  
sums of money as may be necessary for paying the  
debts on the said Ordinance and that the funds of  
the Corporation be and the same be hereby pledged  
for the repayment with interest

Be it further ordered by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
some manner appointing that the said Committee be and they are hereby appointed  
to employ within the limits of the said bank  
the streets of Philadelphia and the President of the Board be  
and they are hereby authorized from time to time upon application of  
the Mayor of the said City and the Board be and they are  
authorized to issue bills or notes for such sum as may  
be required by the said Town for the purpose  
aforesaid

Be it ordered that the said Committee shall be and they are  
authorized to do all such things as may be necessary to carry out  
the purposes of the said Ordinance

Be it ordered by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
some manner appointing that George Reed join of the  
D. B. Coffey be a Committee to print a Roll for the Corporation  
the Board be and they are hereby authorized to do all such things  
as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the said Ordinance  
and that upon the completion of the said work to the  
satisfaction of the said Committee

The Board be and they are hereby authorized to do all such things  
as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the said Ordinance

July 19th 1822 the Board be and they are hereby authorized to do all such things  
as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the said Ordinance  
and that upon the completion of the said work to the  
satisfaction of the said Committee



July 20 1822

The following trustees met according to an adjournment

- James A. Biddle President
- George Reed
- James McCallum
- Archibald Houston
- Henry Colclough
- James A. Black
- Jeremiah Bowman
- John James
- John Case

the Committee appointed to hold our election to supply the vacancy in the Board by the removal of Henry Adams Esq from the Town of Newburgh made their report that James Bostwick was unanimously elected to supply the vacancy occasioned as aforesaid

James Bostwick Esq and Cook has deate

an election made and secondly that the weight of the Bill for the clock be increased to one thousand weight

- the year and days are as follows
- |      |                   |                |
|------|-------------------|----------------|
| Year | James Bostwick    | James A. Black |
|      | John James        | John Case      |
|      | George Reed       |                |
|      | Jeremiah Bowman   |                |
|      | James A. Black    |                |
|      | Henry Colclough   |                |
|      | George Reed       |                |
|      | Archibald Houston |                |
|      | James McCallum    |                |
|      | James A. Biddle   |                |

an motion the sum of three hundred dollars was voted to the James appropriated for the purpose of increasing the weight of the Bill for the clock to one thousand weight

Be it ordained by the trustees of the Newburgh Common School Union that the President of the Board for the year ending on the 31st of December 1822 be James A. Black and the same is hereby authorized to receive on the 31st of December 1822 the sum of three hundred dollars in that same sum as on the 31st of December 1821 for the purpose of increasing the weight of the clock Bill to one thousand weight and of paying other expenses in relation thereto

The Board adjourned to meet on the first Monday of September next

at a Special meeting of the trustees of the Newburgh Common School Union held on the 15th of December 1822 by order of the President James Bostwick Esq present James A. Biddle, George Reed, Henry Colclough, Archibald Houston, Jeremiah Bowman, James Bostwick, George Reed, James McCallum, John Case

an motion was made that the Committee heretofore appointed in relation to the James Black be and they are hereby authorized to have a further motion made so as to have the clock Bill to have the same made as follows

Ordinance  
of 300-  
weight  
of clock Bill

Ordered that George Reed Esq and John Case Esq be and they are hereby appointed to come to be bearing the great Burden of the Loan in case to James Bostwick Esq by the name of the Newburgh Common School Union and the said James is elected to be one of the Trustees of the said Union and to attend the said Board to be by their Report to the Board Be it ordained by the trustees of the Newburgh Common School Union that the ground so owned in Newburgh be sold by the first Sheriff of Newburgh County as captain of execution for a small sum of money to be called

at a Special meeting of the trustees of the Newburgh Common School Union called by the President on application of the trustees the 15th of February 1823

- Present
- James A. Biddle
  - John Case
  - James A. Black
  - Archibald Houston
  - Henry Colclough
  - George Reed
  - James McCallum
  - Jeremiah Bowman
  - James Bostwick
  - John Case

Resolutions from the Newburgh Common School Union were presented and read

Resolved that James A. Black James Bostwick Esq and John Case Esq be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for the purpose of procuring an estimate of Building a clock for the Newburgh Common School Union and a Report to the next meeting of the Board

The Report of Robert B. Bowman was presented read and the sum of twenty Dollars was voted on a motion made that the same be paid out of the fund appropriated for the clock

The Board adjourned to hold the next meeting of all such next March 10th 1823

The following trustees met

- so with
- James A. Black
  - George Reed
  - Archibald Houston
  - Henry Colclough
  - John James
  - Jeremiah Bowman
  - James McCallum
  - John Case

The President being absent James McCallum Esq was chosen President on motion the Board proceeded to the election of officers and in the execution of the Bill James A. Biddle was chosen President John Case Secretary

Resolved that John Case James A. Black and George Reed be a Committee to examine and report to the Board a statement of the sum for which loan have been made when their loan was executed they undersignedly granted, the amount lent and the time when the sum of loan expires with the names to whom granted or assigned by the trustees of the Board and the number of any such loan

Also that John Case, Jeremiah Bowman and James A. Black be a Committee to have proposals for a loan of the sum or more as they may think proper from the 25th of all such 1826 who shall be directed to have and report to the Board their offer as may be made to them

John Case made the following proposals to wit \$250 per annum and paid a Home 16 feet by 20 feet on the corner of the Town

126  
 Motion on long for an...  
 \$1.50 per week...  
 the Board is adjourned until Saturday the 29th inst. at 8 o'clock  
 June 24th 1823  
 at a special meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Comm. in Convention at the  
 request of some members & the President the following members met to wit

- President James A. Riddle
- George A. Riddle
- Henry Colclough
- Richard Denton
- James A. Riddle
- James A. Riddle
- John Law

The Board adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Thursday

- President James A. Riddle
- Henry Colclough
- Richard Denton
- James A. Riddle
- John Law
- James A. Riddle
- George A. Riddle
- James A. Riddle
- John Law
- James A. Riddle

Resolved that the Committee appointed in February last in relation to  
 any proposal for building a Town Hall be and the one hereby directed  
 to a committee for proposals for building the Hall party feel by that the terms  
 of the same be as follows for the first three years for the first three  
 thousand feet the price as persons who shall propose to build the same  
 to furnish any materials also to build with all these things the price  
 shall be paid to furnish all materials for completing the same the said Committee  
 to report to the Board as soon as they shall have the proposals

August 27th 1823

at a special meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Comm.  
 being convened at the request of some members & the President

- President James A. Riddle
- George A. Riddle
- Henry Colclough
- Richard Denton
- James A. Riddle
- James A. Riddle
- James A. Riddle
- James A. Riddle
- John Law
- Richard Denton

The Committee appointed to review proposals to build a Town Hall  
 report a plan & estimate which was read

The Board adjourned to the 3rd day of September next at  
 5 o'clock P.M.  
 September 3rd 1823 The following members met to wit George A. Riddle  
 Richard Denton James A. Riddle James A. Riddle John Law  
 the said being a quorum adjourned to Monday 8th inst at 8 o'clock

September 8th 1823  
 The following Trustees met agreeable to adjournment & wit  
 Henry Colclough  
 Richard Denton  
 James A. Riddle  
 George A. Riddle  
 John Law  
 then and being a quorum adjourned to Town on evening at 8 o'clock

September 9th 1823  
 The following Trustees met agreeable to adjournment & wit

- James A. Riddle President
- James A. Riddle
- Richard Denton
- James A. Riddle
- George A. Riddle
- John Law
- James A. Riddle
- John Law
- James A. Riddle
- George A. Riddle
- Richard H. Colclough

Resolved that the Committee appointed to superintend the paving of Henry Street  
 and the Committee appointed to superintend the paving of a Public wharf  
 at the end of Henry Street forthwith proceed with the paving the said  
 streets and completing the said wharf so that each of these works be finished  
 during the present fall; and be it further resolved that the Committee hereof  
 appointed for that purpose forthwith proceed with the paving of the upper part of  
 Delaware Street so that the same be completed without delay

Resolved that the Board adjourn to the first meeting of December  
 at 6 o'clock P.M.

October 13th 1823 The following Trustees met agreeable to an  
 order given by the President to wit  
 James A. Riddle President

- Henry Colclough
- James A. Riddle
- George A. Riddle
- James A. Riddle
- Richard Denton
- James A. Riddle
- John Law

Be it ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Comm. in some members  
 appointing that five hundred Dollars of the funds of the New Castle  
 Comm. be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purchase  
 of building two Engine Houses at the South West end of the Market House  
 Be it further ordained that for the purpose aforesaid the President  
 of this Board borrow the sum of five hundred of the Farmers Bank on  
 the same terms as the loan made for paving the streets  
 Be it further ordained that James A. Riddle James A. Riddle & George A. Riddle  
 be and the same are hereby appointed for the purpose of conducting further  
 construction of the two Engine Houses and the President of this Board is to draw  
 orders on the Bank in favour of the said Committee for the sum appropriated  
 in the order and to be paid  
 I should be pleased to see an attention on the clock was called  
 for the day of the Board adjourned to the 1st day of December next at 8 o'clock



October 29th 1828  
at a Special Meeting convened by application of the President  
of the Board

- James Riddle President
- George Reed
- James A. Black
- Richard Denton
- John James
- James Riddle Jr
- Richard Denton
- James McCallum
- John Lewis

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Sewer  
members appearing that the sum of five hundred Dollars of  
the Aunts and income of the Newcastle Common be and the same  
are hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting a Room over the  
two Engine Houses and the entrance into the Mill race at or near of the  
same width of the abutment the House and is depth thirty one feet  
square

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
sewer members appearing that the President of the Board  
obtain on loan from the Farmers Bank at the Town of Newcastle  
the sum of five hundred Dollars for the purpose of executing  
Ordinances and the Aunts and income of the said Common be  
hereby pledged for the Repayment of the same with interest

Be it further Ordained that the President of this Board  
do and he is hereby authorized from time to time to draw orders  
or checks for the sum of five hundred Dollars in favor of the  
Committee appointed for erecting the Engine House who is hereby  
appointed to contract for the erecting of the Room over the same  
of the size and dimensions as specified in the first Ordinance

The Committee appointed by the Board hereby of us to prepare a Plan  
black inside the following Report which was read & sent

The undersigned Committee of the Trustees of the Newcastle  
Commoners to prepare a Town Clock and Bell Report that  
They have performed the duty assigned them and present  
from Mr. Isaac Lusk of Philadelphia a Black and Brass Clock  
The Trust and Balance will be satisfactory to the Board which Mr  
Lusk has warranted for one year that the following Statement  
shows the sum which the Clock and Bell have cost to wit

Town Clock for Agreement	975
Iron dial	100
Ass. and Clappers 1260 lbs at 40 cts	496
Standing wheel and other Black	22
Blacksmiths work for hanging & Bases	23
Bell for sounding bought in Phila	10.25
16 lbs of Rope at 20 Cents lb	3.20
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Included paid Dec 1-1828 capacity of interest	7629.55
Accruing to the payments made by the	67.45
Remitted	87697.00

That the above sum was the sum appropriated by the Board  
and the property of a for the appropriation to erecting the abutment but  
of the Bill of Black is respectfully submitted  
October 29th 1828  
James A. Black

Report of  
Committee to  
prepare a Town  
Clock & Bell

The Committee appointed to prepare a Town Clock & Bell have made  
Report by which it appears that they have prepared a Clock & Bell which  
including interest has cost \$869 being rather more than the sum appropriated  
for that purpose in order to purchase and appropriate for the same

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Sewer  
members appearing that in addition to the sum appropriated of the  
Board to purchase a Bell and Clock there be appropriated as much of  
the funds of the Corporation as will enable the Board Committee to  
discharge the Bill incurred by the said Isaac Lusk for making a Clock &  
Bell the amount whereof is stated above and that the President  
of this Board be authorized to draw on order to discharge the Balance  
which may be due to the said Isaac Lusk after deducting the  
proportionate part of us made to the said Isaac Lusk

The Board adjourned to the next Tuesday of December next  
January 13th 1828

- at a Special Meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common
- Present Henry Calhoun
- James A. Black
- Richard Denton
- Oliver James
- James Brown
- John James
- George Reed Jr
- John Lewis

The President by Henry Calhoun was chosen President  
motion of Henry Calhoun was read in relation to the Town Clock  
by the same Report

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Sewer members  
appearing that the Committee hereby appointed to erect the same House be and  
are hereby ordered to have the Roof of the said House secured with pine planks  
and Joists and the Roof shall front a Column that  
the Board adjourned to the next Tuesday of March next

June 1-1828 a Special Meeting called by the President at the Request of  
Members of the Board

- Present James Riddle President
- James A. Black
- A. Deane
- George Reed Jr
- James Riddle Jr
- James Brown
- Richard Denton
- John Lewis

The interest of last meeting paid  
The sum of several Balances allowed amounting to \$87.06  
On Motion James A. Black George Reed Jr and James Riddle were  
appointed a Committee to take care of the Report  
on Motion the Board adjourned to the 29th of the instant at 3 o'clock P.M.

June 29th 1828 The following members were appointed to examine  
L. with George Reed  
John Lewis Richard Denton & the 15th July next at  
three o'clock P.M.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1825. This act being approved to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Instant  
July 21 following eleven well agreeable to agreement to wit

- George Reed
- Archd. Weston
- James A. Black
- Jeremiah Bowen
- George Reed jr
- John James
- Henry Colclough
- John Smith jr

The following Ordinance was accepted

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
seven Members agreeing thereto that the Committee for erecting the Town Hall  
be authorized to make the same three stories high to have it finished and ceiling  
the Roof to pitch four ways and to erect a Cupola thereon to place two  
Windows on the north side of the Building and to have Coppered such parts  
of the Roof as may be necessary and Cause Spouts for the conveyance of the  
Water to be placed on the Roof to have as much  
flat as may be consistent with the plan of the Building and Windows to be  
placed in the Basement of the Cupola

The Road assigned to the Town Secretary of Supplement  
September 12<sup>th</sup> 1825

- the Trustees of the Newcastle Common met  
to wit
- James Russell President
  - George Reed
  - James A. Black
  - Alexander Bennett
  - Jeremiah Bowen
  - George Reed jr
  - Henry Colclough
  - John Bowen Secretary
  - James Smith jr

The account of Jeremiah Bowen amounting to \$1.79 was accepted  
and allowed

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of Newcastle Common seven Members  
agreeing thereto that the President of the Board of the Farmers Bank  
at Newcastle the sum of one thousand Dollars for the purpose of discharging  
the debt contracted in erecting the Building at the South end of the Market  
House in the Town of Newcastle and the Trustees of the said Common consider  
and they hereafter grant and are pledged for the payment of the same  
expressed with the intent therein

Be it further Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven  
Members agreeing thereto that the President of the Board  
for the purpose of discharging the debt contracted in erecting the Building at the South end of the Market House  
be authorized to accept of the sum of one thousand Dollars in favor of the Committee heretofore  
appointed to erect the Building at the South end of the Market House to be  
applied by them in payment of the Debt here to be acted by them in erecting the same

On motion the Committee of Accounts is requested to settle the accounts  
of the John Bowen against the Corporation

The Board adjourned

Ordinance  
respecting  
the erection  
of Town  
House

Ordinance for  
Borrowing  
\$1000.-  
to discharge Debt  
for Building  
Town House

November 26<sup>th</sup> 1825  
The following Trustees met at the Request of James Blackwell the President  
and by their orders

- to wit
- James Blackwell President
- George Reed
- James A. Black
- Henry Colclough
- John James
- Jeremiah Bowen
- Archd. Weston
- George Reed jr
- John Bowen
- James Smith jr

The Board all and the account of John Blackwell for same rendered in writing  
 Case of Clerk being to the Town the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ \$25-00  
 Cape Town for same in writing \_\_\_\_\_ 7-50  
 Jofferson Hough for Attorney's fee \_\_\_\_\_ 30-00  
 John Bowen account for work expended was reported and allowed \_\_\_\_\_ 220-00  
 when a Order was drawn for \_\_\_\_\_ 69-20 1/2  
 Bill of Bondy expense was allowed \_\_\_\_\_

Appropriation  
of  
\$2000.-  
for Building  
Town House  
and  
Authority to  
Borrow that  
sum -

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven Members  
agreeing thereto that for the purpose of completing the Town Hall and the Engine  
House the further sum of one thousand Dollars is hereby appropriated and that the  
President of the Corporation be authorized to borrow of the Farmers Bank of the State  
of Delaware the said sum or part thereof as may be wanted from time to time  
for the purpose aforesaid and to execute a Bond in the name of the Corporation  
under their Corporate Seal for the amount aforesaid for the repayment of which  
with the interest thereon may be secured by the Trustees of the said Corporation  
and they hereafter grant and are pledged for the payment of the same  
expressed with the intent therein

Be it Ordained by Trustees of the Newcastle Common that the President  
of the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized to draw a Bill of Exchange  
for the sum of one thousand Dollars on the Treasurer of the Farmers Bank  
for the sum of one thousand Dollars and to receive the same on the Treasurer of  
the said Bank

When as the Trustees of the Newcastle Common have expended Large sum  
of money in erecting a public wharf at the South eastern end of Market Street  
in the Town of Newcastle and in Building a Town Hall and the South eastern  
end of the Market House lately erected on Market Street and whereas there are  
some vacant Lots in the said Town lying and being to the North west side  
of Market Street and the said Lots on the South side of Market Street  
with the amount of one hundred feet thereon resolved that it is expedient  
to make application to the General Assembly to enlarge the plan of the Corporation to  
include the said Lots in the Corporation for the benefit of the inhabitants  
of the Town of Newcastle

George Reed James Blackwell James A. Black be and they are appointed  
to prepare a memorial to the General Assembly to the effect aforesaid  
and to sign the same and to do all such things as may be necessary to carry the same into effect



Resolved that James Booth for George Read for Jeremiah Black be a  
Committee to take charge of the Town Books with full authority to contract with  
or from to take care of the same and to do whatever may be necessary for its  
preservation and keeping of good order and that the expenses incurred by them  
in discharging the duty shall be paid out of the Treasuries of the Corporation

on which the Board adjourned to the first Tuesday of June next  
at New Castle

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Common, held  
at the Town House on Monday the fourth of September 1826 the following  
members were present - to-wit

- James Riddle President
- James B. Black
- George Read Junr
- Jeremiah Bowman
- Richard Sexton
- Henry Colsherry G.
- James Booth Junr

This meeting was called by the President of the Board upon the written  
request of Doct. Henry Colsherry, Richard Sexton and Jeremiah Bowman

It is Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven  
members assenting, that an Election be held at the Court House in the Town  
of New Castle on Wednesday the thirteenth day of the present month of September  
between the hours of two and five o'clock P.M. for two Trustees of the said  
New Castle Common to supply the vacancies occasioned by the death of  
James McCallum and John Crow; and that Jeremiah Bowman & James  
Booth Junr be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to give six  
days public notice thereof to the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle  
qualified to elect the Trustees, and to superintend the said election, and  
make Report to this Board. —

The members present proceeded to elect by ballot a Secre-  
tary in the room of John Crow deceased; — and upon counting the  
ballots, Cornelius J. Blaney was declared to be duly elected. —

Resolved - That Cornelius J. Blaney the present Secretary, call  
on the Administrator of the late Secretary John Crow, and obtain  
from the said Administrator all the Deeds, Books, Seases, Vouchers  
and other papers belonging to the Trustees of the New Castle Common

Resolved - That the Secretary be directed to have all the By-  
Laws and special Ordinances of this Corporation as are now in force,  
together with a marginal Index to the same, transcribed into a  
well bound Volume for the use of this Board; and that he also  
have transcribed into a separate well bound book, the Minutes  
of the Board up to the present time. —

On motion, this meeting was adjourned to three o'clock  
in the afternoon of tomorrow the fifth Instant

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Tuesday afternoon the fifth of September 1826 the Trustees met pursuant to the adjournment from yesterday —

The following members were present, to wit

- James Riddle, President
- George Read
- George Read Junior
- Jeremiah Bowman
- Richard Sexton
- Doct. Henry Colsberry
- Alexander Duncan
- James Booth Junior
- James A. Black

An extract from the minutes of the Commissioners of the Town of New Castle was laid before the Board, by which it appears, that Thomas Stockton & Jeremiah Bowman were appointed a Committee to confer with the Trustees of the New Castle Common on the subject of paving Market Street in the said Town. —

On motion of George Read, it was resolved, that a Committee of two persons from this Board be appointed to meet and confer with the said Committee of the Commissioners of the Town of New Castle, — whereupon the President, appointed James A. Black and George Read Junr. to be that Committee

The said Committee having returned a short time returned made the following Report, to wit, The Committee recommend the paving of Market Street, be completed from Delaware Street, as far as the end of the Market Street. — The Report of the Committee was adopted.

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven members assenting, That in addition to the sum of Four thousand Dollars, heretofore directed and authorized to be borrowed from the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at New Castle for the erection of a Town House and Cigar Houses in the said Town — that the President of this Board be authorized to borrow from the said Bank the further sum of five hundred Dollars for the purpose of discharging the debts contracted in the erection of the said Buildings; and that the debts of the New Castle Common now due and hereafter to grow due, not otherwise appropriated, are hereby pledged for the payment of the Loan aforesaid with the Interest to grow due thereon —

Be it further Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common seven members assenting, That the President of the Board draw Checks or Orders for the aforesaid Loan of five hundred Dollars in favor of the Committee heretofore appointed for the erection of the said Cigar & Town Houses — On motion, this meeting was adjourned to four o'clock tomorrow —

Ordained to borrow \$600 for building Town House

Wednesday afternoon the Sixth of September 1826 the Trustees of New Castle Common met pursuant to adjournment —

The following members were present, to wit

- James Riddle, President
- James A. Black
- George Read
- George Read Junior
- Alexander Duncan
- Doct. Henry Colsberry
- Jeremiah Bowman
- James Booth Junior

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven members assenting, That there be added to the Seal directed to be procured for this Corporation by a former Ordinance, the following motto, *Haeremus inculta, pium cultis agris* — and that the words "Corporation Seal of" be omitted in the prescription prescribed for the Seal. —

An Assignment to William J. Read of a Lease made between the Trustees of the New Castle Common and Charles Thomas was laid before the Board, — whereupon it was Resolved, that the assignment of the said Lease to the said William J. Read be and is hereby approved of and assented to by the Board —

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven members assenting, That George Read and Jeremiah Bowman be and they are hereby appointed agents on the part of this Board to inquire about and examine into the subject of procuring an additional supply of water for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle, and to communicate either personally or by letter with any person or persons who may possess any scientific or other information on the subject and make a particular Report to this Board at a future meeting of the results of the investigation; and that a sum not exceeding Twenty Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to defray any expense that may be incurred in the execution hereof —

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven members assenting, That the sum of One hundred Dollars of the Corporation funds be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of the Charity School in the Town of New Castle, which shall be paid by the President of this Board to the Treasurer of the New Castle Female Benevolent Society in two equal Installments, in October & March ensuing, by Orders to be drawn in the usual manner —

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle, seven members assenting, That an Insurance be effected on the Town House to the extent of Three thousand Dollars — and that an Insurance also be effected

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Ordained to procure a Seal

Assignment of Lease to W. J. Read by approved

Assignment of \$100 to Charity School

Appropriation of \$100 to Charity School



Ord. for Insuring Town House & Academy

on the New Castle Academy to the extent of 3000 Dollars - each Insurance to be for any Term not exceeding seven years - and to be made with the Delaware Fire Insurance Company, or such other Insurance Company as may offer the most advantageous terms; and that James H. Black and James Booth Junior be a Committee to carry this Ordinance into effect upon whose Draft the amount of Insurance shall be paid by the President out of the funds of the Corporation.

Ord. for Naming Market Street from Ed. St. to New Castle Church

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven members assenting, That Market Street from Delaware Street to the meeting House Door be forthwith Paved, and that James Booth Junior Richard Sexton and James H. Black be a Committee whose duty it shall be to carry this Ordinance into effect, so whose Order the President is hereby authorized to pay out of the funds of the Corporation any sum not exceeding Five hundred Dollars to defray the expense of having such paving done: which sum is hereby appropriated out of the Corporate funds for that purpose -

Case of Town House Committee to J. Dumas

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common - That the Town House be placed under the charge and superintendance of Peter B. Selamy Esq. the Sheriff of the County, who is hereby authorized and requested to adopt such measures as he may deem expedient to protect the said from injury, and to prosecute all persons who may in any way injure the said Buildings -

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, That the keys of the Town House be committed to the custody of Thomas Turner, who is hereby directed to have the said Building frequently aired and the rooms therein kept clean and swept as often as occasion may require, and attend in person or by Proxy the meetings of this Board - for publick service the Board will make such Compensation as may be reasonable -

On motion the meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant at 3 o'clock P.M.

Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> 1826 Pursuant to adjournment the following named Trustees met, viz

- James Hiddle President
- Alexander Purcan
- Richard Sexton
- George Read Junr
- Jeremiah Bowman
- Henry Colesberry

A Quorum not being present, on motion the meeting adjourned to Monday next at 4 o'clock P.M.



Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> 1826 The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment from the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant -

The following members were present, to wit

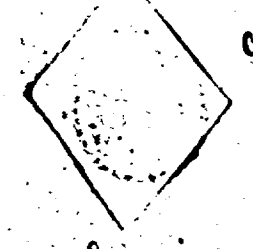
- James Hiddle President
- Richard Sexton
- James H. Black
- Alexander Purcan
- George Read Junr
- James Booth Junior
- Jeremiah Bowman
- George Read
- James Booth
- John Janvier

Jeremiah Bowman and James Booth Junr the Committee appointed by Ordinance of the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant, so superintend the holding an Election for two Trustees to supply the vacancies in the Board occasioned by the death of P. James McCallum and John Crow, Reported in the words following to wit - "That they have attended to the duties assigned them; That in pursuance of an Ordinance made the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant an Election was held at the Court House in the Town of New Castle on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant, between the hours of Four five o'clock P.M. for the purpose mentioned in the said Ordinance; That the whole number of Ballots received at said Election was sixty nine: That upon counting them it appeared that Thomas Stockton has fifty four votes as a Trustee of the New Castle Common - Jersey Johns Junior fifty six votes; James M. Cullough Merchant sixteen votes, William B. Junior Jew, James Rogers and James Cooper one -

Thomas Stockton and Jersey Johns Junior elected Trustees

Which Report being read, and it appearing to the Board that Thomas Stockton and Jersey Johns Junior were duly elected Trustees the said elected members thereupon took their Seats at the Board - Whereas the Trustees of the New Castle Common have borrowed from the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at their Branch in New Castle \$100 thousand Dollars for the purpose of Paving the Streets in the Town of New Castle - the Building of a Public Wharf - the erection of a Town House in the said Town, and for other purposes - which money or the greater part thereof has been expended on those objects; - Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, nine members being present, and seven members assenting, that the Loans so made by the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware to the Trustees of the New Castle Common, and the Ordinance authorizing the said Loans, be and the same are hereby approved, sanctioned, ratified, accepted and confirmed by the said Trustees of the New Castle Common; and further that the President of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Bond in the Corporate name, and under the Corporate Seal, to the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware in the Penalty of Eighteen

Ordained approving & sanctioning Loans from Farmers Bank



And authorizing the execution of a Bond to secure payment of amount \$90000

thousand Dollars for securing for the said Bank the repayment of the aforesaid sum of five thousand Dollars, borrowed as aforesaid from the said Bank; and for the repayment of which sum of money, with the interest that may accrue thereon, the Rent of the Newcastle Common and hereby pledged.

The following accounts were paid before the Trustees, and by motion were read and allowed - to wit

Accounts all to expending on things

James Riddle - for sundries furnished for wharf and Cash paid by him for work at do - amounting to - \$ 25.41 1/2  
John Belville - for work at wharf . . . . . 6.00  
John Hayes - for hauling for ditto . . . . . 5.06 1/2

Be it, Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members assenting, that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to draw Checks or Orders in favor of James Riddle, John Belville and John Hayes for the amounts of their accounts, respectively, above allowed

On motion, Adjourned -

At a special meeting of the Trustees, called by the President of the Board on the written request, of six members, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1826 -

The following members were present, to wit

- James Riddle, President
- James R. Black
- Richard Sexton
- James Booth Junr.
- Thomas Stockton
- Jeremiah Bowman
- Kersey Johns Junr.

Not Quorum not being present - On motion the meeting adjourned to 7 o'clock P.M. of this day -

At 7 o'clock P.M. the Trustees met pursuant to the adjournment from this morning -

- Members present
- James Riddle, President
  - John Janvier
  - Richard Sexton
  - Doct. Henry Colesberry
  - James R. Black
  - Jeremiah Bowman
  - Thomas Stockton
  - Kersey Johns Junr.
  - James Booth Junr.
  - George Read Junr.

On motion, The Committee heretofore appointed to superintend the paving of the Harmony Street, was discharged -



Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven assenting - That the South East side of Market Street from the Presbyterian Church to Harmony Street be forthwith paved - And also that Harmony Street from and including its intersection with <sup>Market</sup> Harmony Street, to Front Street be paved - And that the President of this Board be authorized to borrow from the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at New Castle, or elsewhere, the sum of Fourteen hundred Dollars for the purpose of discharging the debts to be contracted in paving the said Streets as aforesaid. And that the Rents of the Newcastle Common now due, and hereafter to grow due, not otherwise appropriated be hereby pledged for the payment of the Loan aforesaid, with the Interest to grow due thereon. And be it further Ordained seven members assenting thereto that Jeremiah Bowman, Thomas Stockton and Richard Sexton be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee whose duty it shall be to carry the preceding Ordinance into effect, to whose Order the President is hereby authorized to pay out of the funds of the Corporation any sum not exceeding Fourteen hundred Dollars to defray the expense of having such paving done as is directed by the preceding Ordinance - which sum is hereby appropriated out of the Corporate funds for that purpose.

Ordinance for paving S. E. side of Market Street from Church to Harmony St. and Harmony St. from Market to Front - Appropriating thereof \$1400. and authorizing a Loan for that amount

On motion Resolved, That Kersey Johns Junr. James Booth Junr. and Jeremiah Bowman be a Committee to make enquiry and ascertain upon what terms a Loan to this Corporation of a sum of from Ten to fifteen thousand Dollars, can be effected - and make report thereof to the Board -

On motion - The meeting adjourned to the next quarterly meeting -

Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 1826. the Trustees met

- Present
- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| James Riddle, President | George Read Junr.  |
| Henry Colesberry        | James R. Black     |
| Richard Sexton          | Kersey Johns Junr. |
| James Booth Junr.       | Alexander Duncan   |
| Thomas Stockton         | Jeremiah Bowman    |

The following accounts were laid before the Board, which on motion were read and allowed by -

Jesse Turners for years service ending 29<sup>th</sup> November last in mending and regulating Town Clock } \$ 25.00



Thomas Marshall's account for Black Smith's work amounting to \$7.35  
 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven members assenting, that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to draw Checks or orders in favor of Jesse Turner and Thomas Marshall for the amount of their accounts respectively allowed by the Board.

On Motion Resolved That Henry Colesberry, Kersney Johns Jun. & Jeremiah Bowman be a Committee to settle the account of James Booth Jun. Clerk. Sec'd James R. Black, the Committee appointed by Ordinance of 6<sup>th</sup> of September last, to find a part of Market Street - and make Report to the next meeting -

Whereas it appears that there is due from the Trustees of the New Castle Common to Hogdon Small for building the Public wharf at the end of Harmony Street a Balance of \$171.<sup>33</sup> and whereas it further appears that the said Hogdon is indebted to Richard Sexton in the sum of \$220 and to Joseph Raylow in the sum of \$70 for materials paid for and work done for and about the said wharf - Be it therefore Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, nine members being present, and seven assenting thereto, that the said sum of \$171.<sup>33</sup> be paid to the said Richard Sexton and Joseph Raylow by Orders to be drawn by the President in the following proportions to wit, to R. Sexton One hundred twenty and <sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars - Joseph Raylow Forty two Dollars - Provided, that the said R. Sexton & Raylow enter into a written agreement, to indemnify this Board from all claims that may be made and established by the said Hogdon Small or by any other person against this Corporation for the aforesaid Balance due as aforesaid to the said Hogdon Small. -

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, nine members present, and seven assenting, that this Board approve of the Lease made by the United States of the use of certain Rooms in the Town House - and that the Secretary affix the Seal of this Corporation, and deliver the same as the act of this Board. -

On Motion, Henry Colesberry, Kersney Johns Jun. & Jeremiah Bowman were appointed a Committee to settle the accounts of James R. Black, - & George Read Jun. & James Booth Jun. the Committee for superintending the erection of the Town House to - and make Report to the Board -

On Motion, Ordered that the Secretary furnish the Administrator of the Estate of John Crow die. with a Certificate showing the Term of years for which the said John Crow his Executors, Assigns & Assignes were entitled to a Lease or Leases of the Town N<sup>o</sup> 7 - Part of N<sup>o</sup> 6 - and Lot 3 - N<sup>o</sup> 9. 10 & 11 - and that the Trustees will execute to the purchaser or purchasers of the interest of the said John Crow in the said Property, at

Committee to settle acct. of Comm. for paving part of Market St.

Ordinance to pay Balance for building Wharf

Seal of Town House approved

Committee to settle accounts of Committee for erecting Town House

at the Sale thereof to be made by the said Administrator, Provided said purchaser or purchasers be approved of by the Board a Lease or Leases for the unexpired times of the said Term. -

On Motion, Resolved That George Read Jun. and James Booth Jun. be a Committee to settle the account of the Treasurer of the Corporation - and make Report thereof to the Board -

On Motion, Thomas Stockton, Kersney Johns Jun. and George Read Jun. were appointed to be the Acting Committee to serve until the first Tuesday in March next -

On Motion, the meeting adjourned to the next stated quarterly meeting.

Committee to settle account of Treasurer

At a special meeting of the Trustees, called by the President of the Board on the written request of five members January 13<sup>th</sup> 1827

- The following named members were present -
- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| James Middle President | Thomas Stockton   |
| James Booth            | James Booth Jun   |
| Henry Colesberry       | Kersney Johns Jun |
| Richard Sexton         | John Janner       |
| George Read Jun        |                   |

It appearing that the appointment at the last meeting of the Board of an Acting Committee was irregular - the By Laws providing that the said Committee shall be elected by Ballot. On Motion, the said Committee was so as aforesaid appointed, was discharged - whereupon On Motion the Trustees proceeded to elect by Ballot an Acting Committee to serve until the first Tuesday in March next -

Acting Committee elected

Upon counting the votes it appeared that the following named members were duly elected - viz John Janner, Thomas Stockton and Richard Sexton. The following account was laid before the Board, read and allowed - viz Cornelius D. Blaney's for Cash paid by him for Corporation Seal & Duties - \$28.<sup>62</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven members assenting, that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to draw a Check or Order in favor of C. D. Blaney for the amount of his account above allowed -

On Motion the meeting adjourned to the next stated meeting

Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> 1827 At a Special meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Common - the following named members Present

James Middle President	Thomas Stockton
George Read	Kensley Johns Junr
Alexander Duncan	George Read Junr
Jeremiah Bowman	James B. Black
Henry Collesberry	James Booth Junior
Richard Sexton	

This meeting was called by the President upon the written request of three members in order to receive and consider the Report of the Committee appointed by Ordinance of 6<sup>th</sup> September last to make enquiry and ascertain whether Water may be obtained by Boring to supply the Town -

George Read Esq. one of the above named Committee, made a Report in writing, which by Motion was read -  
(See Report on file.)

By Motion Resolved That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the Report of Mr. Read, and so recommend and Report at the next meeting such measures, founded upon the said Report for the consideration or adoption by this Board as they may deem advisable.  
James B. Black, James Booth Junior and Henry Johns Junr. were appointed as the Committee.  
George Read's Bill of Expenses incurred in the above mentioned business was Read, and the amount allowed per - \$24.<sup>67</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Best Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common seven members assenting that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to draw a Check or Order in favor of George Read Esq. for Twenty four <sup>67</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars - the amount of his Bill of expenses above allowed -

On motion the meeting adjourned to Saturday next at 7 o'clock P.M.

Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1827 the Trustees met pursuant to adjournment from the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant - Present -

James Middle President	Kensley Johns Junr
Jeremiah Bowman	George Read Junr
James B. Black	Alexander Duncan
Thomas Stockton	George Read
Henry Collesberry	Richard Sexton
James Booth Junr	

An Assignment of a Lease executed by the Trustees to James M. Brown

Assignment of Lease to James Sanderson approved.

of the Farm No. made to James Sanderson on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1823 was submitted to the Board - And on motion the same was sanctioned and approved of by the Board -

James B. Black, James Booth Junr. & Kensley Johns Junr. the Committee for whom was referred the Report of Mr. Read in relation to experiments made in the States of New Jersey and New York by in Boring for water made a written Report - which by Motion was Read and Adopted - (See Report filed.)

Best Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common nine members being present and seven members assenting that George Read, James B. Black, Kensley Johns Junior, James Booth Junior and Richard Sexton be and they are hereby appointed and constituted a Committee who shall be styled the Watering Committee who shall have full power and authority to contract with Mr. Levi Desbrow of the State of New Jersey to bore in the Earth on the Summit between Delaware and Harmony Streets, in Market Street in the Centre, or on either side of that Street, to a sufficient depth, to obtain a copious supply of pure and wholesome Water that shall rise and flow at least five feet above the surface of the Earth at that point and to substitute perforation thus to be made either with Copper or Iron Tubes, properly fitted and secured, as under all circumstances the Committee may consider most advisable; - and so fit up, finish and secure the fountain thus to be established in such a manner as they may think proper, and so have made one or more Reservoirs to be supplied from the said fountain to be used in Cases of Fire, if in their opinion it would be expedient to establish such Reservoirs -

Watering Committee appointed with authority to Bore to.

President authorized to borrow from S. Bank \$500

And be it further Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common nine members being present and seven members assenting that the President of this Board shall have full power and authority to borrow from the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, or from any other body Politic, or from any individual the sum of Five hundred Dollars, to carry into effect the preceding Ordinance, for the repayment of which the Assets and profits of the New Castle Common not otherwise appropriated, are hereby pledged, and for the properly securing such Loan the President of this Board shall have authority to bind this Corporation by affixing the Corporate Seal to such Bond or Note as in his opinion may be right and proper -



\$600. appoin-  
ated to pay for  
the use of boring  
for water

And Be it further Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle  
Common, nine members being present and seven members assenting thereto  
That to enable the Watering Committee to effect the objects specified  
in the foregoing Ordinance creating the said Committee the sum  
of Six hundred Dollars of the Funds of the Corporation be and  
the same is hereby appropriated, which shall be paid to the said  
Committee by Orders to be drawn by the President of this Board  
from time to time as the money may be required by the said  
Committee.

The Acting Committee made a Report in the following words, That  
Mr. M. Boy is willing to rent the farm he now occupies for the ensuing  
year at Two hundred Dollars - on the following Conditions - that the  
House be repaired and made comfortable, that the old well be deepened  
or a new well dug, and two hundred Posts and three hundred Cedar Rails  
be furnished by the Trustees for the use of the Farm - which Report  
being read. On motion Resolved that the subject matter of the  
Report be referred back to the Acting Committee, to act as therein what  
they may deem advisable.

An Account of the Estate of Enock Anderson against the Corporation for  
Cash paid Joseph Rayburn for hauling sand to for preparing the pavement of  
Delaware Street, amounting to Twenty nine <sup>43</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars was read & allowed.

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, seven  
members assenting thereto, that the President of the Board be and he  
is hereby authorized to draw a Check or Order in favor of the  
Administrator of Enock Anderson for the payment of this Account -  
also allowed.

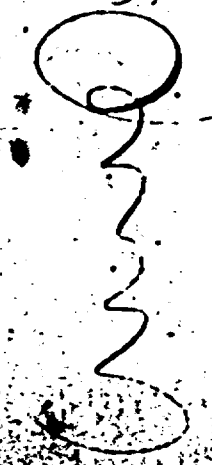
On motion, the Board adjourned to the next quarterly meeting -

Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 1827 At a stated quarterly meeting,

- The following named Trustees were present, to wit -
- |                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| James Riddle, President | Henry Galesberry |
| Alexander Duncan        | Henry John Junr  |
| Thomas Stockton         | James H. Black   |

A Quorum not being present. On motion the meeting was  
adjourned till Monday evening the 19<sup>th</sup> of March Instant.

for preparing  
pavement  
allowing



Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 1827 The Trustees met pursuant to the  
adjournment from the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant.

- The following named members were Present. Viz -
- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| James Riddle    | Alexander Duncan |
| Richard Sexton  | Henry Galesberry |
| Jeremiah Bowman | John Gannier     |
| Thomas Stockton | George Read Junr |
| Henry John Junr | James Booth Junr |
| James H. Black  |                  |

On motion the Board proceeded to elect by Ballot a President  
Acting Committee and Treasurer -

Upon counting the Votes it appeared that  
James Riddle was duly elected - President,  
John Gannier, Thomas Stockton and Richard Sexton were  
duly elected the Acting Committee - and that  
Cornelius D. Blaney was duly elected Treasurer.

An Account of Saml. Jaquet, was laid before the Board, and  
read - Whereupon, on motion, It was referred to Messrs Black,  
Read and Booth - who are to examine the same and make Re-  
port thereon at the next meeting.

President  
Acting Com.  
Treasurer  
elected

Ordinance  
for paving  
N.W. side of  
Market St.  
from M. House  
to Harmony St.  
by H. Street  
from Market  
to Orange -  
Committee  
\$500  
appropriated

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the  
New Castle Common nine members being present  
and seven assenting, That the North West  
side of Market Street (an Avenue being left in the Centre of the Street)  
from the Market House to Harmony Street, and that Harmony  
Street from Market Street to Orange Street be forthwith Paved  
And be it further Ordained that Thomas Stockton, Jeremiah  
Bowman and Richard Sexton be a Committee whose duty it  
shall be to carry the above Ordinance into effect - to whose Order  
the President of this Board is authorized to pay out of the funds  
of the Corporation any sum not exceeding Five hundred Dollars  
to defray the expenses of having such paving done, which sum is  
hereby appropriated out of the Corporate funds for that purpose.

On motion, James Booth Junr, Henry John Junr & John Gannier  
were appointed a Committee to prepare and Report to the Board  
a Plan for enclosing the Public Square usually called the Green  
On motion adjourned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April next.

At a Special Meeting called by the President upon the written request of three members - August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1827 -

President

- James Middle President
- James Booth Junr
- Thomas Stockton
- Jeremiah Bowman
- Alexander Duncan

A Quorum not being present - On motion Adjourned

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 1828 At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Trustees -

President

- James Middle President
- Alexander Duncan
- George Read Junr
- Richard Seaton
- Jeremiah Bowman
- Thomas Stockton
- Henry Colsbury
- James Booth
- James R Black

A Letter from Samuel Richards to George Read Esq. requiring payment of a Bill of \$315.00 for Iron Castings for Water-Works was on motion Read -

Sundry Accounts were laid before the Board for allowance -

On motion Resolved that a standing Committee of Accounts be appointed - Whereupon the President nominated to be that Committee James R Black, George Read Junr & James Booth -

Standing Committee of Accounts

On motion Resolved that Thomas Turner be authorized to purchase for the accommodation of this Board at their meetings in the Town House and also of public meetings of the Citizens there - Fuel, Candlesticks, Snuffers, and Candles -

Authority to purchase fuel for meetings of Board & Citizens

On motion The several Accounts presented this Evening are referred to the Committee of Accounts, to examine the same, and Report thereon to the next meeting -

On motion Resolved that George Read, James R Black & James Booth be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine into

the liability of the Lands belonging to this Corporation for Taxation - and to Report thereon and also such measures as the Board ought to adopt in relation thereto -

On motion The Board proceeded to Elect a President and the Acting Committee for the ensuing Year

President and Acting Committee elected

Upon Counting the Ballots it appeared that James Middle was duly Elected President, and that Thomas Stockton, Richard Seaton and Jeremiah Bowman were duly elected the acting Committee -

On motion Adjourned to the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant to meet at the Town House at 7 o'clock P.M.

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1828 The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment

President

- James Middle President
- Henry Colsbury
- James R Black
- Jeremiah Bowman
- James Booth
- Alexander Duncan
- George Read Junr
- Thomas Stockton
- Richard Seaton
- John Janvier

A Memorial of the Officers of the Female Benevolent Society of New Castle praying for an appropriation in aid of their funds was read -

A Petition of a Committee of seven in behalf of the Tenants of the Common Lands praying for an appropriation to aid in erecting a School House on the said Lands was Read -

The Committee of Accounts Reported that they had examined the Accounts referred to them at the last meeting, and found them to be correct - and recommended that a yearly allowance of Twenty Dollars be made to Thomas Turner for his Services -

Yearly allowance to T. Turner

The said Accounts were thereupon on motion allowed, viz

William B Janvier's acct for Sundry	\$102.00
Estate of Erastus Anderson for Printing Mail at Public wharf & Sund	15.37 1/2
Gilley for Repairs done to N. C. Academy	11.37 1/2
Samuel Richards for Castings &c for Water Works	315.00
C. D. Blaney for Cash for Sundry Years Services as Clerk on Sept 4 last	76.00
Jeremiah Bowman for Sundry for Wharf, Acad. J. house & Academy	52.00
Jesse Turner for Winding Town Clock 15 Months (for 1 <sup>st</sup> Instant)	31.25
Thomas Turner for Services 18 Months (for 6 <sup>th</sup> Instant)	20.00
Jesse Morris for Sundry for Academy	2.23 1/2



Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present and seven absenting themselves, that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to draw Checks or Orders in favor of William W. Janvier, William W. Janvier, Acorn of Crook Anderson dec. Samuel Richards, C. P. Blaney, Jeremiah Bowman, Jesse Turner, Thomas Turner and Jesse Moore for the amount of their Accounts allowed by the Board.

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present and seven absenting themselves, that the sum of One hundred Dollars of the Corporate funds, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of the Charity School in the Town of Newcastle which shall be paid by the President of this Board to the Treasurer of the Newcastle Female Benevolent Society in two equal Installments, in May and October next, by Order to be drawn in the usual manner.

Appropriated for Charity School

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present and seven absenting themselves, that the sum of One hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Moneys growing due to this Corporation on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1829 for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a School House on the Corporation lands, which shall be paid by the President of this Board to the Committee to be appointed to superintend the erection of the said Building, by Order to be drawn in the usual manner. On motion, Resolved, that James Riddle, John Janvier and Richard Sexton be a Committee to superintend the Completion of the Town Wharf. On motion, Adjourned.

100.00 approp. to aid in erecting School House on C. Land.

Committee to superintend Completion of Wharf

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the Town House Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup> 1828

Present: James Riddle President, George Read, James W. Black, Jeremiah Bowman, Thomas Stockton, James Booth, Alexander Duncan, George Read Jun, Richard Sexton

The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Messrs Stockton, Sexton and Bowman the Paving Committee for Market & Harmony Streets, made Report, as follows:

Report of Committee on Accounts for Paving Market and Harmony Streets.

That they have fully examined the Accounts of the said Committee together with their vouchers, and find that the said Committee have expended on the said Work the sum of Seventeen hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Eighty five Cents, including the Bill of Weston & Curry, for paving, a part of which remains due and is to be paid by the said Committee. That the said Committee have received from the President of the Board fourteen hundred Seventy five Dollars and thirty five Cents, and that there now remains due from the Corporation to the said Committee on a final Settlement of their Accounts the sum of Three hundred and two Dollars fifty Cents.

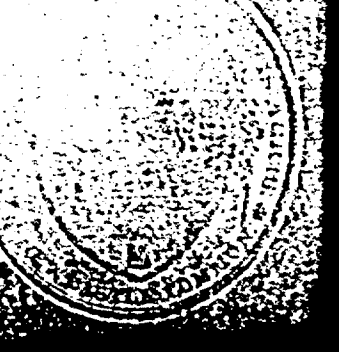
Which Report being read was approved, Adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of Samuel Jaquet Reported as follows: That they have examined the same, and that in their opinion the sum of One hundred Eighty three Dollars, ought to be allowed to the said Samuel Jaquet, in full of a former balance due him from the Trustees of the Newcastle Academy and also for his services in taking care of said Building under a former Contract with said Trustees. And for all Cash expended by him on Account of said Academy. And your Committee respectfully recommend that the said sum of One hundred and Eighty three Dollars, be paid the said Samuel Jaquet in full of all claims. The said Report being read was approved, Adopted.

Ord. to pay Balance due Paving Committee

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present, and seven absenting themselves, that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to draw a Check or Order in favor of Thomas Stockton, Richard Sexton & Jeremiah Bowman for the sum of Three hundred and two Dollars fifty Cents, the balance Reported by the Committee to be due them. And also to draw a Check or Order in favor of Samuel Jaquet for \$183.00 the amount Reported by the Committee to be due to him on Settlement.

Balance due Samuel Jaquet



The following Ordinance was submitted to the Board and on Motion Adopted.

Whereas by an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of Newcastle Common passed the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1828 the sum of One hundred Dollars - was appropriated out of the Rents of the said Common Lands growing due the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1829 for the erection of a School House on the Corporation Lands - And whereas the said appropriation was made in aid of private Subscriptions which had been obtained and would be further solicited for the like purpose - And whereas Margaret Ward Tenant of a certain Lot or portion of the said Lands heretofore leased to her for a term of years hath offered to grant a small parcel of the said Land leased premises lying at and near the Northern angle thereof formed by the intersection of the Plumington Bridge Road and New Port-Tumpkin's Road -

Be it therefore Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven members assenting, That a suitable Building for a School House be erected during the course of the ensuing year in the part or portion of the said Land leased premises that may be hereafter granted and assigned for the purpose by the said Margaret Ward; and that the erection of said Building be placed under the Superintendance and direction of a Committee consisting of six persons three of whom to be appointed by the President of this Board for the time being from the members of this Board: and the other three of those persons shall be selected by the Contributors from those contributing by Subscription to the erection of said Building: - And moreover that the said School House when so erected and the parcel of Land so to be granted and assigned for the erection and use thereof shall be and are hereby declared to be appropriated for the use, benefit and behoof of that establishment which shall when completed be under the direction of and subject to the rules and regulations that may hereafter be made from time to time by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Provided nevertheless that this Corporation is not to be considered as standing pledged for any further sum than what has been appropriated for the purpose of erecting the said Building by the before received Ordinance.

On Motion, It is Ordered that the premium of Insurance on the Leeds-royal and Town House against damage by Fire be for one year be forthwith paid by the Treasurer to the Delaware Insurance Company.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Acting Committee give notice to the Tenants of the Common Lands not to pay to the Collector of Taxes any part of the Tax assessed upon said Lands until the question touching the legal liability of said Lands to taxation be legally ascertained and settled - and that the said Tenants will be kept harmless and indemnified by this Corporation if they become againe liable or damaged by reason of such non payment.

Ordinance for erecting a School House on Com. Land

Order respecting Taxes of Com. Land

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven assenting, That the President of this Board shall have full power and authority to borrow from the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware the sum of One thousand Dollars for the purpose of paying claims against the Corporation - for the repayment of which the Rents and Profits of the Newcastle Common not otherwise appropriated are hereby pledged; - and for the properly securing such Loan, the President of this Board shall have authority to bind this Corporation by affixing the Corporate Seal to such Bond or Note as in his opinion may be right and proper.

President authorized to borrow from F. Bank \$1000

On Motion - the Board adjourned

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common December 2<sup>d</sup> 1828. A Quorum not being present On Motion, the Board adjourned for Saturday evening next, at 6 O'clock

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 1828 At a meeting pursuant to adjournment - A Quorum not being present - Adjourned for Monday Evening next - at 5 O'clock

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 1828 At a meeting pursuant to adjournment there not being a Quorum present - Adjourned for the next stated quarterly meeting.

At a Special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common convened by Order of the President, at the request of three members of the Board at the Town House January 17<sup>th</sup> 1829 -

- Present
- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| James Riddle President | Richard Sexton   |
| Henry Colesbury        | Jeremiah Bowman  |
| Alexander Duncaw       | John Jannier     |
| Thomas Stockton        | George Read Junr |
| James Woolth           | George Read      |

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven assenting that James Rogers Esq. be and he is hereby allowed - until the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1830 to erect the building upon the Land which he now holds under a Lease

James Rogers to build a House



from the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, - which by a Covenant in his said Lease he is bound to erect; and further that he be allowed until the said 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1830 for the performance of all and singular the other Covenants for improvements in said Lease contained; it being understood and agreed that the extension of time hereby granted is for the purpose of enabling the said Lessee to comply with the terms of the Original Lease; - and upon the condition of such erection of the said Building and performance of said Covenants the Lease of the said James Rogers is renewed from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next - and continued for a term not exceeding the term for which his lease is renewable.

On Motion Resolved that George Read Jun<sup>r</sup> James Book and Thomas Stockton be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to obtain as soon as may be a copy of any proposed Law or Laws relating to a Rail Road from this Town to or in the direction of French Town; and to report to this Board the expediency of any such Law so far as it regards the interests of this Corporation and Town; - and that said Committee shall and may call upon the President of this Board to hold a meeting thereof on one day's notice - Upon public notice the President shall forthwith assemble said Board.

On Motion Resolved that the acting Committee be, and they are hereby instructed to Rent at Public Auction or Vendue on or before the twenty third day of February next the Lots belonging to the Corporation for the term of five years from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next to the highest and best Bidders for the same - the Rent to be paid annually; - and that the said Committee give at least ten days notice of such terms of renting by advertisement within the Hundred of Newcastle.

On Motion Resolved that the Watering Committee be directed to take immediate steps to ascertain the state of the Works made for Watered - and whether it is advisable to put a Pump upon them, and what will be the probable expense of the same - and make report to the next meeting of this Board.

On Motion the following accounts were allowed by the Board -  
 C. D. Blaney's - for years service as Secretary ending Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1828 - and for other services and Cash paid by him for Salaries on acct. of the Corporation - \$ 50.75

On Motion Resolved that William B. Janvier be allowed Interest on \$90 - part of his account allowed by the Board on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1828 - from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1827 since the same he paid - and that the President of the Board include in the Order to be drawn for the payment of the said account the Interest on the same -

It is Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members assenting thereto that the President of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to draw a Check or Order in the usual form in favor of Cornelius D. Blaney for the amount of his account allowed as above.

On Motion the Board adjourned to the next Quarterly meeting.

Acting Com<sup>r</sup> instructed to Rent - Lots for 5 years.

Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1829 At a Quarterly meeting of the Trustees - Present

James Riddle President  
 Henry Colesbury  
 Thomas Stockton  
 Jeremiah Bowman  
 James W. Black

George Read  
 James Book  
 George Read Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 John Janvier

Report of a Committee to Renting Lots.

The acting Committee Reported that in pursuance of the instructions of the Board after having given due public notice they had Rented at public auction on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February last the Lots belonging to the Corporation (excepting the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 9 as described in the advertisement (Conditions of renting) for the term of five years from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March Instant - and submitted to the Board the said Conditions and Acknowledgements of the purchasers - which, on Motion were Read and approved of by the Board and Ordered that Leases be prepared accordingly.

On Motion Resolved that the acting Committee be, and they are hereby instructed to Lease the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 9 for any term not exceeding fifteen years -

The Board proceeded to elect by Ballot a President, Treasurer and Acting Committee.

Upon Counting the Ballots it appeared that  
 James Riddle was duly elected President  
 Cornelius D. Blaney Treasurer  
 Thomas Stockton } Acting Committee  
 Richard Leston }  
 Jeremiah Bowman }

The following accounts were on Motion Read and allowed  
 J. J. Turner for Renting Block to 11 years for N<sup>o</sup> 1 Instant \$ 25 -  
 Thomas Turner for 11 years attendance on the Board - 1 Sumers 24.78  
 W. Harrison for Writing advertisements for Renting Lots 2.50

It is Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members being present, and seven assenting thereto that the President of the Board be, and he is hereby authorized to draw Checks or Orders in the usual form in favor of J. J. Turner, Thomas Turner and William Harrison for the amounts respectively of their accounts above allowed.

On Motion adjourned to the next Quarterly meeting

Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> 1829 the Trustees met

Present  
James Middle, President  
James R. Black  
Jeremiah Bowman  
James Booth

A Quorum not being present - On motion adjourned to Monday next the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant at 7 o'clock P.M.

Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 1829 the Board met pursuant to Adjournment

Present  
James Middle, Pres.  
Kersey Johns Junr  
James Booth  
Jeremiah Bowman  
Thomp, Stockton  
Henry Colsbury  
James R. Black  
John James  
Richard Sexton

Boeing

Colr Account of the Estate of Thomas Marshall for Sundry Items Mark done under the direction of the Watering Committee amounting to \$ 296.33 Was on motion Read and allowed

Another Account of the Estate of Thomas Marshall for Pumping Amts to 2.25 was on motion Read and allowed

An Account of Samuel M. Cooper & Co<sup>s</sup> for Sundries amounting to \$ 2.05 1/2 was on motion Read and allowed

Best Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common-  
mune members being present, and Sewer assenting thereto, that  
the President of the Board be, and he is hereby authorized, to  
draw Checks or Orders in the Common fund in favor of the  
Administrators of Thomas Marshall, and Samuel M. Cooper  
& Company for the amount of their accounts respectively above allowed

On motion adjourned -

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees convened by Order of the President upon the request of three Members, on the 29 day of March A.D. 1830

Present  
James Middle, President  
George Read  
James R. Black  
James Booth  
Henry Colsbury  
Thomas Stockton  
George Read Junr  
John James  
Jeremiah Bowman  
Richard Sexton

The Committee appointed heretofore by the Board of Trustees to examine into the liability of the Lands belonging to the said Corporation for Taxation. Reported verbally to the Board that although they had not consulted together and formed any regular opinion with regard to the right of taxing referred to them as aforesaid, - yet they recommended to the Board of Trustees that the question with respect to the right of taxation should be put into a course of legal investigation for the purpose of obtaining a judicial decision of the question. - Whereupon On Motion, Resolved that George Read, James R. Black and James Booth be and they are hereby continued a Committee with authority to adopt and pursue the requisite measures for bringing the question of the right to tax the Common Property to a judicial decision

Committee respecting Tax of Com. Lands

The following Accounts were, on motion read & allowed

by the Board  
Isaiah Lukens for Cleaning Town Clock, New Court \$ 14.75  
W. D. Blany's A/c for Services & Secretary to A. Marshall Inst and Books paid by him for Sundries } 41.75  
Jesse Turner's A/c for sundry Clock & Appar to Mr. Inst 25  
Thomas Turner's A/c for years attendance on the Board 20.14

Best Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Mune members being present, and Sewer assenting thereto, that the President of the Board be, and he is hereby authorized to draw Checks or Orders in the Common fund in favor of Isaiah Lukens, W. D. Blany, Jesse Turner and Thomas Turner for the amount of their accounts respectively above allowed





Be it further Ordained, That the said Committee to be appointed as aforesaid be vested with, and have full power and authority to make the Improvements and repairs mentioned and provided for by the preceding Ordinance, and in addition that the said Committee have the power to dispose of any or all the old materials, that may become necessary to be retained for the use of such repair and improvement, and that the said Committee cause the chimneys Selled in the said Shaft to be cleared of the Stone, thrown into them and a suitable Pump be provided and caused to be put into it for rising the water.

Be it further enacted That James R. Black, James Booth, George Read Junr and James Riddle be and are hereby appointed a Committee to carry into effect the powers granted by the preceding Ordinance, and a majority of them shall at all times have the power of acting in the premises.

Be it further Ordained That the said sum of money be drawn for by the President at the request of the Committee in the usual manner, to be applied in conformity to the provisions made by the preceding Ordinance.

Improving Committee

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven absenting themselves, that a sum not exceeding eighty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle in pulling new Pumps and repairing old Pumps in the said Town: and that the said sum, or such part thereof as shall appear to the satisfaction of the President of this Board to be necessary to defray the expenses incurred for the purposes aforesaid, and that Orders therefor be drawn by the President.

\$80. appropriated to repair pumps

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven absenting themselves, that the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars of the Corporate funds be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of the Charity School in the Town of Newcastle - which shall be paid by the President of the Board to the Treasurer of the Newcastle Female Benevolent Society by Order to be drawn in the usual manner.

\$150. appropriated for Charity School.

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven absenting themselves, that an Election be held at the Court house in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the 16th day of April Inst. between the hours of 9 o'clock P.M. for three Trustees of the said Newcastle Common to supply the vacancies occasioned by the death of James Booth and Alexander Duncan and the resignation of Richard Seaton and that George Read Junr and James Booth be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to give six days public notice thereof to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect the Trustees, and to superintend the said Election and make Report to this Board.

Ord. to hold an Election for three Trustees

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Tuesday June 26 1832 At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees convened by Order of the President upon request of some members of the Board

Present  
James Riddle President  
Henry Collesberry  
Jeremiah Bowman  
James R. Black  
Thomas Stockton  
George Read Junr  
James Booth  
Kelsey Johns Junr  
George Read

The Committee appointed by an Ordinance of the Board on the 8th day of April 1831 for the purpose of holding an Election for three Trustees made a Report in Writing which was read - Whereupon the following Resolution was adopted

It being the opinion of the Board that according to the provision of the Charter of Incorporation no Trustee has been elected at the Election held on the 16th of April Inst. inasmuch as it appears by the Report of the Committee that no person voted for had a majority of the whole number of votes of the Inhabitants of the Town entitled to vote - Be it therefore Resolved that the said Committee heretofore appointed hold an Election for three Trustees to supply the vacancies in the Board mentioned in the Ordinance aforesaid upon giving six days Notice thereof to the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees and make Report to the Board.

Resolved that a Committee of five - namely Messrs Stockton, Black, Read Junr, Booth and Johns be appointed to consult with the Inhabitants of the Town respecting the measures that may be advisable to be adopted to cleanse the Town and to take such other measures as may be deemed expedient in relation to the pestilence now prevailing in Canada.

Ordinance appropriating \$150. to clean the Town in anticipation of a season of Cholera

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven absenting themselves that the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars of the funds of the Corporation be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Committee named in the preceding Resolution to carry the same into effect, and that the said sum, or such part thereof as may be necessary to effect the purposes aforesaid be paid to the said Committee or a majority of them by Order drawn in the usual form.



Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees aforesaid that members being present and given assent thereto that after the General Benevolent Society of the said Parish shall have organized and established a Charity School for the education of poor children within the Town - and the said School shall have been in operation one year - the sum of One hundred Dollars of the Corporate funds shall be paid to the said Society by an Order drawn in the usual manner in aid of the funds for the support of the said School.

On motion the Board adjourned

100. appropriated to Charity School.

in operation one year - the sum of One hundred Dollars of the Corporate funds shall be paid to the said Society by an Order drawn in the usual manner in aid of the funds for the support of the said School.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common pursuant to notice upon the request of two members on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December A.D. 1832

Present

John Jamieson, Henry Kalesberry, James W. Black, Thomas Stockton, James Booth, Jeremiah Bowman, George Read and George Read Junior

On motion

Mr. Booth was appointed President pro tem.

A Report signed by Edward J. Thomas and James Strayer who had been appointed judges of an election held by the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle at the Court House on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1832 for four Trustees of the Newcastle Common to supply vacancies in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the decease of James Booth, Alexander Bowman, Richard Sexton and James Riddle - Certifying that it appeared after counting the votes given at the said election that James Couper had received 67 votes, Thomas Jamieson had received 67 votes, James McCullough had received sixty four votes, and William W. Jamieson had received sixty eight votes - John Riddle had received three votes - William Guthrie had received two votes - George W. Rodney & John Jamieson had received each one vote - Was laid before the Board and on motion read - Whereupon - On motion

It was Resolved that James Couper, Thomas Jamieson, James McCullough and William W. Jamieson - the persons who received the Majority of the votes given at the election held as aforesaid have been duly elected Trustees of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancies in the Board of Trustees occasioned as aforesaid

James Couper, Thomas Jamieson, James McCullough and William W. Jamieson elected Trustees

Whereupon James Couper - James McCullough and Thomas Jamieson three of the lately elected members appeared and took their seats at the Board.

On motion Resolved that the Trustees do now proceed to elect a President of the Board

President elected

Upon counting the Ballots it appeared that James W. Black had received a majority of votes and was therefore duly elected President

A Statement of Expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle by the establishment of a Charity Hospital and for medicine & attendance upon poor persons attacked by that complaint - was laid before the Board and read - On motion the said Statement was referred to a Committee to examine the same and Report thereon

The President nominated to compose the said Committee Messrs Couper, J. Jamieson & Booth

On motion Resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized to expend in repairing the Building on the Farm occupied by Mrs. McCoy any sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars

On motion Resolved that a sum not exceeding One hundred Dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of Committees to Washington and Dover to attend to the interest of the Town of Newcastle in relation to the attempt made to remove the Courts from the Town and that Messrs J. Jamieson, Read, Jamieson & McCullough be a Committee under whose direction the said expenditure shall be made with power to adopt such measures in relation thereto as they may think advisable - and make Report

100. appropriated to defray the expenses of Committees to Washington & Dover in relation to attempts to remove the Courts

On motion Mr. Stockton was appointed one of the Committee for the Improvement of the Public Square in place of Mr. Black

On motion The following accounts were read, examined & allowed by Thomas Jamieson, Henry Kalesberry & James W. Black

Thomas Jamieson	for 1/2 year salary in attending the meeting Town Clerk p 25.00	45.00
James W. Black	Attending on Board - 10 <sup>th</sup> March 1832	12.00
Edward Williams	for 2 large double Desks for Academy	10.50
Henry Kales	Cleaning, scrubbing & whitewashing Academy	8.50
Isaac Sellers	repairing block & Expenses	3.50
Thomas Stockton	Wash paper & Carpenter for repairing spring at Academy	10.00
James Booth	1 <sup>st</sup> Stone for Academy	1.10
Samuel Carpenter	Summers	

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 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 nine members being present and assenting thereto, that  
 the President of the Board be, and he is hereby autho-  
 rized to draw Checks or Orders in the Common form for  
 the payment of the foregoing accounts this day allowed  
 by the Board.

On motion, Adjourned to Saturday next to meet at 7 o'clock  
 P.M.

Saturday December 29 1832 / At a meeting of the Board  
 of Trustees pursuant to adjournment

Present  
 James R. Black President, J. Stockton & J. James  
 There not being a quorum - On motion, adjourned to the  
 last Saturday in January next

At a Special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 convened by Order of the President, June 22, 1833

Present  
 James R. Black President - John James  
 Thomas James George Read  
 James M. Cullough James Booth  
 William W. James James Couper  
 George Read Chm.

On motion, the following Ordinance was adopted by the Board  
 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 seven members assenting thereto, that an Election be held at the  
 Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the sixth  
 day of July next for two Trustees of the said Newcastle Common  
 to supply the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the re-  
 moved from the said Town of Doct. Henry Daleberry - and  
 that James M. Cullough and William W. James be, and  
 they are hereby appointed a Committee, to give two days  
 public notice thereof to the Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and to superintend  
 the said Election and make Report to this Board.

The Committee appointed on the 22<sup>d</sup> of December last to examine &  
 report upon the accounts submitted by the Commissioners of the Town of  
 expenses incurred for cleaning the said Town and for the establishment  
 of a Cholera Hospital be made a Report in writing recommending  
 the allowance of accounts accompanying their Report amounting  
 to the sum of Three hundred & sixty four <sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars - \$364.12  
 From which deduct amt. of former appropriation } 150.00  
 Paid to the Commissioners of the Town }  
 Leaving a balance unpaid of } 214.12

Also exclusive of any compensation to the Physician in  
 Chief and his Assistant -  
 which Report was on motion accepted - Whereupon the  
 following Ordinance was adopted by the Board -

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 nine members being present and seven assenting thereto, that the  
 sum of Three hundred and fifty Dollars be and the  
 same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses in-  
 curred in cleaning the Town and the establishment  
 of a Cholera Hospital therein - and that the President  
 of the Board be, and he is hereby authorized to draw  
 Checks or Orders in the common form for the amount of the  
 said appropriation payable as follows - To Peter B. Delany Esq.  
 Chairman of the Cholera Committee of the Town Commissioners for  
 the sum of Two hundred and fourteen <sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars the amount required  
 for payment of the balance of the above mentioned account - and to  
 James Couper Junr, for the balance of the said appropriation, to wit  
 the sum of One hundred and thirty five Dollars eighty eight Cents  
 as a compensation to himself and his Assistant Physicians for services  
 at said Hospital.

\$350. app.  
 10. defraying expenses  
 of establishing  
 Cholera  
 Hospital

On motion, the following accounts were read and allowed by the Board

- Public Square - 1<sup>st</sup> viz - Ephraim James - for Red Cedar posts for Public Square amount to \$123.75
- 2<sup>d</sup> William W. James - Store acct for Sundries furnished to  
 Working Committee for Reading & Green's amt 18.70
- 3<sup>d</sup> Benjamin Whitman - for Red Cedar posts for Public Square amount to 6.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> James M. Cullough - for Glass and Putty amounting to 5.91
- 5<sup>th</sup> Thomas James - for Attendance on Trustees Meeting Town Clerk 16.56

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 seven members assenting, that the President of the Board  
 be, and he is hereby authorized to draw Checks or  
 Orders in the common form for payment of the fore-  
 going this day allowed by the Board.



At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common convened upon application to the President, March 12. A. D. 1834. —

Present

- |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| James W. Black President | John Janner.       |
| George Read              | George Read Junr.  |
| Thomas Janner            | James McCullough   |
| James Booth              | William B. Janner. |

The Committee appointed on the 22<sup>d</sup> of June last to hold an Election for a Trustee to supply the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the removal from the Town of Doct. Henry Colebery

Reported in writing as follows.

"We the Subscribers, Trustees of Newcastle Common approved to hold an Election for the choice of two Trustees do certify that agreeably to an Election held this day there were thirty eight Votes given to John Bradford — Twelve Votes for George B. Rodney and two Votes for John Moody — and that John Bradford is legally elected to fill the Office of a Trustee of the Newcastle Common — Witness our hands this 6. day of July, A. D. 1833 —

John Bradford elected Trustee

Signed: W. B. Janner } Committee of Election  
James McCullough }

Which Report was on Motion Accepted — and thereupon John Bradford the member elected was admitted to take his seat at the Board —

An Application in writing of several inhabitants of Street Street to the Trustees for aid to enable them to bore for Water in said Street, &c. was presented and read — Whereupon George Read Junr submitted the following Resolution which on Motion was adopted.

Resolved that Thomas Janner and James Doups be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to deliver over forthwith all the Tubes remaining from the experiment made in Market Street to obtain Water from the Boring, as well as all necessary fixtures for carrying out that work to James Doups Junr and the Memorialists, before this Board. —

On Motion, Resolved that Messrs Booth, Read Junr. and W. B. Janner be a standing Committee of accounts —

Committee of Accounts

An Account of Edward Williams for Carpenter Work done to house on Farm occupied by Mr. M. Coy was presented — and on Motion Referred to the Acting Committee. —

Several other accounts presented were referred to the Committee of accounts. —

Committee to sell Posts Chairs &c. and to have the poles around the public Square painted.

On Motion, Resolved that William B. Janner, James Booth and John Bradford be a Committee to sell the Posts and Chairs and any Iron or other materials belonging to the Corporation in Market Street — and also to have the fence or paling enclosing the public Square painted or white washed provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed fifty Dollars. —

Special Committee to inspect condition of the Sewerage.

On Motion, Resolved that Messrs George Read, John Janner and Thomas Stockton be a special Committee with instructions to inspect and ascertain the state and condition of the Sewerage and whether the several Tenants of the Common Land have performed the Covenants and stipulations of the Lease — and make Report to the Board. —

On Motion, Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to prepare a Statement of the Account of the Trustees showing the condition of the funds of the Corporation &c. — for the inspection of the Board. —

A Letter of Thomas H. Gallow addressed to the Trustees respecting an extension of his Lease &c. was submitted and read and

Committee on Communication of Thomas Gallow

On Motion, It was Resolved that Messrs Read Junr. Booth and W. B. Janner be a special Committee to consider and Report upon the subject matter of the said Letter. —

A Petition of the Members of the Fire Company asking for aid in procuring apparatus &c. was Read and on Motion, Referred to Messrs J. Janner — McCullough & Bradford

An Account of Thomas Turner for 18 Years attendance on the Board ending March 4 — Minding Town Clock &c. amounting to \$45.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> was on Motion allowed. —

It is Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common duly meeting as aforesaid, that the President do and he is hereby authorized to draw a Check or Order in the usual form in favor of Thomas Turner for Forty five <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars amount of which this day allowed.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Comd by  
Order of the President August 19. 1834. at 5 O'clock P. M.  
It appearing that a Quorum was not present - On Motion the Board  
adjourned to meet at 8 O'clock P. M. of this day.

At 8 O'clock P. M. the Board met pursuant to adjournment  
Present

James R. Black President - Mr. John James, Thomas Stockton, James  
Couper, Thomas James - James McCullough - Henry Johns Junr. John Bradford  
George Reid Jr. & James Booth

Mr. Stockton stated for the meeting the object of the call - which was to  
take into consideration the propriety of making an appropriation for erecting  
Shake Frames to - on the Stairs in the frame of Mr. Melby - Whereupon  
On Motion of Mr. John James,

It was Resolved - That the Committee appointed at the last  
meeting to examine and report upon the Condition of the Stairs, do, and they  
are hereby authorized to contract for the erection, upon the days Stairs in  
the frame of Mr. Melby a building which shall answer for Stairing - Frames  
having a Head to - the Cost of which shall not exceed Two hundred Dollars -  
It is therefore Ordained by the said Trustees present and seven of them, that the sum of  
Two hundred Dollars be appropriated for the erection of the  
Building aforesaid under the direction of the said Committee  
and that Orders in the Common form for payment of the amount  
of the said appropriation to the Committee, be drawn.

Committee for  
erection of  
Shake Frames  
to be drawn  
in favor of  
Mr. Melby  
\$200. appropriated.

A Statement by Mr. James Couper Junr. of the amount expended in  
for Water in Front Street, and of sums collected by him and applied towards  
dispaying the said expizes - showing that he had paid beyond the amount  
received by him the sum of Forty seven <sup>21</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars - was submitted and read -

And to pay of expizes  
for the same by  
him - being for  
Water in Front St.

Whereupon the following Ordinance was On Motion adopted -  
It is Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common - seven  
members assenting thereto, that the aforesaid sum of Forty seven <sup>21</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
Dollars be paid out of the funds of the Corporation not otherwise ap-  
propriated, to the said James Couper Junr. by Check or Order drawn  
in the Common form.

On Motion, Resolved that the Committee heretofore appointed to put  
a Pump in the Shaft sunk in Market Street be instructed to have said  
Pump forthwith repaired and put into good order.

\$50. appropriated  
to put down pumps  
in order.

On Motion of Mr. John James the following Ordinance was adopted  
It is Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
nine members being present and seven assenting thereto  
That the sum of Fifty Dollars be and is hereby appropri-  
ated of the funds of the Corporation to enable the Commissioners  
of the Town of Newcastle to have the Town pumps repaired  
and put into good order - and that the said sum be  
paid for said purpose to the said Commissioners by Check  
or Order in the Common form.

Committee to  
confer with  
Town Commrs  
respecting  
pumps, &c.

A Communication from the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle  
relative to the Town pumps &c - was submitted and read - Whereupon,  
On Motion of Mr. Stockton,

Resolved that a Committee of three mem-  
bers be appointed to confer with the Commissioners of the Town on  
the subject of procuring Water for the use of the inhabitants by erecting  
New pumps &c - and make Report.

The President nominated as said Committee Messrs Stockton, John  
James & James Couper -  
On Motion,

A Committee to  
rent lots,

Resolved that the acting Committee be and they are  
hereby directed to Rent at Public Auction or otherwise the Lots on the  
South side of the Newcastle Turnpike Road after few days notice by  
advertisement within Newcastle Hundred.

On Motion the Board adjourned.

At a Stated Quarterly meeting of the Board Tuesday  
September 2. 1834 -

There not being a quorum present On Motion  
adjourned to Friday the 5. Inst. at 7 past 7 O'clock P. M.

Friday September 5. 1834 the Board met pursuant to  
adjournment

Present  
James R. Black President  
James Couper  
Henry Johns Jr  
Jeremiah Bowman  
James Booth  
James McCullough  
John Bradford  
John James  
Thomas Stockton

The acting Committee to whom was referred an account of Edward  
Williams for materials furnished and Carpenter Work done to raise in the  
Shaft in the frame of Mr. Melby Reported that they had examined the  
said - and recommended that the account amounting to \$59 <sup>61</sup>/<sub>100</sub> be



allowed - which Report was, on Motion, accepted -  
 Be it therefore Ordained by the Trustees (none being present  
 and seven absent) that the President, he and he is  
 hereby authorized to draw a Check or Order in Common form  
 for the payment of the said Account of Edward Williams allowed  
 as aforesaid.

On Motion, Resolved that, Mr. Blake be excused from serving on  
 the Committee in relation to Saving the Common Property - and that  
 James Souper be substituted in his place on said Committee -

Resolved further that James Booth Esq. be appointed the Attorney  
 of the Board with instructions to take such measures as he may  
 deem advisable to get as soon as possible a judicial decision upon  
 the question of the right to have the Property of the Corporation -

On Motion, Adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Trustees, on Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup>.  
 1835 - called by order of the President -  
 Present -

James R. Black, President - Thomas James - Jeremiah Bowman, James Veith  
 James Souper - Henry Jones Junr. George Read Junr. William B. James and  
 John Bradford -

On Motion, the following Ordinance was adopted -

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine  
 members being present and seven absent, that the sum  
 not exceeding Two hundred Dollars be paid the same is hereby appro-  
 priated out of the funds of the Corporation for the purpose of  
 defraying the expenses necessary to be incurred in opposing a  
 Bill now pending before the Legislature of this State for the removal  
 of the Seat of Justice of the County from Newcastle to Wilmington; -  
 and that Thomas James, George Read Junr. and Jeremiah Bowman be  
 a Committee of this Board under whose direction the said money  
 shall be expended - and to whom the amount of the said appropriation,  
 or such portion thereof as may be required, shall be paid by Check or  
 Order drawn in the Common form -

On Motion Adjourned

Mr. Booth appointed  
 Attorney of Board  
 respecting appeal  
 of Board of Trustees

\$200. appropriated to  
 opposing business in opposing  
 removal of Seat of Justice

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At a Special meeting of the Trustees, convened by Order of the  
 President upon the requisition of the Trustees held on Wednesday  
 the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1835

Present

James R. Black, President	George Read
Thomas James	James M. Callough
Jeremiah Bowman	James Booth
James Couper	George Read Junr.
John Bradford	
William B. James	

The object of the call of the meeting was stated by Mr. Stockett, one  
 of the acting Committee to be - to get some express instruction as to  
 the terms upon which the said Committee are to rent the Common Lots  
 and whether or not the Trustees would hold the said Tenants responsible  
 for the years Rent expiring on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March next

On Motion of George Read -

Resolved that the Committee appointed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March  
 1834 to inspect the condition of the Seashores &c - was discharged

On Motion, Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to examine  
 the State of the Common Lots, on the South side of the Chumple  
 particularly as it respects the James B. Hedges - and Report whether  
 or not the Tenants for whom the Lots were rented on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March  
 1829 for five years have performed the Conditions under which they  
 rented - The President nominated as the Committee Messrs. Thomas  
 James and John Bradford -

Committee to  
 examine Condi-  
 tion of Lots &c

Acting Committee  
 to Rent Lots

On Motion, It was Resolved that the Acting Committee be and  
 authorized by a Resolution of the Board to Rent the Lots on the South  
 side of the Chumple &c, and they are hereby directed to Rent the same  
 for the term of five years, after five days public notice given in the manner  
 as directed by the said Resolution - and that the Committee be authorized  
 to Rent the said Lots in three or more divisions, and under such Conditions  
 as they may think advisable - and make Report

At Communication from the Town Commissioners respecting the  
 means of procuring Water for the Town was presented and read - and  
 On Motion, the Consideration thereof was postponed until the next  
 meeting

On Motion, Resolved that the appropriation heretofore made  
 for erecting a Stable, Granary &c on the farm in tenure of Mr. Meloy  
 be extended One hundred Dollars -

Additional  
 appropriation of  
 \$100 - for erecting  
 Stable, &c on  
 Mr. Meloy's farm

On Motion, Ordered that the Treasurer be instructed to Collect  
 the Rent in arrears due from the Tenants as soon as possible

On Motion, Adjourned

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Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1835 At a stated quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees - There not being a quorum present

On motion, The Board adjourns to Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant

Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1835 The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment present

James R. Black President - George Read - Thomas Janner - James Cooper - James McCallough - Jeremiah Bowman - Thomas Stockton, John Bradford and James Booth.

Report of Committee to Rent Lots

The acting Committee Reported, that pursuant to the instruction of the Board, after having given due public notice, they had rented at public auction on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March Inst. the Lots belonging to the Corporation (excepting the Lot numbered 3 in the advertisement) for the term of five years from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March Instant - and submitted to the Board the Conditions of Renting and Acknowledgments of the purchasers - which, on motion, were read and approved by the Board - and Ordered that Leases be prepared accordingly

On motion, Resolved that the Acting Committee proceed to Rent the Lot designated by the N<sup>o</sup> 3 in the said Report in the manner directed by the original Resolution after five days notice

Resolved further that in case the Committee should not be able to Rent said Lot upon such terms as they approve - they be instructed to invite proposals for building erected upon the Lot

A Communication signed Peter W. Blaney applying applying for the lease of the Board to strengthen a line between his land and a part of the Common land in the name of Mr John McAlvorne upon certain Conditions therein proposed - was presented and read - and on motion, Referred to a Committee - namely Messrs McCallough, Stockton and Booth

On motion, the following accounts were examined and allowed by the Board - Viz

- Comelius W. Blaney - for amt ofundry accounts paid by him - \$ 269.25
- Ditto - for 4 Years services as Secretary due 4<sup>th</sup> Inst - 60. -
- William W. Janner - for Prints & printing faced around the Green - 35.74
- Thomas Janner - for Years attendance on Trustees - & Writing - 47.24
- Alexander M. Keese - for paving do - 16.35
- Silas Kelleck, - for hauling Sand - heaved do - 10.80
- Edward Williams - for Carpenter Work - 7.32

It is Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, severally members assenting thereto, that the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw checks or orders in the Common fund for payment of the accounts above allowed

On motion Resolved that the Board proceed to elect a President - Secretary - Treasurer and Acting Committee

Upon Counting the Ballots it appeared  
That James R. Black was duly elected President  
Comelius W. Blaney Secretary  
Comelius W. Blaney Treasurer

Jeremiah Bowman  
Kensley John Janner  
John Bradford } were duly elected the Acting Committee

On motion, Resolved that the Secretary be, and is hereby directed to report to this Board the Charter and Acts of Incorporation and By Laws of the Newcastle Common prepared for publication

On motion of Mr Booth - the following Ordinance was adopted  
Best Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common severally members assenting thereto that a sum not exceeding Twenty five Dollars be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Acting Committee, for the purpose of cleaning - Glazing and putting in Order the Newcastle Academy

Appropriation of \$25. for cleaning

On motion, the Board Adjourned

Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1835 At a special meeting of the Trustees called by the President upon the requisition of five Members of the Board

Present  
The President - Thomas Janner, James McCallough  
James Cooper - James Booth - Kensley John Janner  
Jeremiah Bowman and John Bradford

There not being a Quorum - On motion, Adjourned



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Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1835 At a stated quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees - There not being a quorum present

On motion, the Board adjourns to Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant

Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1835 The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment present

James R. Black President - George Reed - Thomas James - James Cooper  
James McCullough - Jeremiah Bowman - Thomas Stockton, John Bradford  
and James Booth.

The Acting Committee Reported, that pursuant to the instruction of the Board, after having given due public notice, they had leased at public auction on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March Inst. the Lot belonging to the Corporation (excepting the Lot numbered 3 in the advertisement) for the term of five years from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March Instant - and submitted to the Board the Conditions of Renting and Acknowledgments of the purchaser - which, on motion, were read and approved by the Board - and Ordered that Leases be prepared accordingly

On motion, Resolved that the Acting Committee proceed to rent

the Lot designated by the No. 3 in the said Report in the manner directed by the Original Resolution after five days notice

Resolved further that in case the Committee should not be able to rent said Lot upon such terms as they approve - they be instructed to visit proposals for building a school upon the Lot

A Communication signed Peter B. Blaney applying applying for the lease of the Board to be straitened a line between his land and a part of the Common land in the tenure of Mr. John McKinnon upon certain conditions therein proposed - was presented and read - and on motion, Referred to a Committee - namely Messrs. McCullough Stockton and Booth

On motion, the following accounts were examined and allowed by the Board - viz

Cornelius D. Blaney - for out of sundry accounts paid by him	\$ 269.25
Ditto - for 4 Years services as Secretary due 4 <sup>th</sup> Inst	60.
William M. James - for pains & printing paid around the Green	35.74
Thomas James - for 5 Years attendance on Trustees - & Working In Black - & for slip & playing	47.24
Alexander M. Keese - for paving do	16.35
Silas Kelleck - for hauling Sand - hauled do	10.80
Edward M. Williams - for Carpenter Work	7.32

Resolved by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common - from members absending thereto that the President be and he is hereby authorized to draw checks or orders in the Common fund for payment of the accounts above allowed

Report of  
Committee to  
Rent Lots

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On motion Resolved that the Board proceed to elect a President - Secretary - Treasurer and Acting Committee

Upon counting the Ballots it appeared

That James R. Black was duly elected President  
Cornelius D. Blaney Secretary  
Cornelius D. Blaney Treasurer

Jeremiah Bowman  
Kensley John James  
John Bradford } were duly elected the  
Acting Committee

On motion,

Resolved that the Secretary be and is hereby directed to report to this Board the Charter and Acts of Incorporation and By Laws of the Newcastle Common prepared for publication

On motion of Mr. Booth - the following Ordinance was adopted

Resolved by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members absending thereto that a sum not exceeding twenty five Dollars be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Acting Committee, for the purpose of cleaning - Gleazing and putting in order the Newcastle Academy

On motion, the Board Adjourned

Appropriation  
of \$25. for  
Cleaning

Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1835 At a special meeting of the Trustees called by the President upon the requisition of two members of the Board

Present  
The President - Thomas James, James McCullough  
James Cooper - James Booth - Kensley John James  
Jeremiah Bowman and John Bradford

There not being a Quorum - On motion, Adjourned

Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> 1836 At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, called by the President at the request of two members -

- Present
- |               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Messrs Bowman | Bradford   |
| Stockton      | Johns Junr |
| Read Junr     | J. Janner  |
| Booth         | Couper     |
| W. B. Janner  |            |

The President being absent - On Motion, Mr. Thomas Janner was appointed President pro tem. -

On Motion, the following Ordinance was adopted. -

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven absenting - That a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Newcastle Common for the purpose of defraying the expenses necessary to be incurred in paying the applications to Congress for Appropriations to improve the harbor at Newcastle - and to establish the Town as a port of entry with Custom House facilities &c -

And that the said appropriations be expended under the direction of a Committee of this Board - to whom the said shall be paid by Order of the President of the Common fund -

The President nominated to be the Committee James Couper & Mr. B. Janner

On Motion, Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed with authority to view the Town House after the 25<sup>th</sup> of March next upon such terms as they may deem expedient - This President Mr. Booth was appointed, the same

On Motion of Mr. Johns Resolved that the Treasurer be and he hereby is specially instructed and required to collect all arrearages of Rents now due and unpaid - and that he give notice in writing to the Tenants respectively from whom such arrearages are due of the amount of principal and interest due - and if the same, or any part thereof remains unpaid at the expiration of thirty days from the date of said Notice, - then the Treasurer is hereby further authorized, empowered and directed to adopt the legal remedy necessary to enforce payment thereof -

On Motion Adjourned

Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> 1836 At a Special meeting of the Board called by the President at the request of two members - There not being a quorum - On Motion, Adjourned until the next stated meeting -

Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1836 At the stated Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common -

- Present
- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| James W. Black President | James Couper      |
| Thomas Stockton          | John Bradford     |
| James Booth              | William B. Janner |
| Jeremiah Bowman          | Henry Johns Junr  |
| Thomas Janner            |                   |

On Motion, the Board proceeded to elect a President - Treasurer and Acting Committee. -

Upon Counting the Ballots it appeared that James W. Black was duly elected President, Cornelius D. Blaney was duly elected Treasurer and Jeremiah Bowman, Thomas Stockton & John Bradford were duly elected the Acting Committee -

On Motion, Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed with instructions to examine and ascertain the condition of the Town Stock - to have such alterations and repairs done thereby - and make such arrangements for keeping it in good repair and running order as they may deem expedient - and make the report. The President nominated as the Committee J. Couper & Mr. Booth

On Motion, Resolved that Messrs Stockton and W. B. Janner be a Committee to have the Town House repaired and painted. -

On Motion, Resolved that a standing Committee of accounts be appointed who shall have authority to settle all the accounts of Committees hereof appointed which remain unsettled; to settle with the Treasurer; and examine and report upon all accounts against the Corporation that may be referred to them - The President nominated as the Committee J. Couper, J. Booth & Mr. B. Janner

On Motion, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the condition of the Streets - and if it shall appear that no greater sum than fifty dollars will be required to repair them - then that they be authorized to have the same done and report to the Board. Committee appointed Messrs Stockton W. B. Janner



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An Account of Thomas Turner - for Writing & Regulating the  
Town Book and for a Years attendance on the Board ending  
March 1<sup>st</sup> - also for Pen & Ink & Candles - amounting to - } \$ 45.95  
Was presented and allowed by the Board

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle  
Common, Seven Members attending, that an Order in  
Common form for payment of the above account of Thomas  
Turner, amounting to Forty five <sup>95</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars - be drawn

At a stated annual meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Common Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1837 -

Present -

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| James R. Black President | William B. Janner |
| John Janner              | Jeremiah Bowman   |
| James Booth              | John Bradford     |
| Thomas Janner            | Thomas Stockton   |
| James Couper             |                   |

On motion. The following Ordinance was adopted.  
 Resolved that an election be held at the Court house in the Town of Newcastle, on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March next, between the hours of 2 & 5 O'Clock P.M. for three Trustees of the said Newcastle Common to supply the vacancies in the Board occasioned by the death of Messrs James M. Boulton, George Read and George Read Jun. Esqrs. - And that Thomas Janner & Jeremiah Bowman be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to give six days public notice thereof to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees and to superintend the said election and make Report to the Board.

On motion, The following Ordinance was adopted -  
 Resolved that the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven absent, that a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Committees appointed on behalf of the Town to attend the said session of the Legislature respecting the Bill for removal of the seat of Justice - and other expenses incident thereto: - That Mr. James Couper & William B. Janner be a Committee to ascertain the amount of those expenses, and certify the same to the Treasurer who shall thereupon pay said bills; and that the President draw Checks or Orders in Common form in favor of the Treasurer for that purpose.

On motion,  
 The Board proceeded to elect a President and Treasurer -  
 Upon counting the Ballots it appeared that James R. Black was duly elected President - and Cornelius D. Blaney was elected Treasurer.

An Account of James Couper & Mr. W. Janner a Committee respecting the Monuments to be erected for appropriations for a Harbour &c. - showing that they had expended on that Account \$149.55 and had received funds from the Corporation amounting to \$150. - Leaving a balance due from their hands of \$ .45

Was read and allowed -  
 An Account of James Rogers amounting to \$36.62  
 An Account of William H. Rogers - amounting to 22. -  
 for their expenses to Washington in relation to the Harbour of New Castle and making the same a part of entry - were read and allowed  
 The Account of Edward Williams for Carpenter Work at Reading, amounting to 11.25 Dollars was read and allowed.

Resolved by the said Trustees that the President of the Board draw Checks or Orders in Common form for the payment of the Accounts above allowed -

On motion Adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common convened by the President at the request of two members of the Board April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1837 -

A Quorum not being present, On motion, Adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, next

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common convened by order of the President at the request of two members Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June A. D. 1837 -

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Present -                |                   |
| James R. Black President | Jeremiah Bowman   |
| Thomas Janner            | William B. Janner |
| James Couper             | Henry Jones Esq.  |
| John Bradford            |                   |

The Secretary of the Board being absent - William B. Janner was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Report of Thomas Janner & Jeremiah Bowman Committee appointed to hold an election for three Trustees to fill vacancies in this Board was presented and adopted - by yeas & nays - that

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|--------------------|
| Thomas Challenger  |
| Stephen Sutherland |
| William Robinson   |

were duly elected members of the Board - and that they have their seats respectively -

On motion, Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to



to consider the policy of the circulation of small Bills as being the best medium of circulation for the Citizens of this Town and vicinity, and to confer with the Directors of the Farmers Bank to furnish a more uniform medium of change than is now in use to report at the next adjourned meeting of this Board.

Henry Jones for James Bourne and Thomas Chalenger were nominated to compose the Committee.

An account of Thomas Jones for attendance to Henry Jones to 7. March past amounting to £10.00 was presented and allowed.

The following Statement showing the amount of the Receipts and Expenditures by the Trustees for the last 20 Years - viz from 1815 to 1835 inclusive prepared by direction of the Board was submitted by the Treasurer and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The Trustees of the Newcastle Common

1815 Jan 1	To Balance at the Credit of Trustees to Farmers Bank	479	53
	Amount of Rents of Common Ground received this Year including a Credit allowed for 1/2 of John Jones	2,071	92
1816	Amount of Rents received this Year	73	96
1817	do	115	44
1818	do	521	37
1819	do	1,092	36
1820	do	577	74
1821	do	3,262	66
1822	do	868	52
1823	do	1,152	80
1824	do	707	74
1825	do	1,863	62
1826	do	591	81
1827	do	1,603	25
1828	do	971	43
1829	do	1,330	19
1830	do	1,173	04
1831	do	1,158	23
1832	do	1,812	31
1833	do	1,343	82
1834	do	1,148	43
1835	do	837	90
		24,990	60
	Deduct Amount of Commissions paid Treasurer	945	
		24,045	60
	To Amount of Loans borrowed at several times during the above period from Farmers Bank at Newcastle	137	00
		24,182	60

Contra

By Expenditures by Cheques to Farmers Bank in following Years	The opposite stated expenditures from 1815 to 1835 inclusive paid on the following Accounts
1815	3,721 16
1816	1,181 17
1817	1,100
1818	180
1819	17
1820	437 04
1821	3,576 25
1822	1,276 41
1823	2,640 03
1824	390
1825	2,544 53
1826	2,694 74
1827	1,735 92
1828	1,093 48
1829	569 58
1830	1,016 64
1831	708 30
1832	721 83
1833	574 01
1834	424 39
1835	1,585 50
	26,085 98
	By Amount paid by Trust for Discharge of Town House & Academy
	This Amount repaid to Farmers Bank on Act of 18th June 1836
	Amount of Account by General Bank on 1st July 1836
	By Balance
	26,085 98
	131 25
	2,000
	9,275 72
	11,486 97
	37,152 95
	2,071 92
	39,224 87

At the special Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Newcastle  
Common Chest, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1838 -

- Present -
- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | President       |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Secretary       |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Treasurer       |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Comptroller     |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Assessor        |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Surveyor        |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Coroner         |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Recorder        |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Deputy Recorder |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Deputy Assessor |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Deputy Surveyor |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Deputy Coroner  |
| Wm. N. Bennett    | Deputy Recorder |

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the State and Condition of the Newcastle Academy and Report what steps may be taken for its improvement - and also to ascertain how far the Newcastle Academy is in a state to receive the aid of the State - and if not, what steps may be taken for its improvement -

The President appointed Dr. Bennett - W. N. Bennett and Mr. Bennett to compose said Committee -

Resolved that the Secretary give a public notice to the proprietors of the Newcastle Academy, that they are authorized to deposit their names with the Secretary, and if they do so, they shall be entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors -

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At the following named persons were called to order -

- Present -
- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | President       |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Secretary       |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Treasurer       |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Comptroller     |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Assessor        |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Surveyor        |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Coroner         |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Recorder        |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Deputy Recorder |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Deputy Assessor |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Deputy Surveyor |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Deputy Coroner  |
| Wm. N. B. Bennett | Deputy Recorder |

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On motion Resolved that the Committee aforesaid be authorized to employ a suitable person to take charge of the Academy at a compensation not exceeding Twenty five Dollars per Annum

Mr. Bradford from the Acting Committee Reported verbally that since the last meeting they had visited several of the Farms - particularly those in the names of T. Sawdon & Mrs. M. Galloway the terms of which expired at the end of four years from the 25<sup>th</sup> March Inst. and stated generally the result of their observations - That the farm formerly leased to John D. Eves and assigned to Mr. Galloway, they found in possession of Mr. James Stokes, a Tenant under said Galloway, and were informed by said Tenant that he had rented the same from him for the balance of his term without any restriction as to the manner of farming or killing the same. - That the lot of 9. adjoining a standard of Benjamin Marley, and which had formerly been rented to said Marley, they found in the possession of William and George McCross who held it without any grant from the Trustees - and that they refused to give up the possession thereof - On motion of Mr. Stockton.

Resolved that an Attorney of the Board be appointed - Whereupon James B. Black Esq. was unanimously elected to that Office. -

On Motion Resolved that the Acting Committee under the advice of said Attorney, be instructed to institute such legal proceedings, as may be necessary to recover the possession of the portion of the Common Land reported to be withheld by Mr. George McCross; - and also to compel the observance and performance by the respective Tenants of the Covenants and stipulations of their Leases. -

On Motion Resolved that Leases be prepared and that such of the Tenants or their legal Assignees as have no Leases be required to execute them for the remainder of their terms respectively according to the Original Conditions of Renting. -

An Account of James B. Black Esq. for Counsel Fees amounting to \$120.00 was read, and on Motion Allowed by the Board and ordered to be credited to the Acct. of Mr. Black with the Trustees for that

On Motion Adjourned. -

Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> 1839 At a special meeting of the Trustees pursuant to Notice given -

Present

Messrs. Stockton, Bowman, J. Janvier - Bouts - W. B. Janvier, Robinson - Chalmers, Bradford and Johns -

The President being absent, On Motion, Mr. J. Janvier was appointed President pro tem.

Mr. W. B. Janvier of the Committee for repairing and improving the Academy, Reported an Account showing the expenditures made by them, which exceeded the sum appropriated for that purpose \$16.76 - and, additionally, they had expended \$18.49 for necessary furniture for the Academy - The Committee recommended and Appropriation to be made for payment of the above sums and also of the further sum of \$25.00 to defray expenses of further repairs & required for the Academy - Which Report was, On Motion approved -

page 22 that amount of \$35.25  
page 23 that amount of \$25.00

Whereupon, On Motion, the following Ordinance was adopted

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, James B. Black being present and severally consenting thereto, that the sum of twenty dollars and twenty five Cents, be and is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation to be paid to the Committee aforesaid for the purposes mentioned in the above Report - and that a Check or Order in common form be drawn for the same.

The Acting Committee (a majority of them) submitted a Report in writing of their proceedings &c. which was read (See Report filed) - A Report of the minority of the Acting Committee (Mr. Bradford) was also submitted and read - (See Report filed) -

On Motion of Mr. Johns the following Resolution was adopted

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board of Trustees adopt the proper legal measures to obtain the possession of the premises heretofore leased to John D. Eves in his lifetime, and since his decease held by Thomas H. Galloway - the said Galloway having forfeited all right to the further possession of the said premises in consequence of having violated the same in violation of and contrary to the terms of the Original Lease - and that the said Attorney also adopt the proper proceedings to obtain compensation in damages for the said violation of the said Contract if the same can be recovered under the Original Lease against the said Thomas H. Galloway -

Mr. Bouts the Attorney of the Board Reported verbally respecting the measures taken by him to recover possession of the

for withheld by William and George Wilson. That in view of  
 objection had been insisted against them, and afterwards certain  
 propositions (stated by him) had been made for compromise &c. and that  
 at the last term of the Superior Court the case was referred to the Council  
 and asked for the instruction of the Board on the subject.

Whereupon, after consideration,

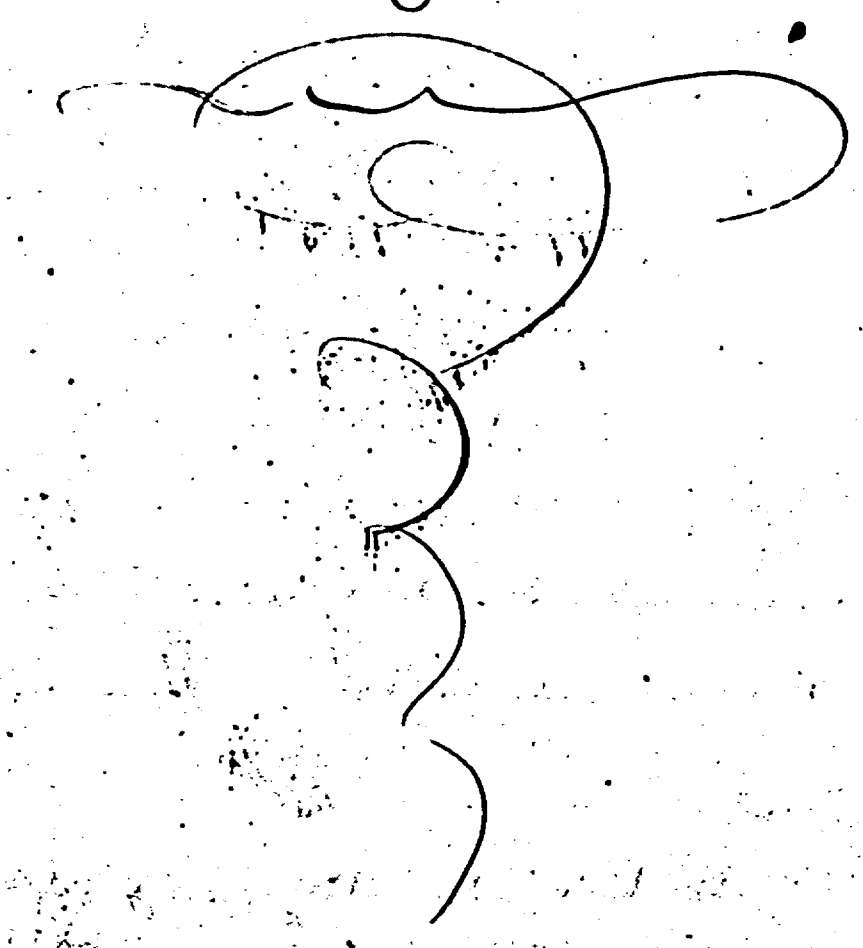
On Motion Resolved that the Acting Committee, be authorized  
 under the advice of said Attorney, to agree upon such terms of  
 compromise or settlement of the matters in dispute in said case as they  
 may deem advisable; and that they be instructed to keep the said  
 Pet. below perfection as required, upon such terms, and for such period  
 of time, as they may think expedient, and Report their proceedings to  
 the Board.

The following accounts were examined and Allowed by the  
 Board - Viz

Edwin Jefferson's - Disbursements relative to the removal of the Court &c	\$ 51.50	
Thomas James - Two years attendance on Board	\$ 20.-	
- Bill of exchange for George Wilson	5.32	25.32
Hugh Hardy - for taking care of Academy One year		20.-
William B. James - Salary & Query - for same House		3.12

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, Severd  
 appearing - that Checks, or Orders in Common form be drawn for  
 payment of the accounts above allowed.

On Motion the Board adjourned to meet again on Saturday  
 next the 23<sup>rd</sup> Inst. at 3 O'clock P.M.



Saturday June 22, 1839. Trustees met pursuant to adjournment  
 at 2 o'clock not being present. On Motion, Adjourned to Saturday  
 next at 3 O'clock P.M.

Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1839 Board met pursuant to adjournment  
 Present

S. Stockton, M. Robinson, J. Challenger, H. Johns Jr. C. Hartman &  
 John Bradford

Others not being a Quorum - Adjourned to 8 O'clock P.M.

At 8 O'clock P.M. the Board met

Present

Messrs. J. James - Challenger - Stockton, M. B. James - Hartman - Johns  
 Robinson - Bowman - Booth - Bradford.

His President being absent, On Motion M. B. James was appointed  
 President Pro-tem.

On Motion, Ordered that the Secretary procure a copy of the  
 Act of Assembly incorporating the Trustees, duly Certified, and after  
 wards have 100 Copies of it, and of the Charter printed for the use  
 of the Board.

On Motion, Resolved that a standing Committee of Accounts be  
 appointed - The President nominated for the Committee  
 Messrs. Booth - M. B. James & Challenger.

On Motion, Mr. Johns

Resolved, That the Secretary Report to the next meeting  
 of this Board a complete list in writing of all existing Committees  
 heretofore appointed, and the several matters confided to them, with  
 such further information as will enable the members of the Board  
 to understand how far they have acted upon the several subjects  
 confided to them, and whether any remain unfinished, or in a  
 situation to require the action of the Board of Trustees.

Also application of the Commissioners of the Town for an appropriation  
 of money for the purpose of repairing and improving the streets and  
 putting in order and good repair the Town Pump, &c. was presented and  
 read - Whereupon

On Motion, the following Ordinance was adopted -

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle  
 Common, nine members being present and seven appearing



That the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars be, and is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation for the purposes stated in the before mentioned application: - That Messrs. Stockton & W. B. James be a Committee of this Board to act in conjunction with the Commissioners of the Town in executing the works proposed - to the order of which Committee the said fund, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid by check or order in common form - and they are to make Report to the Board.

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It being represented to the Board that Mr. Samuel M. Cooper who has for some time had the care and charge of the Town Clock, would not continue to attend to it for the compensation heretofore allowed, which he considered inadequate - On motion, Resolved that Messrs. Booth and Bowman be a Committee to confer with Mr. Cooper on the subject, with authority to make such arrangement with him, or other competent person, for the proper care of and attention to said Clock, at such rate of compensation as they may deem reasonable - and report the same to the Board.

On motion, The Board proceeded to elect by Ballot a President and Acting Committee.

Upon counting the votes - it appeared that Thomas James was duly elected President of the Board and Thomas Stockton - John Bradford and Thomas Chalmers were duly elected to be the Acting Committee.

On motion of Mr. James - Resolved that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to apply any unappropriated balance now in the Treasury in paying the principal of the debt due the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware - and also to such as may be received by him under a former Resolution of this Board which required to pay the interest of said debt, he applied to the principal.

to apply money to said debt -

On motion of Mr. Stockton - Resolved that a Committee of three members be appointed to draft a form of lease for the Corporation Lands, and to confer with the present tenants generally on the subject of relating the same and to report to the Board of Trustees their proceedings - Committee appointed, the

On motion, Resolved that the Committee of Accounts be instructed to ascertain all the expenses incurred for printing &c. in the efforts need to prevent the removal of the seat of justice from the Town - and to examine the Bill for the same and report thereon to the Board at the next meeting.

On motion, The following Accounts were read, examined and allowed by the Board -

The Newcastle Manufacturing Co. for the amount of goods for store in Academy } \$ 7.65  
 S. M. Cooper for the daily & Hoghead } 2.25  
 John E. Boyer for repairing Lighting Rod of Town House } 2.50

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, mine being present, and percur ad pending, that checks, or orders in common form be drawn for payment of the Accounts above allowed -

On motion, the Board adjourned -

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, at the request of two members, Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> 1839

Present

Thomas James President - Mr. Booth - Stockton - John Bowman - Chalmers - Bradford & W. B. James

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with Mr. S. M. Cooper respecting the care of the Town Clock - and to determine the proper compensation to be allowed for same for that service reported verbally that they had performed that duty - and after consideration of the subject they were of opinion that a person competent to superintend and take proper care of the Clock - wind up, regulate and keep it in good running order, should receive as a compensation thirty five Dollars per annum - and recommended such allowance for the future - which Report was in opinion accepted.

The Committee appointed at last meeting on account relating to the Court question, reported that they had not completed the business and requested to be continued - which disposition was granted.

The Resignation of Mr. John James of his Office of Trustee of the N. Castle Common was presented and read - Whereupon On motion, the same was accepted.

The Resignation of Mr. Jeremiah Bowman of his Office of Trustee was tendered by him and read - which, disposition was not accepted.

On motion, The following Ordinance was adopted -

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common pursuant to a resolution of said Board - That an Election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle, on some day prior to the first day of October next, between the hours of 2 and 5 O'clock P.M. for three Trustees of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancies in the Board occasioned by the death of Doct. James Couper and James R. Black Esquire and the resignation of John Jamieson: - And that James Booth and W. B. Jamieson, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to fix upon the day, and give three days public notice thereof to the inhabitants of the said Town qualified to elect Trustees, and to superintend the said Election, and make report to the Board.

On motion adjourned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in October next

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday the first day of October 1839 -

- |                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Thomas Jamieson President | Ephraim Hillman |
| Henry Johns Junr.         | John Bradford   |
| Thomas Challenger         | James Booth     |
| William B. Jamieson       |                 |

There not being a Quorum present, this meeting adjourned to Saturday evening next the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. at 7 O'clock.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held pursuant to adjournment on Saturday evening the 5<sup>th</sup> of October Instant, the following members were present -

- |                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Thomas Jamieson President | Jeremiah Bowman  |
| Henry Johns Junr.         | John Bradford    |
| Thomas Challenger         | Ephraim Hillman  |
| William B. Jamieson       | William Robinson |
| Thomas Stockton           | James Booth      |

James Booth & W. B. Jamieson the Committee appointed to hold an Election for three Trustees of the Newcastle Common on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1839 made the following Report -

That pursuant to a Resolution appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common to hold an Election for three Trustees of the Newcastle Common respectively Report -

That we gave notice of the day, notice after time and place of election, and pursuant to such notice, we held said Election at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the twenty eighth day of September A.D. 1839: - That the whole number of Votes polled was thirty

thirty two, as appears by the full List of Voters hereto annexed, that the Votes polled for each person voted for also appears by the full hereto annexed; That Andrew Gray and George Houston each having a majority of the whole number of Votes polled, and in the opinion of your Committee duly elected, - and that none of the other persons having such majority - there is no other person elected a Trustee.

(All which is respectfully submitted)

Sept. 28. 1839. (Signed) James Booth, Committee  
W. B. Jamieson

On the report the Report was adopted, and it was declared that Andrew C. Gray and George Houston were duly elected Trustees of the Newcastle Common.

On motion It was Ordered that the Secretary give notice to Andrew C. Gray and George Houston Esquires, of their election.

On motion Resolved that the sum of Twenty five Dollars be paid to Samuel M. Couper for his services in taking charge of the Town Clock ending on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March last, and due to him at that time.

On motion the Board then adjourned

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1839 -

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| Thomas Jamieson President | William Robinson  |
| Jeremiah Bowman           | Thomas Challenger |
| John Bradford             | George Houston    |
| James Booth               | Andrew C. Gray    |
| William B. Jamieson       |                   |

The Committee heretofore appointed to confer with the Senate of the Common Lawy respecting the petition of the same Reported certain propositions made by William D. Reid, St. James, Samuel Barr and Richard Topham - the substance of which is, that they will give for an extension of their lease for twenty one years, two Dollars an acre Rent per annum - and during the term will put on the land 60 Bushels of Lime per Acre - which being read - after consideration thereof,

On motion, Resolved that the said propositions be not accepted.

A proposition in writing signed by Thomas M. Dalton was submitted to the Board and read in the words following viz -

I agree to pay to the Trustees of the Newcastle Common three hundred and fifty Dollars as Damages for overworking





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The Town of ... now occupied by ... for ... years from the ... of ... which agreement was approved by the Board with the following change in the Government respecting payment of ... the ... on the ... annually ... shall be allowed the cost thereof ... as part payment of said rent.

At proposition by Mr. Isaac H. Register for ... the South side of the ... to ...

Was Reported by the acting Committee - and on motion approved by the Board.

An account of Thomas H. ... as Collector of Taxes for years 1829 1830 of Town ... amounting to ...

The Committee ... appointed to ascertain and report to the Board the expenses incurred in relation to the special election in May last for the removal of the seat of Justice Reported a statement of the ...

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the ... being present and seven absenting ...

On motion, the following Ordinance was adopted

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the ... seven members present, and seven absenting, that from and after the passing of this Ordinance, the acting Committee for every days attendance in viewing the farms of the ...

On motion, Resolved, that it be expedient to employ an Architect to make a plan and estimate of cost of altering ...

Stockton be authorized to employ W. ... for the purpose provided for ... for a compensation not exceeding thirty Dollars.

Resolved further that in the event of the ... making an appropriation of a sum not less than 3000 Dollars for the alterations, additions to, or improvement of the County Building in the said Town mentioned in the preceding Resolutions - and it shall be found that said sum shall be inadequate to effect said purpose - that then the Trustees will appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred Dollars towards defraying said expenses.

On motion the Board adjourned

Tuesday March 10th 1840 At a stated annual meeting of the Trustees there not being a Quorum present - On motion, adjourned to the 17th of March Inst.

Tuesday March 17th 1840 the Board met pursuant to adjournment

Present J. Stockton, J. ... James Booth, George Houston, A. C. Gray, W. B. James, C. ... John Bradford - Thomas Challenger

The President being absent - On motion, Mayr Stockton was appointed President pro tem.

On motion, The Board proceeded to the election of a President, Treasurer and Acting Committee by ballot -

Upon counting the votes, it appeared that

Thomas James was duly elected President

George W. Blaney Treasurer

Thomas Stockton was duly elected the Acting Committee

John Bradford

Thomas Challenger

Applications on the part of the Delaware & ... for appropriations towards the purchase of an engine, used to pump water and ...

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the said company on the subject of their application to - and report to the Board at their next meeting -

The President appointed to compose the Committee Messrs James, Bradford & ...

On motion, adjourned to Wednesday the 20th Inst.



Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> 1840 the Board of Trustees met pursuant to adjournment

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas Dawson President | Thomas Challenger |
| Henry Johns Junr        | William Robinson  |
| James Decker            | John B. Dwyer     |
| Thomas Stockton         | Andrew C. Gray    |
| George Hunter           | William B. James  |

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to confer with the fire Companies respecting their applications for aid in purchasing fire apparatus &c - made a Report in writing in the words following, to wit -

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of the fire Companies in the Town of New Castle for funds to aid them in the purchase of a new Engine and of an additional quantity of hose - Report that they have had the matter under consideration - and have come to the conclusion, that the present inefficient state of the fire Companies, in this Town, and the constant danger of conflagration to which the property of the Citizens as also the Public Buildings are exposed require that something should be done to increase the security of both public and private property from fire. - They believe that the Town stands in need of one more Engine and of an additional number of feet of hose - and they believe also that a portion of the funds of the Trustees of the Common cannot be more properly appropriated than towards assisting the fire Companies in their efforts to save and preserve the property of those interested in said funds from loss and damage by fire - They therefore recommend that \$500. be appropriated to the Delaware fire Company to enable it to buy a new Engine - and \$250. to purchase hose - and the further sum of \$100. to the New fire Company to purchase additional hose.

In connection with this subject the Committee beg leave to say that a Reservoir of Water ought to be built in a central and suitable part of the Town of sufficient capacity to supply at all times the requisite quantity of water to be used in case of fire.

Which Report being read - the same was on motion accepted -

And thereupon on motion the following Ordinance was adopted -

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common - now present being present and absent - That the several sums of money recommended by the Committee in the foregoing Report to be appropriated be and the same are hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation for the purposes therein mentioned and recommended - the same to be drawn forth by Checks in the usual form payable to the Order of the said Committee - provided that the said fire Company shall pass by private subscription or otherwise a sum of money which the said Committee shall deem proper with the money hereby appropriated - sufficient to effect the said purposes - and that the said Committee be instructed to act conjointly with the said fire Companies in procuring the said Engine and apparatus - the property thereof to be made by the Committee who shall keep an account of said expending and report the same to the Board.

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On Motion, Mayor Stockton was added to the Committee mentioned in the foregoing Ordinance.

On Motion; That part of the Report of the Committee aforesaid relating to the construction and establishment of a Reservoir was referred to the said Committee for further consideration - with instruction to report thereon to the Board.

A written application by the Trustees of the New Castle Presbyterian Church to the Board for liberty to use the Bell in the Steeple of Emmanuel Church as notice for the regular public services of said Presbyterian Church - was presented and read - Whereupon

On Motion, the further consideration thereof was postponed to the next meeting of the Board.

A written proposition of Henry S. Reynolds to Rent the farm on which he now lives as Tenant under Doct. Henry Colesberg - and also the Lot on the South side of the Dump pile, West of the Road leading to Balesgate farm - was submitted and read - and on motion referred to the Adm. Committee. After having considered the same recommended the Ordinance thereof - Whereupon on Motion the same was accepted -

Now the Application of the Commissioners of the Town of New Castle for an appropriation to enable them to pay Bills due for the repairs of Pumps - and to put the Town Pumps in order - On motion the following Ordinance was adopted -

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common - now present and absent - That the sum of Fifty Dollars be and the same be hereby appropriated for the purposes mentioned in the said Application of the said Commissioners - payable to the Order of the said Commissioners by Checks to be drawn in Common form in aid of the said Commissioners in the Board of 4<sup>th</sup> of 20. 48 was allowed by the Board of 2<sup>nd</sup> of 21. 48 for 2<sup>nd</sup> of 21. 48 in account of Charitable Contributions for Henry Altemus for the erection of New Fire Proof Office at New Castle amounting to \$30.00 was presented and allowed -

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Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common - now present and absent - That a Check or Order be drawn in Common form for Fifty Dollars - out of the above account of Henry Altemus - who has paid said account - by receipt on thereof - also that a Check be drawn for payment of the above account allowed to Henry Altemus - amounting to \$30.00 -

On Motion, adjourned to the 10<sup>th</sup> of April next

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April 15<sup>th</sup> 1840 The Board met pursuant to Adjournment - There not being a Quorum Present On Motion Adjourned.

(At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newbursh Common called by the President pursuant to a request of the Acting Committee July 13<sup>th</sup> 1840 - Present The Trustees Present - Messrs. Houston, Brockton, Gray, Wm. B. Garrison, Gilman - Challenger - Bradford - Robinson - Johns.

The Acting Committee Reported a proposition made by Isaac Stacey for leasing the farm now in his occupation pursuant to the following - The undersigned is willing to take the farm for a term of 12 years from the expiration of the present one - he will give \$320 per annum - and put on annually 80 Dollars worth of lime - The house at present is much out of repair - a new roof is indispensable as is also a well of water for which the undersigned would ask an appropriation of \$150 out of the rents - altho he thinks this sum would be insufficient to do the repairs above mentioned - he is willing to obligate himself to do the same.

In addition it was understood that the Tenant is to pay all taxes and do all repairs during the term - and shall cultivate the farm in a husbandlike manner and in the usual routine of crops & good tillage - viz - three fourths in grain & one fourth in pasture -

Whereupon by motion the said proposition was approved & accepted - The Acting Committee also Reported a proposition made by William Gallagher to rent the farm now in the hands of St. James & purchase the remainder of the present lease in the terms following - to wit - Mr. William Gallagher wishes to rent the farm on which he now lives for a term of 12 years at the expiration of Mr. Sawdons lease and offer \$450 per annum & to put on 500 bushels of lime yearly during his lease - to do all repairs of buildings - to keep the fences and hedge in good order and repair - to have the privilege of cutting off the wood & to have the same ground two years in succession - to have one field in corn - one in oats & one in wheat - the wheat ground to be sown with quarters of clovered leaving one field for pasture & one for mowing - to have a stream of water to be taken off the farm - or in lieu of the 500 bushels of lime he will put on 1000 bushels of lime yearly if the Trustees will put a new roof on the

house should one be required - and to pay all taxes - which being read and considered by the Board - May the motion approved & accepted with the understanding that the Tenant shall put on the sum of \$100 worth of lime per annum & the Trustees to put a new roof on the house if necessary -

The Acting Committee also Reported a proposition made by Asher Olegston for leasing the farm now occupied by Mr. McCoy of which they approved - The same was read in the presence following - The undersigned proposes to rent the farm now in the occupation of Mr. McCoy on a lease of 12 years & the following terms - he will pay to the Trustees of the Common a yearly rent of two hundred & twenty five Dollars - he will put on yearly (or averaging yearly during the said term of 12 years) one hundred dollars worth of plastered lime each year during the term of 12 years aforesaid - he will keep up the fence during the said term in good condition & other repairs - the roof & except by will obligate himself to till the farm in a husbandlike manner in grain & grass - abstracting the crop regularly during said term & pay all taxes - May 27 1840 (Signed) Asher Olegston

Whereupon It being understood by the Board that Mr. James McCoy wished to decline leasing the farm upon the terms first proposed by him and offered to the Trustees - On Motion Resolved that the said proposal be accepted -

On Motion The Board resumed the consideration of the application of the Trustees of the A.C. Presbyterian Church for liberty to have the Hall in the streets of Amherst Church being a notice of service in the said first mentioned Church - and after discussion - It was on motion Resolved that the subject be referred to a Committee of this Board to confer with the Vestry and Wardens of Amherst Church respecting the matter - and to ascertain the wishes of the subscribers of the fund generally on the subject and report thereon -

The President nominated the following members to compose the Committee - Messrs. Johns, Houston - Bradford - Booth & Challenger - Upon application for an appropriation of money in aid of the fund a committee was appointed to establish and support public schools in the Town of Amherst - the same was referred to a Committee to consider the same and report to the next meeting whether any and what action in their opinion should be taken thereon - The following persons were appointed the Committee - Messrs. Gray - Challenger - Wm. B. Garrison - Upon the application of a Committee of the New York Company for leave to occupy the Room back of their Office - it was resolved to accommodate them



Moved and approved - and requesting the appointment of a Committee of this Board to confer with them and to adopt such measures as they may deem expedient in relation thereto. On Motion, Resolved that John Bradford, J. Challenger and George Houston be a Committee for said purpose - with authority to make such alterations made for breaking away the Partition Wall between said rooms, &c. as may be necessary to effect the object contemplated - if they may think it expedient - and Report to the Board.

On Motion Adjourned

At a Special Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees of the New-Castle Common held September 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1840

Present

Thomas James President - Messrs. Stockton, John Barth, Gray, Estlin, Bradford, Bowman, Challenger & W. B. James

The Secretary being absent - On Motion William B. James was appointed Secretary pro tem

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read

On Motion of Thomas Stockton, It was Resolved that the Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the subject of bringing the Bill in the Relief of Emmanuel Church be discharged from further attention to the subject - (This Motion & Resolution was made on the Chairman of the Committee, H. Johns, representing that he could not report thereon) - On Motion of Mr. Stockton

Resolved that the Memorial presented by the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church on the subject of bringing the Town Bill have leave to withdraw said Memorial

On Motion of Mr. Stockton seconded by Mr. John Estlin Resolved that a Committee of three members of this Board be appointed to confer with the Warden or Vestry of Emmanuel Church about the bringing of the Bill in said Church on Sunday

Messrs. Stockton, Gray & Challenger were appointed the Committee

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to consider the application for an appropriation of money in aid of the fund derived from the State to establish and support public Schools in this Town reported that they had considered the same and recommended that the sum of One thousand Dollars be appropriated for that object - Which Report was On Motion

Accepted and the recommendation of the Committee adopted. It is therefore Ordered by the Board of Trustees of the New-Castle Common - seven members assenting that the sum of One thousand Dollars be appropriated out of the funds of the said Common in aid of the fund derived from the State for the establishment and support of Public Schools in this Town - the same to be paid by Check or Order drawn in Common form

On Motion, the following Resolution was adopted

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that the proposition of Mr. William Gallagher to send the Town on which he now lives (Sawney) has been misunderstood - and that he is unwilling to take the Town on the terms of said proposition - Therefore be it Resolved that the Board present and withdrawn their acceptance and approval of said proposition

The Committee of Accounts reported the following account as being examined and approved by them for services of the Acting Committee viz -

John Bradford for Sundry	\$ 4.50
Thomas Challenger do	4.50
Thomas Stockton do	1.50
	\$ 10.50

Which on Motion was allowed and Ordered to be paid under the Ordinance adopted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February last

On Motion Adjourned

Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1841 - At an annual meeting of the Trustees of the New-Castle Common

As Quorum not being present to do business

On Motion, adjourned to Saturday next at 7 o'clock P.M.

*[Decorative flourish]*



Saturday March 13th 1841. The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common and Government

Present - Messrs Stockton - Bonman, Baith, Hunter, Gray - Challenged - Mr. B. James - Robinson - Bradford

After the reading of the proceedings of the last meeting - The Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to confer with the Vestry and Wardens of Emmanuel Church respecting the removal of the Bell in the Tower of said Church as notice of the meeting of the several Congregations in the Town for public worship, Reported a correspondence had had between the said Committee and said Vestry, Wardens upon the subject - which, On Motion was read - and Ordered to be filed

Whereupon after discussion, the following Resolution submitted by Mr. Chaffin was adopted

Resolved that Messrs Stockton - Gray & Chaffin - be and are hereby appointed a Committee of the Trustees of the New Castle Common to confer with the Vestry and Wardens of Emmanuel Church in the Town of New Castle respecting the removal of the Bell and Belfry in the Tower of said Church - ascertain the terms on which they will consent to such removal and report to the Board the result of their Conference - and further to report whether there is any building in the Town where the Bell and Belfry can be placed and the expense of making such removal

On Motion Resolved that the subject of a claim understood by the Board to be made by the Levy Court of New Castle County for an appropriation towards defraying the expenses of construction of the new Office for the County and alterations & repairs of the Court House - be referred to Messrs Stockton and Gray - who are authorized to confer with the said Court respecting the same and make report thereon

Applications being made to the Board by the two fire Companies in the Town for appropriating in aid of their funds respectively to defray necessary expenses - On Motion the same were referred to a Committee mainly Messrs W. B. James - Challenged and Robinson to consider and report thereon to the Board

On Motion An Application made to the Trustees for an appropriation of money in aid of the fund derived from the State for the support of Public Schools in the Town was referred to a Committee for consideration - who are authorized to confer with the School Commissioners on the subject and make report - Messrs Stockton & Gray were appointed the Committee

The following Proposal made by James Morrison for Renting the Ground now in the tenure of Francis Seward upon the expiration of his Lease, was Reported by the Acting Committee with their approval thereof - and On Motion read in the proceedings following

Yearly Rent of the Seward Farm is \$450.00 Dollars and in addition \$100.00 dollars worth of lime each year - and to keep up all repairs of the Buildings and fences during the Lease - except a new Mill on the house in case it should be wanted - To pay 6 Quarts of Clover Seed per acre each year and pay all Taxes - Rent to be paid the said farm in 5 fields one in hand - one in March 1 in May 1 in August 1 in May - and to have the privilege to draw the new lime and pay for it for 2 years in hand - then to be paid in rotation as the rest of said farm - No hay, Straw or fodder to be taken of the farm - Lease of 12 years

Whereupon the said Proposition was approved and accepted by the Board

On Motion Resolved that a proposition made by William P. Beach for winding and taking care of the Town Clock at Twenty five Dollars per Annum be accepted - and that the said William P. Beach be and hereby is appointed to take charge of the said Clock to wind and regulate the same and keep the same in good order and repair for one year at the compensation above mentioned

On Motion The following Account presented and read, were allowed by the Board - Viz

- Saml. H. Kenney - for Blocks & Backs for Town Clock and for winding for one year - \$14.75
- B. D. Blaney - for 3 years services as Secretary of the Board - 60.00
- William Smith - for drinking Water and paying Duress for same - 36.00
- Saml. B. Winger - for Contracted Work at S. Engine house - \$13.00
- J. Washington Sawyer - for 3 years Attendance on Board Meetings - 21.32
- Abraham S. Peck - for services in clearing land of the Academy - 15.00

The following Account presented, On Motion allowed for Repayment and Accounting furnished to the Messrs J. Washington Fire Company who have over to a full set of new in May 1840

By Dr Joseph Caldwell - the sum of \$17.25  
David H. Register - 25.00  
Jared Coull - 31.25  
On Motion An Act presented by S. Duran for allowed on the 25th of March 1841 - \$100.00  
The following Account presented by S. Duran for allowed on the 25th of March 1841 - \$100.00



The following Ordinance was, as mentioned above -

Best Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, some members being present and several attending friends, that Checks or Orders in common form be drawn for the payment out of the funds of the Corporation of the several accounts they may be allowed by the Board and entered on the Minutes.

On Motion, The Board proceeded to elect <sup>the Amos P. Chalmers</sup> Ballot Officers of the Board -

Stellers being appointed and the vote received and counted, by them - it appeared by their report that

Thomas Jamieson was duly elected President of the Board -

Cornelius W. Blaney, was duly elected the Treasurer and

Thomas Chalmers

John Bradford

William B. Jamieson

Were duly elected the acting Committee of the Board -

On Motion the Board Adjourned

At a Special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common May 29<sup>th</sup> 1841

Present -

J. Jamieson President - Messrs. Stockton, Houston - Bradford - Chalmers - Johns, Robinson, Gray, and Booth -

On Motion, Resolved that Messrs. Chalmers and Houston be and are hereby appointed a Committee to give notice to the Electors of the Town of Newcastle qualified to vote for Trustees, of an Election to be held some day prior to, or on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June next, at the Court House in said Town - to elect Two Trustees - one of them to supply the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the resignation of John Jamieson - and the other to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal from the Town of Abraham Lethbrun - and that the said Committee do perform and act as judges of said Election and make Report thereof to the Board.

On Motion, Resolved that Andrew B. Gray Esq. be, and he is hereby appointed the Attorney of the Board in place of James Booth Esq. who has been appointed Chief Justice of the State.

The following Report was submitted by to the Board and read -

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Chair of the County for the sum of Five hundred Dollars to be applied by the Levy Court towards defraying the expenses of constructing the new County buildings and remodeling the Court House Report. That by a Resolution of the Board passed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 1840 the Trustees of the Common agreed to appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred Dollars in the year of the Levy Court appropriating a sum not less than \$3000 - for alterations, additions to, or improvement of the County Buildings - and that the undersigned among other things appointed a Committee to perform the Levy Court of the passage of said Resolution - your Committee further report that in obedience to the requirement of said Resolution they performed the Levy Court of the passage of said Resolution and that the Levy Court afterwards appropriated the sum of five thousand Dollars for the alterations, additions to and improvement of the County buildings; - That said alterations, additions and improvements have all been made and paid for by the County and your Committee believe that the Levy Court made the appropriation aforesaid with the understanding that the Board would appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars agreeably to the Resolution of the Board above referred to - your Committee therefore and of the opinion that the Trustees ought to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to the County Treasurer on account of the said expenses incurred by the County for the said purpose - and therefore recommend that the said sum be so appropriated.

Whereupon, On Motion, the said Report was accepted and thereupon the following Ordinance was adopted -

Best Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, some members being present and several attending friends, that the sum of Five hundred Dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation not otherwise appropriated for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing Report of a Committee of this Board and that the same be paid to the Treasurer of the County by Check or Order drawn in common form.

On Motion, Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be instructed to draft a form of Lease to be executed for the several farms of the Corporation in conformity with the agreement made with persons to become tenants - and Report the same to the Board at the next meeting -



An account of Messrs. Challenor and Biceford for four days services each as members of the Acting Committee, amounting to \$12.00 was presented and read, and on motion allowed - and ordered to be paid pursuant to the Ordinance respecting such allowances -

On motion, Resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized and instructed to have such repairs done to the Court House as they may deem requisite - including the Lighthouse, Roof - also that the interior of said building be thoroughly cleaned - the Walls White Washed and the Wood Work - or such part thereof as the Committee may think necessary painted - and that said Committee contract for and superintend the same - and Report to the Board the expenses thereof -

On motion Adjourned.

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Tuesday September 11th A.D. 1841

Present - J. James President - Messrs. Dickson - Johns - Challenor - Biceford - Robinson - Houston - W.B. Jamieson

The foregoing Report of a Committee appointed at this last meeting of the Board was presented and read -

The undersigned a Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common to hold an election for two Trustees of the said N.C. Common respectfully

Report - That we gave pursuant to a six days notice of the time and place of election - and pursuant to such notice we held said election at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Thursday the tenth day of said 9th 1841 - That the whole number of votes (balls) was one hundred and three - as appears by the list of votes annexed -

That upon counting the votes given in after the close of the election it appeared that none of the persons named for had received a majority of the whole number of votes, balls as required by the Charter - consequently in the opinion of your Committee no person has been duly elected as a Trustee - Given under our hands and seals this 10th 1841 -

Signs George Houston  
J. Challenor

Which Report was on motion accepted - Messrs.

On motion, Resolved that the said Committee be continued - and that they hold an election for two Trustees in the manner as before directed on or before the 1st instant of September next - that such Report

On Motion Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to collect the amount of Rent due from James Rogers Esq. by the first of November next - and, in case of payment thereof not being made by that day - then that the Treasurer be authorized to take his Bond or Note therefor payable within three months -

On motion, Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be, and he is hereby instructed to procure a Settlement or determination of the said pending, or referred, in the Superior Court - against McNamee - by the next Term of said Court -

On motion, the following Ordinance was adopted -

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common - Lewis members, appearing - that the sum of Fifty Dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation, in aid of the sum derived from the State, for the support of the District or Common Schools, within the Town - and that the said sum be paid by a Check or Order in Common form drawn payable to the Order of the Clerk of the United Districts 45 & 46 to be applied to the purpose aforesaid.

On Motion, It was Resolved that the Committee appointed on the 13th March last to whom was referred an application for an appropriation in aid of the fund from the State for support of the Public Schools, in the Town of Newcastle be discharged - and that a Committee of three be now appointed to consider and Report to this Board a plan for the permanent endowment of a Public School or Schools for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle - and further to Report what sum this Board can in the present and prospective financial condition annually appropriate for that object -

Messrs. Booth - W.B. Jamieson and Gray were appointed the Committee under the foregoing Resolution -

On Motion Adjourned to Saturday evening next at 7 O'clock

Saturday September 11th 1841 the Board of Trustees met pursuant to adjournment

Present - J. James President - Jeremiah Bonman - George Houston - W.B. Jamieson, Thomas Challenor - H. Johns - W. Robinson - John Versford and A. C. Gray

Also Acting Committee passed a Report - for the year following -

Also Acting Committee to prepare to introduce the suspension of laws of the States and Territories pertaining to the Slave Trade -

Report - Also passed the State printing office - also the Committee on the State printing office - and passed a resolution that the

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At a stated Annual meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1842

The following named Trustees met Viz -  
Thomas James President - Thomas Stockton - John Bradford -  
Thomas Challenor - James Beattie - Henry Jones Esq. - W. M. Cullen  
Edwin Jefferson - William Robinson and A. C. Gray

The Secretary being absent - On motion, A. C. Gray was appointed Secretary pro tem.

On motion, It was Resolved that the Trustees go into an election for Officers to serve the ensuing year - Whereupon Messrs Stockton and Gray were appointed to receive and count the votes - upon counting the votes, it appeared - That -

Thomas James was duly elected President of the Board -  
Counselor, G. W. Blaney was duly elected Secretary & Treasurer -

William W. James }  
Thomas Challenor } were duly elected the Acting  
John Bradford } Committee

The form of a Lease to the Trinity of the Common Land prepared by the Secretary having been submitted to the Board,

On motion, It was resolved that the said form be adopted - and that the Secretary be instructed to send 50 Copies of the same printed.

On motion, The following Accounts were read and allowed

To the Acct. of W. Washington Junr for Drains in 1841 - \$ 21.62  
of W. Johnson, for Work at Academy - 9.11

W<sup>ch</sup> is Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, several members assenting, that Checks or Orders in Common form be drawn for payment of the above particular accounts, allowed -

On motion Adjourned -

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At a Special Meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common called at the request of two members of the Board May 6<sup>th</sup> 1842

Present -  
The President - Messrs Stockton - Houston - Robinson - Bradford - Gray - Jefferson - W. Cullen & Challenor -

On Motion, Resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized and instructed to have new Roofs put on each of the Buildings on the Common now in the tenure of James Morrison as they may think necessary - Also to have such other repairs or improvements done to the said Buildings as in their judgment they may deem advisable or proper to be done by the Trustees -

A Proposal by Jonathan Stephenson to Rent the Common now in the tenure of James Smith - Numbered 1. was presented and read in the words following to wit -

Newcastle September 7<sup>th</sup> 1841

To the Trustees of Newcastle Common

Gentlemen, I wish to be an applicant for the Common which I now reside formerly leased to James Smith which lease will expire 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1844 - I will give for the above Common an Annual Rent of \$ 425 for 12 years - Reserving out of the above Rent \$ 15. to be applied for the purchase of lime each and every year during said term lease. - I will keep my fences - pay Taxes and do repair to the Buildings Roofing excepted - I will work the farm according to the Conditions required by the Board as made known by the Acting Committee to applicants for Common Farm -

An Answer as soon as convenient - will Oblige

Very respectfully  
Jonathan Stephenson

Whereupon, On motion, It was Resolved that the said Proposal of Jonathan Stephenson be, and the same is hereby accepted.

On motion of Messrs Jefferson,  
Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed with authority to have a Stone paved Footway made across Broad Street from 100 near the Corner of the Bank pavement to the Eastern side in the direction of the Centre of the walk leading to the Wharf - The President nominated of the Committee Messrs Jefferson and W. Cullen  
On the Acct. of G. W. Blaney for Cash paid by him to John Beattie on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1838 - On the Acct. of the expenses in the case of Washington in pursuance of the Statute relating to the Custom House - of Messrs Gray read and allowed  
On motion Adjourned

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At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees called by the President upon the request of two members - June 21<sup>st</sup> 1842

Present  
 J. James President - Messrs. Stockton - Robinson - Bradford - Jefferson - Challenger - McCullough -

Upon the application of James Rogers Esq. Lessee of the Farm No. 11 -

On motion Resolved that the consent and license of the Board be and hereby is granted to the said James Rogers to assign and transfer to John Hamilton his Executors - Administrators, and assigns the Lease of the above mentioned Farm for the unexpired term thereof - and that the Secretary certify the same on the back thereof -

On motion Resolved that Messrs. Robinson & Bradford be a Committee with authority to have such repairs of the roof of the Saw house taken necessary repairs thereof done as they may deem requisite - said Committee to superintend the same and Report to the Board the next meeting -

On Motion Adjourned

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newburyport Common Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> 1842

Present  
 J. James President - Messrs. Bradford - Challenger - Houston - Gray - Jefferson - McCullough - Jones and Bauman -

On Motion

paid by Cash	An account of John D. Boye for blacksmith work amounting to \$8.25	
paid by Cash	An account of J. B. Wining for printing notices on church - do -	1.00
paid by Cash	An account of William Smith for blacksmith work & laying frame walk ready built street - amounting to -	8.92 1/2
paid by Cash	An acct. of Messrs. Bradford & Challenger det. Comm. for printing -	15.00

were severally read and allowed -

The following bills for materials and work done in repairing House of Buildings in charge of James Houston were presented by the Committee and read - and on motion were severally allowed -

paid by Cash	Oliver Jefferson for lumber	\$114.50
paid by Cash	Jeremiah Bauman for bills	49.00
paid by Cash	Daniel S. Lewis for Carpenter Work	125.00
paid by Cash	Thomas Challenger's Salary	8.57
paid by Cash	William H. McCullough's Salary	4.55
		\$301.52

On Motion Resolved that the Accounting Committee together with the Secretary be authorized to have the same recorded by the persons with whom contracts for printing were made, making a list of the same.

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newburyport Common, three members being present and consenting thereto - that checks or drafts in common form, be drawn for payment of the several accounts this day supplied and allowed by the Board -

On Motion Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed for execution and Report to the Board what will be the cost of repairing and putting in good order the Town fire Engine - Messrs. Robinson and Challenger were appointed said Committee -

On Motion the following Ordinance was adopted -

July 14 1843  
 Plt. Comm. for \$100. - paid for \$50. - in full  
 Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1843  
 Paid for \$50. - balance of appropriation

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newburyport Common, three members being present and consenting thereto that a sum not exceeding Two hundred Dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of any money of the Corporation not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Commissioners of the Town to repair or repair the Town pumps - and that the said sum, or such part thereof as may be required be paid to the order of the Treasurer of the said Corporation by check drawn in common form -

On Motion Adjourned

At the stated annual meeting of the Trustees of the Newburyport Common - Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1843

Present  
 J. James President - Messrs. Stockton - Robinson - Bradford - Bauman - Challenger - McCullough - Gray -

It appearing that no Lease has been executed pursuant to an agreement heretofore made for Rent certain Lots parts of the Newburyport Common, for Isaac M. Register - and for now applying to the Board to grant an extension of the term devised by said agreement in consideration of the great expense he has incurred in improvement, and of the unfavorable change of times -

It was on motion Resolved, that upon payment by the said Tenant of all arrears of Rent with Interest his term for holding said Lots, be renewed so as to expire at the end of twelve years from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March Instant - and that Lease be executed accordingly -

On Motion Adjourned to Monday Evening next at Seven O'clock





At a stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held June 6<sup>th</sup> 1843

Present  
Messrs. Bowman - Stockton - Robinson - Bradford - Challenger - Houston - McClung - Jefferson - Gray  
The President being absent - On Motion Mr. Bowman was appointed President pro tem.

On Motion of Mr. Gray. Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed to pay 50 Dollars part of an appropriation made at the last meeting of the Board in aid of the funds from the State for support of the public Schools - in preference to prior appropriations made - any thing in the Ordinance making said appropriation to the contrary notwithstanding -

On Motion, Adjourned

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> 1843

Present  
Messrs. Book - Jefferson - Houston - Gray - Challenger - Bowman - Robinson - Stockton - McClung  
The President being absent - On Motion, Mr. Book was appointed President pro tem.

An account of William D. South was presented and read, and on Motion referred to Messrs. Stockton and Jefferson.

The Acting Committee submitted for the consideration of the Board several proposals received by them for building a Barn and Stables on the farm, now occupied by William Mathews, which were read and the question of acceptance being taken on them severally, it was on Motion Resolved, that the proposals made by Edward Williams, John Cannon & Dining Carpenter, and Mr. Smith, should be preferred - and that the Acting Committee be authorized and required to furnish a plan with specifications of the work to be done, and have a written Contract drawn up to be executed by said Williams, Cannon, Dining, and Mr. Smith for putting up said Building, and to make Report to the next meeting of the Board.

On Motion Resolved that when the Board adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet on Wednesday afternoon next at 3 o'clock -

On Motion Resolved, that Messrs. Gray and Robinson be a Committee to procure a Ventilator for the purpose of remedying the defective draught of the Chimney of the Court House -

On Motion the Board Adjourned

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> 1843

Present  
Messrs. John Robinson, Houston - Bradford - Challenger - McClung & Jefferson -  
There not being a quorum - Adjourned to Friday evening next at Seven o'clock -

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common September 11<sup>th</sup> 1843

Present  
The President - Messrs. Stockton - Bradford - Challenger - Book - Robinson - McClung - John - Jefferson - Gray -

On Motion Resolved that the proposition in writing laid before the Board, of William Smith to build a 20 inch Stone Wall for foundation of a Barn to be erected on Farm now occupied by William Mathews for the sum of 19 Dollars be and is hereby accepted - Also that the proposition of Edward Williams & others to build the Barn and find the material for said Barn of the dimensions and in the manner specified substituting White Oak for hemlock for the sum of 1650<sup>00</sup> be accepted -

On Motion The following accounts were read and allowed and ordered to be paid by checks in Common form, by  
John B. Binney - for cleaning out Cupola of Court House \$ 1.12  
John Bradford - for expens & services in going to & returning to purchase stone for Barn } 2.25

Ch. by  
d. by  
paid

On Motion Adjourned

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common October 28<sup>th</sup> 1843

Present  
Messrs. Stockton - Robinson - Bradford - Challenger - McClung - Gray and Jefferson -

The President being absent - On Motion Mr. Robinson was appointed President pro tem -

On Motion Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to raise and sign the By Laws of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common -

Report to the next stated meeting of the Board -  
Book - Stockton and Gray joint appointed as said Committee -  
On Motion Adjourned

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common called by the President at the request of two members of the Board November 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1843

Present

The President - Messrs Booth, John, Robinson, Bradford, Challenger, Jefferson, McCullough and Gray

Upon application of Asher Clayton Demand of Farm No. 10 (whose property has been dedicated for Arsenary of War) for permission to get out his Corn Crop for Market and to sell and deliver the same to Eldon Jefferson, the process, excepting 100 Dollars and by him to said Jefferson to be applied towards payment of said Rent, On Motion of Mr. John, It was Resolved that Andrew C. Gray Esq. Attorney of the Board be and he is hereby authorized to take a Judgement Bond of the said A. Clayton for amount of the Rent due as a collateral security for the payment thereof, giving such credit as he may deem reasonable, provided in investigation said Attorney shall ascertain or be of opinion, that the Rent Estate of said Clayton, subject to prior memorances, is sufficient to secure the same - or that said Demand shall give other satisfactory security to said Attorney - and in case of the failing of said Demand, then that the said Demand notwithstanding the distress thereon, be permitted to sell and deliver his Crop of Corn to the said Eldon Jefferson at the fair Market price - provided it be understood and agreed that the balance of duty, after deducting 100 Dollars due to said Jefferson for fine, be applied towards payment of said Rent.

On Motion Adjourned

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1843

A Quorum not being present - On Motion Adjourned to Tuesday next to meet at seven o'clock P.M.

Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 1843 at an adjourned meeting of the Trustees - A quorum to do business not being present, On Motion Adjourned to Thursday next the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst

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At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1843

Present

The President - Messrs Stockton, Bradford, Challenger, Jefferson, Houston, McCullough, Booth

The Acting Committee made a Report in printing of the result of their observations of the state and condition of the several Common Farms - which was read, and on Motion, Accepted, and ordered to be filed.

The following Resolution was, on Motion, Adopted Resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized and required to employ a Surveyor and hand such of the lines of the Common Land as may not be well defined, or where they may apprehend any dispute or question may arise as to the true location, surveyed and properly adjusted, and also to have stones planted or fixed at such of the Corners of the better boundaries thereof as in their judgment may be necessary to preserve and perpetuate the true boundaries.

On Motion, An Account of the Acting Committee for services was read and allowed, and ordered to be paid by Check to Common Fund - viz

To Thomas Challenger for 4 days service	\$ 6.00
.. William H. McCullough - 2 days	3.00
.. John Bradford - 4 1/2 days	6.75
	\$ 15.75

On Motion Adjourned

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common January 27<sup>th</sup> 1844

Present

The President - Messrs Booth, Bradford, Houston, Bowman, Jefferson, Gray, McCullough & Challenger

The following Account for Materials and Building of a Barn & Stabling &c. on Farm No. 244 - now occupied

William Mathews - purchased - read & on Motion Allowed	
Edmund Williams & Co. for Lumber & Carpenter Work	\$ 633.85
Estate of John Doehnan - for Stone	93.30
Price of Lumber - William Smith - for Mason Work	77.06
Price of Lumber - Abel Jones - for Lime	25.00
Price of Lumber - William Mathews - for Digging Foundation &c	17.00
Price of Lumber - Eldon Jefferson - for Scaffold Boards	16.50
Cost of Fuel & Building the above in all the	\$ 882.61
Wm. H. H. therefore	



On Motion, The following Account was also read and allowed by the Board.

Paid of Mr.

William V. Beach's preference in relation to the Court House question in 1850. distributing Mementos \$ 6.00  
Giving notice on Security of Com. Bonds 2.00 8.00

Paid -  
Paid for

Oliver S. Beck's for Care of Academy 5 Months 3.00  
Blount Williams - half Son of Delight's Care 2.50

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Com-  
mon, seven members being present and assenting - That  
Checks or Orders in Common form be drawn for  
payment of the accounts respectively allowed this  
day by the Board.

Upon application made to the Board by Arthur Kingston for  
liberty to assign and transfer the Seat to him for the Term  
to Peter Kelly - after consideration thereof,

On Motion, Resolved that the license and assent of this  
Board be and hereby is granted for the transfer of the said  
Seat by Arthur Kingston to Peter Kelly

Upon the application of John D. Hamilton Successor of James  
Rogers Esq. for the consent of the Board to the assignment and  
transfer of the unexpired term of the Seat of the Term to  
to Abraham Gooding - after consideration thereof,

On Motion, It was Resolved that, upon payment of all  
arrearages of Rent and security therefor given,  
that the license and assent of the Board be given to the  
transfer of the said Seat as applied for.

On Motion, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine  
the Academy Building, and ascertain what repairs thereof  
are necessary to be done - and upon such examination to have  
caused the same to be done - the expense thereof to be paid out of the  
funds of this Corporation - Also to have the said Building thoroughly  
cleaned, and if they deem it advisable Painted by - Also with  
authority to employ a suitable person to take charge and care  
thereof under such instructions as they may give him for the  
preservation thereof - at such compensation as they may think reasonable!  
Messrs. Booth, Johns and McCullough were appointed said Committee.

Committee of  
Academy

On Motion, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to confer with  
Mr Samuel C. Maffey - and ascertain at for what amount of compensation  
he will undertake the charge of the Town Clock upon the expiration of  
the engagement of Mr. Beach Esq. - and that they be authorized to offer  
him \$30.00 per annum - Messrs. Jefferson & McCullough Committee  
On Motion adjourned

At a stated Annual meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1844

Present

J. Janvier President - Messrs. Houston, Bradford, Challenger,  
Robinson, McCullough, Gray, Jefferson & Bowman

On Motion, Resolved that the Board proceed to the election  
of a President and Acting Committee for the ensuing year -  
The president appointed Messrs. Gray and McCullough Telling  
who, after receiving and counting the votes given by ballot  
Reported -

That Thomas Janvier has nine votes for President  
and that John Bradford, Thomas Challenger and William  
H. McCullough has received each nine votes for the Acting  
Committee - Whereby it appears that the said Thomas  
Janvier was duly elected President - and that the said  
John Bradford, Thomas Challenger & William H. McCullough  
were duly elected to be the Acting Committee

Paid -

An Account of William J. Beach for Winding & Care  
of the Town Clock & a Cord for same amounting to \$ 27.00

Paid -

and an Account of Washington Turner for Attendance  
on the Board and for Candle & Candle Wick amounting to \$ 22.67

were presented and Read, and On Motion allowed -  
Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common seven members assenting that Checks or Orders in  
Common form be drawn for payment of the above mentioned  
two Accounts allowed by the Board.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board  
to employ a person to take charge and care of the Town Clock  
for the year ensuing from 25<sup>th</sup> of March past Reported, that they  
had agreed with Mr. Samuel C. Maffey for to employ him  
for the sum of Thirty Dollars per Annum - which Report  
was On Motion accepted.

On Motion, the following Ordinance was adopted

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, seven members assenting, that the sum  
of One hundred Dollars be and hereby is appro-  
priated out of the funds of the Corporation towards  
defraying expenses incurred by the Commissioners  
of the Town for Pumping by - to be paid by Checks or Order  
in Common form to the Treasurer of said Commissioners.

On Motion adjourned



At a special meeting of the Trustees September 29, 1844

Present  
The President - Messrs. Houston - Challenge - Bonnum - Jefferson  
Bault and McLoughlin  
On Motion Mr. Young (James) was added to the Committee appointed to repair the Academy, &c.  
On Motion - the Board adjourned

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Tuesday September 3, 1844

Present  
The President - Messrs. Stockton - Bradford, Challenge, Jefferson - McLoughlin - Bault  
The Acting Committee reported verbally that from their observation they are of opinion that the tenements of the Leases of the Grants Nos. 11 - the first in the tenure of G. P. McLumb & Co. & the other in the tenure of John W. Hamilton & Co. & James Rogers Esq. have been violated on the part of said tenants - and asking for the instruction of the Board in relation thereto - thereupon On Motion Resolved that the Acting Committee be instructed to notify the said tenants that a strict compliance on their part with the terms of the Leases respectively will be enforced.  
On Motion, adjourned to Friday the 13th Inst at 4 O'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Trustees pursuant to adjournment September 13th 1844 - A quorum not being present - No business transacted - and on Motion the Board adjourned

At a special meeting of the Trustees held December 7th 1844 -

Present  
The President - Messrs. Bonnum, Houston - Bradford, Challenge - Young - Bault - Robinson and Jefferson  
A Report of the Acting Committee, in writing was submitted and read - in the words following: to wit  
To the Board of Trustees of Newcastle Common Gentlemen  
Your Acting Committee in making their annual Report take pleasure in informing you that the different farms under their immediate inspection are conducted generally in accordance with their leases - and with entire satisfaction.  
The farm in the tenure of Jonathan Stephenson has produced for the year 410 Bushels of Wheat - 1200 Bushels Corn -

150 Bushels of Oats and 800 Bushels of Potatoes  
The farm in the tenure of Henry Reynolds for the present year has produced 850 Bushels of Wheat - 1200 Bushels of Oats and 1200 Bushels Corn - The farm in the tenure of James Morrison has produced 900 Bushels Corn - 900 Bushels of Oats and 350 Bushels of Wheat  
The farm in the tenure of William Mathews has produced 375 Bushels of Wheat - 1200 Bushels of Oats and 1200 Bushels Corn

We have not ascertained the amount of grain produced upon the farm in the tenure of Peter Reely - which farm you extremely poor - but it is known what per cent have been paid for  
Concerning the Buildings repaired and roofed, we refer you to the accounts rendered, hoping that they will receive your approval.  
Your action is particularly desired on the farm lately occupied by John Dignitten and at present by James Rogers) and that leased to Chas. J. Holcomb - believing that their leases have been violated and forfeited - if after notification they should continue to act contrary to the conditions of their Leases - the Board should take measures to vacate said leases.  
The present mode of letting the farms under the proposed Leases will give entire satisfaction your Committee believe to the Board and the tenants; and that the Rents will be cheerfully and promptly paid.  
All which is respectfully submitted

(Sign) J. Challenge } Acting  
G. Bradford } Comm

Newcastle December 7, 1844  
Which Report was, on Motion, adopted - and  
On Motion, Resolved that the Acting Committee be pro-  
ted to take the advice of Andrew S. Gray Esq. the Attorney of  
the Board, in relation to the matter in the said Report recom-  
mended for the action of the Board - and that they be, under  
his advice, authorized to take such measures therein as they  
may deem expedient.  
An account of David S. Leary and J. B. Young for finding  
Materials and building a Grainery - Corn Cradle &c. on the farm  
in tenure of James Morrison - per Contract with the Acting  
Committee amounting to the sum of \$225.00  
was read and allowed - and appearing by the representation of  
the said Committee that by the Contract for the work the last year he  
had paid by the said James Morrison upon the order of the Board, which  
amount was for his satisfaction on account of Wheat - it was thereupon  
Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to draw said amount and  
pay it to the said James Morrison - and that the amount of the said  
Contract be paid to the said James Morrison - and that the Treasurer  
be directed to pay the said amount to the said James Morrison -













of the Board of the 20<sup>th</sup> of October and 24<sup>th</sup> of February last then existing and that since the last meeting of the Board another vacancy has occurred by the death of Thomas Stockton - and it appearing that there are now four vacancies to be supplied by Election pursuant to the Charter - It is therefore Ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common that an Election be holden at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March Instant - between the hours of 2 & 5 O'clock P.M. - for the election of four Trustees to supply the vacancies in the Board declared as aforesaid - and that due and good notice be given to the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote of the said Election by advertisement signed by the President and Secretary of the Board set up in places of the most public view in the Town - and that Andrew C. Gray and Thomas Challenge Members of the Board or one of them, be and he they are appointed to hold, superintend and conduct the said Election according to the provisions of the Charter and Laws in such case made and provided - and make return thereof to the next meeting of the Board after the election

On Motion the Board adjourned to Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst. at 3 O'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held pursuant to adjournment Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1846 - Present - J. James President - Messrs. Houston, Johns, Challenge, Bradford, Booth and Gray -

Messrs. Gray and Challenge appointed a Committee of the Board at the last meeting to superintend the holding of an Election for four Trustees to fill vacancies in the Board made Report which was read in the house following to wit -

The Committee appointed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March Inst. to hold an Election for four Trustees have respectfully Report to the Board that said Election was held by the Committee at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March Inst. between the hours of two and five O'clock P.M. as directed by the Ordinance of the Board made on the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. public notice of the said Election having been previously given in conformity with said Ordinance - That the whole number of votes polled was one hundred and twenty eight - That upon counting the votes given at said Election, the following

That Isaac Grubb has - Seventy one votes  
 William Miller has - Seventy two votes  
 James Blount has - One hundred and twenty three votes  
 Joseph Caldwell has - Sixty six votes  
 William H. Dobb has - Fifty four votes  
 John Janvier has - Fifty eight votes  
 W. M. Bird has - forty seven votes  
 W. J. Beach has - nineteen votes  
 G. B. Peasey has - One vote

And that Isaac Grubb, William Miller, James Blount and Joseph Caldwell having each received a Majority of the whole number of votes polled, as required by the Charter, your Committee are therefore of opinion that Isaac Grubb, William Miller, James Blount and Joseph Caldwell have been duly elected Trustees of said Newcastle Common - Given under our hands this Twenty eighth day of March 1846 -

Isaac Grubb  
 William Miller  
 James Blount &  
 Joseph Caldwell  
 Elected

(Signed) Andrew C. Gray  
 J. Challenge

Whereupon, On Motion, the said Report was adopted - Whereupon, Isaac Grubb, William Miller and Joseph Caldwell three of the members elected present, were admitted to take their seats at the Board.

Committee app. to settle with G. D. Blaylock Treas.

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Board and settle the same - and Report the result of such examination and settlement to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Board - The President appointed by the Committee Messrs. Houston, Jefferson & Gray.

On Motion, The following Ordinance was adopted by the Board - Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present and seven assenting thereto, That the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees aforesaid hereafter elected, shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, become bound to the Trustees of the Newcastle Common in an obligation with Warrant of Attorney in not less than Six thousand Dollars lawful Money of the State of Delaware, conditioned for the due and faithful performance of the duties of Treasurer of the said Board of Trustees - and the payment over of all such money as may come to his hands as Treasurer according to the directions of the Charter and by Laws of the said Trustees, or as may be by the said Board of Trustees so specially ordered - And it is further Ordained that

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appeared that the said obligation had given with Warrant of Attorney of aforesaid, with such Surety or Sureties therein as the President of the Board of Trustees may approve - And that the said obligation when executed and approved as aforesaid, shall be kept by the President, and he is hereby directed to endorse thereon his approval so printing:

On Motion Resolved that Aaron Story Tenant of Farm No. 9, be allowed of a Credit to his account for Rent for the Years 1844 & 1845 - Twenty Dollars per Annum - it appearing that he had purchased and expended on the farm in each of these Years Linn to amount of One hundred Dollars - being Twenty Dollars beyond the amount stipulated in his Lease to be expended Annually for Linn - And Resolved further that during the remaining term of his Lease of said farm the Money that stipulated therein to be paid Annually, be reduced Twenty Dollars per Annum upon the exhibition of proof satisfactory to the Treasurer of this Society in Linn One hundred Dollars per Annum in lieu of Eighty Dollars as provided in said Lease & agreed upon in the Lease

On Motion Resolved that the Board proceed to elect by Ballot two of the Members to supply the Vacancies in the City Committee occasioned by the removal from the Town of William H. McSperry and the resignation of John Bradford

After Voting - and the ballots being read and the votes counted, it appeared that William Miller and John Bradford were duly elected

On Motion Resolved that the Acting Committee be authorized to have put up a Kitchen on the premises leased to William Mortimer - provided that the expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of Two hundred Dollars

On Motion Resolved that Messrs Robinson, Challenger and Culbert be a Committee to examine the Condition of the Engines - hose and other apparatus of the Fire Department of the Town - and if not found to be in desirable order, to have the same repaired and put in complete Condition for use - and report the Cost thereof to the next meeting of the Board after such repairs are done - to pay which the Board will appropriate the amount necessary

The following mentioned accounts were presented and

being read and examined, were on Motion allowed  
 G. W. Turner for Fees Attorneys on Board and during Office, furnished Expenses paid \$22.70  
 J. Bradford & D. Challenger for Services as Acting Com. during year 6.00  
 J. W. Smith for Lumber furnished for Building a farm in town of W. D. Republic - Said, R. D. Blaney 6.37  
 J. L. Lane for 250 feet of Oak Linn 4.37  
 It is Ordained by the Trustees of the Marbletown Common School Members of Trustees that Checks in Order to be paid from the account for purchase of the accounts the respectively allowed by the Board this day

On Motion Resolved that a Committee of three Members be appointed to revise the By Laws and Ordinances heretofore adopted for the government of the Corporation, and prepare and report to the Board for consideration, such amendments or alterations thereof, and adding thereto, as in their judgment they may think expedient for the Board to adopt - The President nominated as said Committee Messrs Gray, Houston & Jefferson Resolved further that the Secretary be directed to make copies of the existing By Laws &c - for the use of the Committee

On Motion Adjourned

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees of the Marbletown Common June 2. 1846

Present  
 John Jefferson, J. Challenger, P. Houston, William Robinson, W. Miller, Joseph Calouse, John Bradford, James Blount and Isaac Grubb

The President & Secretary being absent  
 On Motion W. Jefferson was appointed President - and W. Grubb was appointed Secretary pro temp.  
 Whereupon, On Motion, James Blount heretofore elected a Member of the Board, but not having since appeared at a meeting, was unanimously admitted to his seat as a member of the Board

The following accounts were presented, and being examined and read were on Motion allowed -  
 Jesse Lane & Co for Shingles & Lumber for Mortuary Kitchen \$18.00  
 Emma Williams for Doing do 11.00  
 William Smith for Mission Work 15.00

Said  
 Said  
 Said

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Paid	John Robinson	Wages at Mathers	7.12
Paid	Thomas Challenger	Wages & Glass	2.11
Paid	J. B. Mining, J. M. Johnson & D. S. Lewis	Corporate Work	71.75
Paid	William Miller	Brick & Chauling	2.10
Paid	John Jefferson	Lumber & Sundry (for S. Kitchen)	35.11
Paid	Nelson Adams	Shank	5.23
Paid	J. M. Allen & Co.	Order for Fire Engine	8.25
Paid	William Miller	for Brick	5.20
Paid	Isaac H. Register	Sundry	3.63

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, seven members assisting, that Checks or Order in usual form be drawn for payment of the several accounts, this day allowed by the Board.

On Motion, the following Ordinance was adopted -  
 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members assisting, that the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars be and hereby is appropriated of the funds of the Corporation for making and repairing Streets, and repairing Pavements of the Streets of the Town.

Checks or Orders, therefore to be drawn payable to the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle for the purposes aforesaid.

On Motion, the following Ordinance was adopted -  
 Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members assisting, that the sum of fifty Dollars of the funds of the Corporation be and hereby is appropriated in aid of the fund derived from the State for support of District Schools in the Town to be paid for said purpose to the Commissioners of the Union School District, No. 15 & 16.

On Motion, the Board adjourned.

At a State Quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> 1816 -

Present -  
 The President - Messrs. Houston - Robinson - Bradford -  
 Miller - Calhoun - Gray - Gribble -

The following Account were presented and read, and after consideration were respectively on Motion allowed - By

Paid	Samy Curtis	for Renting a Kitchen & Sundry materials	35.00
Paid	James H. Baice	for Land of Sundry upon which March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1816	20.00
Paid	Thomas Miller	for Lumber	10.38
Paid	Henry Committee	for Sundry	9.75
Paid	Robert P. Ches	for Painting and Chauling Fire Engine	4.75
Paid	William B. James	Sundry	5.02

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members assisting, that Checks or Order in Common form be drawn for payment of the several accounts this day allowed by the Board.

On Motion, The Committee heretofore appointed to revise the By Laws of the Trustees - and for settlement of the Treasury Account, were continued.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1816 -

Present -  
 J. James President - Messrs. Houston - Robinson - Bradford -  
 Challenger - Calhoun - Gray - John - Miller -

The following Account were presented and read, and after consideration were on Motion allowed - By

Paid	J. B. Mining & D. S. Lewis	for Corporate Work	53.83
Paid	Samy Curtis	for Lumber	27.32

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common seven members assisting, that Checks or Order in usual form be drawn for payment of the several accounts this day allowed by the Board.

On Motion, The following Ordinance was adopted -

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and assisting, that a sum not exceeding five hundred and twenty five Dollars of the funds of the Corporation be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of building an additional House on the farm now in the name of John Patton - the

same to be done under the supervision and direction of the Acting Comm<sup>r</sup> -  
 Thereupon a proposal was submitted to the Board for the erection of such building by John B. Mining and David S. Lewis, they finding all the materials of a quality and in such manner as shall be approved of by the Acting Committee, which, after being read and considered was on Motion accepted - and it is Ordained that payments be made on account of the work proposed provided however that an amount be retained until the completion of the work sufficient to secure such completion and faithful performance of the Contract.

On Motion, the Board adjourned.



At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1846

Present

J. James President - Mr. W. Bank - Bradford - Challenger - Gray - Jefferson - Robinson - Miller - Blount - Caland

A written Report of the Acting Committee respecting the location of the proposed farm to - comprising the Common property was submitted and read - and on Motion accepted

The following mentioned accounts were presented and read and after consideration were on Motion allowed

John Lane & Co.	for Lumber	96.13
W. Miller	for Drury Shanty Lumber	16.00
Quincy Carter	for Lime	10.00
Acting Committee	Challenger Bradford 2 days each	6.00

Was examined by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven absent, that checks be drawn for Common farm be drawn for payment of the above mentioned accounts allowed.  
On Motion - the Board adjourned

At the stated annual meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1847

Present

Mr. Houston, Grubb - Challenger - Caland - Bradford - Blount - Miller

On Motion - The President being absent - Mr. Houston was appointed President pro tem.

Resolved that the compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer to be elected for all services be provided by the Board. Thereupon Resolved, that the Secretary shall receive for said annual salary of thirty Dollars - and that the Treasurer shall be paid an annual salary of sixty Dollars.

On Motion - The Board proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year - upon counting the votes given by ballot it appeared that Thomas James had received seven votes for President - Isaac Grubb had received seven votes for Secretary - Thomas Challenger had received seven votes for Treasurer

Two Members of the Acting Committee  
That John Bradford had received seven votes  
William Miller had received seven votes  
Thomas Challenger had received seven votes

Paid 150.00  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1847

On Motion - Ordered that the balance of an appropriation made on 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1847 in favor of the District School in the Town, unpaid - said balance being fifty Dollars - be paid to the Commissioners of said District School out of any money not otherwise appropriated - by check or draft in common form.

On Motion - the Board adjourned to Saturday next the 13<sup>th</sup> July

At a meeting of the Trustees pursuant to adjournment March 13<sup>th</sup> 1847, the following members present, viz.

Thomas James, James Blunt, James Beeth  
George Houston, Joseph Caldwell, John Bradford  
Elisha Jefferson, Thos. Challenger, Andrew G. Gray and  
William Robinson, William Miller, Isaac Grubb

Resolved, that George Houston, William Robinson & Elisha Jefferson be a committee to settle all bills in reference to the Court House question.

Resolved that Thomas Challenger the present Treasurer and Isaac Grubb the present Secretary, call on Councilor G. Blany late Secretary and Treasurer, and obtain from him the said G. Blany all the Deeds, Books, Papers, Vouchers and other papers belonging to the Trustees of the New Castle Common.

The following Accounts were presented, Read, Considered and on Motion allowed, viz:

Paid - 1.	George Houston for expenses	2.50
Paid - 2.	J. Washington Turner Services for Trustees, care of Ball &c	26.17
Paid - 3.	John M. Pike for Smith work	6.05
Paid - 4.	William P. Veach for Surveying	5.00

The application of Mr. Turnbull was referred to the acting committee.  
On Motion the Board adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Trustees May 17<sup>th</sup> 1847 convened by Order of the President, upon request of two of the Trustees. The following members present, viz.

Thomas James Pres. John Bradford and Isaac Grubb Sec.  
George Houston, William Miller  
Joseph Caldwell, Thos. Challenger Treas. Beeth

Resolved, that G. D. Blany late Secretary and Treasurer of the board of Trustees, be and hereby is instructed and directed to deliver over to the present Secretary and Treasurer respectively the deeds, books and papers of the said Trustees, in his possession, which belong pertain to the said Office respectively, who shall thereupon give receipts to the said late Secretary and Treasurer for the same



And the Committee hereby appointed by the Board to sell the accounts of the late Treasurer, hereby required to attend to that duty without delay, and make Report to the Board.

Approved May 1<sup>st</sup> 1847. Tho: Jarrier, Pres.

The Challenger, Treasurer, furnished his Bond, with John Bradford and David Sevil securities in the Penal sum of Six thousand dollars conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as Treasurer of the Board - which was approved of by the President, agreeably to an Ordinance passed by the Board the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1846. On Motion adjourned to Wednesday next the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. at 3 O'Clock P.M.

See Page 231

At a meeting of the Trustees, pursuant to the adjournment May 6<sup>th</sup> 1847 a quorum not being present, no business was transacted; and on Motion the Board adjourned to Friday next the 8<sup>th</sup> of this instant at 2 O'Clock P.M.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of New Castle Commenced May 11<sup>th</sup> 1847. Present, Tho: Jarrier President, Tho: Challenger, William Robinson, Elisha Jefferson, John Bradford, William Miller and George Heustler, James Blunt, Isaac Gault Secretary

The following Ordinance passed

Ordinance Respecting the Countersigning of Orders

Be it Ordained, that the Members being present and nine members absenting, to so much of an Ordinance passed the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1846 on Page 94, or any other Ordinance or Ordinances, as makes it the duty of the Treasurer to countersign Orders, Signed by the President, and hereby is Repealed. And hereafter every Order or Check of the President, or the Treasurer, or any other Officer, or any other person, in pursuance to appropriations or Resolutions, of the Board, shall be countersigned by the Secretary, authorizing such payment, which shall be his warrant for so doing, in conformity to the 5<sup>th</sup> Section of the By Laws passed September 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1792. see page 28 of the By Laws.

The following Report of the Committee on Engines, was Read. The Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees to examine and repair the Fire Engines, beg leave to Report,

That the Good Will has been ascertained and is fit for service. The water box, or chest of the Penn was so much decayed as to require a new one, The Engine was taken apart, and the committee resolved to send for an Engine Builder, to examine it, and ascertain whether the expense of repairing it would be more than the cost of a new Engine. The person employed, stated that to Rebuild and alter it so as to draw water from the River, would cost nearly as much, and would not be likely to work as well, as one build expressly for the purpose. Such an Engine is not only desired by effective and useful the Company who have had charge of the Penn, but the committee believe that it is necessary to complete an efficient Fire apparatus for the Town. The Committee also believe that there is Horse sufficient to reach from the River to the Town Hall or Court House, and that

might be played within the range of five or six hundred feet. All of which is respectfully submitted. New Castle May 1<sup>st</sup> 1847.

Tho: Challenger, William Robinson, J. Caldwell

On motion the following Resolution was adopted. Resolved, That Tho: Challenger, William Robinson and Joseph Caldwell be a Committee to sell the Penn Fire Engine, the traps and iron by weight or otherwise, as they may deem expedient - And also to collect the remains of a Fire Engine called the Union, which belongs to the Town, and is said to be in the yard of the New Castle Manufacturing Company. The Committee to dispose of said Engines.

Resolution to sell the Fire Engines

On Motion of Mr. Bradford Resolved, by the Board of Trustees of New Castle Commenced that from and after this time, no allowance from the Board will be made for Repairs to the Academy, or any allowance to any person for taking charge, or care of the same, without the consent of the Board of Trustees first had and obtained.

No allowance to the Academy hereafter

On Motion The following accounts were presented, examined and read were allowed by the Board - viz.

Paid = 5.	John D. Bogie use of C. Williams for repairing Engines &c.	31.00
Paid = 6.	William Smith for work &c at Pattersons	15.00
Paid = 7.	Joel Bates for his expenses to N. Castle to examine the Engine Penn	2.50
Paid = 8.	John S. Challenger for Lead, Glass and Oil	4.00
Paid = 9.	James N. David for taking care of Academy & Repairs J. Sick & Smith	26.75
Paid = 10.	David A. Wilson for Store for the Academy	12.00
Paid = 11.	Elisha Jefferson for expenses of express (C. Stone)	5.00
Paid = 12.	Isaac H. Pels for	3.00
Paid = 13.	John Bradford for	2.50
Paid = 14.	James Wise for	3.00
Paid = 15.	Isaac H. Register for	26.00
Paid = 16.	Thomas Simpson (pig) for Carriage hire &c	11.00
Paid = 17.	Edward Williams for Expenses to Dover, to get the bill protested	8.00

Contract Barn at Stoops. The following Contract of Robert S. Stoops, was executed in and done in a workmanlike manner. The foundation to be of Stone. The frame to be of Oak with the exception of rafters, Joists and Stall studs. Find materials, and do the work for the sum of \$1000.00

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1847. Robert S. Stoops.

The above proposition will be accepted with the following alterations viz. the sills and posts to be white Oak, the braces and ties of Oak - other materials of white pine and hemlock. The whole under the approval of the acting committee.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1847. Tho: Jarrier President, Robert S. Stoops.

The following Contract of John D. Vining & Geo. Johnson was accepted. We the undersigned will Obligate ourselves to Build the Barn on the Farm occupied by Mr. John Patterson the front 32 feet long 22 feet wide. The sills of white Oak 6 by 8 inches Posts 16 feet long 5 by 7 inches of Oak. All the ties and Braces of Oak of proportionate size.

Contract Barn at Pattersons Paid \$ 100.00 Paid \$ 150.00 Paid \$ 150.00 Paid \$ 50.00



Foundations wall 18 inches thick 3 feet high. All the necessary stalling to be subject to the approval of the acting committee for the sum of \$500 to be completed by the 20th day of June next.

New Castle May 5th 1847.

John B. Vining  
George Johnson

The above proposals is accepted with the alteration of the Posts which is to be by 8 and the contract for furnishing all materials and hauling the same under the supervision of the acting committee

Thos. Jarriver President

The whole to be approved by the acting committee

John B. Vining  
George Johnson

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, members being present and assenting, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for payment of the before mentioned accounts allowed.

On Motion the Board Adjourned.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, at the request of two members, Monday June 21st 1847

Present

- |                       |                  |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Thomas Jarriver Pres. | Joseph Caldwell  |                 |
| James Booth           | William Robinson |                 |
| Elijah Jefferson      | John Bradford    | James Blunt     |
| Thos. Challenger      | William Miller   | Isaac Gubb Sec. |

On Motion

The following Ordinance was adopted.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, members being present and assenting thereto. That an Election be holden at the Court House in the Town of New Castle on Wednesday the 30th day of June (instant) between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 6 o'clock P. M. for one Trustee of the New Castle Common, to supply the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the Death of George Houston Esq. and that John Bradford and Thomas Challenger be, and they are hereby appointed a committee, and give six days notice thereof to the inhabitants of the said Town qualified to Elect Trustees, and to superintend the said Election, and make their Report to the Board.

On Motion

The following Resolution was adopted

Resolved, that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of repairing Streets, Pumps and Public Wharf, the above sum to be drawn by the Town Comy out of any money not otherwise appropriated

On Motion

Resolved that Isaac Gubb be added to the committee, in the place of George Houston Esq. deceased to settle with C. D. Blann Esq. late Treasurer - see page 231.

On Motion

The following account was read, examined & passed.

Samuel E. Maffey for 29 days ending 1st March 25th 1847 \$60.00

Ordinance to hold an Election to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of George Houston Esq.

\$200.00 appropriated for repairing streets Pumps &c. Check for 100.00 Check for 100.00 Paid - 200.00

Resolution to purchase a fire proof safe.

On Motion

Resolved, that a safe, or fire Proof Chest be purchased for the purpose of depositing therein, for safe keeping the parchment Deeds, Books, and papers belonging to the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, and that the President appoint a Committee of two members of the Board to make such purchase, Whereupon the President nominated William Robinson and James Blunt said Committee Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, ten members being present and assenting thereto, that checks or orders be drawn in the usual form for payment of the foregoing accounts allowed.

On Motion Adjourned

At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common, called by the president October 6th 1847

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| Present Thomas Jarriver President | Joseph Caldwell   |
| Elijah Jefferson                  | Thomas Challenger |
| John Bradford                     | James Blunt       |
| John Jarriver                     | Isaac Gubb and    |
|                                   | Henry Johns.      |

At the request of John Bradford and Thomas Challenger a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees at the last meeting to hold an Election for one Trustee to fill a vacancy in the Board occasioned by the Death of George Houston Esq. make Report: to wit:

That we gave upwards of six days notice of the time and place of Election, and pursuant to such notice we held said Election at the Court House in the Town of New Castle on Wednesday the 30th day of June A. D. 1847. That the whole number of votes polled was sixty eight as it appears by the list of voters hereto annexed; That John Jarriver Esq. having a majority of the whole number of votes polled is in the opinion of your committee duly Elected - and that none of the other persons having such majority - there is no other person Elected a Trustee.

Signed Thomas Challenger }  
John Bradford } Committee

Approved Oct. 6th 1847

Thomas Jarriver President.

On Motion

The following Bills was Read, examined & passed.

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|-----------|--|---------|
| Paid - 19 | Thos. Jarriver for renewing Insurance on T. Hall & Academy | \$21.35 |
| Paid - 20 | Lewis M. Cullough for 2 days work washing & dubbing hose   | 2.50    |
| Paid - 21 | Thomas Challenger for 5 days services as Acting Committee  | 7.50    |
| Paid - 22 | John Bradford for 5 days " " " "                           | 7.50    |
| Paid - 23 | William Miller for 3 days " " " "                          | 4.50    |

On Motion

The Board of Trustees of New Castle Common authorized the acting committee to expend one hundred and twenty five dollars upon the House, &c.



Peter Railley, and have the same put in good repair.

On Motion

John Bradford, Thomas Challenger and John Janvier was appointed a Committee to have the Town Hall painted and put in complete order - and make enquiry as to the cost of window shutters for the same and make Report at their next meeting.

On Motion Adjourned.

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Trustees of New Castle held Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1848

Present John Bradford 1	Elihu Jefferson 5
Thomas Challenger 2	James Blount 6
William Miller 3	Henry Johns J. 4
Joseph Caldwell 4	Isaac Grubb 8

The number being a Quorum present, the meeting adjourned to tomorrow evening the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant at 7 O'clock

Wednesday Evening January 5<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1848 The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common Met pursuant to Adjourn

Present Thomas Janvier President

Henry Johns	John Bradford
Joseph Caldwell	Thomas Challenger
John Janvier	Elihu Jefferson
James Blount	James Booth and
William Miller	Isaac Grubb Secretary

The Committee appointed to inquire into the probable cost of putting shutters, or blinds, to the several windows of the Town Hall, Report, verbally that they have made enquiry of several carpenters and find that said shutters or Blinds will cost Eight dollars a pair, with hinges and necessary fastenings for the same.

On Motion

The following Bills were read, examined and passed viz:

Paid - 24	To Doctor James Cooper for services at Dover on the C. H. question	8.00
Paid - 25	" Elihu Jefferson for lumber up to Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1847	116.30
Paid - 26	" James Crispin for hinges, bolts, spikes &c.	6.24
Paid - 27	" Richard Humphries for mason work	8.00
Paid - 28	" William Bush for lumber	4.39
Paid - 29	" Samuel Allen for plastering	25.00
Paid - 30	" J. C. Mansfield late Prothy for boots vs M. Croned & Clugston	11.39
Paid - 31	" John Robinson for painting Town Hall &c	72.00
Paid - 32	" John B. Vining & David S. Lewis for carpenter work	92.86
Paid - 33	" William Miller for Brick	2.51

Resolved, that the Acting Committee, be, and hereby is directed to have the lines between the Commons land

laid off by Charles J. Du Pont regulated and marked by setting stones therein.

Resolved, that Joseph Caldwell and Thomas Challenger be a Committee to examine the Academy, and ascertain what repairs is wanted to be made, and make Report thereof at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion Adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common, at the request of two members, Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Present Tho' Janvier President

John Janvier	William Miller
James Blunt	Isaac Grubb Secretary
James Booth	Elihu Jefferson
Henry Johns Jr	Tho' Challenger and
John Bradford may	Joseph Caldwell

The following Bills were read, examined and passed viz:

To Blount and Williams for Iron Coal	2.75
" C. D. Blaney dec. late Treasurer Balance	72.36
" " " " Secretary "	70.00
" Henry Gail (colored) for cleaning Town Hall	1.50

On motion

The following was adopted.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common members being present, and several dissenting that a check or Order in common form, be drawn on the Farmers Bank at New Castle, in favour of James C. Mansfield Executor of Cornelia D. Blaney dec. for the sum of one hundred forty two Dollars and thirty six cents; being the Balance due to the said Cornelia D. Blaney deceased, as late Treasurer and Secretary, and passed and allowed by the Board.

On Motion Adjourned

At a stated annual meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Common, Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1848

Present James Blount Tho' Challenger

John Bradford	William Robinson
Joseph Caldwell	Isaac Grubb
William Miller	On Motion

The President being absent M. W. Robinson was appointed President pro tem.

On Motion

The Board proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year.



upon counting the votes given by ballot it appears that Thomas Janner had received seven votes for President and Isaac Grubb had received seven votes for Secretary

Four members of the acting Committee

That John Bradford had received seven votes  
Thos. Challenger had received seven votes  
William Miller had received seven votes

On Motion

It was Resolved that the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees raise a statement of the proceeding of the Board for the last year, to be made out and published for the use of the Board, and the Citizens of the Town of New Castle.

The Committee appointed to purchase a fire proof chest for the Board, made a verbal report, and was continued.

On Motion the Board Adjourned to Wednesday March 22<sup>d</sup> 1848

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common agreeable to Adjournment March 22<sup>d</sup> 1848.

Present John Bradford Joseph Caldwell  
James Blount W. Miller and  
James Booth Isaac Grubb - 7  
Thos. Challenger

Their not being a quorum present the Board adjourned to Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant at 7 o'clock P.M.

Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 1848 the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common met pursuant to Adjournment

Present, John Bradford  
Joseph Caldwell  
Thos. Challenger and Isaac Grubb

Their not being a quorum present the Board adjourned to Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Instant at 7 o'clock P.M.

Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> The Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common met pursuant to Adjournment

Present, James Blount 1 William Miller 1  
Isaac Grubb 2 Thos. Challenger 1  
John Bradford 3 Elishu Jefferson 1  
John Janner 4 James Booth and 4  
Joseph Caldwell 5 A. C. Gray 1

The President being absent Mr. Elishu Jefferson was chosen President Pro Tem

On Motion

The following Bills were Read, examined and allowed by the Board: viz.

Paid .. 37	To Isaac Grubb for years services &c. as per Bill & vouchers	35.75
Paid .. 38	" Thos. Challenger Treasurer one years services -	60.00
Paid .. 39	" G. Washing Janner for one years services, charge of J. Hall &c.	23.51
Paid .. 40	" John Robinson Pausing at Pattersons & Reilley	22.00
Paid .. 41	" John D. Bogia Smith work	8.25
Paid .. 42	" William Smith putting cow on chimney	3.00
Paid .. 43	" Thos. Challenger, John Bradford and William Miller A/c amt 15.75	15.75

The bill on the Court House question was referred back to said Committee

On Motion, James Blount was added to said Court House Committee in place of George Houston Esq. dec.

On Motion

John Janner, Joseph Caldwell and John Bradford was appointed a committee to settle the accounts of the Treasurer, and make report thereof to this Board

On Motion

Elishu Jefferson and John Janner was appointed a committee to confer with James Rodgers Esq. for the purchase of the Common Farm, now in his possession for the purpose of improving it.

Resolved,

that Joseph Caldwell and Thos. Challenger be a committee to ascertain what repairs are necessary to put the Academy in good order, and to select some suitable person person to take charge of the Building and to fix a proper sum as a compensation for his services and to make report to this Board.

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, more members being present and seven assenting thereto, that Andrew C. Gray and Elishu Jefferson be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for & in the name of the Trustees aforesaid, to borrow from the Road Commissioners of New Castle Hundred, the sum of three thousand Dollars, to be paid over to the Farmers Bank at New Castle, in part payment of the debt due from this Corporation to said Bank; and the President and Secretary of this Board are hereby authorized to execute an obligation or other instrument of writing, to secure the re. payment to the said Road Commissioners, of the said sum of three thousand Dollars with lawful interest for the same; & to pledge the faith of this Corporation and also the income and from the property thereof for the payment of said Debt and Interest

Committee to settle with Treasurer

Committee to purchase Farm James Rodgers Esq.

Committee on Academy

Ordinance to Borrow \$3000.00 of Road Commiss.



At a special meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle Common held August 25<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Present Tho: Janvier President	Tho: Challenger
John Bradford	James Booth
William Miller	James Blount
Elihu Jefferson	Jo: Caldwell and
John Janvier	Isaac Grubb Secretary
Henry Johns	

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle Common to re-purchase the Common farm now occupied by James Rogers Esq. for the purpose of improving the same. Report that they have contracted with the said James Rogers for the re-purchase of said Common farm for the sum of Nine hundred Dollars, with the addition of a small lot of about three Acres of Land Possession of the same to be had immediately

The following Bills were presented and read, and after consideration were, and Motion allowed this:

- 44 to Samuel Calapey for one year winding Clerk up to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1848 -- \$30.00
- 45 " Elihu Jefferson for Currier -- " -- " -- 111.17
- 46 " John D. Birning, J. M. Johnson and D. L. Lewis for Carpenter work 33.37 1/2
- 47 " James Crispren for Mails, Cooks &c. -- 7.00
- 48 " John D. Birning for Partitions & Materials in Town Hall -- 8.00
- 49 " Tho: Challenger & John Bradford acting Committee 2 days each 6.00

Ordinance for 100 Dollars to the Town Commission  
Paid \$50 Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1848  
Paid \$50 Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1848

On Motion the following Ordinance was adopted  
Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the New Castle Common in members being present and assenting thereto, that the sum of One hundred Dollars of the funds of the corporation, be and lawfully is appropriated for making and repairing pumps and repairing Streets. Checks or Orders therefor to be drawn payable to the Commissioners of the Town of New Castle for the purposes aforesaid.

On Motion Adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the New Castle common held October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1848

Present Tho: Janvier President	Tho: Challenger
Elihu Jefferson	William Robinson
John Bradford	Andrew C. Gray and
Joseph Caldwell	Isaac Grubb Secretary
William Miller	

On Motion, Elihu Jefferson and John Janvier the Committee appointed March 27<sup>th</sup> 1848, to re-purchase the common Farm of James Rogers Esq. was clothed with full power and authority to settle his account, and make Report thereof to the next meeting of the Board  
On Motion Adjourned

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle common held November 13<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Present Thomas Janvier President	Elihu Jefferson	John Bradford
Thomas Challenger	John Janvier	James Booth and
Joseph Caldwell	Isaac Grubb Secretary	William Robinson

The Committee appointed to settle with James Rogers Esq. Report, that they have performed that duty, and have received from him a transfer of the unexpired term of his Lease which the Trustees have purchased for him for the sum of nine hundred Dollars;

The further Report that there is due from the said James Rogers Esq. the sum of Four hundred and four<sup>ty</sup> Dollars for back Rent and interest, and that after deducting the said sum of Four hundred and four<sup>ty</sup> Dollars so due from him, there remains due to Mr. Rogers the sum of Four hundred ninety five<sup>ty</sup> Dollars on account of said purchase, and they Recommend that the same be allowed and paid him.

On Motion the following Ordinance was passed  
Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of New Castle

Common  
Paid to Daniel Rogers Esq. by Order of James Rogers Esq. Check for \$195<sup>ty</sup> Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1848.

in members being present, and all assenting thereto that the above mentioned sum of Four hundred ninety five<sup>ty</sup> Dollars of the corporate funds, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the above sum to James Rogers Esq. for the above mentioned purpose by Order to be drawn in the usual manner.

On Motion, The following Resolution was passed  
Resolved, That the Trustees of the New Castle Common will cause the Farm lately purchased from James Rogers Esq. to be put in good Order, and for that purpose the said Trustees will furnish Lime, Post, Rails and other things necessary for the same: and also that an Orchard of choice Fruit Trees be planted and a Garden be furnished with Grapes, Raspberries, Strawberries &c so as to make it a Model Farm.

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On Motion, Elihu Jefferson, Thomas Challenger and John Janvier was appointed a committee to contract with Joseph Bartlett for the purpose of draining and improving the above farm in the best manner and least expense to the Board

On Motion Adjourned



An Meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common convened at the request of three members of the Board on Saturday the 10th day of February A. D. 1849.

Present James Booth William Miller  
William Robinson Thomas Challenge  
James Blount Isaac Gubb Sec. &  
Elihu Jefferson

A Quorum not being present to do business

On Motion

Adjourned to February 20th 1849

An Adjourned Meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the Town Hall February 20th A. D. 1849

Present Thomas Jarvie President  
Andrew C. Gray William Robinson  
James Booth James Blount  
John Bradford Elihu Jefferson and  
Joseph Caldwell Isaac Gubb Sec.

On Motion of James Booth seconded by John Bradford it was Resolved, that the sum of Seventy-five dollars be and here by is appropriated for the use of the Free School in the Town of Newcastle.

It is Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present and seven assenting thereto, that a check or Order in common form, be drawn on the Farmers Bank at Newcastle in favour of the School Commissioners, on their Treasury for the sum of Seventy-five Dollars, passed and allowed by the Board

On Motion

The Board Adjourned

An stated Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common on Tuesday the 6th day of March A. D. 1849.

Present James Booth President Pro Tere  
Kenney Johns Joseph Caldwell  
Elihu Jefferson William Robinson  
William Miller Thomas Challenge &  
James Blount Isaac Gubb Secretary  
John Bradford

In the absence of the President James Booth was appointed President pro tem

Ordinance to pay School Comrs \$75.00  
Paid 7, 875.00

On Motion

The Board proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year,

Upon counting the votes given by Ballot it appears that Thomas Jarvie had received seven votes for President, Isaac Gubb had received nine votes for Secretary, Thomas Challenge had received eight votes for Treasurer, For members of the Acting committee that John Bradford had received eight votes, Thomas Challenge had received eight votes, William Miller had received seven votes

The following Bills were presented and read, and after consideration were on Motion Accepted viz;

11:50	To Isaac Gubb for Years services as Secretary, Stationary &c	\$ 31.00
51	" Jarvie & Hanson for Sundries as per Bill	8.00
52	" G. W. Jarvie for Years Services taking care of Town Hall	20.00
53	" Thomas Challenge for 2 days services as one of the Act. Com.	3.00
54	" John Bradford for 2 days " " "	3.00
		\$ 68.00

On Motion

The Board proceeded to the Election of a fit and suitable person to take charge of the Town Hall.

James M. Wise  
Elected to take  
charge of Town  
Hall.

Upon counting the votes given by Ballot it appears that James M. Wise had received seven votes, and was declared duly Elected, his Services to be twenty dollars a year. John Bradford, Thomas Challenge and James Blount was appointed a committee to examine the accounts of William Blumier dec. and make Report to the next meeting of the Board. Also said committee is authorized to agree with some fit and suitable person to take charge of the Engine and Hoses & keep them in good order.

On Motion

The application of George Turnbull for the Centre Hall Farm, and all other applications for said farm to be made to the Acting committee

On Motion

Resolved, that Elihu Jefferson, Thomas Challenge and William Miller be a committee to ascertain and adjust the accounts of the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle in relation their expenditure of the appropriations made by this Board, and to report the same to this Board at their next meeting, and also to Report whether any, and what further appropriation is necessary to be made to the said Commissioners for Town purposes.

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common: The Committee on the affairs of the Newcastle Academy, Respectfully Reports that to put the building in Repair will require an Appropriation of not less than One hundred dollars, they would suggest that to assist the Trustees of the Newcastle Academy in keeping said building from being usefully abused, a Committee of five members



of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common be appointed to sit in concert with any Trustees of the Academy who are now remaining in that Office, and to make such arrangements with the Teachers, who may now, or hereafter, occupy the rooms in the Academy as may hold the said Teachers responsible for any injury or damage done to the rooms which they occupy. They would further suggest that the said Committee be instructed to assist the Teachers and Trustees of the Newcastle Academy, in bringing to Justice any person or persons who may wilfully and maliciously abuse and injure any part of the Building -

Thomas Challenger } Committee  
Joseph Caldwell }

New Castle March 6<sup>th</sup> 1849.

The subject matter of the foregoing Report is referred back to the same Committee, to whom is added Elisha Jefferson Esq. and the said Committee are required strictly to ascertain what repairs are necessary to put the Academy in good Order, and the expense thereof, and to fix upon some suitable person to take charge of the Building, and his compensation, but also to make such arrangements with the Trustees of the Academy as will insure the occupation with a Committee of this Board to preserve the said Building in good Order, and from future injury.

On Motion

Resolved, That Elisha Jefferson, Thomas Challenger and John Jarvie, the Committee appointed for improving the Farm near the occupation of Joseph Bartlett, be authorized to make an arrangement or agreement with Charles J. DuPont, respecting the fences between his land, and the Newcastle Common, to continue in force for one year, from the twenty-fifth instant. And that it shall be the duty of the said Committee, to reduce the said arrangement or agreement to writing, to be under the hand & Seal of said Charles J. DuPont. And the Committee on behalf of the Board, with a reservation of the right of this Board to rescind and make void the said arrangement or agreement at the end of the year, upon three months Notice in writing to said Charles J. DuPont, his Heirs or assigns.

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Nine members being present and absenting that checks or orders in common form be drawn for payment of the accounts respectively allowed this day by the Board.

On Motion

The Board Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Board of the Newcastle Common convened at the request of three members of the Board on Wednesday the thirtieth day of May A. D. 1849.

Present Elisha Jefferson James Blount  
Joseph Caldwell James Booth Pres. pro tem  
William Robinson John Bradford  
Henry Johns Tho. Challenge and  
William Miller Isaac Gault Jr.

On Motion, James Booth was appointed President pro tem  
On Motion, The Committee on the Fire Engine, Academy and the Committee to settle with the Town Commissioners is continued with leave to Report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following Accounts were presented and read, which after consideration were on Motion allowed, viz:

paid No. 55	" Tho. Challenge for One Years allowance as Treasurer	\$60.00
do 56	" Tho. Bartlett for use of Tho. Challenge for fencing &c	67.36
do 57	" Samuel Mafsey for winding Town Clock &c	32.00
do 58	" Blunt & Williams for 1/2 Ton Coal	2.69
do 59	" Thomas Turner Acc. for work	1.50
do 60	" Elisha Jeffersons Bill of Sundries for Model Farm &c	168.79
do 61	" Joseph Bartlett for seed wheat, Potatoes &c	26.78
do 62	" Joseph Caldwell for Manure	50.00
do 63	" Tho. Challenge & John Bradford 2 days each Act. Comt.	6.00
		\$ 715.08

On Motion of Henry Johns Esq. the following Ordinance was presented and Adopted.

Ordinance to pay the Farmers Bank \$500.00

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present and seven absenting thereto, That the sum of Five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation to the payment on account of and in discharge of so much of the principal of the debt due the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at Newcastle, and that a check be drawn for said sum in the usual form.

On Motion of James Booth Esq. the following Ordinance was Adopted

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Nine members being present and seven absenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the above Accounts just Allowed amounting to Seven hundred fifteen dollars and eight cents.

On Motion

Adjourned



of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common be appointed to sit in concert with any Trustees of the Academy who are now remaining in that Office, and to make such arrangements with the Teachers, who may now or hereafter occupy the rooms in the Academy as may hold the said Teachers responsible for any injury or damage done to the rooms which they occupy. They would further suggest that the said Committee be instructed to assist the Teachers and Trustees of the Newcastle Academy, in bringing to Justice any persons or persons who may wilfully and maliciously abuse and injure any part of the Building.

Thomas Challenger } Committee  
Joseph Caldwell }

New Castle March 6<sup>th</sup> 1849.

The subject matter of the foregoing Report is referred back to the same Committee, to whom is added Elisha Jefferson Esq. and the said Committee are required not only to ascertain what repairs are necessary to put the Academy in good Order, and the expense thereof, and to fix upon some suitable person to take charge of the Building, and his compensation, but also to make such arrangements with the Trustees of the Academy as will insure the occupation with a Committee of this Board to preserve the said Building in good Order, and from future injury.

On Motion

Resolved, That Elisha Jefferson, Thomas Challenger and John Surrier, the Committee appointed for improving the Farm within the occupation of Joseph Bartlett, be authorized to make an arrangement or agreement with Charles S. DuPont, respecting the fences between his land, and the Newcastle Common, to continue in force for one year, from the twenty-fifth instant. And that it shall be the duty of the said Committee, to reduce the said arrangement or agreement to writing, to be under the hand & Seal of said Charles S. DuPont. And the Committee on behalf of this Board, with reservation of the right of this Board to rescind and make void the said arrangement or agreement at the end of the year, upon three months Notice in writing to said Charles S. DuPont, his Heir or assigns.

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Town members being present and assenting that checks or orders in common form be drawn for payment of the accounts respectively allowed this day by the Board.

On Motion

The Board Adjourned

At a meeting of the Board of the Newcastle Common convened at the request of three Members of the Board on Wednesday the thirtieth day of May A. D. 1849.

Present Elisha Jefferson James Blount  
Joseph Caldwell James Booth Pres. pro tem  
William Robinson John Bradford  
Henry Johns Tho<sup>l</sup> Challengee and  
William Miller Isaac Gault Secy

On Motion, James Booth was appointed President pro tem

On Motion, The Committee on the Fire Engine, Academy and the Committee to settle with the Town Commissioners is continued with leave to Report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following Accounts were presented and read, which after consideration were on Motion allowed, viz:

aid # 55	" Tho <sup>l</sup> Challengee for one years allowance as Treasurer	\$60.00
do 56	" Tho <sup>l</sup> Bartlett for use of Tho <sup>l</sup> Challengee for fencing &c	67.32
do 57	" Samuel Massey for winding Town Clock &c	32.00
do 58	" Blount & Williams for 1/2 Ton Coal	2.69
do 59	" Thomas Turner Acc. for work	1.50
do 60	" Elisha Jeffersons Bill of Sundries for Model Farm &c	468.79
do 61	" Joseph Bartlett for seed wheat, Potatoes &c	26.78
do 62	" Joseph Caldwell for Manure	50.00
do 63	" Tho <sup>l</sup> Challengee & John Bradford 2 days each Act. Comt.	6.00
		\$ 715.08

On Motion of Henry Johns Esq. the following Ordinance was presented and Adopted.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present and seven assenting thereto, That the sum of Five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation to the payment on account of and in discharge of so much of the principal of the debt due the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, at Newcastle, and that a check be drawn for said sum in the usual form.

On Motion of James Booth Esq. the following Ordinance was adopted

Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Nine members being present and seven assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the above Accounts just allowed amounting to Seven hundred fifteen dollars and eight cents.

On Motion

Adjourned

Ordinance to pay the Farmers Bank \$500.00



At a Stated Meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday the 15th day of September A.D. 1849

Present E. Lihou Jefferson, Thomas Challenger & W. Miller  
There being no Quorum present, the meeting was Adjourned to Monday evening the 10th instant.

On Monday evening the 10th of September 1849 pursuant to adjournment, the Board of Trustees met.

Present, E. Lihou Jefferson William Miller  
John Bradford Thomas Challenger  
John Sumner James Blount  
William Robinson Arthur C. Gray and  
Joseph Caldwell James Booth

The President and Secretary being both absent (being sick) E. Lihou Jefferson was appointed President pro tem and James Booth Secretary.

The Committee appointed on the 6th of March 1849 to examine the accounts of William B. Innes and to agree with some persons to take charge of the engines & hoses, not being prepared to make a report, were continued until leave to make Report to the next, or some subsequent Meeting.

The Committee appointed on the 6th of March last ascertain and adjust the accounts of the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle in relation to their expending of the Appropriations made by this Board. Submitted the following Report.

At a meeting of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle held Saturday the 15th day of August 1849 the following Resolution was adopted

Resolved, That in consideration of the expenses incurred by the Commissioners the present year in cleaning and levelling the Streets, new paving & guttering the walk along the Public Green, making new Crossings, and guttering Sill-bay, and putting in external to \$210.00 - and the sum which will be yet required to repair and keep in Order the Public Pumps, will amount to \$300.00. We therefore deem it expedient to raise said sum of \$300.00 and if the Trustees of the Newcastle Common cannot appropriate said sum for the use of the Commissioners, then it will be necessary to lay a Tax upon the Citizens for that purpose

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common Gentlemen

By Order of the Town Commissioners I transmit to you the above Resolution with a request that you Act upon it at your very earliest convenience, as circumstances render it necessary that the Commissioners should know immediately whether they are to receive the appropriation or not  
Aug 20th 1849 - Amos W. Wickham Secy of the Board of Comm

Report of Com. in relation to the accounts of the Town Commis.

Report of Town Commissioners

On Motion of Andrew C. Gray the said Report was adopted, and the sum of \$196.75 appropriated for the payment of \$157.25 the sum due Ambrose Saffety, and \$38.75 the sum due to Patrick Daugherty.

On Motion of Andrew C. Gray, it was ordered, that the Treasurer of this Board review the Policy of Insurance at the Delaware Fire Insurance Office in Wilmington before 12 o'clock noon on the 11th instant.

On Motion of Andrew C. Gray the Committee on the Model Farm are hereby instructed to erect a suitable Barn, and also Corncrib on said Farm.

A communication from the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle was presented to the Board and read - But as two members, to wit: John Sumner & John Bradford having left the meeting without leave and a sufficient quorum not being present to make an appropriation, the communication was laid over until Saturday evening next at 7 o'clock for the purpose of passing and Ordinance to make an appropriation of three hundred Dollars for the purposes mentioned in the said communication

The following Ordinance was passed by the Board  
Be it Ordained by the Trustees of the Newcastle Common the members being present and severally consenting thereto that checks or Certificates in common form be drawn for the payment of the above two accounts just allowed by the Board.

Wherefore the Board then Adjourned to meet on Saturday evening next the 15th instant at 7 o'clock

Saturday evening September 15th A.D. 1849 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to Adjournment

Present E. Lihou Jefferson President pro tem  
William Miller William Robinson  
Joseph Caldwell Thomas Challenger  
Henry John James Blount and  
John Bradford James Booth Secy pro tem

The communication of the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle having been taken up for consideration it was deemed expedient to make an appropriation of \$210.00 for the expenses now incurred by the Town Commissioners and that the appropriation of the further sum of \$100.00 asked for in regard to the Repairing the Pumps of the Town, be deferred until it be shown to this Board that such expense shall have been actually incurred.

Whereupon on Motion of Henry John Esquire the following Ordinance was adopted by the Board.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and severally consenting thereto, that the sum of \$210.00, be and is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle for cleaning and levelling the Streets, new paving and guttering the walk along the Public Green, making new Crossings, and guttering Sill-bay, and that the President of the Board shall

Ordinance to pay to the Town Commis the sum of \$ 210 00  
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To draw Checks or Orders in the Commission form payable to such person or persons, as the said Town Commissioners shall determine to receive the same.

On Motion of Henry Johns, it was Resolved that Tho. Challenge and Elisha Jefferson be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to attend to the disbursement of the aforesaid sum of \$2100<sup>00</sup> appropriated by the foregoing Ordinance passed by the Board at this present meeting, and to make report to a subsequent meeting in relation to the same and the expenditure thereof.

The Bills presented by William P. Beach for expenses incurred in repairing the pines at the Academy were referred to the committee heretofore appointed on the subject of repairing the Academy.

On Motion of James Blount, Elisha Jefferson was appointed a committee to ascertain the terms upon which a perpetual Insurance of the Town Hall and Academy can be effected, and to make Report to this Board.

The following accounts were examined, Read and allowed by the Board - namely:

66	to Charles Palmer for work &c on Male Farm	\$ 60.96
67	" John M. Lamm for shies	11.70
68	" Elisha Jefferson Bill of Materials for	17.05
69	" Jacob Gault for lumber	12.36
70	" John B. Waring for repairing Engine	11.00
71	" Thomas Challenge for payment of Insurance	19.25
		<u>121.33</u>

On Motion of John Bradford, Elisha Jefferson and James Blount were appointed a Committee to procure two Lamps, to be hung up in the Room for the use of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common.

The following Ordinance was passed by the Board. Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Nine Members being present & seven Assenting thereto that Checks or Orders in common form for the payment of the above Accounts just allowed amounting to One hundred twenty five Dollars and thirty three cents.

On Motion the Board then Adjourned.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common on Tuesday Evening December 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1849.

Present Henry Johns, Thomas Challenge, W. Robinson, John Bradford, James Blount and Elisha Jefferson.

A quorum not being present, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday evening the 13<sup>th</sup> instant at 7 O'clock.

On Motion the Board then Adjourned.

Thursday Evening December 13<sup>th</sup> 1849 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to Adjournment  
Present John Bradford, Joseph Caldwell  
Thomas Challenge James Blount and  
William Miller William Robinson  
There not being a quorum present, the Board Adjourned to Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant at 3 O'clock P.M.

Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1849 The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to Adjournment  
Present Elisha Jefferson William Robinson  
William Miller James Blount  
John Bradford John Janvier  
Thomas Challenge and  
Joseph Caldwell Andrew C. Gray

The President and Secretary both being absent Elisha Jefferson was appointed President pro Tem, and Andrew C. Gray Secretary pro Tem.

Mr. Challenge offered a Resolution that Mr. Metherell be allowed the sum of twenty nine Dollars sixty two cents paid by him for Repairs of well and pump on his farm. The question being on the passage of said Resolution, it was Rejected, a Majority being opposed to making the allowance. The following were the yeas and nays, and are here inserted at the request of two members

Yeas	Nays
J. Caldwell	E. Jefferson
W. Miller	W. Robinson
John Bradford	J. Janvier
J. Challenge	J. Blount and A. C. Gray

The Committee appointed to examine the Account of William B. Janvier Report as follows

which was on Motion adopted, and it was Ordered, that an Order in the usual form be drawn for the payment of the said sum of \$8700 to William B. Janvier's Administrators.

The Committee on the Model Farm Report in favour of the following Accounts, which after being Read and examined were allowed by the Board viz:

no. 72	To William Bush for Lumber &c	\$ 172.10
" 73	Elisha Jefferson "	307.20
" 74	Joseph Bartlett for Garding &c	32.50
		<u>\$ 511.80</u>

88, 12 all to W. B. Janvier's Order



Acct. Brought Over \$ 511.51

75	To William Smith for Mason work on the Model Farm	22.75
76	John Robinson for Glazing and painting	6.31
77	William Miller for Brick	1.00
78	E. M. Keiver	3.00
79	William D. Jamieson Estate	2.57
80	Joseph Eastman for lime	10.00
81	David Lewis for Carpenter work	79.86
82	John Duffield & Thos. Challenger for three days services as Atty. Genl.	6.25

On motion the following Ordinance passed the Board, viz:  
 Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
 members being present, and seven absent, that the check books  
 in common form for the payment of the above Account just allowed  
 amounting to Six hundred & forty two Dollars & thirty nine cents.  
 Be Motion the Board then adjourned

At a Stated annual meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, on Tuesday the fifth day of March A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty, present,  
 Elisha Jefferson      John Jamieson  
 William Robinson      John Bradford  
 Thomas Challenger      William Miller  
 James Booth      Joseph Caldwell  
 Andrew C Gray      Kensey Johns

In the absence of the President Elisha Jefferson was appointed President pro tem, and in the absence of the Secretary Andrew C Gray was appointed Secretary pro tem.

On motion the Board proceeded to the Election of officers for the ensuing year,

Whereupon on counting the votes given by ballot it appears that James Booth was elected President, having received seven votes.

Peter B. Warden was elected Secretary, having received six votes.

For members of the acting committee  
 Thomas Challenger, was elected he having received eight votes,  
 William Miller was elected he having received seven votes,  
 John Jamieson was duly elected he having received eight votes,

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on Saturday next the ninth instant at seven o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held pursuant to adjournment, Saturday March ninth A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty, Present,

- James Booth, President,  
 John Jamieson      James Blount  
 Andrew C Gray      Joseph Caldwell  
 Elisha Jefferson      John Bradford  
 William Robinson      Thomas Challenger  
 William Miller,

The committee appointed on repairing the Newcastle Academy having waited upon two of the surviving Trustees of said Academy viz; Hon. Kensey Johns and Hon. James Booth, who stated that they will cooperate with such a committee as suggested in a former report made by your committee March 6th. 1849 so far as they can. With this understanding your committee recommend the adoption of said former report,  
 E. Jefferson  
 March 5<sup>th</sup> 1850      Jos. Caldwell  
 J. Challenger

Whereupon on motion the above report, as also the report made on the 6th day of March 1849, and referred to in the said above report were adopted by the Board, And on motion said committee was increased to five by adding thereto, Andrew C Gray and James Blount,

On motion of Thomas Challenger and upon the petition of Asher Bligston, Resolved that the sum of twenty five dollars of his bond to the Trustees of the Newcastle Common for rent due from him be remitted, by reason of his sickness and inability to discharge the full amount, But it is understood that the remission of the said sum be made on condition of his paying the costs of the judgment entered on said bond, and whatever balance of principal and interest may be due after the remission of said sum, this remission is made under the peculiar circumstances of his case, and is not to be regarded as a precedent in any other.

Paid March 25<sup>th</sup> 1850

On motion, Resolved, that the sum of Seventy five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the use and benefit of the Public Schools in the Town of Newcastle, payable to the order of the school commissioners of Districts No. 45 and 46,

On motion of James Blount the committee on the repairs of the Academy were authorized to take into consideration, and make report whether any and what repairs are necessary to the Town block, And the said



committees are also required to have the block faces re-painted, and the numbers showing the hours to be gilded.

On motion of Elisha Jefferson, Resolved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety or necessity of establishing a correct system of Schools in the Town of Newcastle, and to make report in writing to the Board, and on motion it was ordered that the said committee shall consist of three members and on motion the President was authorized to appoint said committee, whereupon the President appointed Elisha Jefferson Andrew C Gray and William Robinson.

On motion of Andrew C Gray seconded by William Robinson It was Resolved, that the account of William Motherill heretofore presented to this Board and rejected for money paid by him to Jesse Wemy for sinking to a greater depth the well on the premises occupied by said Motherill, and repairing the same be now allowed, It appearing to this Board that the well before it was thus deepened and repaired had entirely failed at some seasons of the year to supply water for his family and the stock of his farm and it appearing to the Board also that the acting committee had given said Motherill directions to do the work and that they would recommend an appropriation for that purpose.

The following accounts were on motion read examined and allowed, viz:

Paid	Isaac Grubb for one years salary as Secretary	\$ 30.00
Paid	John F Bogie for Black smith's Bill Iron work	4.96
Paid	John F. Bogie for do do do	10.56
Paid	Thomas Challenger one years Salary as Treasurer	60.00
Paid	John Bradford for services on acting committee	1.50
Paid	Thomas Challenger for do do do	1.50
Paid	William Motherill for cash paid Wemy for sinking well	29.62
Paid	Trustees of Newcastle Common in acct with James M. Wise	
	March 5 <sup>th</sup> By rent rec <sup>d</sup> of sundry persons for use of Hall \$17.00	
	" " To cash paid for Spillings Candles &c. . . . .	\$9.62
	" " one years Salary for taking care of Town Ball	20.00
	" " Balance due James M. Wise	12.62
		<u>\$ 29.62</u> \$29.62

Paid James M. Wise, for Balance as stated in the above account 12.62

On motion of Andrew C Gray the following ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle

Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in the common form be drawn for the payment of the appropriation and the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting amounting to the sum of Two hundred and twenty five dollars seventy six cents.

On motion the Board adjourned

At a Stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, June 4<sup>th</sup> 1850. present,

- John Jarriv, James Blount
- Elisha Jefferson Joseph Caldwell
- Thomas Challenger John Bradford,
- Andrew C Gray

Peter B. Vanderev, Secretary,

The President being absent, on motion Elisha Jefferson was appointed President, pro. tem.

On Motion, James Blount, Andrew C. Gray and Joseph Caldwell were appointed a committee to take into consideration and to report to this Board as to the propriety or necessity of procuring a suitable Lot of ground to be used as a Public Burial ground and the probable cost thereof, Also to report whether it is necessary and proper to build a stone wall in front of Potters field, for the protection of the same, and the probable cost thereof,

On Motion the Board adjourned to Monday Evening next the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. at 7 1/2 O'clock.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held pursuant to adjournment, Monday Evening June 10<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1850. present,

- Kelsey Johns Andrew C. Gray
- John Jarriv Joseph Caldwell
- John Bradford Elisha Jefferson
- William Miller James Blount,
- Thomas Challenger

Peter B. Vanderev, Secretary,

The President being absent, on motion Kelsey Johns was appointed President, pro. tem.

The committee on repairs of the Academy and Town clock not being prepared to report, were continued.

The committee appointed to report in relation to the propriety of establishing a correct system of Schools, not being prepared to make a report was continued,

The acting committee of the Board of Trustees made the following Report,

Your Committee would report that they have visited the Farms as directed by the Board, and have found the trespass by McEwens, as represented by Morrison, existing, They would also report the necessity of putting up a small Barn for Peter Riley, as the only Farm Building he has is a small granary, and by itself entirely too small for the wants and conveniences of the Farm, They have also visited Stoops Farm and find the floor of the Kitchen in a dilapidated state, and as his Lease has nearly expired, would recommend the Board, to have the necessary repairs made according to Mr. Stoops' proposition, they would furthermore state that they have visited the Farm occupied by Henry Reynolds, and they would report that they find he has exceeded the stipulated quantity of Land to be worked by the conditions of his Lease,

On motion, the above Report of the acting Committee was adopted by the Board, and the Committee instructed to proceed in building the Barn on the premises occupied by Peter Riley as recommended in said Report, also that Henry Reynolds be notified by the acting Committee, that unless he abstains for the future in violating the terms of his Lease, by overtilling his Land, suit will be entered against him by the Board of Trustees, and further that the acting committee be authorized to make the repairs to the kitchen on the premises occupied by Mr. Stoops as mentioned in said Report, and that the said Committee be instructed to take into consideration the encroachments made by the McEwens on the premises at Hanes Corner, and make report to this Board,

The following accounts were on motion read examined and allowed by the Board, viz:

Paid W. C. F. G. Temple for Fruit Trees	\$13.12 1/2
Paid John Wood for 1 year's services keeping Town Block	30.00
Paid Enoch Roberts, for Ashes	71.50
Paid Thomas Challenger for Manure & for purchasing Fruit Trees	5.75
	<u>\$120.37 1/2</u>

On motion, the following Ordinance was read and adopted by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common. Nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Corporation, to the payment on account of and in discharge of so much of the principal of the debt due to the James

Bank of the State of Delaware, at Newcastle, and that a check be drawn for said sum in the usual form,

On Motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in Common Form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting amounting to the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars, thirty seven and a half cents,

On Motion Elisha Jefferson and John James were appointed a Committee, to re-furnish the room in the Town Hall used by the Board of Trustees, also to procure outside Blinds for the windows of the Hall,

On motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common September 3rd A.D. 1850. A Quorum not being present, on motion the meeting adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the Town Hall on Friday evening the 15th day of November A.D. 1850. present  
James Booth President  
Hensley Johns John Bradford  
Thomas Challenger William Miller  
Andrew C. Gray Joseph Caldwell  
Elisha Jefferson James Blount

The following accounts were presented to the Board and after being examined were allowed by the Board, to wit:

Paid Carlisle & Lansdale for gilding &c. deals of Town Block	\$40.00
Paid Robert S. Stoops for work & materials on Farm in which Henry	31.65
Paid Martin M'Gee for Carriage hire for the acting committee	2.00
in visiting the farms	1.47
Paid P. Dougherty for Hooks, Staples &c.	<u>\$75.12</u>

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in Common Form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting amounting to the sum of seventy five dollars twelve cents.

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Journal of the Trustees of N. Carrigan

August 5-1792	Joseph Tallow Dr To Joseph Hyatt to a loan on Bonds for the use of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common	266	67
December 22	James Reddell Dr To Joseph Tallow to Cash paid on account of Peter Hyatt's Surveying	100	00
June 19-1793	Newcastle Common Dr To James Reddell to amount of Surveying expenses allowed the 18th Instant	93	37
	to Books for Calculations	14	67
	to a Bill of expences allowed	5	93
	Newcastle Common Dr To Joseph Tallow to account for expen. allowed Sept 12-1793	19	87
	to settle the 18th Instant allowed	86	
November 4-1794	John Hyatt Dr To Joseph Tallow to Interest paid on Loan obtained for Trustees of Newcastle Common	32	00
1796	John Hyatt Dr To Joseph Tallow to Interest paid on Loan obtained for Trustees of Newcastle Common	32	00
Dr to 1-1797	Robert Barr Dr To Newcastle Common to Rent of 27 acres of 20 pounds of Land	29	17
	James Booth Treasurer Dr To Robert Barr to Rent paid for Land No 3	29	17
	Joseph Tallow Dr To George King to Rents paid for Farm No 2	40	00
	George King Dr To Newcastle Common to Rents of Farm No 2 due March 1796	40	00
	Henry Allantote Dr To Newcastle Common to Rents of House on Lib No 2	6	00
	Joseph Tallow Dr To Henry Allantote to Rents of House on Farm No 2	6	00
Nov 1	James Lashy Dr To Newcastle Common to Rents of Farm No 6 due Thursday	25	00
	John Inas Dr To Newcastle Common to Rents of Farm No 9 due this day	33	75
March 17-1798	Benj <sup>d</sup> Howell Dr To Newcastle Common to Rent due for the use and Occupation	6	00
	Samuel Davis Dr To Newcastle Common to Rent for use and Occupation	6	00
	Richard Sandford Treasurer Dr To Sundry Accounts to Benj <sup>d</sup> Howell Received from him for Rents No 6	6	00
	to Samuel Davis do do do	6	00
	Sundry Accounts Dr To Newcastle Common Robert Barr Rents due this day for Farm No 3	29	17
	James Lashy Rents due this day for Farm No 6	25	00
		54	17

March 25-1798

Sundry Accounts Dr To Newcastle Common	33	75	
John Inas Rents due this day for No 9	33	75	
John Hair Rents due this day for No 8	33	75	
Alexander Reade Rents due No 6	25	00	216
Henry John Dr To James Lashy to Cash paid from Rents of No 6	25	00	18
Example \$51.40 Paid 8078			
August 7	Newcastle Common Dr To Alexander Reade to James Reddell Note for	33	13
	to Note	10	67
	Sundry Accounts Dr To Newcastle Common James Reddell for his Note payable	33	13
	introduced by Alex Reade	10	67
	Alexander Reade for his Note	21	97
	John Hair his Bond of 14th of March for	67	50
	cut with last from March 25 last		
	John Hair his Bond of 14th of March for		
	cut with last from March 25 last		
	Henry John Treasurer Dr To James Reddell to Note paid introduced by Alex Reade	33	13
September 27	Newcastle Board of Health Dr To James Booth Treasurer to payments made of Alexander's	29	18
	to Snow		
	Sundry Accounts Dr To Newcastle Common Robert Barr Rents due this day for No 3	29	17
	Samuel Pool Rents due for No 10	33	86
	Joseph Inas Rents due for No 5	26	50
	James Lashy Rents due for No 6	25	00
	John Inas Rents due for No 9	33	80
	John Hair Rents due for No 8	33	75
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	Henry John Treasurer Dr To Robert Barr to Rents of No 3 paid	29	17
	Newcastle Board of Health Dr To Henry John Treasurer to payment of order to Cash Alexander	30	00
	of John Casw		
	Christopher de Haven Dr To Newcastle Common to Rents of House on No 6	2	00
March 25-1799	Sundry Accounts Dr To Newcastle Common Robert Barr Rents due this day for No 3	29	17
	Samuel Pool Rents due for No 10	33	86
	Joseph Inas Rents due for No 5	26	50
	James Lashy Rents due for No 6	25	00
	John Inas Rents due for No 9	33	80
	John Hair Rents due for No 8	33	75
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1799 March 25 <sup>th</sup> Christopher de Harris Dr to Newcastle Common Rent due for House on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1799	11 00	
Henry John Treasurer Dr to Robert Barr for Rent due on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1799	29 11	
Samuel Pool Dr to Newcastle Common to Rent on 17 <sup>th</sup> 1799	2 16	3 53
Henry John Treasurer Dr to Samuel Pool to payment by Robert Pool Rent of 1790	100 12	
Sundry Accounts Dr to Newcastle Common		
Robert Barr Rent of No 3	29 11	
Samuel Pool Rent of No 11	26 83	
Joseph Innes Rent of No 5	24 50	
James Lasky Rent of No 6	33 80	
John Innes Rent of No 7	33 75	
John Ham Rent of No 8	24 79	
Cheriza Mutton Rent of No 4	72 33	
John Sargent Rent of No 10	33 66	316 49
Henry John Treasurer Dr to Robert Barr for payment on acct of Rent of 1793	29 11	
Henry John Treasurer Dr to Cheriza Mutton for payment on acct of Rent of 1796	26 79	
Henry John Treasurer Dr to John Sargent to payment on acct of Rent of 1794	76 11	
Sundry Accounts Dr to Newcastle Common		
John Sargent Rent of No 1	24 11	
Robert Barr Rent of No 3	29 11	
Joseph Innes Rent of No 5	26 83	
James Lasky Rent of No 6	24 50	
John Innes Rent of No 7	33 66	
John Ham Rent of No 8	33 75	
John Innes Rent of No 9	33 50	
Samuel Pool Rent of No 10	33 66	243 48
James de Callmont Dr to Newcastle Common to Board of Hospital	38 66	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to Robert Barr to Cash on acct of Rent	29 11	
Henry John Treasurer Dr to Joseph Innes to Cash on acct of Rent	133 91	
Joseph Innes Dr to Newcastle Common to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from Nov 1798 to this date	2 64	
to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from March 25 1799 to this date	1 51	
to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from Nov 1 1798 to this date	7 00	
to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from March 25 1799 to this date	21	
to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from March 25 1799 to this date	6 99	12 61

1799 June 17 Henry John Treasurer Dr to James Lasky to Cash on acct of Rent	114 4	265
James Lasky Dr to Newcastle Common to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from Nov 1 1798 to this date	2 77	
to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from March 25 1799 to this date	1 51	
to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from Nov 1 1798 to this date	1 06	
to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from March 25 1799 to this date	0 24	
to Rent on 26 <sup>th</sup> 1799 from March 25 1799 to this date	6 99	8 13 72
James Riddle Dr to Henry John Treasurer to Cash	325 90	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to Robert Barr to Cash on acct of Rent	27 11	
Sundry Accounts Dr to Newcastle Common		
John Sargent Rent of No 1	24 11	
Robert Barr Rent of No 3	29 11	
Joseph Innes Rent of No 5	26 83	
James Lasky Rent of No 6	24 50	
John Innes Rent of No 7	33 66	
John Ham Rent of No 8	33 75	
John Innes Rent of No 9	33 50	
Samuel Pool Rent of No 10	33 66	243 48
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to Robert Barr to Cash on acct of Rent	65 91	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to Newcastle Common to Cash on acct of Rent	26 56	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to James de Callmont to Cash for Board of Board of Health	38 66	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to John Sargent to Cash on acct of Rent	51 00	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to Cheriza Mutton to Cash on acct of Rent	26 21	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to John Innes to Cash on acct of Rent	80 00	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to Robert Barr to Cash on acct of Rent	29 11	
Cheriza Mutton Dr to Newcastle Common to Rent of 1796 up to March 25 1799	826 77	
to Rent of 1796 up to March 25 1799	1 52	26 21
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to John Ham to Cash on acct of Rent	94 87	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to John Innes to Cash on acct of Rent	79 57	169 74
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to John Innes to Cash on acct of Rent	42 67 5	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to John Sargent to Cash on acct of Rent	70 00	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to Henry John Treasurer to Cash	213 67	
Nicholas Vandeyke Treasurer Dr to James de Callmont to Cash on acct of Rent	38 66	



May 19th 1811

Trustees of Newbury Academy & to which also Vandyke Treasurer  
to Cash for James in Gallows Treasurer ----- 82.73

James in Gallows Treasurer	24.11
John Legend	29.17
Robert Barn	21.68
James in Gallows Treasurer	26.83
Joseph in us	25.78
James in us	33.66
John in us	33.50
John in us	33.66
Samuel in us	

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Paid  
by  
order  
Dec. 2<sup>d</sup>  
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On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common nine members being present and seven assen-  
ting thereto, that the sum of two hundred and thirty  
dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the benefit  
of United School Districts Nos 45 & 46, and that a check  
order in common form be drawn for said amount pay-  
able to the order of the School Committee of said districts

A petition from the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle  
was presented and read, to-wit,

The Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle lay  
leave to present the following Report of their finances, with  
estimates of their probable expenses for the ensuing year,

The expenses of the past year for all purposes about \$330.00  
Rec<sup>d</sup> from Trustees of Common \$210, from Rent of stalls \$140 - 250.00  
Indebtedness at present, \$ 80.00

For the present year the estimated expense is \$250.-  
as follows,

For enclosing market space & boxing trees \$105.00  
" Pumps, streets and incidental expenses 145.00 250.00  
\$ 330.00

The commissioners would therefore most respectfully request  
that an appropriation for the above amount be made by the  
Trustee at an early day and thereby relieve the citizens of  
the Town from taxation, the only resort of the commissioners  
in case of failure with you. By order of the Town Commissioners  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1850. - Amos H. Wickelham, Chairman

On motion of Andrew C. Gray it was Resolved that the said  
petition be referred to a committee of three members, whose  
duty it shall be to confer with the Town Commissioners and  
make report to this board, whereupon Andrew C. Gray  
Elihu Jefferson and Thomas Challenger were appointed by  
the President to compose the said committee

On motion of Elihu Jefferson it was resolved that a com-  
mittee of three members be appointed to take into consideration  
the propriety of having some lamps fixed in such parts of the  
Town as they may deem most expedient, and the probable  
expense thereof, and to make report to this Board, where-  
upon the President appointed Elihu Jefferson Joseph Caldwell  
and James Blount to compose said committee

On motion the Board then adjourned

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trust-  
ees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town House  
on Tuesday evening December 3<sup>rd</sup> A. D. 1850; Present  
Elihu Jefferson, John Janvier  
William Robinson John Bradford,  
Thomas Challenger

A quorum not being present, the meeting adjourned  
to Wednesday evening the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at seven  
o'clock,

At an adjourned quarterly meeting of the Board  
of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Wed-  
nesday evening December 11<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1850, pursuant to  
adjournment, present,

James Booth, President  
John Bradford James Blount  
Elihu Jefferson Thomas Challenger  
William Robinson William Miller  
John Janvier Joseph Caldwell,

The Committee on the subject of Lamps not being ready  
to report, were continued

Thomas Janvier Esquire, who has been unable to attend  
the meetings of the Board for a long time past, tendered  
his resignation, this evening, as one of the Trustees of  
the Newcastle Common, and on motion his resignation  
was accepted by the Board,

Elihu Jefferson and Thomas Challenger, being a majority of  
the Committee appointed on the fifteenth day of November  
last, to confer with the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle  
on the subject of their petition to this Board, make report  
that the Committee have conferred with the said Com-  
missioners and now recommend to this Board that the  
sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated out of the  
funds subject to the order of the said Town Commissioners

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, nine members being present and assenting, that  
an election be held at the Court House, in the Town of  
Newcastle, on Monday the twenty third day of December



instant, between the hours of twelve o'clock at noon and four o'clock P.M. for two trustees of the Newcastle Common, to supply the vacancies in the Board occasioned by the death of Isaac Grubb Esquire and the resignation of Thomas Jarner Esquire, And that John Bradford and Thomas Challenger, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to give six days notice of the time and place of holding said election to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees and that it be the duty of the said committee to superintend the said election, and make report thereof to this Board.

Proposals from various persons to take a lease for twelve years from the twenty fifth day of March next, of the Farm now in the tenure of Chauncey D. Holcomb Esquire, were taken up and read by the Board, After due consideration the Board accepted the proposals of William R. Stoup subject to the stipulations contained in the former leases of this Board, and also that no deduction shall be made out of the Rent, for Lime until it shall be first shown that the lime has been purchased and spread on the land according to the terms of the intended lease to be executed by said William R. Stoup, which proposals of the said William R. Stoup is as follows, "Understanding that the Farm now occupied by Chauncey D. Holcomb is to be rented for 12 or 15 years, I should like you to consider my proposal, I will pay \$500. per year, in half yearly payments, pay all the taxes, keep up repairs and keep hedges in order, and till the same, in the same way that the other tenant does, Should the Trustees wish to put up any buildings I will do the hauling free of charge, and will guarantee to leave the hedges and fences in good order at the expiration of the Lease,

The following accounts were read, examined and passed, to wit:  
 Paid John Robinson, for work and repairs on the Academy \$ 34.38  
 Paid John McGain for 132 Bu. ashes for Model Farm 82.16  
 Paid Elisha Jefferson for Lime and sundries 66.89  
 Dollars 179.43

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present, and assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at

this meeting amounting to the sum of one hundred and seventy nine dollars, forty three cents,

Paid by order Dec. 27 1850

On motion the following Ordinance was adopted by the Board, Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for said amount, payable to the order of said Town Commissioners.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, pursuant to notice upon the request of two members, held on Thursday evening the ninth day of January A.D. 1851. present

- James Booth, President
- Elisha Jefferson      John Jarner
- Joseph Caldwell      Thomas Challenger
- James Blount      William Robinson
- John Bradford      Charles H. Black

A report signed by John Bradford and Thomas Challenger who had been appointed Judges of an election held by the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle, at the Court House on the twenty third day of December last, for two Trustees of the Newcastle Common to supply vacancies in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the decease of Isaac Grubb and the resignation of Thomas Jarner, - Certifying that after giving due notice as required by the Charter, said election was duly held, that one hundred and eleven votes were taken at said election, and that it appeared after counting said votes, that Charles H. Black had received sixty one votes, William Cooper had received thirty seven votes, Amos H. Wickersham had received fifty one votes, Lucius M. Chase had received twenty seven votes, William H. Dobb had received twenty votes, William J. Read had received twenty one votes Samuel Platt had received five votes and James Cooper had received one vote, - was laid before the Board and on motion read, whereupon - On motion the said report was adopted, and it was thereupon Resolved, that



Charles H. Black having received a majority of the votes given at the said election, has been duly elected a Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Isaac Grubb, and that no person has been elected to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas Janvier, whereupon on motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and assenting thereto, that an election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle, on Thursday the 23<sup>d</sup> day of January instant, between the hours of twelve o'clock, noon, and four o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned in said Board by the resignation of Thomas Janvier, and that John Bradford and Thomas Challenger be and they are hereby appointed a committee to give six days notice of the time and place of holding said elections, to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and that it be the duty of the said committee to superintend the said election, and to make report thereof to the Board,

On motion the following account was read examined and passed by the Board, viz:  
William Bush for 147 ft. Spruce scantling for Model Farm \$2.91

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven assenting thereto, that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the account allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Two dollars ninety one cent  
On motion the Board then adjourned.

At a Stated Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty one, present,

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| James Booth,       | President       |
| Colin Jefferson,   | Andrew C Gray   |
| William Robinson,  | Charles H Black |
| Thomas Challenger, | John Bradford   |

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| William Miller | Joseph Caldwell |
| James Blount   | William Cooper  |

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, Whereupon, on counting the votes given by ballot it appeared that, James Booth was duly elected President, Thomas Challenger was duly elected Treasurer, John Janvier was duly elected one of the acting committee, Thomas Challenger was duly elected one of the acting committee, Charles H Black was duly elected one of the acting committee

A communication was presented to the Board, from C. Polcomb, Esq. which is as follows,

To the Trustees of Newcastle Common, Gentlemen  
I erected at Centre Hall in the summer of 1845 a small building as an additional sleeping apartment, and which I think a valuable improvement to the property, and which I would like the Trustees to take and allow me a fair value for. I have made several additions and permanent improvements to the property amounting in all to several hundred dollars—such as putting in Gormar windows, putting up window shutters, making well house and Privy, painting the house inside and out with oil paint &c. &c. I ask no allowance for this, but the little building I added I wish the Trustees to allow me on account of the Rent I am now owing them, the sum of \$100, which is very considerably below its cost, I believe \$50. below. The following is a copy of a letter I addressed to the Trustees when about to commence this building "To the Trustees of Newcastle Common, Gentlemen, Not having received any answer to my communication on the subject of erecting a small addition to the House at Centre Hall, or learned of any action of the Trustees on the subject, and as the warm weather is approaching when such a building or apartment will be very necessary for the suitable accommodation of my family, I have concluded to erect a small tenement without connecting it either with the main building or with the Freehold in such a way as would prevent my right to remove the same on the expiration of the Lease. It would answer when removed my purpose for a small tenant house unless the Trustees should consider it an improvement that would benefit the property to the amount I would be willing to take for it, but this will be matter of subsequent arrangement, at present I will not trouble the Trustees further with the subject." The building which I added which is well and permanently constructed is well worth



the reasonable sum I name for it, for it not only gives additional room but renders the South west Room of the House before cold and damp, a much more comfortable room by the protection it affords on the North, the early action of the Trustees on the subject will oblige Truly and Respectfully their obedient servant,  
Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1851.  
W. P. Holcomb,

The foregoing proposition of Mr. Holcomb having been read and duly considered by the Board was on motion refused and the Secretary of the Board was directed to give him written notice accordingly,

A communication from Isaac H Register in regard to selling or transferring his Lease, also in relation to the purchase of certain Manure, was laid before the Board, and the same having been read and duly considered by the Board of Trustees, the propositions therein contained, were on motion refused, and the Secretary was directed to give Mr. Register written notice of such refusal,

A statement of the Financial affairs of United School Districts Nos 45 & 46, by which it appears that the sum of \$203, will be necessary to continue said schools until the end of the year, was presented and read to the Board, Whereupon on motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,

\$203.<sup>00</sup>  
for  
Public  
Schools,  
Paid by  
check  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
1851.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, That the sum of Two Hundred and three dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the benefit of United School Districts Nos 45 and 46, and that a check or order in conformity be drawn for said amount payable to the order of the school committee of said Districts

On motion of Elisha Jefferson, it was Resolved, that Charles H. Black, James Booth and William Couper be added to the committee on Schools, appointed on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1850,

On motion of Charles H. Black, it was Resolved that James Blount be authorized to cause the Town Clock to be put in good order

On motion John Bradford was appointed to take charge of the Town Clock for the present year,

On Motion James M. Waze was appointed to take care of

the Town Hall, for the current year,

On motion the committee heretofore appointed to print and publish the Charter and Bye Laws were discharged;

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to print and publish the Charter and Bye Laws in Pamphlet form and that the President appoint said Committee, Whereupon the President appointed Charles H Black, Andrew C Gray and William Couper said committee,

A Report signed by John Bradford and Thomas Challenger who had been appointed Judges of an Election, held by the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle at the Court House on the twenty third day of January last, for a Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned in the said Board by the resignation of Thomas Janvier, certifying that after giving six days notice of said election, said election was duly held, that one hundred and twenty six votes were taken at said election, and upon counting the ballots it appeared that William Couper received sixty four votes, Amos H. Wickensham received thirty three votes, William H Dobb received twenty eight votes and Nathaniel Young received one vote, - Was laid before the Board and on motion read, Whereupon on motion the said report was adopted, and it was thereupon Resolved that William Couper, having received a majority of the votes given at the said election has been duly elected a Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas Janvier, Whereupon William Couper appeared and took his seat as a member of this Board,

On motion of Andrew C Gray seconded by James Blount, That a full statement of the accounts of the Newcastle Commons for the year ending the 25<sup>th</sup> instant be published, and that Andrew C Gray, William Couper and Thomas Challenger be a committee to carry this resolution into effect,

\$450.  
for  
Riley  
Farm  
order  
March  
1851  
payable  
order of  
Trustees

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of Four Hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated to be expended for certain improvements on the Riley Farm subject to the order of John Janvier, Thomas Challenger and Charles H Black the acting committee of this Board,



Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid

The following accounts were read examined and allowed by the Board

Peter B. Vanderveer 1 year Salary as Secretary	\$ 30.00
J. Wood, for care of Town Clock one year	30.00
William Miller for stone	10.80
Spencer McSwain for stone	36.55
James M. Wise for care of Town Hall	20.00
Jurnes & Hanson for candles and oil	.91
G. W. Jurner " Candles	1.25
Thomas Challenger Holding two elections	2.00
John Bradford " " "	2.00
	<u>\$ 133.51</u>

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of one hundred and thirty three dollars fifty one cents,  
 On motion the Board then adjourned,

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, pursuant to notice given upon the request of two members, held on Saturday afternoon the tenth day of May A.D. 1851, present,

John Jurner	William Miller
Thomas Challenger	John Bradford
James Blount	Joseph Caldwell

The President being absent on motion William Miller was appointed chairman pro-tem,  
 A quorum not being present, on motion the meeting adjourned to Monday evening next, the 12th instant at eight o'clock, -

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Monday evening May 12th A.D. 1851, pursuant to adjournment, present

Charles H. Black	John Jurner
William Couper	Thomas Challenger
Andrew C. Gray	William Miller
John Bradford	Elihu Jefferson
(William Robinson)	

Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid  
Paid

The President of the Board being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President pro-tem,  
 on Motion the following Bills were examined and allowed by the Board, to wit;

John C. Clark for Printing title papers & Bye Laws	\$ 53.80
David S. Lewis, for Rollers & Bolts furnished	4.45
Edward Collings for 150 Posts for Model Farm	15.00
Thomas Challenger for cash paid for Laying ledge on Model Farm	12.32
John McClain 1500 Bu. Ashes, Model Farm	188.50
Thomas Challenger, 1 yrs. Salary as Treasurer	60.00
William Miller 3 days services on acting Committee	4.50
Thomas Challenger 3 " " " "	4.50
	<u>\$ 343.07</u>

On Motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board,  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Three Hundred and forty three dollars seven cents,

On Motion Resolved that all the printed copies of the title papers &c. of the Newcastle Common be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for distribution to all the white Male Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle, upon application therefor,  
 On motion the Board adjourned,

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town House, on Tuesday evening, June 3rd. A.D. 1851, present,

Elihu Jefferson	Joseph Caldwell
William Couper	John Jurner
Thomas Challenger	James Blount,
John Bradford	

A quorum not being present, on motion adjourned to Monday evening next the 9th inst. at 7 o'clock



At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the Town House on Monday evening June 9th. 1851, pursuant to adjournment, present

- Elihu Jefferson
- Thomas Challenger
- John Bradford
- Charles H. Black
- William Robinson
- James Blount
- William Couper
- Joseph Caldwell
- Andrew C. Gray
- John Janvier

The President of the Board being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro tem.

The Bill of Thomas M. Ogle for building Barn on the Farm occupied by Peter Riley was presented to the Board, and on motion referred back to the acting committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following accounts were read, examined and allowed,

Paid	Elihu Jefferson, amt paid R. Humphreys Bill for materials & mason work at Riley's Barn	\$ 55.95
Paid	William Smith, for sundry materials & work	14.30
Paid	Thomas Turner for repairing fence enclosing Pub. grounds	35.57
Paid	John H. Bogia for iron work for do do do	4.81
Paid	H. Sewell & Barnah Taton for clearing Rooms, in Town Hall	1.75
Paid	J. Lechler for Roofing Academy & sundry repairs	48.61
Paid	Elihu Jefferson for Lime, lumber, Rails &c.	186.87
Paid	Wm P. Keach " scavenging & repairs of Town Clock	8.00
Paid	N.B. & J.T. J.P. & R.R. Co. for freight on 150 white oak Posts	3.00
Paid	James Blount for 16 1/2 lbs cordage for clock,	2.64
Paid	Thomas Challenger, for amt paid J. Bartlett for making Posts, painting Rails & setting fence	22.77
	J. Bartlett, for sundries per Bill Rendered	10.80
		<u>\$ 395.37</u>

On motion Elihu Jefferson was authorized to Rent the Town Hall to Judge Hall for the purpose of holding the United States Court therein,

On motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the

Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Three hundred and ninety five dollars thirty seven cents,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated, for the payment of sundry accounts, subject to the order of the acting committee of this Board,

On motion, Resolved, That the committee appointed at the March meeting to publish an account of the Finances be continued until the first day of September next, with instructions to publish in their statement the amount received for the past fiscal year, the amount disbursed, with the amount due from the Corporation and to whom due, as well as the amount due to the same and the names of persons from whom the same is due and that they may be authorized and required to furnish to each of said persons a copy of this Resolutions.

On motion the Board then adjourned

At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held pursuant to notice given upon the request of two members, on Thursday evening August 7th. A.D. 1851, present

- James Booth, President
- James Blount
- Elihu Jefferson
- John Janvier
- Thomas Challenger
- Joseph Caldwell
- William Miller
- John Bradford
- William Robinson
- William Couper,

It being made known to the Board of Trustees, that the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle wished to communicate, by a committee with the Board, on motion of John Bradford, It was Resolved that the said committee be allowed to do so, whereupon Dr. James Couper and Samuel Biddle appeared as such committee, and represented to the Board the state of their Finances, the bad condition of the pumps, &c. of some of the crossings, alleys, streets &c. with a request that the Board of Trustees would adopt such measures as would make the Town



At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the Town House on Monday evening June 9th. 1851, pursuant to adjournment, present

- Elihu Jefferson
- Thomas Challenger
- John Bradford
- Charles H. Black
- William Robinson
- James Blount
- William Couper
- Joseph Caldwell
- Andrew C. Gray
- John Janvier

The President of the Board being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro tem.

The Bill of Thomas M. Ogle for building Barn on the Farm occupied by Peter Riley was presented to the Board, and on motion referred back to the acting committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following accounts were read, examined and allowed,

Paid	Elihu Jefferson, amt paid R. Humphreys Bill for materials & mason work at Riley's Barn	\$ 55.95
Paid	William Smith, for sundry materials & work	14.30
Paid	Thomas Turner for repairing fence enclosing Pub. ground	35.37
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Paid	H. Sewell & Hannah Linton for clearing Rooms, in Town Hall	8.75
Paid	J. Lechler for Roofing Academy & sundry repairs	48.61
Paid	Elihu Jefferson for Limes, lumber, Rails &c.	186.87
Paid	W <sup>m</sup> P. Veach " surveying & repairs of Town Clock	9.00
Paid	N. B. & J. J. P. & R. R. Co. for freight on 100 white oak Posts	3.00
Paid	James Blount for 16 1/2 lbs cordage for clock,	2.64
Paid	Thomas Challenger, for amt paid J. Bartlett for making Posts, pointing Rails & setting fences	22.77
	J. Bartlett, for sundries per Bill Rendered	10.80
		<u>\$ 395.37</u>

On motion Elihu Jefferson was authorized to Rent the Town Hall to Judge Hall for the purpose of holding the United States Court therein,

On motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the

Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Three hundred and ninety five dollars thirty seven cents,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated, for the payment of sundry accounts, subject to the order of the acting committee of this Board,

On motion, Resolved, That the committee appointed at the March meeting to publish an account of the Finances be continued until the first day of September next, with instructions to publish in their statement the amount received for the past fiscal year, the amount disbursed, with the amount due from the Corporation and to whom due, as well as the amount due to the same and the names of persons from whom the same is due and that the Treasurer be authorized and required to furnish to each of said persons a copy of this Resolution.

On motion the Board then adjourned

At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held pursuant to notice given upon the request of two members, on Thursday evening August 7th. A.D. 1851, present

- James Booth, President
- James Blount
- Elihu Jefferson
- John Janvier
- Thomas Challenger
- Joseph Caldwell
- William Miller
- John Bradford
- William Robinson
- William Couper,

It being made known to the Board of Trustees, that the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle wished to communicate by a committee with the Board, on motion of John Bradford, It was Resolved that the said committee be allowed to do so, whereupon Dr. James Couper and Samuel Biddle appeared as such committee, and represented to the Board the state of their Finances, the bad condition of the pumps, &c. of some of the crossings, alleys, streets &c. with a request that the Board of Trustees would adopt such measures as would enable the Town



Commissioners to remedy the evils complained of, and the committee withdrew, whereupon on motion Elisha Jefferson and William Couper were appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Town Commissioners relative to the above matters presented to this Board, with instructions to make report of their doings at the next meeting of this Board,

On motion the following account was read examined and allowed, viz:  
Paid To James Blount for a four light chandelier & freight on the same, purchase of H. G. Ticker, for the Room occupied by the Trustees in the Town Hall \$7.95

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the account allowed by the Board at this meeting amounting to the sum of thirty seven dollars ninety five cents,

On motion the Board then adjourned

At a Stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening September 2<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1851. Present,  
James Booth, President

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| Andrew C. Gray    | James Blount     |
| Thomas Challenger | Elisha Jefferson |
| Charles H. Black  | William Couper   |
| Joseph Caldwell   | John Bradford,   |
| William Robinson  |                  |

On motion, Resolved that the Treasurer of this Board be and he is hereby instructed to collect within the next sixty days all rents in arrears and now due from the Tenants of the Commons Land,

On motion, - Resolved, That the acting committee of this Board be and is hereby authorized and instructed to visit the Farm late in the occupancy of C. P. Holcomb Esquire and to report in writing to the Board at a special meeting to be called for that purpose within the next thirty days, whether said Holcomb has fully complied with the covenants of his Lease, and if not, to report the nature of the violations of said Lease, their extent and what in their opinion may be the amount of the damage sustained thereby

Whereas by a verbal Report of the Acting committee showing that the out buildings on the Farm now occupied by William R. Thrope are in a state of great dilapidation, and wholly unfitted for the purposes for which they were designed, therefore, be it Resolved that said committee be and is hereby authorized to build on said Farm, by issuing Public proposals for the same, such a building in the nature of a granary and Corn Crib, as in their opinion may be deemed most suitable and proper,

The committee appointed by this Board at the last meeting to confer with a committee of the Town Commissioners, having reported that they had not yet met any committee on behalf of the Town Commissioners, were on motion continued  
On motion the Board then adjourned,

At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held pursuant to notice given upon the request of two members, on Saturday evening November first A.D. 1851. present,

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| James Booth, President |                |
| John Janvier           | James Blount,  |
| Elisha Jefferson       | John Bradford  |
| Charles H. Black       | Andrew C. Gray |
| Joseph Caldwell        | William Miller |
| Thomas Challenger      |                |

The acting committee submitted to the Board the following report in relation to the premises late in the occupancy of C. P. Holcomb Esquire,

The undersigned, acting committee of Trustees of Newcastle Common having been instructed by a resolution of the Board at their last stated meeting to visit the Farm late in the occupancy of Chauncey P. Holcomb Esquire and to report to this meeting, the present condition of said Farm and whether the various covenants of the late Lease had been properly observed and executed, herewith report, that they had gone upon and carefully examined the premises referred to and availed themselves of all the testimony and information they could obtain with reference thereto, they regret to say that they found the farm in a very dilapidated condition, a small house which at the renting they were informed was in good tenantable order, by some unfair means has been stripped and mutilated so as to render it unfit for the purposes for which it has been heretofore used - the hedges and fences generally are in a very bad and neglected condition - The prowerder raised upon the premises for a number of years past, as they have been informed, has been annually removed entirely, therefore - the number of living apple trees now on the property is probably not more than one half required by the



Lease to be so left - the out buildings and dwelling house seem to have been improperly treated, all these from an examination of the Lease appear to your committee to be in direct violation thereof, the amount of damages accruing from these various breaches of contract, your committee from their limited means of information can scarcely form a just estimate, they would however suppose at a rough calculation, that it would reach, if not exceed the sum of one thousand Dollars, all of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. Mack } acting  
John Janvier } Com-  
J. Challenger } mittee,

Whereupon, on motion the following Resolution was passed by the Board of Trustees,  
Resolved, That Andrew C. Gray Esquire, the Attorney of this Board, be and is hereby instructed to communicate with C. S. Holcomb in reference to the supposed violations of the covenants of the Lease for the farm lately in his tenure and in the event of said Holcomb refusing to make the Trustees such compensation as they may deem just and fair under the circumstances, then the said Attorney be and is hereby authorized and required to take immediately such legal steps as he may think necessary to enforce payment of the same.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated, subject to the draft of the acting committee for the purpose of paying for a new granary and corn crib now in the course of erection on the Farm in the occupancy of Wm R. Stroupe.

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851. order drawn for \$600, payable to the order of the acting committee.  
On motion, the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of six hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting committee, for the purpose of paying for a new granary &c. now in the course of erection on the Farm in the occupancy of William R. Stroupe, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.  
On motion the Board then adjourned.

At a special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held pursuant to notice given upon the request of two members, on Saturday evening November eighth A.D. 1851, present  
James Booth, President  
Kelsey John  
William Bradford

William Miller  
John Janvier  
Elisha Jefferson  
Andrew C. Gray  
Joseph Caldwell  
James Blount  
Charles H. Black  
William Cooper  
Thomas Challenger

The committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety or necessity of establishing a correct system of schools in the Town of Newcastle, reported that they had a prospect of commencing a system of public instruction in the Town to be sustained by the funds belonging to the common, and recommend to the Board to appropriate the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars for that purpose, for the first year, which report was in motion adopted.

Whereupon on motion the following Ordinance was passed unanimously, by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of establishing and conducting a system of Public Schools in the Town of Newcastle, said appropriation to be subject to the draft of the committee appointed on the 9th day of March A.D. 1850 and on the 4th day of March A.D. 1851, to take into consideration the propriety or necessity of establishing a correct system of Schools in said Town, - in conformity with the report of the committee.

The Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle made application to this Board for an appropriation of the sum of one hundred dollars, to pay certain debts incurred by former Commissioners, whereupon, on motion,  
It was Resolved that the application of the Town Commissioners, for an appropriation of one hundred dollars to pay debts contracted by former Commissioners be granted, and that an ordinance in due form be drawn for the payment of the sum of one hundred dollars to the Treasurer of the said Commissioners.

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the use of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle, subject to the order of the Treasurer of said Commissioners, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.  
On motion the Board then adjourned.

1852  
March 13<sup>th</sup>  
\$200. paid  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\$254. 1/2  
July 1852  
\$393. 7/10  
Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
\$100. 30/100  
for  
\$593. 7/10



At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening December 2<sup>d</sup> A.D. 1851. present

Elihu Jefferson      John Jamieson  
Joseph Caldwell      Charles H. Black.  
Thomas Challenger      Andrew C. Gray  
John Bradford,

The President being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President pro-tem.

There not being a sufficient number of the Trustees present to make appropriations, on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening next, the 6<sup>th</sup> instant at seven o'clock.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town Hall on Saturday evening December 6<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1851. present

James Booth, President,  
Charles H. Black      William Meller  
Andrew C. Gray      William Couper  
Elihu Jefferson      Thomas Challenger,

The number of the members of the Board present being insufficient to transact the business before them, on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening next at seven o'clock.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1851, present,

Hensley Johns      William Couper  
John Bradford      Elihu Jefferson  
Joseph Caldwell

The President being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President pro-tem.

A quorum not being present, on motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening next, the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, at seven o'clock.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town Hall on Monday evening the fifteenth day of December A.D. 1851, present,

James Booth, President  
Elihu Jefferson      John Bradford  
John Jamieson      Joseph Caldwell  
Andrew C. Gray      William Meller  
C. H. Black      William Couper  
Thomas Challenger,

On motion the following accounts were read examined and allowed

Paid Joshua E. Driver, for expenses incurred at Dover on the question	
Paid " " " of the Removal of the Courts, in 1847	\$ 20.00
Paid George B. Rodney, for expenses of Committee to Dover (1847)	15.50
Paid H. B. Harker for 53 elm trees @ 62¢, for Public green	33.12 1/2
Paid Charles Stewart, for 4 loads street manure for Trees for green	2.00
Paid James Humphries for Planting Trees in green &c. per Bill	8.50
Paid John B. Porter for printing Report of Treasurer (1848)	3.50
Paid Elihu Jefferson " Lime, Bricks, shingles &c, per Bill	123.34
	\$ 203.96

On motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting amounting to the sum of Two hundred and eight dollars ninety six cents,

on motion of Charles H. Black, Resolved That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, be and is hereby appropriated subject to the draft of the acting Committee, to pay the expenses of converting the old corn crib, on the Centre Hall Farm into a stable, and for other purposes,

Whereupon, on motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting committee of this Board, for the purpose of paying the expenses of converting the old corn crib, on the Centre Hall Farm, into a stable, and for other purposes,

On motion the Board then adjourned.



At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held pursuant to notice given upon the request of two members on Saturday evening February 14th A.D. 1852, present,

Elihu Jefferson      Henry Johns  
A. C. Gray          Thomas Challenger  
John Bradford      William Miller  
William Robinson    Joseph Caldwell &

James Blount,

The President being absent on motion of Henry Johns, Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro. tem.

Paid, On motion the account of J. G. M'Barry for chairs and desks furnished for the Newcastle Institute was allowed for \$101.50

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the account allowed by the Board at this meeting, for the sum of one hundred and one dollar fifty cents, -

A communication from Henry J. Reynolds in regard to certain Lots now in his tenure, was referred to the Acting Committee

Whereas since the last meeting of this Board, it has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove by death from our midst our late colleague and friend, Dr. Charles H. Black,

On motion of Andrew C. Gray, Therefore, Resolved, That while we humbly submit to this sad bereavement, we deeply mourn the loss of one who has been a faithful, active and useful member of this Board, and who in all the relations of public or private life, was well entitled to the highest esteem and regard of the community in which his life has terminated, Resolved, That the foregoing testimonial of the feelings of the members of this Board in relation to our deceased friend be entered on the minutes. -

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent by the secretary to the widow of the deceased,

On motion the Board then adjourned

At a Stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening March 2<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1852, present

Henry Johns      Thomas Challenger  
Elihu Jefferson    John Bradford  
William Miller     Andrew C. Gray  
James Blount      John Janvier

Joseph Caldwell,

The President being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro. tem.

On motion the following accounts were read, examined and allowed by the Board, to wit;

Paid James M. Wise for taking care of Town Hall &c. \$ 22.75  
Paid Thomas Challenger, one year salary as Treasurer 60.00  
Paid George W. Turner for sundries per bill 3.54  
Paid Peter B. Wadsworth, one year salary as Secretary 30.00  
Paid Thomas Turner for work at Stephensons Farm & been Fence 7.90  
Paid John Bradford for winding Town Clock 31.37  
\$ 154.66

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board, at this meeting, amounting to the sum of one hundred and fifty four dollars and sixty six cents.

On motion the following communication from Henry J. Reynolds, was read, to wit; "The undersigned being desirous of renting the Lots now in his possession on the south side of the Turnpike Road, submits the following proposals, - For four years commencing March 25<sup>th</sup> 1852 for which he will agree to pay a yearly rent of fifty dollars each and every year, and further will agree to purchase and put on said lots, fourteen dol. worth of manure each and every year, to work each Lot in with corn once in every three years, following the corn with oats, the oats with wheat, and further will agree to keep up the fences and pay all taxes, and fund all grass seeds." On motion the said proposals were accepted by the Board, with the exception of the term of four years, which was reduced to three years, and the Secretary was directed



to prepare the Lease, the expense of which to be paid by the said Henry A. Reynolds,

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, whereupon, on counting the votes it appeared that, James Booth was unanimously elected President, and that John Janvier, Thomas Challenger and John Bradford were duly elected the acting Committee, they respectively having received a majority of votes,

On motion of Andrew C. Gray, James M. Wise was appointed to take charge of the Town Hall the ensuing year, on motion of John Bradford, seconded by Thomas Challenger, for an Ordinance calling an election for one Trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Charles H. Black, the Board being divided, the yeas and nays, were taken as follows, Yeas, Bradford, Challenger, Blount and Caldwell Nays, Johns, Jefferson, Gray and Miller, so the motion was lost.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held pursuant to notice given upon the request of two members, on Wednesday evening March 24th. 1852, present

James Booth, President  
Joseph Caldwell Thomas Challenger  
John Bradford,

There not being a quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening next the 27th inst, at seven, 6 1/2 o'clock.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Saturday evening March 27th 1852, pursuant to adjournment, present

Andrew C. Gray John Bradford  
Joseph Caldwell Thomas Challenger  
James Blount

There not being a quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Monday the 29th instant at 4 P. M.

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At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Monday afternoon the 29th day of March A.D. 1852, at four o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, present

James Booth President  
Andrew C. Gray Joseph Caldwell  
James Blount John Bradford  
William Miller John Janvier  
Elihu Jefferson Henry Johns

On motion of John Bradford seconded by James Blount the following Ordinance was passed by the Board.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that an election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the tenth day of April next, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and four o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned in said Board by the decease of Doctor Charles H. Black, and that Thomas Challenger and John Bradford be and they are hereby appointed a committee to give six days notice of the time and place of holding said election to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and that it be the duty of the said committee to superintend the said election and to make report thereof to this Board,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars fifty three cents, be and is hereby appropriated for the benefit of United School Districts Nos. 45 & 46, payable to the order of the School Committee of said Districts, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for said amount,

On motion an account of Jacob Atkinson for \$19.02 1/2 for Lumber for boxes for trees in the greens and for making said boxes, was allowed by the Board,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle

to prepare the Lease, the expense of which to be paid by the said Henry A. Reynolds,

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, whereupon, on counting the votes it appeared that, James Booth was unanimously elected President, and that John Janvier, Thomas Challenger and John Bradford were duly elected the acting Committee, they respectively having received a majority of votes,

On motion of Andrew C. Gray, James M. Wise was appointed to take charge of the Town Hall the ensuing year,

On motion of John Bradford, seconded by Thomas Challenger, for an Ordinance, calling an election for one Trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Charles H. Black, the Board being divided, the yeas and nays, were taken as follows, Yeas, Bradford, Challenger, Blount and Caldwell Nays, Johns, Jefferson, Gray and Miller, so the motion was lost.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held pursuant to notice given upon the request of two members, on Wednesday evening March 24th. 1852, present

James Booth, President  
Joseph Caldwell Thomas Challenger  
John Bradford,

There not being a quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening next the 27th inst, at seven o'clock.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Saturday evening March 27th 1852, pursuant to adjournment, present

Andrew C. Gray John Bradford  
Joseph Caldwell Thomas Challenger  
James Blount

There not being a quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Monday the 29th inst. at 4 P. M.

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At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Monday afternoon the 29th day of March A.D. 1852, at four o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, present

James Booth President  
Andrew C. Gray Joseph Caldwell  
James Blount John Bradford  
William Miller John Janvier  
Elihu Jefferson Henry Johns

On motion of John Bradford seconded by James Blount the following Ordinance was passed by the Board.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that an election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the tenth day of April next, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and four o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned in said Board by the decease of Doctor Charles H. Black, and that Thomas Challenger and John Bradford be and they are hereby appointed a committee to give six days notice of the time and place of holding said election to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and that it be the duty of the said committee to superintend the said election and to make report thereof to this Board,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars fifty three cents, be and is hereby appropriated for the benefit of United School Districts H, 45 & 46, payable to the order of the School Committee of said Districts, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for said amount,

On motion an account of Jacob Atkinson for \$19.02 1/2 for Lumber for boxes for trees in the green and for making said boxes, was allowed by the Board,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle



of twenty seven dollars

on motion the Board then adjourned,

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held pursuant to notice given upon the request of three members, on Monday evening July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1852, present

James Booth, President  
Elihu Jefferson      William Couper  
John Janner        Joseph Caldwell  
John Bradford      Thomas Challenger  
James Blount       William H. Dobb

The following Report was made to the Board, viz,

The committee appointed to hold an election for two Trustees of the Newcastle Common to fill the vacancies occasioned by the decease of Dr. G. H. Black and William Miller, respectfully beg leave to report, that said election was held on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, at the Court House, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 4 o'clock P.M., when the following named persons received the number of votes attached to their respective names viz; William H. Dobb received ninety nine votes

" William Janner received sixty five votes  
" Amos H. Wickesham received thirty eight votes  
" Samuel Platt received fifty votes,  
" Ferdinand Lechler received twenty seven votes  
" William J. Read received one vote  
" George B. Rodney received one vote

William H. Dobb was duly elected, he being the only one who has received a majority of the votes polled, there were 142 votes polled,

Mr. Bradford } count  
J. Challenger }

which report was on motion adopted by the Board, when upon Mr. Dobb appeared and took his seat as a member of the Board.

On motion, the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that an election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Wednesday the fourth day of August next, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and five o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle

Common to supply the vacancy occasioned in said Board by the decease of William Miller, And that Thomas Challenger John Bradford and Andrew C. Gray be and they are hereby appointed a committee to give six days notice of the time and place of holding said election, to the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and in case there should be no election on that day, if a Trustee, then the said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to proceed in holding elections, giving six days notice thereof, until a Trustee be duly elected to fill said vacancy

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and seventy three dollars eighty one cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle, payable to the order of William H. Dobb Treasurer of said Commissioners, for the purpose of paying certain claims against the said Town, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, the President appointed William Couper, Andrew C. Gray and Elihu Jefferson a committee to examine the accounts and vouchers of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle, and to make report to this Board,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of twenty one dollars and twenty five cents be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of W. H. Dobb, Amos H. Wickesham and Peter B. Vandoren, late school Committee of United Districts No. 45 & 46, for the purpose of closing their accounts, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion an account of John B. Vining for repairing the Academy and for taking care of the Fire Engines for two years was read, examined and allowed for the sum of eighty three dollars and twenty five cents

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof

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assenting thereto, that the sum of Six Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the acting committee for the purpose of building a granary and shed on the Farm in the tenure of Henry Reynolds and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that a check order in common form be drawn for the payment of the account allowed by the board at this meeting, for the sum of eighty three dollars and twenty five cents on motion the Board then adjourned,

At a Stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening September 7th, A.D. 1852,

Present, James Brith, President  
Andrew C. Gray Joseph Caldwell  
Thomas Challenger William H. Dobb  
John Bradford William Sarnier  
William Cooper

The following report was made to the Board of Trustees, viz; The Committee appointed to hold an election for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the death of William Miller beg leave to report that said election was held by them on Wednesday the 4th day of August A.D. 1852, at the Court House, and that at said election, William Sarnier received ninety three votes, Samuel Platt received fifty two votes, and that William Sarnier was duly elected, he having received a majority of the whole number of votes polled, a member of this Board, which report was on motion adopted, Whereupon William Sarnier appeared, and took his seat as a member of the Board of Trustees

On motion, the following, petition was read to the Board, viz; "The petition of the undersigned, Respectfully, Represents, that the School House in District No. 40 situated on the Commons property, is in a dilapidated

condition, and a new building is most urgently required for the health, comfort and advantage of the children of the District; It is proposed to erect a good brick building at an expense of some \$350, by subscription, The Commons property is nearly all situated in this district, The tenants on it are willing most of them to do something, but the improvement being of a permanent character, the erection of a building calculated to last for half a century, they holding by Leases for a short period of years, have not the interest of those having a freehold estate, The erection of a good school house is calculated to benefit the Commons property, since such a building is as much a necessity for those occupying the land as the buildings in which they reside, or house their stock, or keep their grain or implements, and is calculated like these to add to the value of the property to some extent, making the Leases of the farms more desirable for being in the vicinity of a good school house, If the Trustees of the Commons as the Landlords refuse to assist, and their tenants not having a permanent interest decline to do so but to a limited extent, it will throw the improvement principally on the other inhabitants of the district, which the Trustees as one of the largest landholders cannot wish to do.

Their interest, the interest of the Trust Fund is certainly concerned in having a good and sightly building on their Estate, in the place of the one that now occupies it, to which end the undersigned respectfully ask that they will give a long lease to one fourth of an acre of land, and make such further subscription in money as to them shall seem just and proper,

Signed, C. W. C. Johnson  
John Patterson  
Richard Jackson  
W. Motherall

There being no quorum present, on motion the petition was laid on the Table, And on motion the Board then adjourned



At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, upon the request of two members, on Saturday evening November 13<sup>th</sup> 1852, present

James Borth, President  
James Blount      A. C. Gray  
Joseph Caldwell      William H. Dobb  
John Bradford      Thomas Challenger  
Elihu Jefferson      William Couper  
John Janvier      Kelsey Johns,

The several applications for leasing the Farm now in the possession of Mrs. Hannah M. Riley, widow of Peter Riley deceased, were presented to the Board, and duly considered, Whereupon

On motion of Andrew C. Gray, The acting committee were authorized and directed, to have a Lease for the said Farm prepared, for John D. Tiller and Hannah M. Riley, their proposition having been accepted by the Board, for the term of ten years from the twenty fifth day of March next at the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars per year, one hundred dollars of which sum to be put on the premises annually in time, -

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the payment on account of and in discharge of so much of the principal of the debt due to the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, at Newcastle, and that a check or order in common form be drawn in favor of Howell J. Terry, Cashier, for the payment of the same,

On motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting committee, for incidental expenses, and

that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration and make report to this Board, in reference to the petition of G. W. C. Johnson and others presented to the Board on the seventh day of September last Whereupon the President appointed Elihu Jefferson, Andrew C. Gray, and William Couper said committee

And on motion the Board then adjourned

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening December seventh A. D. 1852, present,

Elihu Jefferson      Joseph Caldwell  
James Blount      William H. Dobb  
Thomas Challenger      William Janvier  
Kelsey Johns      John Janvier &  
John Bradford

The President being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President pro tem,

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of three, be appointed, to confer with a like committee of the Town Commissioners, and to make report to this Board, in regard to the condition of the streets in the Town of Newcastle, and the probable cost of the necessary repairs, Whereupon, <sup>Thomas Janvier, James Blount and Joseph Caldwell were appointed said committee.</sup>

Thomas Challenger the Treasurer of the Board represented, that the Newcastle and Wilmington Rail Road Company had paid to him the sum of four hundred and sixty five dollars being the amount of damages assessed on account of the said Rail Road passing through that part of the Commons property, now in the tenure of Nathan Stevenson. Whereupon, on motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the payment of and in discharge of so much of the principal of the debt due to the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at Newcastle, and that a check or order in common form be drawn in favor of Howell J. Terry, cashier for the payment of the same, - four hundred and sixty five

dollars of which sum is the same received as damages from the Newcastle and Wilmington Rail Road Company

On motion the account of Elisha Jefferson, for nails, spikes manure &c for the Model farm, amounting to the sum of twenty six dollars and twenty five cents, was read, examined and passed,

On motion, the following ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that a check or order in Common form be drawn for the payment of the account allowed by the Board at this meeting, being the sum of twenty six dollars and twenty five cents.

And on motion the Board then adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, called upon the request of two members, held on Thursday evening December 16th, A.D. 1852, present

William Couper	James Blount
John Bradford	Joseph Caldwell
William Jenner	Thomas Challenger
William H. Dobb	

The President being absent, on motion John Bradford was appointed President, pro-tem.

On motion the following communication, was read  
"To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common,

Gentlemen, you are respectfully invited to attend the first Annual exhibition of the Newcastle Institute, to take place on Thursday evening, December 23d, and to meet the committee of arrangements at the office of Daniel Wolfe, Esquire at half past six on the evening above mentioned, for the purpose of taking seats upon the platform,  
with much respect

Your obedient servant,  
Alex. M. Higgins, Principal

which invitation, was on motion accepted, and the secretary requested to inform the Principal of the Institute of such acceptance

The following report was presented to the Board, the

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Committee appointed to examine the streets in the Town of Newcastle, Report, that some of the streets are in a very bad condition and will need a considerable expenditure of money to put them in good repair, perhaps about five hundred dollars. They therefore would recommend, that the sum of Five hundred dollars be appropriated for said purpose, and that a committee of three members of this Board be appointed to act in conjunction, with a like number of the Town Commissioners, to have said repairs done,

William Jenner  
Jos. Caldwell  
James Blount,

which report, was on motion laid over until the next meeting  
And on motion the Board then adjourned to Monday evening next at seven o'clock,

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Monday evening the 20th day of December A.D. 1852, present,

Elisha Jefferson	John Jenner
William H. Dobb	James Blount
John Bradford	Thomas Challenger
William Couper	Joseph Caldwell,

The President being absent, on motion Elisha Jefferson was appointed, President, pro-tem,  
There not being a sufficient number of the Trustees present to carry into effect the object of the meeting, on motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening next the 27th inst, at seven o'clock,

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, on Monday evening December 27th 1852  
Present, Andrew C. Gray Elisha Jefferson  
William Couper Thomas Challenger  
Joseph Caldwell James Blount  
John Bradford William H. Dobb

The President being absent, on motion Andrew C. Gray was appointed President, pro-tem  
On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously passed by the Board,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common are hereby tendered to Professor Hart, Principal of the Philadelphia Central High School, for his kindness in



attending the annual exhibition of the Newcastle Institute on the evening of the twenty third day of December instant and for the able, instructive, and interesting address delivered by him on that occasion.

Resolved, that the President of this Board be requested to communicate the foregoing resolutions to Professor Hart.

And on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening next, the first day of January, at seven o'clock.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town Hall, on Saturday evening January 1st A.D. 1853, present

James Booth, President	Thomas Challenger
John Bradford	John Sanvier
Andrew C. Gray	James Blount
William Couper	William Sanvier
Elihu Jefferson	
Joseph Caldwell	

On motion, The report of the committee appointed to ascertain the condition of the streets in the Town of Newcastle, made to this Board on the 16th day of December last, and at that time laid over, was called up, and on motion the report was adopted. Whereupon, on motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board

Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of Five Hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of William Sanvier, Joseph Caldwell and James Blount, a committee of this Board, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of repairing the streets in the Town of Newcastle, the said Committee to act in conjunction with a like committee of the Town Commissioners, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.

The Treasurer of the Committee on education of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, exhibited to the Board of Trustees, a statement of their account for the past year, by which statement it appeared that they had received the sum of Two thousand two hundred and twenty nine dollars and forty three cents, and that the expenses amounted to the sum Two thousand four hundred and ninety four dollars and seventy five cents

leaving a deficiency of two hundred and sixty five dollars and thirty two cents, to be provided for. Whereupon on motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of Two hundred and sixty five dollars and thirty two cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, for the payment of the balance of the expenses incurred in maintaining the Newcastle Institute for the past year, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on education, and to make report to this Board. Whereupon the President appointed William Sanvier, William H. Dobb and John Sanvier said committee

On motion, the following ordinance was passed by the Board. Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of Eighteen Hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the committee on Education, of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, as circumstances may require, for the maintenance and support of the Newcastle Institute, for the current year, and that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion, Resolved, that the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to Alexander M. Higgins, the Principal of the Newcastle Institute, and to his assistants for the faithful and satisfactory discharge of their duties during the past year, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them

On motion, Resolved, that in addition to the sum of \$265.<sup>32</sup>/<sub>100</sub> appropriated to cover the balance due for expenses of schools during the past year, the sum of Twenty five dollars be appropriated and paid to the Treasurer of the Committee on education for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred by Mr. Higgins on account of the Annual exhibition. Whereupon on motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board. Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof

assenting thereto, that the sum of twenty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the committee on education, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred, on account of the annual exhibition of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion, Resolved, that the committee on education be authorized to pay to their secretary for his services the sum of fifty dollars per annum.

On motion the following accounts were read and allowed, to wit:  
Thomas Challenger for holding three elections for Trustees \$3.00  
John Bradford for holding two elections for do 2.00

On motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form, be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of five dollars.

On motion the Board then adjourned,

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening March 1st, A.D. 1853, present,

James Booth, President  
Elihu Jefferson      John Bradford  
Kensley Johns      Thomas Challenger  
William Sanvier      William H. Dobb  
James Blount      John Sanvier,

On motion the Board went into an election for officers for the ensuing year, whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that the following named persons were duly elected, viz;

James Booth President, Thomas Challenger, Treasurer,  
John Sanvier, Thomas Challenger and John Bradford the acting committee, and Peter B Vandever, Secretary,

On motion the following accounts were read, examined, and allowed by the Board, to wit;

James M. Wise for taking charge of the Town Hall one year \$20.00  
John Bradford for winding block one year . . . . . 30.00  
Thomas Challenger, one years salary as Treasurer . . . 60.00  
Peter B Vandever, secretary, one years salary . . . . . 30.00  
\$140.00

A communication from the Junior Batchelor association of the Town of Newcastle, asking the use of a room in the Town Hall on the 4th inst, was on motion read, whereupon on motion the privilege requested was granted,

On motion, the application of Henry J Reynolds for a lease of the Farm now occupied by him, for a period of twelve years from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1856, was read, and on motion was laid on the table,

The committee appointed on the application of G. W. C. Johnson and others, for a lease of a lot of land, and for a donation, not being ready to report, were continued, with instructions to make report at the next meeting of the Board,

On motion, Resolved, that the salary of the Treasurer of this Board be increased to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum,

On motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board. Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of one hundred and forty dollars,

And on motion the Board then adjourned,

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, called upon the request of two members, held on Tuesday evening May 10<sup>th</sup> 1853 present,

Elihu Jefferson      Thomas Challenger  
John Bradford      William Sanvier  
James Blount      William H. Dobb  
John Sanvier      Joseph Caldwell  
William Cooper



The President being absent, on motion, Elisha Jefferson was appointed President pro. tem.

The Committee appointed November 13th. 1858 upon the application of G. W. C. Johnson, John Patterson, Richard Jackson and William Motherall for a long lease for a quarter of an acre of land and a contribution in money to aid in building a school house, Report, That they have viewed the ground, and recommend that a lease be drawn in favor of the school commissioners of School District No. 1 for one quarter of an acre of ground on the farm now in the tenure of James Morrison commencing when his lease expires, Beginning at the division fence between said Morrison and Aaron Stoops, and fronting on the Public road running from Hoars corner and Wilmington road by said Stoops' house towards the Christiana Creek about for a term of thirty years, for erecting a school house and educating the children of the district, they paying to the Trustees of Newcastle Commons an annual sum of one dollar for ground rent of the same, Your Committee believing that good schools would aid the Trustees at all times in getting good tenants for their farms in that neighbourhood, and to a certain extent benefit the Town, also recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars subject to the draft of the school committee, provided they cause to be erected within three years upon said rented premises a substantial and commodious Brick school house not less than thirty by forty feet, twelve feet from the floor to the square and well ventilated

E. Jefferson  
Andrew C. Gray.

which report, having been read, was on motion adopted, Whereupon, on motion, the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commons, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of assisting in building a school house in School District No. 1 when the report of the committee made at this meeting is complied with, subject to the order of the school committee of said District, and that a check or order in common

form be drawn for the payment of the same,

id On motion an account of Porter and Eckel for printing was allowed for three dollars

On motion the following Report was Read, The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the school committee for the past year, Report, that they have examined the same and find them correct.

Wm. H. Cobb

John Janvier

William Janvier,

which report was on motion adopted,

On motion the following ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commons, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of incidental and other expenses, subject to the order of the acting committee, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, Resolved that the committee on Education be requested to enquire into the alterations necessary to make the Arsenal in the Town of Newcastle suitable for a school house for the children in said Town, the probable cost and the terms upon which the building can be procured by the Trustees of the Newcastle Commons, and make report at the next quarterly or other meeting,

On motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Commons, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the account allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of three dollars

And on motion the Board adjourned.

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At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening June 7th, A.D. 1853, present

John Sanvier	William H. Dobb
William Couper	James Blount
Thomas Challenger	John Bradford,
William Sanvier	

The President being absent, on motion John Bradford was appointed President pro. tem,

On motion, Resolved, That when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Saturday evening the 18th. inst

There not being a full Board present, on motion the Board adjourned,

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening June 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

Present, James Booth, President,  
John Bradford, Thomas Challenger  
William H. Dobb James Blount

There not being a quorum present on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening the 21st. inst. at 8 o'clock.

At a Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening June 21st, A.D. 1853. pursuant to adjournment, present

James Booth President	
Andrew C. Gray	Elihu Jefferson
William Sanvier	Thomas Challenger
James Blount	John Bradford,

There not being a full Board, on motion, the Board adjourned to Saturday evening the 25<sup>th</sup> inst at 8 o'clock.

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At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening June 25<sup>th</sup> 1853, Present:

James Booth, President	
John Bradford	James Blount
William H. Dobb	William Couper
Thomas Challenger	Joseph Caldwell &
Andrew C. Gray	John Sanvier,

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the subject of making such changes in the Arsenal building in this Town as will adapt it to the use of the public schools made the following report,

That they have examined the Arsenal with a view to the alterations necessary to fit it for the accommodation of schools belonging to the Newcastle Institute, and as the general plan of the building is well adapted to the purpose, they would recommend the following, viz:

That the walls be raised seven feet so as to give a second story of about thirteen feet, and thus furnish four fine rooms of about 40 by 25 feet each in the clear, and a hall of ten feet wide, with a stair case leading to the upper story, the whole to be ciled and plastered, That the windows be enlarged to the size of eight feet in height by four feet in width, or thereabout, and be the same number as at present, with the addition of one over the front and another over the back door to light the hall, The door ways to be altered so as to correspond with the windows, and altho' it would be more convenient in some respects to close up the end doors, it is better on the whole to have these additional entrances, It is believed that the roof which is good and well framed can be raised entire so as to allow the walls to be built up under it, at a moderate expense. — From all the information they have obtained and the calculations they have made, the Committee are of opinion that the cost of making the alterations above mentioned and finishing the building in a proper manner, will not be much if any thing less than two thousand dollars, The accompanying drawing of Mr. Alexander



Mr Wiggins gives a view of the front of the building altered according to the foregoing recommendations,

The committee have been informed by the Trustees of the Market square, that they have no objections to execute such a Lease of the Arsenal building for the use of the schools as will answer the purpose of the Trustees of Newcastle Common for a nominal consideration, all of which is respectfully submitted,

(W. Couper  
James Broth  
Andrew C. Gray

which Report on motion was adopted,

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Committee on Education be instructed to proceed with the alterations of the Arsenal in conformity with the said report, and that the said Committee be authorized to have a new roof of iron or shingles made if they deem it best to do so,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, That the sum of Two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expense of making the changes in the Arsenal proposed by the Committee of Education, and that an order, or orders be drawn in common form, for the payment of the same, payable to the order of said Committee,

A communication from a committee of St Johns Lodge of free and accepted Masons in the Town of Newcastle was read, proposing that a third story be added to the Arsenal for the purposes of said Lodge, and of the Library Company, at the expense of the said Library Company and Lodge, provided that an agreement can be entered into for the said object which shall be agreeable to both parties, and wishing that a Committee of this Board be appointed to confer with the said committee of St Johns Lodge, Whereupon on motion the said communication was referred to the Committee on Education

On motion the following accts were read and allowed, to wit,  
John Bradford for four days service as acting Committee \$ 6.00  
George W. James for sundries, per bill Rendered. 7.76

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty eight cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of William H Dobb Treasurer of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle, for paying certain bills due from the said Commissioners, for the year 1852 as per statement exhibited to the Trustees, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

A petition from sundry citizens of the Town of Newcastle, asking an appropriation of fifty dollars, to be expended in celebrating the coming fourth of July, was read, and on motion the said petition was laid on the table,

A communication from James Duncan Jr, proposing to light the Town with Camphine, was read, and on motion was referred to the committee on lights,

The accounts of the acting Committee were presented to the Board, and on motion the same were referred to William Couper, William H Dobb and Andrew C. Gray, for examination

Communications from John C Morrison and Aaron Stoops in relation to leasing a part of the Newcastle Common, were presented to the Board, and on motion the said communications were referred to the acting Committee,

On motion James Blount was authorized to procure a Rope for the sticking weight of the Town Clock and have such work done as may be necessary

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto

that the sum of thirty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of William McDobb and James Blount, for the purpose of procuring apparatus for the recovery of drowned persons, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting committee, for the payment of incidental expenses, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present, and all assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of thirteen dollars and seventy six cents. —

And on motion the Board adjourned

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening September sixth A.D. 1853, present,

Elihu Jefferson	Thomas Challenger
John Bradford	Joseph Caldwell
Kelsey Johns	James Blount
William Couper	

The President being absent on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro-tem.

Communications to the Board, from Francis Sawdon Jr, Robert Wadley, Simon Rodman & William W. Brooks, relative to Leasing a part of the Newcastle Commons, were, on motion referred to the acting committee,

And on motion the Board then adjourned to Tuesday evening the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October next at 7 o'clock

At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening October 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1853, present

James Booth President	
Elihu Jefferson	James Blount
Joseph Caldwell	John Bradford
William Couper	William McDobb
Thomas Challenger	Andrew C. Gray
John Jarvis	

On motion the Communications to this Board in relation to the Leasing of the Farms now in the tenure of Morrison and Stoops, were severally read and referred to the Acting Committee with instructions to make report at the next meeting;

On motion the following accounts were allowed, to wit;

To James Blount for cash paid by him to John Hedges for a Rope for the Iron Clock	\$ 6.40
W <sup>o</sup> P. Neach for surveying on Stinson Farm	8.00
Ho. Eckel & Co for printing statement	3.50
Elihu Jefferson for Lumber & sundries per bill	95.11
John B. Wining for taking care of Fire Engine	12.00
Thomas Challenger for services on acting committee	6.00
	<u>\$131.01</u>

The committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Acting Committee, made the following report,  
The committee to whom was referred the above account report, that they have examined the same and compared it with the vouchers (except one for \$15. — which has been lost) and found it correct, the balance remaining in the hands of the Committee being two dollars and eighty five cents

October 4<sup>th</sup> 1853,

A.C. Gray  
W. Couper  
which report was on motion adopted. —

An account of James Duncan Jr, for printing was presented to the Board, and on motion the same was referred to the Treasurer. —

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the



accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of one hundred and thirty one dollars and one cent,

On motion the following report was read,

The Committee on Education, Respectfully report that the state of the finances of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, the shortness of the period between the last report of the Committee, and the time when the schools ought regularly be re-opened, and the advance of the season, rendered it unadvisable and inexpedient to commence the alterations of the Arsenal, heretofore determined upon by the Board of Trustees, The committee therefore recommend that the whole matter be postponed until next year,

James Brith  
E. Jefferson  
W. Couper,

which report was on motion adopted,

And on motion

The Board adjourned to Tuesday evening the first day of November next at 7 o'clock,

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the first day of November A.D. 1853. present,

Elihu Jefferson	William Jarvie
Thomas Challenger	Joseph Caldwell
William Couper	John Bradford
James Blount	John Jarvie
William H. Dobb	

The President being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President pro tem,

On motion the following accounts were read and allowed,  
Paid To James Duncan Jr. for Campfire for Trustees \$ 3.93  
Paid " Henry J. Vetter for blaying done to Town Hall 2.00

On motion the proposals for leasing certain parts of the Newcastle Common, were read,

On motion the following resolution was passed by the Board  
Resolved, That this Board in future will lease none

of the Farms, under their control for a period longer than five years, and that the money expended annually in future for lime shall be expended by the Trustees,

On motion the proposals of John C. Morrison for a Lease of the Hoars Corner farm or No. 8 were taken up for consideration. - said proposals being as follows, to wit,

Hoars Corner October 17<sup>th</sup> 1853

To the Trustees of Newcastle Common Farms,

Gentlemen, I send in to you my proposal for Farm No. 8. which we at this present time occupy, asking you to please to renew our Lease for a term of twelve years, for which I will bind myself to pay the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars a year, payable half yearly, and also pay the taxes of said Farm, repair and keep the fences and hedges in good order and Farm it in a farmmanlike manner,

Respectfully your Obedient Servant  
John C. Morrison

And on motion said proposals were accepted by the Board for a term of five years, subject to the usual covenants and agreements, and of the Resolution passed by the Board at this meeting and excepting out of said Farm that part thereof which is about to be leased to School District No.

On motion the Proposals of Joseph Bartlett for a Lease of the Model Farm was taken up for consideration, said proposals being as follows, to wit;

To the Trustees of Newcastle Common, Gentlemen  
As the Farm I now occupy is hereafter to be rented for a certain amount to be paid in cash, I will make this proposition, that for a Lease of ten years, I will pay five hundred dollars each year, keep the fences in good order and pay the taxes, Provided you allow me one hundred dollars worth of manure such as may be necessary to make use of each and every year,  
Yours &c

Joseph Bartlett

Newcastle Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1853

And on motion said proposals were accepted by the Board, for a term of five years, subject to the usual covenants and agreements, and of the Resolution passed by the Board at this meeting,

On motion the proposals of Edward Downey for a Lease of the Farm now in the tenure of Aaron Stoops was taken up for consideration, said proposals being as follows, viz:

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common,  
The undersigned respectfully asks to be considered an applicant for the Lease of the Farm now occupied by Aaron Stoops, he will give five hundred dollars per annum for a term of ten years, laying out from that sum yearly one hundred dollars in lime or such other manure as he may be required to procure, to be applied to the land, he will cultivate the Farm according to the usual tillage as required on the other farms belonging to the Newcastle Common, pay all taxes and keep the fences and hedges in good repair.  
Newcastle Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1853, Edward Downey

And on motion the Board proceeded to determine the matter by ballot, and on counting the votes it appeared that there was a majority in favor of Edward Downey's proposals.

Whereupon on motion the proposals of Edward Downey were accepted by the Board for a term of five years, subject to the usual covenants and agreements, and of the Resolution passed by the Board at this meeting.

On motion Resolved, That the Lease for the applicants accepted by the Board at this meeting be executed by the first day of December next.

On motion, Resolved that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to pay to the commissioners for building a school house in School District No. 48 the sum of one hundred dollars appropriated by the Board on the tenth day of May last, notwithstanding that the building erected is of less dimensions than was required by the aforesaid resolution of the Board, and that an Ordinance in the usual form be passed for the same.

Whereupon on motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven

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thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of assisting in paying for a School House erected in School District No. 48 subject to the order of Richard Jackson, Henry J. Reynolds and John Pattison the School Committee of said District, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Five dollars and ninety three cents,

And on motion the Board then adjourned.

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the sixth day of December A.D. 1853, present

James Booth, President	
John Bradford	William H. Dobb
Thomas Challenger	William Cooper
Edwin Jefferson	

There not being a quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening March 7th, A.D. 1854, present,

John Janvier	William Cooper
John Bradford	James Blount
Joseph Caldwell	William H. Dobb
Thomas Challenger	William Janvier

The President being absent, on motion John Bradford was appointed President pro-tem,

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, Whereupon on counting the



Ballots it appeared, that the following persons were duly re-elected, viz:

James Booth, President,  
John Bradford  
Thomas Challenger } Acting Committee, and  
John Janvier  
Peter B. Wadsworth, Secretary,

On motion, a communication from Isaac H. Register relative to re-leasing certain lots now in his tenure, was read, and on motion laid over,

On motion, the following communication was read, To the Trustees of Newcastle Common,

Gentlemen, If you think proper, I will take the charge and care of the Town Hall, at the same pay as at present; should I receive any money, I will pay it to the Treasurer of the Board.

Respectfully yours,  
John Bradford,

which communication was, on motion laid over until the next meeting  
On motion, a statement of the Committee on Education showing the amount of Receipts and disbursements for the past year, was read, and referred to William Janvier, William H. Dobb, and John Janvier, a committee to examine the same and make report to this Board

On motion, the following communication was read, To the Trustees of Newcastle Common,

The Acting Committee beg leave to Report that on the Farm in the occupation of Aaron Stoops there are several small buildings put up at his expense, consisting of Smoke house, Hen House and sheds, which he intended to remove at the expiration of his lease, and your committee have agreed to deduct fifty dollars from his rent, for said buildings.

John Bradford } acting  
J. Challenger } Committee  
John Janvier }

which report was on motion approved,

On motion, It was Resolved, That Mr. Rotan have the use of the North Easterly end of the Arsenal for the purpose of accommodating the workmen employed in building and repairing the new pier at this place, provided that no nuisance be committed, and that Mr. Thomas Challenger inform Mr. Rotan of the passage of this resolution,

And on motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening the 20th instant at half past seven o'clock,

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Monday evening the 20th day of March A.D. 1854,

Present,  
James Booth, President  
Thomas Challenger  
William H. Dobb  
Elisha Jefferson  
John Bradford  
John Janvier  
James Blount  
William Couper  
William Janvier

On motion the following accounts were read and allowed,  
Paid To James McWise, one years salary taking care of T. Hall \$20.00  
Paid " Peter B Wadsworth " " as secretary & for blank checks 31.50  
Paid " John Bradford " " winding clock, \$30.00 }  
Paid " " " 4 days services on acting com, 6.00 } 36.00  
Paid " Thomas Challenger one years salary as Treasurer 150.00  
Paid " John B Wiring for serving notices on tenants. 1.00  
\$238.50

The committee appointed to settle with the Committee on Education made Report, that they have examined their accounts and vouchers and find them correct, by which account it appears that the Committee on Education have received during the past year the sum of \$2591.<sup>24</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and have expended the sum of \$2467.<sup>03</sup>/<sub>100</sub> leaving a balance in their hands of the sum of \$123.<sup>91</sup>/<sub>100</sub> which report was on motion adopted,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof, assenting thereto, That the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, as circumstances may require for the maintenance and support of the Newcastle Institute for the current year, and that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and

Ballots it appeared, that the following persons were duly re-elected, viz:

James Booth, President,  
John Bradford  
Thomas Challenger } Acting Committee, and,  
John Janvier  
Peter B. Vandever, Secretary,

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Gentlemen, If you think proper, I will take the charge and care of the Town Hall, at the same pay as at present; Should I receive any money, I will pay it to the Treasurer of the Board.

Respectfully yours,  
John Bradford,

which communication was, on motion laid over until the next meeting

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John Bradford } acting  
J. Challenger } Committee  
John Janvier }

which report was on motion approved,

On motion, It was Resolved, that Mr. Rotan have the use of the North Easterly end of the Arsenal for the purpose of accommodating the workmen employed in building and repairing the new pier at this place; provided that no nuisance be committed, and that Mr. Thomas Challenger inform Mr. Rotan of the passage of this resolution,

And on motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening the 20th instant at half past seven o'clock,

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At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Monday evening the 20th day of March A.D. 1854,

Present,  
James Booth, President  
Thomas Challenger  
William H. Dobb  
Elisha Jefferson  
John Bradford  
John Janvier  
James Blount  
William Couper  
William Janvier

On motion the following accounts were read and allowed,  
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Paid " John Bradford " " winding clock, \$30.00  
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\$238.50

The committee appointed to settle with the Committee on Education made Report, that they have examined their accounts and vouchers and find them correct, by which account it appears that the Committee on Education have received during the past year the sum of \$2591.<sup>24</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and have expended the sum of \$2467.<sup>33</sup>/<sub>100</sub> leaving a balance in their hands of the sum of \$123.<sup>91</sup>/<sub>100</sub> which report was on motion adopted,

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1854  
Dec. 11 1854  
Dec. 15 1854  
Dec. 20 1854  
\$557.<sup>00</sup>  
550  
On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof, assenting thereto, that the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, as circumstances may require for the maintenance and support of the Newcastle Institute for the current year, and that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and



Paid seven thereof assenting thereto, That the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for the purpose of purchasing lime, and cleaning the streets of the Town of Newcastle of snow during the past season, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,  
Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, That checks or orders in common form, be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Two hundred and thirty eight dollars and fifty cents,  
And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening June 6th 1854, Present,  
Elihu Jefferson                      William Sanvier  
James Blount                        William H. Gott  
John Sanvier                         Andrew C. Gray  
John Bradford                        Joseph Caldwell,  
Thomas Challenger

The President being absent, on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro. tem.

The Town Commissioners having made it known to the Board that they are in want of an appropriation, to enable them, to pay the expenses incurred for the past year, On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of Two hundred and twenty five dollars sixty six cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle, for the purpose of defraying

the expenses incurred by the said Commissioners during the past year, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion an account of George W. Turner for Camphine and fluid was read and allowed for one dollar sixty eight cents \$1.68

On motion, The acting Committee were requested to ascertain the proper location of the line between the land of McBrone and the farm now in the tenure of John C. Morrison, and make report to this Board

On motion, a communication from John C. Morrison, praying for an appropriation for building a porch on the south side of the house now in his tenure, was read,

Whereupon on motion, the following Ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for the purpose of defraying the expense of building a porch on the southerly side of the house, located on the farm now in the tenure of John C. Morrison, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same when the said porch is completed to the satisfaction of the said Committee,

On motion, the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof, assenting thereto, That an election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle, on Saturday the seventeenth day of June instant, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and four o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned in the said Board by the decease of William Robinson, and that Thomas Challenger and John Bradford be and they are hereby appointed a committee to give six days notice of the time and place of holding said election, to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and that it be the duty of the said committee to superintend the said election, and make report thereof to this Board;

The Acting Committee exhibited a statement of their accounts for the past year, and motion the same was referred to William Janner and William H. Dobb, with instructions to examine the same with the vouchers, and make report to this Board,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and seven thereof assenting thereto, that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the account allowed at this meeting, being the sum of one dollar and sixty eight cents,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening July 8th A.D. 1854, present

William Cooper	William H. Dobb
John Bradford	William Janner
Elihu Jefferson	James Blount
Thomas Challenger	

The President being absent on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro tem,

Thomas Challenger and John Bradford the Committee appointed to hold an election for a Trustee to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of William Robinson, made Report,

That they held an Election for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, at the Court House on Saturday the 17th day of June last between the hours of twelve o'clock noon, and four o'clock in the afternoon, that at such Election, Nathl. Young received 54 votes, Amos H. Mickersham 5 votes, Dr. A. W. Lesley 9 votes, J. Lechler 29 votes, William J. Read 9

votes, L. M. Chase 16 votes, Edward Williams 1 vote, Samuel Guthrie two votes and Levi Russell 1 vote, and that there was no election, no one person having received a majority of all the votes polled,

which report was adopted, And on motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, seven members being present, and all assenting thereto, that an Election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle, on Saturday the twenty second day of July inst, between the hours of one o'clock P.M. and five o'clock P.M. for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned in the Board by the decease of William Robinson, And that Thomas Challenger and John Bradford, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to give six days notice of the time and place of holding said election, to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and in case there should be no election on that day of a Trustee, then the said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to proceed in holding elections, giving six days notice thereof, until a Trustee be duly elected to fill said vacancy.

The Committee on Education represented to the Board that they had received several Proposals for altering the Arsenal into a School House, agreeably to certain specifications, and desired the opinion of the Board of Trustees in relation thereto, which proposals, on motion were severally read, and held for further consideration

And on motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening next the tenth inst, at 7 1/2 o'clock



An Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Monday evening July 10th, 1854, present

Elisha Jefferson,	Presdt. pro-tem,
Kensey Johns	William H. Dobb
Andrew C. Gray	John Bradford
William Couper	John Jannet
James Blount	Thomas Challenger
William Jannet,	

On motion, the proposals for altering the Arsenal into a school house, were severally read,

And the motion being made to accept the proposals of Thomas M. Ogle, they were rejected by the Board,

whereupon on motion the proposals of John G. Lankey were accepted and approved by the Board, and the Committee on Education instructed to have the building covered with galvanized iron, and to have the whole completed by the 15th day of October next.

Paid On motion an account of John B. Mining, for taking care of Engine, for one year was allowed for \$12, <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

On motion William Jannet and William H. Dobb were appointed a committee to procure from the proper Trustees a Lease for the Arsenal and such portions of ground attached thereto as may be deemed necessary for the convenience of the school, for the term of nine hundred and ninety nine years, for a nominal consideration

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the account passed at this meeting,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening September 5th. A.D. 1854, Present

John Bradford	William H. Dobb
James Blount	
Thomas Challenger	

The President being absent on motion John Bradford was appointed President pro-tem,

There being no quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening the 16th. inst.

An Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening the 16th. day of September A.D. 1854, present

John Jannet	William H. Dobb
Thomas Challenger	William Couper
James Blount	John Bradford
Elisha Jefferson	Thomas Robinson

The committee appointed to hold an Election for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, to supply the vacancy occasioned in the Board by the decease of William Robinson made Report, as follows,

That in accordance with a resolution passed by the Board, at the last meeting your Committee held an Election on the 22nd. of July 1854 and the number of votes polled was 139, as follows, Ferdinand Lechler received 38 votes, Thomas M. Robinson 69 votes, Nathaniel Young 13 votes, Peter B. Wadsworth five votes, Amos H. Wickesham seven votes, William J. Read one vote, John Gordon one vote & A. W. Leoley 6 votes, no Candidate having a majority of votes polled, the highest for one person being sixty nine, And notice being given an Election was held on the 28th. of August 1854, and the number of votes polled was 127, as follows, Thomas M. Robinson received ninety seven votes, Nathaniel Young 14 votes, Amos H. Wickesham 11 votes, Peter B. Wadsworth one vote, Edward Williams two votes and William J. Read two votes, highest number for one person 97, and Thomas M. Robinson having a majority of votes polled was duly elected Trustee of Newcastle Common as by the minutes of each

each election (now presented) will fully appear,  
John Bradford } Committee  
J. Challenger }

which report was on motion accepted and approved by the Board, and Thomas M. Robinson appeared and took his seat as a member of the Board of Trustees,

On motion, the remaining parts of the Town & Union Fire Engines were ordered to be sold, and James Blount & Thomas Robinson were appointed a Committee to sell the same and make report to this Board,

On motion, Resolved, that the Committee on Education be and they are hereby authorized to cause to be erected, on the Arsenal building, now being altered into a School House, a suitable Cupola,

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Wednesday evening October 4th, 1854,  
present

William Couper	Thomas M. Robinson
James Blount	Elihu Jefferson
John Janvier	John Bradford,
William H. Dobb	

The President being absent on motion John Bradford was appointed President pro. tem,

On motion, the following Resolution was passed by the Board  
Resolved, that the building Committee be and they are hereby authorized to cause the Arsenal building to be covered with shingles of a good quality, in lieu of the galvanized iron roof heretofore directed to be put on,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

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At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening December 5th, 1854,  
Present

Elihu Jefferson	James Blount
William Couper	Thomas Challenger
John Bradford	William H. Dobb

The President being absent, on motion, Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro. tem,

There being no quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening next the 12th at 7 o'clock.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 12th day of December A.D. 1854,  
Present,

John Bradford	Thomas Challenger
James Blount	John Janvier,
William Couper	

The President not being in attendance, on motion James Blount was appointed, President, pro. tem,

There not being a quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Monday next the 18th day of December at 7 o'clock P.M.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Monday evening December 18th A.D. 1854,  
present

Elihu Jefferson	James Blount
John Bradford	William Janvier
W <sup>m</sup> H. Dobb	Thomas M. Robinson
Thomas Challenger	John Janvier

The President being absent on motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President pro. tem,

On motion, The proposals of James Early, Isaac H. Register and John Bartholomew for renting the lots now in the tenure of Henry Alleyne & Isaac H. Register were read,  
And on motion the Board adj. to Thursday evening Jan<sup>y</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1855



## Report

The acting committee, being requested by the board, to examine the state of the building occupied by J. C. W. W. W. would report that they have done so and find the roof and cornice on the main building in bad condition and requires renewing. And is the memorial represents the House too small for the accommodation of his customer we would recommend an additional story on the whole which can be made at a cost of \$11,000 but if in the opinion of the board the state of the funds will not justify the expenditure, then we would advise to do at present the main building which can be done for about \$500. & ~~the~~

At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Thursday evening January 4th, 1855, present;

Elijah Jefferson, President, pro. tem,  
 John Jannier                      Thomas Challenger  
 John Bradford                  William Cooper  
 William H. Dobb                Thomas Robinson  
 James Blount

On motion the Board adjourned, to tomorrow evening at seven o'clock. —

At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Friday evening January fifth A.D. 1855, present

Elijah Jefferson, President pro. tem,  
 John Jannier                      William Cooper  
 John Bradford                  James Blount  
 Andrew C. Gray                Wm H. Dobb  
 Thomas Robinson                Thomas Challenger

On motion the following accounts were read and allowed by the Board, viz:

Paid George W. Turner for sundries	\$ 3.54
Paid John B. Nisring " serving notices on 2 tenants	1.00
Paid H. Jettow for glazing at Town Hall	2.40
Paid Evans & Messers, for printing Treas' statement	3.50
Paid John Bradford for holding 3 Elections	3.00
Paid Thomas Challenger " " "	3.00
Paid Elijah Jefferson " Lumber &c	17.89
	<u>\$34.63</u>

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying for Lime &c, subject to the order of the acting committee,

On motion, the Proposals of Isaac H. Register for releasing the Lot now in his tenure was read, —

And on motion was referred to the acting committee with instructions to Lease said Lot to said Register for the sum of six dollars fifty cents per acre, nett income, and to make such arrangements in regard to manure as they may deem proper, —

On motion the application of James Earley for leasing the Lot now in the tenure of Henry F. Reynolds was read, and referred to the Acting committee with instructions to make such arrangements as may seem to them satisfactory

On motion the following was passed by the Board,  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed at this meeting amounting to the sum of thirty four dollars sixty three cents,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening March 6th 1855,

Present, Elijah Jefferson                      Thomas H. Robinson  
 William Jannier                                John Bradford  
 Thomas Challenger                            John Jannier  
 William H. Dobb                                William Cooper,

The President being absent on motion Elijah Jefferson was appointed President pro. tem,

On motion the Board proceeded to Elect officers for the ensuing year, William Jannier and William Dobb were appointed Tellers — whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were duly elected, they respectively having received a majority of votes,

James Broth, President  
 Thomas Challenger, Treasurer

John Jannier }  
 John Bradford } Acting Committee,  
 Thomas Challenger }  
 Peter B. Vandover, Secretary

John Bradford, offered the following Resolutions, Resolved



That Daniel R. Wolfe, Esquire, be and he is hereby appointed the Attorney of this Board.

William Janney, then offered the following Resolution as a substitute for the one offered by Mr. Bradford,

Resolved That the Treasurer of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to employ an Attorney whenever it may be deemed proper and necessary, which Resolution was accepted as a substitute for the original, and on motion passed the Board.

On motion, The President was authorized to appoint two persons, members of the Committee on Education to fill the vacancies occasioned by the decease of Dr. Charles H. Black and William Robinson. — Whereupon the President appointed William Janney and William H. Dobb, members of said committee,

And on Motion the Board adjourned to Thursday evening the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March inst, at 7 o'clock,

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Thursday evening March 15<sup>th</sup> 1855, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President pro. tem.  
John Janney                  John Bradford  
Thomas Challenger        James Blount

There being no Quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening the 17<sup>th</sup> inst at 7 o'clock.

At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening March 17<sup>th</sup> 1855, Present

Elihu Jefferson, President, Pro. tem.  
John Bradford                  Thomas Challenger  
Elihu Jefferson                William H. Dobb  
John Janney                    William Couper  
Thomas M. Robinson,        Andrew G. Gray

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On motion of William H. Dobb, Resolved that a Committee be appointed to superintend the Fire Apparatus, and cause the same to be put in good order and repair, Whereupon on motion the President appointed William H. Dobb, James Blount and Thomas M. Robinson said Committee

On motion, It was Resolved, That the acting Committee together with the Treasurer be, and they are hereby instructed to take the opinion of an Attorney in relation to the violation of the covenants of the Lease under which C. P. Holcomb lately held a part of the Newcastle Common, and if the opinion of the Attorney is that a suit can be sustained against the said Holcomb, that they proceed immediately with a suit against him,

On motion the following accounts were passed by the Board,  
Paid Mary Williams Sally Fields for cleaning Town Hall \$ 2, 25  
Paid James M. Wise, for one years services taking charge of Hall 20. 00  
Paid John Bradford " winding clock 1 year . . \$30.00 }  
" " " 3 days services on acting committee 4.50 } 34.50  
Paid Peter B. Vandever, 1 year Salary as Secretary . . 30.00  
Paid Thomas Challenger 1 year Salary as Treasurer 150.00 }  
" " Costs of suit vs C. P. Holcomb } 2.36 } 152.36  
" " before Justice . . . . }  
\$239.11

On motion the following Ordinances were severally passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, That the sum of one hundred and eighty seven dollars and fifty cents be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the purpose of closing the accounts of the said Committee, for expenses incurred on the support of the Newcastle Institute for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1854.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that an additional appropriation of Five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby made, payable

to the order of the Committee on Education, to be applied to defraying the expenses incurred in altering the Arsenal Building into a School House.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed at this meeting amounting to the sum of Two hundred and thirty nine dollars eleven cents,

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common (called upon the request of two members) on Friday day evening April 21st, A.D. 1855, Present

Elihu Jefferson	William Cooper
John Bradford	William H. Dobb
John Janvier	Thomas M. Robinson
Thomas Challenger	

On motion Elihu Jefferson was appointed President, pro tem, On motion, Resolved, that the Board now proceed to elect a President for the remainder of the year to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the Hon. James Broth, William Janvier and Thomas M. Robinson were appointed Teller. Whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that Elihu Jefferson was duly elected, he having received a majority of votes,

On motion the following Preamble and Resolutions were read,

"At a Meeting of the Vestry of Immanuel Church, Newcastle Delaware, on Monday Evening the 19th day of March 1855, The following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted,

Whereas it appears that there is in the flange of the Bell of Immanuel Church a vertical crack, of the extent of about four inches, by reason of which the tone of the said bell is very much

impaired, and it can no longer be rung without risk of increasing the crack aforesaid, Therefore

Resolved, that the fact of the Bell being cracked as aforesaid, be made known to the Trustees of the Newcastle Common that they make the necessary order for repairing the same, or procuring a new one, and that they be and are hereby requested so to do, with as little delay as possible,

Resolved, that should the Trustees of the Newcastle Common decline so to do, in such case, this Vestry will be willing to repair the said Bell, or procure a new one, adjusted for the striking of the town clock, provided the said Trustees will assign and transfer to the Trustees, Wardens and Vestry of Immanuel Church, all their right, title and interest in and to the present bell, and all right to ring the said bell, or any one procured in place of it, on any occasion whatever,

Resolved, that the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions be communicated by the Secretary of this Vestry to the President of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common to be laid before them,

A true extract from the minutes of Immanuel Church, Newcastle Delaware,

Attest  
William J. Reed  
Secretary,

Whereupon, on motion, the said Preamble and Resolutions were referred to William H. Dobb, William Janvier and John Bradford with instructions to make report to this Board,

May 2  
\$500.-  
Sep. 1st  
\$500.-  
\$500.-  
\$500.-  
On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, as circumstances may require, for the maintenance and support of the Newcastle Institute for the year 1855, - and that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, William H. Dobb and William Janvier were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education

On motion, William Janvier, William Cooper and Andrew C. Gray Esquires, were appointed a Committee to Report Resolutions in relation to the death of the Hon. James Broth.



On motion the following Ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
nine members being present and all assenting thereto, That an  
Election be held at the Court House, in the Town of Newcastle,  
on Monday the thirtieth day of April inst, between the hours  
of 12 o'clock Noon, and 5 o'clock P.M. for one Trustee of the New-  
castle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned in the Board by  
the decease of the Hon. James Booth, and that, Thomas Challenge  
John Bradford and William Janvier, be and they are hereby ap-  
pointed a Committee to give six days notice of the time and place  
of holding said Election, to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle  
qualified to elect Trustees, and in case there should be no election  
on that day of a Trustee, then the said Committee be and they  
are hereby authorized to proceed in holding Elections, giving six  
days notice thereof until a Trustee be duly elected to fill said  
vacancy.

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1855.  
On motion the following Ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Com-  
mon, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, That  
the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same  
is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of William H. Dobb  
Treasurer of the Town Commissioners, for the purpose of defraying  
Expenses incurred by said Commissioners for the past year.

On motion William Cooper and John Janvier were appointed  
to examine the accounts of the Town Commissioners  
And on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening, May  
1st, at half past 7 o'clock,

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening May 1st 1855  
Present,

Elisha Jefferson, President  
William Cooper      William H. Dobb  
John Bradford      John Janvier

There being no Quorum present, on motion the Board  
adjourned to Tuesday evening the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May inst at 7 1/2  
o'clock,

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening May  
15<sup>th</sup> 1855, present,

Elisha Jefferson, President  
John Bradford      William Cooper  
John Janvier      Thomas M. Robinson  
William H. Dobb      William Janvier  
A. C. Gray

The minutes of the two last meetings of the Board were read  
and on motion approved,

The Committee appointed to hold an Election for one Trustee to  
fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the Hon. James Booth  
Reported, That they had held an election, but that no one person  
had received a majority of all the votes polled, and on motion  
Committee continued,

William Janvier, William Cooper and Andrew C. Gray the Committee appointed  
to Report resolutions relative to the decease of the Hon. James Booth, Report-  
ed the following Resolutions, which were read, and on motion unanimously  
adopted.

It having pleased Almighty God to remove from among us by death  
the Honorable James Booth, a member and President of this Body,  
Be it therefore, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
Resolved, That we deeply and heartily feel his loss, who by his ur-  
banity and uniform kindness of manners, by his strict sense of pro-  
priety and justice, and by his general amiability of deportment and  
character had endeared himself to us.

Resolved, That the Board deplore the loss of the decease as one of  
its members who took a deep interest in the trust confided to his  
charge, whose good and prudent counsels were ever of service and  
whose effort always was as one of its members, to act in accordance  
with duty, propriety and right.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to  
the family of the deceased,

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Town Com-  
missioners, and the account of the Treasurer of the Committee on Educa-  
tion, reported progress, and were continued,

The Committee on the Church Bell, made Report, that the following ar-  
rangement would be accepted by the Vestry of Emmanuel Church, to wit:  
The Trustees to give the old Bell towards defraying the expenses of a  
new one, and the Church to procure a new one of about the same  
weight, to pay all expenses of taking the old one down, also the

freight on the new one, and expenses for putting it up, - The Trustees to have the same privileges in regard to ringing the Bell as heretofore which report was on motions adopted, and the Committee continued with power to enter into an arrangement, with the Vestry of Immanuel Church, in conformity with the report

And on motion the Board adjourned

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening June 5<sup>th</sup> 1855, Present

Elehu Jefferson, President  
Andrew C. Gray, John Bradford  
William Janner, William Couper  
William H. Dobb, Thomas Challenger  
John Janner, Ferdinand Leckler.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and adopted, John Bradford, Thomas Challenger and William Janner the Committee appointed to hold an Election to fill the vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the death of the Hon. James Booth, made Report, that due notice being given, they held an election on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1855, and that Ferdinand Leckler received seventy nine votes, James Janner fifty four votes, Samuel Beddle seven votes, scattering six votes. Ferdinand Leckler having received a majority of the votes polled, was duly Elected, as by the poll list will more fully appear. - Which report was on motion adopted, whereupon Ferdinand Leckler appeared and took his seat as a member of this Board.

The Committee appointed to make an arrangement with the Vestry of Immanuel Church, Reported, that the following agreement had been entered into by the respective parties. -

An Agreement made and entered into the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1855, Between William H. Dobb, William Janner and John Bradford, a Committee on the part of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common of the first part and the Revd. Thomas J. Billopp, Mayor Nathaniel Young and Joseph N. Troth, a committee on the part of the Vestry of Immanuel Church in the Town of Newcastle of the other part, The said parties of the first part as the representatives of the said Trustees and being fully empowered do by

these presents give the old Bell, now broken and hanging in said Church, to the said Church, upon the condition that the said Church shall procure a new one of about the same size in lieu thereof properly adjusted for the striking of the Town Clock, and upon the further condition, that the Trustees aforesaid shall have and exercise all the rights and privileges over the same as they had over the old one, such as the liberty to have it ring on days of public rejoicing, on occasions of alarms of fire, and at such other times as they have heretofore had the privilege, And the parties of the second part being fully empowered, agree to purchase a new bell and in consideration of the gift of the old one covenant that the one so purchased shall be used for all the purposes for which the old one has been used, and further that the Trustees aforesaid shall exercise all the rights and privileges over the new one which they had over the old one, It is expressly understood by and between the parties hereto that the title and ownership of the bell thus purchased shall be exclusively and entirely in the said Church, In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1855.

W<sup>m</sup> H. Dobb } Committee  
William Janner } of  
J<sup>r</sup>. Bradford } Trustees,  
Thos. J. Billopp } Committee  
N. Young } of  
J. N. Troth } Vestry;

which said agreement after due consideration, was on motion returned to said Committee, with instructions to have the same amended by striking out the latter clause thereof. - which clause is in the following words "It is expressly understood by and between the parties hereto that the title and ownership of the Bell thus purchased shall be exclusively and entirely in the said Church"

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common 20<sup>th</sup> 1855, <sup>paid,</sup> since members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of One hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for incidental and other expenses, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same. -



William Jannier one of the Committee appointed to enter into an agreement with the Vestry of Emmanuel Church in relation to the Bell, requested to be excused from any further action on said Committee, which was granted, and on motion the President of the Board was added to said Committee,

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, Reported that they had performed that duty and signed their report, and that there was a balance in the hands of said Treasurer on account of the maintenance of the Newcastle Institute of \$250.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and that there was due to said Treasurer on account of the expending for the repair and alterations of the Arsenal the sum of \$262.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, which report was on motion adopted,

And on motion, the Board adjourned

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle, called upon the request of two members, held on Tuesday evening August seventh A.D. 1855, present,

Olish Jefferson, President  
John Jannier James Blount  
Thomas Challenger William H. Dobb  
John Bradford William Couper

There not being a sufficient number of Trustees present, to appropriate the Funds of the Board, on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening August 11th, 1855 at 8 o'clock.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board, of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening the 11th day of August A.D. 1855, present,

Olish Jefferson, President  
John Bradford Thomas Challenger  
William Jannier William Couper  
John Jannier William H. Dobb

On motion the following Report was read,

The Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Newcastle Common to superintend the alterations and repairs of the Arsenal

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Building, Respectfully Report, That they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and that the changes and additions directed by the Board to be made, have been completed, except the painting of the outside wall, which it is intended shall be done in the course of the ensuing autumn, As is already known to the Board, your committee made a contract in August last year, with John G. Sankey to do the work therein specified for the sum of \$2199.84, This amount has been paid to him in full, and is included in the accounts submitted to the Board by the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, — The Cupola and other items of Extra work having lately been finished the Committee was called on by Mr. Sankey for the purpose of having a settlement, and instead of a separate account for extra work only, he handed them a statement of the whole time of himself and his men, and also the bills for the materials purchased, and used by him from the beginning of the work, and asked that the Committee should settle with him in that way, namely to pay him for the cost of materials and for the time of himself and his hands just as if there had been no contract, This the Committee could not do without first referring to the Board, chiefly because the sum that would appear due to Mr. Sankey by such a settlement was greater than the value of the Extra work, which is all that the Trustees are strictly bound to pay. —

The Account of time amounts to	\$ 1012, 39
and the bills for materials &c, amount to	2381, 02
making together	\$ 3393, 41
Deduct from this the amt. of contract	2199, 84
and there would remain as due for Extra work	\$ 1193, 57

This is \$241.62 more than the amount of statements made by Mr. Sankey at the request of the Committee to show as nearly as he could the cost of the different items of Extra work, These statements are submitted herewith amounting together to \$951.75 which in the opinion of the Committee is too high by \$150. —

Supposing then that the account of time and the bills for material to be correct (and the Committee have no reason to doubt that) there is a difference of from \$250, to \$400, — which must have been lost by Mr. Sankey in executing the original contract, and it is for the Board to say how far they are willing to compensate him for that loss when paying for the Extra work, The Committee think it right to say that at the time the work was begun, wages and materials were high, and they believe that to make a better job, considerably more expense was incurred in taking down more of the old and in putting up the new walls, than the contractor expected

when he entered into the agreement; they could add also, that so far as they are able to judge, the Contractor has shown no disposition to slight his work, and that it has been done in a substantial and satisfactory manner, in consideration of all the circumstances, the Committee recommend to the Board to allow a settlement with Mr. Lankey according to his proposition, and should this recommendation be adopted, the entire cost of the alterations and additions to the building will amount within a very small sum, one way or the other to 4300 dollars, All which is respectfully submitted,

W. Cooper }  
 E. Jefferson }  
 W. H. Dobb } Committee  
 William Janvier }

which report was laid over until the next meeting of the Board, And on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening the 18th day of August inst at 8 o'clock,

An adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Saturday evening the eighteenth day of August A.D. 1855. present,

Edwin Jefferson, President  
 Andrew C. Gray James Blount,  
 John Janvier William Janvier  
 Thomas Challenger William H. Dobb  
 William Cooper Ferdinand Kehler  
 John Bradford

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

On motion the report of the Committee on Education, made at the last meeting of the Board, was approved,

Whereupon on motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, That the sum of One thousand eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the alterations and additions made to the school building, agreeably to the report of said Committee, and that checks

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or orders in Common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following Report was read,  
 Trustees of Newcastle Common,

Gentlemen, your Committee as directed by the Board, have called on Mr. Patterson with regard to payment of arrears of Rent, and the said Patterson alleges that during the last summer of the unexpired term of his first Lease he called on Amos Lafferty for the purpose of making some repairs to the well to enable him to get a supply of water, that the said Lafferty came out to examine the same, and pronounced it to be in a dangerous state and beyond the possibility of repair as the dirt had caved for several feet around the well at the lower part, he then called upon the then acting committee to come out and view the same and see the operation made, and said Lafferty went down in their presence, and with a pole showed them the state of the well as alleged above, the acting committee agreeing to the conclusion that the well could not be repaired, directed the said Lafferty to dig a new one, the cost of which was about \$108.<sup>00</sup> for which he paid, and that he has since received a credit of \$50.<sup>00</sup> from the Trustees on account of the same, he would further report that we called upon Mr. Lafferty and he corroborated the statement of Mr. Patterson with regard to the unfinished repairs and the order he received from the then acting committee, and said Patterson thinking the withholding of the balance an injustice to him, that if the Trustees allow the same, he will make exertions to pay off his whole indebtedness during the rental year,

John Janvier  
 J. Challenger,

Whereupon on motion the following Resolution was passed,  
 Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to place to the credit of John Patterson the sum of fifty eight dollars, with interest thereon from the second day of August A.D. 1845, provided the said Patterson pays his rent now in arrear,

On motion the following bills were allowed,

Crispen Lambson for Bush Soap	75
John L Robinson for cleaning hose	5.50
do do " sink at Fire Engine	1.75
Henry S. McComby for Dubbon	4.00
Ho. Jettow for glazing at Academy	1.00
	<u>\$13.00</u>

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven assenting thereto



that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed at this meeting, amounting to the sum of thirteen dollars,

On motion, the petition of Joseph Baillitt, asking the Trustees to erect a new barn on the farm now occupied by him, was read and laid over,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening September 4th 1855, present,

Elisha Jefferson, President  
Thomas Challenger      John Bradford  
Ferdinand Lechler      William H. Dobb  
John Janvier

A communication, signed by William J. Read as Secretary of the Vestry of Immanuel Church, was read, and on motion laid over,

And on motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening the 10th day of Sept. inst, at 7 o'clock,

Monday evening September 10th 1855, there being no quorum present, the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening the 11th inst,

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening the eleventh day of September A.D. 1855, present,

Elisha Jefferson, President  
John Bradford      James Blount  
William Couper      William Janvier  
Thomas Challenger      W. H. Dobb  
John Janvier,

On motion the acting Committee were authorized to advertise and receive proposals, until the 25th day of October next, for Leasing for the term of five years from the twenty fifth day of March next, the Farm now in the tenure of Henry F.

Reynolds and Jonathan Stevenson, said Proposals to be subject to the action and approval of the Board of Trustees.

On motion, a communication from Jonathan Stevenson relative to damages sustained by him on account of the Newcastle and Wilmington Rail Road passing through the Farm now occupied by him, was read.

On motion the communication, signed by William J. Read as Secretary of the Vestry of Immanuel Church, was referred to the committee on the Bell, with full power to act and make report, subject to the approval of the Board. — Suppon etc v. Communication

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Monday evening October 29th 1855, present,

Elisha Jefferson  
John Bradford      Thomas Challenger  
Ferdinand Lechler      William Couper  
Thomas M. Robinson      W. H. Dobb  
James Blount      John Janvier

The committee on the Bell made report that they had informed the Vestry of Immanuel Church, that the matter in dispute had been again referred to them, — but that no action had yet been taken,

The acting Committee made report that they had advised the Farm now in the tenure of Henry F. Reynolds and Jonathan Stevenson agreeably to the directions of the Board and had received a number of written Proposals, which they now exhibit to the Board of Trustees.

Whereupon on motion the several Proposals were read. — The amt of which Proposals are as follows, viz:  
For the Farm now in the tenure of Henry F. Reynolds,  
Sarah Jumbin offer to give the annual sum of \$810.00  
Watson Field      "      "      "      800.00  
J. R. Abicks      "      "      "      900.00  
Over)

Michael Callahan offers to give the annual sum of \$1000.00	
John S. Newlove	850.00
R. E. Emos	1000.00
Isaac Knight	955.00
J. Sampson	950.00
R. J. Boulden	850.00
W. W. Brooks	800.00
Sam E. Massey	900.00
Isaac H. Register	700.00
H. F. Reynolds	700.00
J. Jordan	960.00
David Biddle	700.00
A. C. Miller	500.00
Jabez Banks	900.00

Farm in the Tenure of Jonathan Stephenson,

John L. Bellamy offers to give the annual sum of \$600.00	
William Smith	704.00
Michael Callahan	600.00
Michael King	500.00
Nicholas Spencer	550.00
Isaac Woods	575.00
A. C. Miller	400.00
Jonathan Stephenson	625.00
Jabez Banks	675.00

On motion, It was Resolved, That the Board now proceed to choose by ballot from among the applicants, the persons to whom the Leases of the respective farms shall be given, and that the three highest bidders for each of said Farms be selected as the persons to be voted for,

Whereupon on counting the ballots given for the applicants for the Farm now in the tenure of Henry F. Reynolds it appeared, That

Michael Callahan had received eight votes, and R. E. Emos one vote,

Also upon counting the ballots given for the applicants for the Farm now in the tenure of Jonathan Stephenson it appeared that Jabez Banks had received six votes and William Smith three votes.

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Michael Callahan and Jabez Banks having each received a majority of the votes given, On motion the proposals of the said Michael Callahan and Jabez Banks for a Lease of said Farm for the term of five years from the twenty fifth day of March next were accepted by the Board,

On motion the following accounts were read and allowed,  
Evans & Vernon for Printing Financial Statement \$3.50  
John B. Vining for furnishing material and shingling  
house of G. Downey } <sup>50</sup>  
\$61.00

On motion John Bradford & W. H. Dobb were appointed a committee to cause the old stove belonging to the Room in the Town Hall used by the Trustees to be repaired, or to procure a new one, as they may deem most expedient,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed at this meeting, amounting to the sum of sixty one dollars.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening December 4th. 1855, Present

John Bradford	J. Lechler
Thomas M. Robinson	James Blount
Thomas Challenger	W. H. Dobb
John Jannier	

The President being absent on motion John Jannier was appointed, President pro tem,

There not being a full attendance, on motion the Board adjourned to Monday evening next the 10th inst. at half past seven o'clock.



At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Monday evening December 10th 1855

Present,

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
John Janvier William Couper  
John Bradford Ferdinand Lechler  
William H. Dobb Thomas M. Robinson  
Thos. Challenger

There not being a full attendance, on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening next the 15th, inst, at 7 o'clock,

At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Saturday evening December 15th 1855, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President  
William Couper James Blount  
John Janvier Thomas Challenger  
John Bradford William H. Dobb  
Thomas M. Robinson Ferdinand Lechler

On motion the following communication was read,  
Newcastle Dec. 15th, 1855,  
Trustees of Newcastle Common,

Gentlemen, I would respectfully ask that my proposal as accepted by you should be reconsidered, and the Farm let to some other person, as circumstances prevent me from fulfilling my proposition, Thanking you kindly for the acceptance of my proposal, I remain yours respectfully  
Jabez Banks,

which resignation was on motion accepted by the Board, whereupon, William Smith renewed his proposal for said Farm, and John Newlove presented to the Board a proposition for said Farm at the sum of \$675 per annum.

And on motion the proposals of William Smith, being at the rate of \$704 annually, were accepted by the Board,

William H. Dobb made a motion for the reconsideration of the acceptance of the proposal of William Smith, which motion, being duly recorded, was not sustained by the Board,

On motion the following accounts were allowed and paid

James L. Meyer for repairs to Academy Bell	\$ 72.12
John Bradford for holding two Elections	2.00
Thomas Challenger " do " do	2.00
Elihu Jefferson for bill Lumber masts &c	23.32
	<u>\$ 99.44</u>

On motion, William H. Dobb, John Bradford and Ferdinand Lechler, were appointed a Committee on accounts,

On motion, a bill of John Links for \$7.75, also a bill of Richard C. Wright for \$3.- were referred to the Committee on accounts,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for the purpose of purchasing Lumber and for incidental expenses, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of \$39.<sup>44</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

The Committee appointed to procure a store for the use of the Room occupied by the Trustees, made report that they had not yet fully completed the duties assigned them, & were continued,

On motion the Board Adjourned

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening March 4th A. D. 1856. Present,

Elihu Jefferson, President  
John Bradford William Couper  
Thomas Challenger William H. Dobb  
John Janvier Thomas M. Robinson  
James Blount Ferdinand Lechler,

On motion the Board proceeded to Elect Officers of the Board for the ensuing year, William Couper & William H. Dobb were appointed Tally, whereupon on counting the Ballots, it





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At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening March 11th 1856.

Present

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
John Bradford James Blount  
Thomas Challenger Ferdinand Lechler &  
William H. Dobb

There not being a full attendance of the Members of the  
Board, on motion the Board Adjourned to Tuesday evening  
next the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March inst, at 7 o'clock.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening March 18<sup>th</sup>  
A.D. 1856. Present,

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
John Bradford William H. Dobb  
James Blount William Jamieson  
Thomas Challenger Thomas M. Robinson  
John Jamieson Ferdinand Lechler,  
William Cooper

on motion the following Report was read,

"The undersigned Committee on accounts to whom  
was referred the Accounts of the Committee on Education, Report  
that they have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited,  
and find them correct, by which accounts it appears that the  
Treasurer of said Committee on Education has in his hands a  
balance of \$70, 26 on account of the Newcastle Institute, also a  
balance in his hands on account of the alterations and improvements  
of the Arsenal Building the sum of \$122, 95

Wm H. Dobb

John Bradford

Ferdinand Lechler

} Committee

which report was on motion approved,

On motion, an Account of George M. Turner for Comptroler &c  
was referred to the Committee on accounts,

On motion, the following Report was read,

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common

Gentlemen, The Acting Committee have visited

the Farm now occupied by Henry J Reynolds and Jonathan Stevenson, and Report the Fencing to be in bad condition and they are of the opinion that it would require about one hundred panels of New fence, and Two hundred new posts additional to each Farm, besides some additional Fencing material along the Lane leading to, and the yard Fence around the house now occupied by said Stevenson, Also the Barn on the Reynolds Farm to be in a very dilapidated state so much so as to be entirely unsafe for the purposes for which it is used, and would recommend an appropriation to build a new one during the present season,

John Janvier }  
 Jno Bradford } Acting  
 J. Challenger } Committee

On motion it was Resolved, that the Acting Committee be and they are hereby instructed to compel the out-going tenants to comply with the terms of their Leases,

On motion the following Resolution was passed,

Resolved, That all persons who may hereafter use or occupy the Room in the Town Hall, shall leave the same in good order and condition, and pay for all damages that may occur, and in addition all non-residents using said Room shall pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for every day or evening said Room is used the sum of two dollars,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, That the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, as circumstances may require, for the maintenance and support of the Newcastle Institute for the year 1856, and that checks or orders in Common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of William H. Dobb Treasurer, of the Town Commissioners, for the purpose of paying for pumps and other expenses incurred by said Commissioners, and

that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee be appointed to sell the Bells and fixtures, and on motion the President of the Board appointed William H. Dobb, James Blunt and William Janvier said Committee, And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Monday evening May 26th, 1856,  
 Present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
 John Bradford William H. Dobb  
 John Janvier William Couper  
 Thomas M. Robinson J. Lechler  
 Thomas Challenger William Janvier

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

George M. Turner for Campbells, Candles &c	\$ 3.00
Elihu Jefferson	
for 81 Oak Posts @ 15 ct for Smith Farm	\$ 12.15
800 Cedar Rails @ 11 ct " do "	88.00
500 Br. Lime @ 14 1/2 ct for Early Lot	72.50
200 Cedar Rails @ 11 ct " do "	22.00
700 Br. Lime @ 14 1/2 ct for Callahan Farm	101.50
400 Cedar Rails @ 11 ct " do "	44.00
	<u>\$ 340.15</u>
	<u>\$ 343.15</u>

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Three hundred and forty three dollars and sixteen cents.

And on motion the Board Adjourned



At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening the third day of June A.D. 1856. Present

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
 John Bradford James Blount  
 Thomas M. Robinson William Couper  
 John Jarvie William H. Dobb  
 Thomas Challenger William Jarvie  
 Ferdinand Leckler

On motion the following accounts were passed by the Board,

Paid	John B. Young for work & material at Smith Farm	\$ 72.04
Paid	do " do " do & do at Callahan Farm	11.05
Paid	Crispen Hammon for Lumber &c for do do	24.61
Paid	do & do " Lock for Engine House	31
Paid	do & do " Lumber &c for Smith Farm	106.02
Paid	Ferdinand Leckler " Sporting for house do do	14.46
		\$228.49

On motion the following Report was read,  
 To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common,

The undersigned, acting Committee, Report that they have viewed the Farm lately in the tenure of Jonathan Stevenson and Henry F. Reynolds, and find the buildings and fences on the Farm lately occupied by Jonathan Stevenson, in a very bad condition and believe that it will require a considerable sum of money to put the same in the condition required by the covenants in the Lease of the Trustees to him, They also find the buildings fence & hedges on the Farm lately occupied by Henry F. Reynolds to be in a bad condition and believe that it will take a considerable sum to put the same in the condition required by his Lease,

J. Challenger  
 John Jarvie  
 J. Bradford

And on motion the report was adopted,

On motion the following Report was read,

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common,

The undersigned, one of the Acting Committee has to Report, that he has recently visited and examined all the Farms and Lots of the Newcastle Common, commencing

with the Farm lately occupied by Jonathan Stevenson (now William Smith), and find said Farm in a very bad state of repair, the house without fastenings to the doors, windows a great many broken and out of repair, cellar door gone, the out buildings much out of repair, gates gone, the fences in a very bad condition, in fact a very little good fence on it, The farm when Mr Stevenson commenced his Lease was in good order, Mr Topham having been threatened with a suit for damages for cutting the timber contrary to his lease agreed to put the farm under good fence which was done, the Trustees put the house in good repair, and put up a new pack &c, The undersigned is of the opinion that it would require a considerable sum of money to put the farm and buildings in as good fencing and repair of buildings as it was when his lease commenced, He has also considerable more ground in wheat than his lease allow, The Adjoining farm occupied by William Motherall is in good order and has never been tilled contrary his Lease, The farm occupied by Mr Patterson, the land is much improved, the fences and hedges but very indifferent, and in bad order, The Farm lately occupied by Henry F. Reynolds (now by Callahan) the land is much improved, the fencing quite different the hedges in a very filthy condition, grown thick with briars and bushes, in many instances ten feet wide, the house was put in good order soon after the Lease was executed, it was left in very bad repair, and it appears that some of the shutters was torn off and the staples drawn out, the undersigned is of the opinion that it will require a considerable sum to put the Farm and buildings in reasonable repair, - The farm occupied by William Stepe is under good fence, the hedges has been laid, the fields properly divided, and that he has improved the farm more since he has been on it, than it was the twelve preceding years, for when he commenced his Lease there hardly was an inside fence on it, The farm occupied by John C. Morrison is in good order the hedges very neat the fences in tolerable order, and the undersigned takes pleasure in stating that his late Father and himself has expended more of their own funds on the premises than all the rest of the tenants together, The farm now occupied by Mr Downing is in good order and has been very productive of which there is no reason to complain, The Farm occupied by Mr Titter and formerly Mr Riley is in good order and under good fencing

and has very much improved and has been well farmed and has produced good crops. The Farm in the occupation of Joseph Bartlett has much improved, fence in tolerable order, last year there was raised on the farm fourteen hundred bushels of corn, the lots in the tenure of James Bailey appear to be well managed and will require forty or fifty panels of new fence, - The Lots in the tenure of Isaac Mc Register are in good order, and are still improving, -

Permit the undersigned to make a retrospective report of their former proceedings, the first suit brought was against Thomas S. Tallow for damages, for which three hundred and fifty dollars was recovered, the next was against William B. George Mc Brown for a lot of land, for which the Trustees recovered, there was a statement of the back rents given to the Attorney of the Board amounting to one hundred and twenty nine dollars which never was attended to and now is lost by limitation, the costs of suit was paid by the Trustees and has never been collected, the next suit was against the late Francis Seward, whose damages ought to have been as much or more than Tallow, but he Seward boasted that he had many friends in the Board, which proved true, it was settled by paying fifteen dollars, the next suit that was ordered was against G. P. Holcomb which is as you see minutes, and never was attended to, there was also a suit against G. P. Holcomb before Justice Phelps from whose judgment an appeal was taken and entered in the Superior Court, which has not been terminated. The undersigned would recommend that the members would be more attentive to what ought to be their duties, to go and view for themselves the Farms, many of the members having never been over them and know nothing about their bounds &c, all of which is respectfully submitted,

John Bradford,

On motion, It was Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to procure the Professional services of the Hon. James A. Bayard, to prosecute suits for damages against Henry F. Reynolds and Jonathan Stephens, whereupon the President appointed William H. Lobb, and William Janvier said Committee,

On motion Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to take charge of the Public Buildings, exclusive of the Newcastle Institute; And on motion the President appointed James Blount and Ferdinand Lechler said Committee,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payments of the account paid by the Board at this meeting amounting to the sum of Two hundred and twenty eight dollars and forty nine cents,

And on motion the Board Adjourned

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 2<sup>d</sup> day of September A.D. 1856. present,

- Elihu Jefferson, President
- Thomas Chalmers James Blount
- William H. Lobb Thomas M. Robinson
- John Janvier Ferdinand Lechler,

On motion, a communication from Isaac Mc Register in relation to Line for the lot now in his tenure was read and referred to the Acting Committee with power to Act. -

On motion Ferdinand Lechler was appointed one of the Committee on Lamps, in lieu of Joseph Caldwell, and said Committee requested to make report to this Board

On motion, Elihu Jefferson and John Janvier the Committee appointed by this Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1850, to re-furnish the room in the Town Hall, were authorized to purchase one and a half dozen of suitable chairs, also a Table if necessary for the use of the Trustees,

And on motion the Board Adjourned to Tuesday evening the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. inst at 7 o'clock,





*D<sup>r</sup> Hezekiah Gwyer in ac<sup>t</sup> with the Trustees*

1806	Nov 1	To 1/2 years Rent of Farm Lot No 9 at 5/8 ann	33	77
		To Rent To Feb <sup>y</sup> 1-1810 1 year 8 ann	6	56
1807	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent of Farm Lot No 9	33	77
		To Rent To Feb <sup>y</sup> 1-1810	5	69
1808	Nov 1	To 1/2 years Rent of Farm Lot No 9	33	77
		To Rent To Feb <sup>y</sup> 1-1810	4	56
1808	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent of Farm Lot No 9	33	77
		To Rent To Feb <sup>y</sup> 1-1810	3	67
1809	Nov 1	To 1/2 years Rent of Farm Lot No 9	33	77
		To Rent To Feb <sup>y</sup> 1-1810	2	52
1809	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent of Farm Lot No 9	33	77
		To Rent To Feb <sup>y</sup> 1-1810	1	65
1810	Feb <sup>y</sup> 1	To the acct	227	24
			2	42
			229	70

*of the Newcastle Common*

1810	Feb <sup>y</sup> 1	By John Eves Note payable sixty days after date to the order of James Booth President of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common at the House of James Leaper No 9 St. Andrew the Lancers Bank of the State of Delaware in the Town of Newcastle	229	70
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Joseph Gross in case with the Trustees of			
1799	Nov 1	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5 as stated by the John	30 46
		To do from Nov 1-1799 to March 25-1800	2 54
1799	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5 by the John	30 46
		To do from March 25-1799 to March 25-1800	1 82
Nov	1	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5 by the John	30 46
		To do from Nov 1-1799 to March 25-1800	0 72
1800	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5 by the John	30 46
		To do from March 25-1799 to March 25-1800	0 99
		To Cash of Rent	\$133 91
Nov	1	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5 collecting for Bonds	26 83
		including 1/2 year's interest from 28-2-31	0 80
		do from Nov 1-1800 to May 1-1801	26 83
1801	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5	26 83
		do from Nov 1-1801 to May 1-1802	0 19
		To Balance due	11 92
		To do from May 1-1801 to May 14-1802	0 73
Nov	1	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5	26 83
		do from Nov 1-1801 to May 14-1802	0 86
1802	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5	26 83
		do from March 25-1802 to May 14-1802	0 19
		To Balance due	67 36
Nov	1	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5	26 83
		do from Nov 1-1802 to April 30-1803 on \$12-36	0 70
1803	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5	26 83
		do from March 25-1802 to April 30-1803 on 26-83	0 60
		To do from March 25-1802 to April 30-1803 on 26-83	0 15
		To Balance due	67 67
Nov	1	To 1/2 years Rent of Lot No 5	26 83
		do from Nov 1-1803 to Sept 12-1803	0 74
		To do on 27-67 from April 30-1803 to Sept 12-1803	27 67
		To Balance due	26 83
		To do on \$12-59 from Sept 12-1803 to May 14-1805	1 34
		1805-1799 & all days	2 05
1804	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent due this day	26 83
		do from Nov 1-1803 to May 14-1805 on \$26-83	1 81
Nov	1	To 1/2 years Rent due this day	26 83
		do from March 25-1804 to May 14-1805	0 58
1805	March 25	To 1/2 years Rent due this day	26 83
		do from Nov 1-1804 to May 14-1805	0 21
		To do from March 25-1805 to May 14-1805	127 57
		To Cash of Clerk Bill says Henry Adams	10 30
		To Balance due	137 87
		To do from May 14-1805 to Sept 24-1805	95 21
		To Cash of Clerk says the John	2 05
		To do from May 14-1805 to Sept 24-1805	3 15
		To Balance due	100 41
		To do from Sept 24-1805 to May 14-1805	19 99

The Trustees Common			
1800	June 17	By Henry Adams for this term Rent	133 91
		of the whole of Bond & his Receipt	
1801	July 1	By Cash paid Nicholas Demoye for Rent	42 67
		for the whole of Bond	11 92
		By Balance due	54 59
1802	May 14	By Cash paid Nicholas Demoye for Rent	85 00
		By Balance due	12 36
			67 36
1803	April 30	By Cash paid Henry Adams for his Receipt	40 00
		By Balance due	27 67
			67 67
1803	Sept 12	By Cash paid Henry Adams for his Receipt	12 36
		By Balance due	40 42
			55 21
1805	May 14	By Cash paid Henry Adams for Rent	12 36
		By Cash of Receipt of Rent	32 36
		By Balance due	42 66
			95 21
			137 87
1805	Sept 24	By Cash paid Henry Adams	3 15
		By Cash for Rent	67 21
		By Balance due	80 42
			149 78
			100 41
			12 50
		By Cash for Rent	7 41
		By Cash for Rent	19 99



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*Henry Johns to give in account with*

13	To Cash Received of John Jones	120-12	
	To Cash Recd of Robert Barr	27-11	
	To Cash Recd of Alisd. Odinson	15-11	
30	To Cash Received of Joseph Ennis	40-00	202 36
16	To Cash of Elizth Pool	32-41	
	To Cash of John How	65-47	
	To Cash of Robert Barr	27-11	
11	To Cash of John How	27-50	
	To Cash of John How	110-63	
	To Cash of John How	34-60	
	To Cash of John How	30-00	330 72
25	To Cash of John How	67-83	
	To Cash of Elizth Pool	32-33	
	To Cash of John How	25-00	
30	To Cash of John How	37-51	
	To Note of John How	12-80	
	To Note of John How	25-60	
	To Note of John How	25-60	
	To Note of William How	45-00	
	To Cash of John How by order of		
	To Cash of John How by order of		
4	To Amount of Judgment against John How	197-70	469 37 1/2
			\$1002 42 1/2
7	To Cash of John How	27-04	
14	To Cash of James Larky	24-64	
	To Cash of James Larky	56-21	
7	To Cash of John How	7-64	
	To Cash of John How	27-50	
	To Cash of John How	27-50	170 55
4	To Cash of Thomas Barr	4-44	
9	To Cash of Robert Barr	27-11	
	To Cash of John How	3-20	
3	To Cash of John How	20-00	
14	To Cash of Elizabeth Pool	32-33	
21	To Cash of John How	7-09	
25	To Cash of Alisd. Odinson	3-77	
9	To Cash of James Larky	26-59	
24	To Cash of Robert Barr	27-11	
26	To Cash of Elizabeth Pool	33-82	185 44
			\$356 01
25	To Balance due		50 29
26	To Cash of John How	7-09	
6	To Cash of Robert Barr	27-11	
14	To Cash of Joseph Ennis	52-33	
14	To Cash of Elizabeth Pool	32-36	118 89
27	To Cash of John How	34-24	
11	To Cash of John How	100-00	
	To Cash of John How	3-20	137 44
20	To Cash of Henry Coleby	36-45	
29	To Cash of Joseph Ennis	92-89	
	To Cash of Joseph Ennis	12-50	
10	To Cash of John How	24-00	
14	To Cash of Robert Barr	27-11	192 85 1/2
			\$528 77 1/2

*The Trustees of the New Castle Common*

1802	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	120-12	
1803	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	14-87 1/2	
1804	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	53-00	
15	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	45-83	
	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	12-00	
	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	30-00	
24	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	0-50	
	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	165-22	
	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	472-48	
	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	37-60	
	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	71-01	
	By Cash paid for the Callment Treasurer of Newcastle	1002-43 1/2	
1804	By Cash paid John How & Trustees over	25-44	
10	By Cash paid Thomas Hamilton "	1-60	
18	By Cash paid James Larky "	2-40	
7	By Cash paid Henry Coleby Treasurer of Newcastle	27-50	
16	By Cash paid "	27-50	
	By Cash paid "	3-20	
	By Cash paid "	2-40	
	By Cash paid James How & Trustees over	1-00	
	By Cash paid Alisd. Odinson for salary over	154-68	
10	By Cash paid Henry Coleby Treasurer of Newcastle	30-00	
19	By Cash paid to the Trustees over	275-70	
	By Balance remaining in the hands of the Trustees	40-29	
		\$356 01	
1805	By Cash paid Joseph Ennis Treasurer over	12-50	
14	By Cash paid Archibald Alexander Treasurer of Newcastle	269-01	
21	By Cash paid Henry Coleby Treasurer of Newcastle	32-45	
20	By Cash paid "	14-82	
28	By Cash paid "	54-75	
	By Cash paid "	68-50	
30	By Cash paid "	43-00	
	By Balance remaining in the hands of the Trustees	92-00	
	Comed forward	\$528 77 1/2	



D. Kinsey John's Regum in a/c with the Trustees of

1866	July 7	To Balance brought forward		92	83
		To Cash of Elyth Pool	33-98		
		To Cash of James Lusk	69-84		
		To Cash of Orville H. Davis	25-33		
April	20	To Cash of Robert Bann	27-11		
	22	To Cash of John August	11-00		
	26	To Cash of John Aule	3-20		
May	7	To Cash of John August	10-00		
	3	To Cash of Elyth Pool	28-50		
	26	To Cash of Elyth Pool	5-34		
June	4	To Cash of Charles Thomson	54-99		
		To Cash of John August	30-12		
		To Cash of John August	43-65		
		To Cash of John Aule	71-04	587	82
Sept	6	To Cash of John Aule	7-09		
Nov	14	To Cash of John Aule	32-66		
	18	To Cash of Elyth Pool	27-11	47	86
		To Cash of Robert Bann			
				548	57
1867		To Balance due		164	83
July	12	To Cash of John Aule	49-39		
Sept	2	To Cash of Charles Thomson	27-36		
April	6	To Cash of Robert Bann	27-11		
	20	To Cash of John Aule	9-24		
May	22	To Cash of James Lusk	52-24		
	2	To Cash of Charles Thomson	9-34		
	3	To Cash of Alonzo D. Derrin	11-32	226	04
June	20	To Cash of J. Enos	5-80		
	27	To Cash of James Lusk	67-60		
Oct	24	To Cash of James Lusk	184-50		
Nov	3	To Cash of Elyth Pool	100-72		
		To Cash of Robert Bann	7-04		
		To Cash of Elyth Pool	34-83		
		To Cash of Robert Bann	27-11	137	69
				822	27
1868		To Balance due from the John		096	4
July	7	To Cash of John Aule	75-73		
April	4	To Cash of Robert Bann	27-11		
June	25	To Cash of John Aule	9-60		
	9	To Cash of John Aule	50-00		
	26	To Cash of Robert Bann	27-11		
		To Cash of Sued. District	25-46	215	41
		To Balance due from the John		212	42
1869		To Cash of James Smith		812	52
July	7	To Cash of James Smith	51-92		
April	27	To Cash of Robert Bann	27-11		
May	16	To Cash of Alonzo D. Derrin	7-55		
June	4	To Cash of John August	59-19		
Sept	22	To Cash of Elyth Pool	72-00		
Nov	13	To Cash of R. Bann	27-11	244	79
				557	61

1866	July 7	By Cash paid Henry John Treasurer of M. Academy	50-00		
	10	By Cash paid do	27		
	24	By Cash paid do	28-70	285	70
June	4	By Cash paid do	30-00		
Sept	16	By Cash paid do	32-40		
Nov	22	By Cash paid do	32-48		
Dec	6	By Cash paid Trustees of M. Academy	3-00	97	84
		To Balance on the hands of Henry John		343	58
				164	53
				548	61
1867	June 17	By Cash paid Henry John Treasurer of M. Academy	8-00		
	26	By Cash paid do	399-11		
	27	By Cash paid do	5-80		
		By Cash paid do	74-34		
		By Cash paid James Booth Treasurer of do	8-30		
		By Cash paid Henry John Treasurer of do	296-91	725	86
		By Balance due on the hands of the John		096	4
				822	87
1868	Dec 28	By Balance due on the hands of Henry John		8312	82
1869	July 13	By Cash paid Henry John Treasurer of M. A.	25-00		
June	4	By Cash paid do	1758	94	2

Robert Vanjoy in ac with the Trustees of the

1865	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots N <sup>o</sup> 4 & 5 containing 20 acres of the purchase of Land	\$ 25.00	
		To interest thereon to March 25-1869	6.00	
1866	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots N <sup>o</sup> 4 & 5	25.00	
		To interest thereon to March 25-1869	4.50	
1867	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots N <sup>o</sup> 4 & 5	25.00	
		To interest thereon to March 25-1869	3.00	
1868	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots N <sup>o</sup> 4 & 5	25.00	
		To interest thereon to March 25-1869	1.50	
1869	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots N <sup>o</sup> 4 & 5	25.00	\$140.00

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1869	April 19	By Note of Harington Williams for 30 sheep after date	\$ 35.00	
		Pay of same Bond payable the twenty fifth of June 1869 with	105.00	
		Interest from March 25-1869 for	\$140.00	



*D<sup>r</sup> Israel Pusey in a/c with the Trustees of the Newcastle*

1805	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots 243 containing 16 acres & 2/3	18-17
		Interest thereon to March 25-1809	4-26
1806	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots 243	14-17
		Interest thereon to March 25-1809	3-27
1807	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots 243	14-17
		Interest thereon to March 25-1809	2-14
1808	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots 243	14-17
		Interest thereon to March 25-1809	1-09
1809	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lots 243	14-17
		Interest thereon to March 25-1809 to this day	3-17
1809	Oct 24	To Interest from all rents 25-1809 to this day on \$91-55 the principle of Rents to this date	\$106 92

1809  
Oct 24  
By 7 ann Note payable to the Order of James Booth  
President of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common at  
the House of James Cairns to the Farmers Bank of the  
State of Delaware in the Town of New Castle sixty  
days after date for \$106 92

*D Harding Williams in agmt with the Trustees of the Newcastle Common*

1805	March 25	To Rent of Lot 1000 containing 7 ac 1 R 8 1/4 perches	10-86	
		To bal thereof to March 25-1809	2-60	
1806	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lot 1000	10-86	
		To interest thereon to March 25-1809	1-95	
1807	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lot 1000	10-86	
		To interest thereon to March 25-1809	1-30	
1808	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lot 1000	10-86	
		To interest thereon to March 25-1809	0-65	
1809	March 25	To Rent due this day for Lot 1000	10-86	60 85
		To interest from March 25-1809	1-89	
		To this date on 1000	35-00	
		principal of Rent	00-70	
		To Note transferred by Robert Denny Esq dated April 19th 1809 for		
		To interest thereon till month's		
			<u>98-44</u>	

*Continued*

1809  
October 25

By of new Note payable to the order of James Booth  
President of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common at  
the House of James Caupen to the Farmers Bank of the  
State of Delaware in the Town of Newcastle sixty days  
after date without Defalcation for

\$98 44



D. James Smith in life with The Trustees of the New Castle

1884	Nov	7.4 years amt of Lot No 1 containing 90-72 perches at 20-53 per acre	24	07
1889	Dec	7.4 years amt of Lot No 1 containing 90-72 at 20-53 per acre	24	07
1895	Nov	7.4 years amt of do containing 90-72 at 20-53 per acre	24	07
1890	July	Interest from November 1-1884 to this day 1242 at 3 days	1	78
		Interest from March 25th 1889 to this day 944 at 3 days	0	24
		Interest from March 1-1889 to this day 244 at 3 days	75	24
		Interest	76	09

Common

1810  
July 4

By Note payable at the Farmers Bank of the State of Colorado in the town of Trinidad to James Smith President of the Trustees of the New Castle Common

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D. James Smith in life with The Trustees of the Newcastle

1884 Nov 1	2. 1/2 years Rent of Lot 1001 containing 90-72 perches at 20-55 per acre	26 07
1889 Dec 25	2. 1/2 years Rent of Lot 1001 containing 90-72 at 20-55 per acre	26 07
1890 Nov 7	2. 1/2 years Rent of do containing 90-72 at 20-55 per acre	26 07
1890 Dec 4	2. Interest from November 1-1884 to this day 12 1/2 at 8 1/2 days	1 11
	2. Interest from March 25-1889 to this day 7 1/2 at 8 1/2 days	0 24
	2. Int from March 1-1889 to this day 2 1/2 at 8 1/2 days	75 29
	2. Interest	41
		10 76 09

Common

1890  
July 4

By note payable at the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware in the town of Newcastle to James B. Smith President of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common

1076 09



Dr. Jacob Colbyberry in ac<sup>t</sup> with John Senner & John Crow

- 25
- 7. Hensley Williams for the amount of his note 98 00
  - 7. John Crow for Cash which he paid 9 00
  - 7. the Cash of the President of the Corporation on the Farmers Bank of the State of Ohio for the Balance

Commons of the Public Square

1809

By Bill of Corporation under the Valuation of Cash Received

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 16th. day of September A.D. 1856, present

Elisha Jefferson, President  
John Janvier, James Blount  
William Janvier, Thomas Challenger  
Thomas M Robinson

There being no quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned,

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening October 7th 1856. present

Elisha Jefferson, President  
John Janvier, Thomas Challenger  
John Bradford, James Blount  
Ferdinand Leckler

There being no Quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening the 11th. inst at 7 o'clock

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Saturday evening the 11th day of October A.D. 1856. present

Elisha Jefferson, President  
John Bradford, Thomas Challenger  
William Couper, James Blount  
William H. Dobb, Thomas M Robinson  
William Janvier, Ferdinand Leckler

The Committee on Lamps made the following Report,

The Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of Newcastle Common on the 15th. day of November 1850 and renewed on the 2<sup>d</sup>. day of September last to ascertain the probable costs of erecting Lamps in the Town of Newcastle, Report, That after making inquiry at Philadelphia and in Baltimore they are of the opinion

that each lamp with iron posts and fixtures will cost when put up about Twenty dollars, your Committee beg leave to recommend that lamps be erected as follows, one at Water and Harmony, one at Market and Harmony, one at Harmony and Orange, one at Market and Delaware, one at Delaware and Orange, and one at Delaware and Vine streets

Elisha Jefferson  
Ferdinand Leckler,

which report was on motion adopted, and the Committee directed to purchase six lamps and to have them put at the several places recommended in the report, - And on motion the following Ordinance was passed by the Board.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and eight thereof assenting thereto, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Elisha Jefferson and Ferdinand Leckler, for the purpose of purchasing and erecting six lamps and fixtures in the Town of Newcastle, at the places fixed upon by the Board at this meeting, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the following accounts were passed by the Board,  
John B Vining for 14 days work at Smith Farm \$ 21.00  
John L. Robinson " taking care of Fire Engine over to June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1856 12.00  
H. W Bishop for 18 Ann Chairs for Trustees Rooms 36.00  
Henry Leckler for 184 Posts for Smith Farm c 17, 7 31.28  
" 175 " Callahan " c 17 29.75 61.03  
Elisha Jefferson " 816 Cedar Raids for Smith Farm c 11 - 82.76  
\$ 219.79

Isaac H. Register made application to the Board for permission to transfer his Lease to Michael Connelley, which application was on motion laid over, until the next meeting of the Board,

On motion the following ordinances were passed by the Board,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, That the sum of Five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee for buildings on the Farms in the tenure of William Smith and Michael Callahan, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,



Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto that checks or orders in Common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed at this meeting, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Two hundred and nineteen dollars seventy nine cents,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the second day of December A.D. 1856.

Present, Elisha Jefferson, President

John Bradford	William H. Dobb
John Jarvier	James Blount
William Cooper	Ferdinand Lechler
Thomas Challenger	William Jarvier

The Acting Committee reported that they had advertised for Rent, the Farm now in the Tenure of William Motherall, and submitted to the Board the Proposals received for a Lease of said Farm. — Whereupon on motion the Proposals were read, The amt offered by each person making Proposal, was as follows,

Wm <sup>th</sup> Hutton	\$1000.00	William Hope	\$1200.00
Wm <sup>th</sup> Braimfield	1250.00	Thos. Patrick & Meckaly	
Wm <sup>th</sup> Ward & Son	1150.00	Waleh	1000.00
John Swan	1200.00	Wm <sup>th</sup> Motherall	1150.00
Benj. Vinton	1200.00	Obadiah Clark	1050.00
M. H. Bryan	1000.00	Isaac H. Register	1125.00
John Jordan	1225.00	Nimi Woodland	1095.00

As L. Storps \$1225.00

The recommendations of each applicant being read, and the matter duly considered by the Board, It was on motion Resolved, That the Proposals of William Motherall for a Lease of the Farm now occupied by him, for a period of five years from the 25th day of March next, at the Annual rent of Eleven hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby accepted by the Board,

Joseph Bishop, and Jesse Cook, made application to

the Board, to be appointed to take charge of and light the Town Lamps, And on motion, Jesse Cook was appointed, and to receive for his services annually the sum of seventy dollars,

On motion the following accounts were passed by the Board,

Ferdinand Lechler for store for Trustees	\$18.00
James M. Wise for cleaning Town Hall	1.25
James M. Wise for freight on 18 Chans, from Phil <sup>la</sup>	2.00
	<u>21.25</u>

On motion the following ordinances were passed by the Board  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee, for the repairs of buildings and other incidental expenses, and that a check or order in Common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in Common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts, passed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of twenty one dollar and twenty five cents

The Committee appointed to sell the Town Bell, reported, That they had sold the Bell for the sum of \$265.00 & that they had paid James L. Myers for

sundry expenses incurred	the sum of	10.00
		<u>255.00</u>

leaving the sum of \$255.00 as the nett proceeds of the sale, — which amount they had deposited in the Farmers Bank at Newcastle to the credit of the Trustees, which report was on motion adopted, and the Committee discharged,

The Committee on Lamps made Report, That they had purchased six Lamps and put them up as directed, and that they will make a report of the expenses incurred, to the Board at their next meeting,

And on motion the Board adjourned

Lamps

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the third day of March A.D. 1857. Present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
John Bradford William H. Dobb  
Kensley Johns John Janvier  
Ferdinand Lechler William Janvier  
Thomas Challenger

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the current year, - William Janvier and William H. Dobb were appointed Tellers. - whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were duly elected, they respectively having received a majority of votes

Elihu Jefferson, President  
Thomas Challenger, Treasurer  
Thomas Challenger } Acting Committee  
John Bradford }  
John Janvier }  
Peter W. Vandever, Secretary

The Committee appointed by the Trustees of Newcastle Common called the Lamp Committee would respectfully beg leave to submit the following Report, that they have procured and erected six posts with lamps and placed them, one at the south west corner of Delaware and Pine streets, one at the North west corner of Delaware & Orange streets, one in Delaware street opposite Market street, one at the south west corner of Harmony and Water streets one at the Centre of Market at Harmony street and one at the South East corner of Orange & Harmony streets, the Total Costs of which is one hundred and twenty seven dollars and twenty five cents, The bills and receipts of which we present to the Board with this report,

E. Jefferson } Committee,  
F. Lechler }

Which report was on motion adopted, and the Committee continued with further power of purchasing fluid, and the general superintendance of the Lamps,

On motion, the Committee on Lamps were authorized to purchase six additional lamps and fixtures, and to cause them to

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be fixed in the most suitable places within the Town of Newcastle  
On motion, the transfer of John D. Pitter of his interest in a Lease, of part of the Newcastle Common land, to George W. Morrison was approved and confirmed by the Board.

On motion the Acting Committee were authorized to have ascertained the correct lines of the Newcastle Common land, lying on land late of Charles J. de Pont Esq; now of Thomas C. Tasker, and for that purpose they are to employ Isaac P. Walker to make a survey thereof.

And on motion the Board Adjourned to Tuesday evening the 10th day of March inst.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening the tenth day of March A.D. 1857. Present,

Elihu Jefferson, President  
John Bradford Ferdinand Lechler  
Thomas Challenger John Janvier  
William Couper William H. Dobb

The Acting Committee presented a statement of their receipts and expenditures, which was read, and on motion referred to William Couper and William H. Dobb, a committee to examine the account and make report to this Board.

And on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening the 14th inst at 7 o'clock.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening March 14th A.D. 1857

Present,  
Elihu Jefferson, President  
William Couper Thomas Challenger  
John Bradford Ferdinand Lechler

There being no quorum present, on motion the Board adjourned to Wednesday evening the 18th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock.





On motion the following Ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of William McDobb Treasurer of the Town Commissioners, for pumps and other expenses incurred by the said Commissioners, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of sixteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of William Cooper Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support and maintenance of the Newcastle Institute, and that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present, and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed by the Board at this meeting amounting to the sum of Three hundred and seventy four dollars fifty cents,

And on motion the Board adjourned

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening June 2<sup>d</sup> 1857. Present

- Elehu Jefferson, President
- John Bradford      John Janvier
- William McDobb      James Blount
- Ferdinand Leckler      Thomas Challenged.

On motion the following Report was read, The Committee appointed to hold an Election for ten Trustees on the 2nd of May 1857, would respectfully submit the following Report, that on the day appointed the Election was held, and the number of votes polled was one hundred and seventeen, of which votes,

Peter B. Vandever received eighty five

Daniel R. Wolfe	sixty four	64
James Taus	forty two	42
George Janvier	thirty two	32
James Crupper	Eight	08
Scattering votes		03

In accordance with the above Peter B. Vandever and Daniel R. Wolfe receiving a majority of the whole number of votes polled were duly elected Trustees of the Newcastle Common

Jr. Bradford } committed,  
J. Challenged }

which report was on motion accepted and approved, whereupon Daniel R. Wolfe and Peter B. Vandever, appeared and took their seats as members of the Board of Trustees.

On motion the account of H. Eckel Hg, amounting to \$3.10 for printing 50 copies of the statement of the Treasurer in June 1856, was allowed & passed,

On motion an account of Crupper & Lamborn for \$6.62 was referred to the Committee on accounts

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Elehu Jefferson, and Ferdinand Leckler, the Committee on Lamps, for defraying the expenses of six additional lamps ordered by the Board, and for incidental expenses.

On motion the following Resolution was passed,

Resolved, That the acting Committee be and they are hereby authorized to have done on the Farms now in the tenure of William Smith, the following improvements and repairs, viz, To put up gate posts and gates in all necessary places, to put up spouting on the south East side of the House, To repair the roof of the meat house, To repair the weather boarding of the Barn and to furnish material for building an oven, the tenant to do the work.

And on motion the Board adjourned



At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening September 1st, A. D. 1857, present

Elisha Jefferson, President	
John Jamner	William H. Cobb
Thomas Challenger	William Cooper
John Bradford	James Blount
Ferdinand Lechler	William Jamner
Thomas M. Robinson	Peter B. Vandever,

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

John L. Robinson, for taking care of Engine & carrying chain	13.00
William Bebel, collector, Taxes on Callahan & Smith Farms	75.16
Henry Eckel for printing Financial statement	3.50
John B. Vining for Repairing Engine House door	2.00
James Blount for Cash paid for Rope for B. block	5.22
James Rogers Esq, for seven gallops for Smith farm	10.50
Joseph Clellan for carrying chain one day	1.00
Crofford Lambson for oil for Horse & 1 pad Lock	6.62
Dawker & Juncer for work at Smith Farm	63.37
Hon. Jas. A. Bayard for professional services in the suits of the Trustees vs. Henry, J. Reynolds & Jonathan Steinson	25.00
	<u>\$205.37</u>

On motion the Committee on the Academy were authorized to have a new Roof put on the Academy building, and to make all necessary repairs, also to make such arrangements with the Lebarry Company as regards the proportion of the expenses to be paid by said Company, as the Committee shall deem just and proper.

The Committee on Education presented to the Board a statement of their accounts, together with the vouchers, for the year ending January 1st 1857, - and which was on motion referred to John Jamner & Peter B. Vandever,

On motion Resolved, That the annual pay from this time for lighting the street Lamps shall be one hundred dollars,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed, -

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto

that the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee, for incidental and other expenses, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto that checks or orders in Common form be drawn for the payments of the accounts passed by the Board at this meeting amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Two Hundred and five dollars and thirty seven cents, -

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening September 12th, A. D. 1857, Present

Elisha Jefferson, President	
John Bradford	Thomas M. Robinson
William Cooper	Ferdinand Lechler
Thomas Challenger	Daniel R. Wolfe
James Blount	William H. Cobb
Peter B. Vandever,	

On motion, Resolved, That gas be introduced into the street Lamps, in the Town of Newcastle, and in the Town Hall and that the Committee on Lights be and they are hereby authorized to direct and superintend all necessary work to be done in the premises, -

On motion the Acting Committee were instructed to have the stables on the Farm of John C. Morrison repaired, or if in their opinion it would be better to erect a new building, that then they are hereby authorized and empowered to do so,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening the seventh day of November A.D. 1857. Present,

Elisha Jefferson, President  
 John Jamieson William H. Dobb  
 Thomas Challenger James Blount  
 John Bradford Ferdinand Lechler  
 William Cooper Daniel R. Wolfe  
 Peter B. Vandover,

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee on Lights be and they are hereby authorized to procure seven foot Lamps suitable for burning gas, and have them fixed in proper and necessary places in the streets of the Town of Newcastle.

On motion, the following Ordinance was passed. —  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee for the purpose of erecting a stable on the Farm now in the tenure of John C. Morrison,

On motion Resolved, That the Acting Committee be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise the Farm now occupied by William Motherall, for rent, for a term of five years from the 25th day of March next,

And on Motion the Board adjourned.

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the first day of December A.D. 1857. Present,

Elisha Jefferson, President  
 Thomas Challenger William Cooper  
 John Bradford William H. Dobb  
 James Blount Daniel R. Wolfe  
 John Jamieson Peter B. Vandover

On motion, the applications, together with the Letters

of recommendation, for Leasing the Farm now in the tenure of John Pattison, were read,

And on motion it was Resolved, That the Board proceed to choose by Ballot from among the several applicants the person to whom a Lease of said Farm shall be given, And on motion the President appointed Daniel R. Wolfe and Peter B. Vandover, Tellers. —

Thereupon on counting the votes, it appeared, that Thomas M. Ogle had received five votes, Josiah K. Fenner two votes, John Colwell Jr. one vote, and Andrew Shore one vote, — Thomas M. Ogle having received a majority of all the votes cast, on motion his Proposals were accepted by the Board, and which are as follows, —

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common.  
 Gentlemen, — I will give for a Lease of Five years from the twenty fifth day of March next, for the Farm belonging to you, now in the occupancy of John Pattison the sum of six hundred and three dollars for each and every year, payable in semi-annual payments, —

I will till the land in a good and proper manner keep all the fences & hedges in good condition and repair do all the hauling necessary for the improvement of the premises & buildings, and haul all the Lime or other manure furnished by the Trustees; And do and perform in all things what a good tenant should do. —

The Trustees to keep the Buildings on said premises in a tenantable condition, that is to repair the natural decay, pay the taxes, and furnish annually about the value of seventy five dollars worth of Lime or other manure Also furnish all necessary material for new fencing, And if the Trustees should deem it necessary, I would put up a neat fence in lieu of the old hedge along the New Port Road at my own expense, the Trustees furnishing the material,  
 November 28th 1857, Yours Respectfully  
 Tho. M. Ogle

On motion the following accounts were allowed.

Bro. B. Vining for repairs in Clock Room	1.00
James Blount for Coal	21.75
William Herbert, Taxes for 1857 on Motherall farm	54.81
Elisha Jefferson, bill of sundries	32.60
	<u>110.16</u>



Whereas Joseph Bartlett, having made application to the Trustees for permission to transfer & assign the balance of his Lease to William Hoop, and the said William Hoop also having requested such transfer and assignment,  
 On motion, Resolved, That the said Joseph Bartlett, has the consent of the Board of Trustees, to transfer and assign, the unexpired time of the Lease he now holds, to the said William Hoop, upon the payment of the Rent due to the Trustees,

On motion the following Resolution was read,  
 Resolved, That the Lease to be drawn for the Farm leased at this meeting of the Board, shall conform in all respects to the Lease heretofore drawn for William Motherall but not executed by him. — on motion, the question being taken for the adoption of the Resolution, it was lost. —

On motion the following ordinances were passed. —  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newbottle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on lights, for paying for additional Lamps and posts, and for incidental expenses.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newbottle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting amounting to the sum of Ninety one dollars and sixteen cents. —

And on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening the 5th day of December inst. at 7 o'clock,

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newbottle Common held on Saturday evening the 5th day of December A.D. 1857, present.

Edwin Jefferson, President,  
 Thomas Challenge William H. Dobb  
 John Bradford Ferdinand Leckler  
 James Blount Daniel H. Wolfe  
 William Crupper Peter B. Vandever  
 Thomas M. Robinson

On motion, Resolved, That when the Lease is drawn for the Farm to be leased to Thomas M. Ogle, it shall be submitted to the Board for inspection, previous to the execution thereof,  
 On motion Resolved, That James Early have permission to surrender his Lease, he being still held liable for the Rent now due to the Trustees,

A communication having been read, from John Colmerson, asking the Board to make some deduction of the rent yet due and unpaid by his father, James Colmerson, dec'd,

On motion of William H. Dobb, Resolved, That John Colmerson be released from the payment of his father's debts. — The consideration of which Resolution, was on motion laid over until the next meeting of the Board. —

On motion the following accounts were allowed

William E. Hughes for roofing Academy	64.25
Jno. Gage for Brick for pavement in range st. front of Academy	14.87
Jno. L. Robinson Glazing & painting Academy	3.85
Glazing at Town Hall	1.50
Aaron Fields for work at Academy	5.35
Carpenter Lambson for shingles made &c for Academy	3.00
	191.62
	\$279.09

On motion Resolved, That the Secretary, he and he is hereby authorized to draw the Lease to Thomas M. Ogle,

On motion the account of Allen D. Dizer, was referred to the Committee on accounts.

On motion the Acting Committee were directed to confer with Bryan Jackson for the purpose of ascertaining what arrangement can be made relative to the boundary lines of the lands of the said Jackson and the Trustees.

On motion Resolved, That the Acting Committee report to the Board, the amount of expenses incurred on the Farm, in the tenure of William Smith, for the time it has been occupied by said Smith.

On motion Resolved, that the Acting Committee make report to the Board as to the conditions of the Farm and premises now in the tenure of William Motherall.

On motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting, that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed by the Board at this meeting amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Two hundred and seventy nine dollars and nine cents.

And on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening Dec. 26th at 7 o'clock,

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Saturday evening Dec. 26 A.D. 1857. present

Elihu Jefferson President  
John Bradford William H. Dobb  
Wm Couper Thomas Challenger  
Thos. M. Robinson Daniel R. Wolfe  
Jas. Blount Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the last meeting being read, were on motion approved.

Whereas it was intended by the Resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Board in relation to the Lease ordered to be drawn to Thomas M. Ogle, to have reference to all Leases hereafter to be drawn, and not to apply to the Lease to any particular individual, Therefore

Resolved, that all Leases hereafter drawn for any part of the Common land, shall before the execution thereof be submitted to this Board,

On motion Resolved, that all resolutions hereafter offered to this Board, shall be in writing,

On motion the several applications for Leasing the Farm, now in the tenure of William Motherall, were

read; And on motion it was Resolved, that the Board proceed to choose by ballot from among the several applicants, the person to whom a Lease for said Farm shall be given, and on motion William H. Dobb and Daniel R. Wolfe, were appointed Tellers,

Whereupon on counting the votes it appeared that James Cavender had James Vandever had received eight votes and Andrew Groves one vote,

James Cavender having received a majority of all the votes cast, on motion his Proposals were accepted by the Board, being for the term of five years at the rate of eleven hundred and fifty dollars per annum, subject to the usual covenants and conditions.

The resolution relative to releasing John C. Morrison from the payment of certain rent, laid over at the last meeting of the Board being called up and read, and the question being taken on the passage of the resolution, it was lost.

The Committee on accounts made report, that they had examined the account of Allen & Nizer for work done at the Academy and that they had also examined the work, and were not satisfied with the manner in which it was done, And on motion the account was referred back to the Committee on the Academy with instructions to have the work done properly, and make report to this Board.

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

John Bradford, for holding Election	\$1.00
Thomas Challenger for " "	1.00

And on motion the Board Adjourned

At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Thursday evening, May 10th 1858.

Present, Elihu Jefferson, President  
John Bradford Ferdinand Lechler  
Thomas Challenger Daniel R. Wolfe  
James Blount Thomas M. Robinson  
William H. Dobb Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved,

On motion a communication from Thomas J. Tasker relative to the lines between his lands and that of the Newcastle Common, also in reference to the Board granting him



a Lease of about four acres of land, was read, and on motion said communication was referred to William H. Dobb, William Cruser & Daniel R. Wolfe, with instructions to confer with Mr. Jaeger, and make report to this Board,

On motion the following Ordinance, were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of Three Hundred and twenty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on Lights, for incidental and other expenses,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Three Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the Acting Committee,

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
Paid Ferdinand Lechler, for expenses incurred in chaining Town Hall 5.50  
Paid John B. Mining for serving notices on Tenants 1.00

The Committee on the Academy Building, made report that the work done by Allen & Hozer, has been completed in a satisfactory manner, and recommend that the bill be allowed for the sum of \$49.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, A motion being made for the allowance of the account and the yeas and nays being called, the account was disallowed, upon motion of Thomas Challenger for a reconsideration, and the yeas and nays being again called, the account was allowed for the sum of \$49.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

On motion the Leases drawn for Thomas M. Ogle and James Carver were read, and approved by the Board, and ordered to be executed,

On motion, Resolved, That hereafter no order drawn upon the Board of Trustees, shall be accepted by the Board,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening March second A.D. 1858, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President  
John Bradford Andrew C. Gray  
Thomas Challenger William Cruser  
Ferdinand Lechler William Jamieson  
James Blount William H. Dobb  
Thomas M. Robinson Daniel R. Wolfe  
& Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the proceedings of the Board at their last meeting were read and approved,

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, William Jamieson and Daniel R. Wolfe were appointed Tellers, whose opinion on counting the ballots it appeared that

Elihu Jefferson, was elected President

Thomas M. Robinson

John Bradford & Daniel R. Wolfe } were elected the Acting Committee,

They respectively having received a majority of the votes,

On motion the several applications for lighting the street Lamps, & for taking care of the Town Hall, Fire Engine &c, were read & on motion the Board proceeded to choose by Ballot, a suitable person for that purpose, when on counting the ballots it appeared that Paul Barr had received a majority of the votes cast, & on motion his Proposals were accepted by the Board, which Proposals are as follows,

The Undersigned, respectfully, solicits the Board to give him the charge of the Town Hall, Engine, Fire Apparatus and Town Lamps, I am willing to take charge of the same and keep them in good order, discharging the duty faithfully for seventy five dollars a year, If the Board prefer dividing the charge, in that case, I would ask the care of the Town Lamps, and promise if given to me to keep them in good order for fifty dollars per year and would feel much obliged for the favor,  
Respectfully submitted  
Paul Barr

On motion the following Resolution was read,  
 Resolved, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Com-  
 mon, That the President of this Board be and is hereby author-  
 ized and directed to subscribe for three hundred shares of the Cap-  
 ital Stock of the Newcastle Gas Company at the rate of seven  
 dollars and fifty cents per share, To be paid for as soon as  
 funds other than those appropriated or to be appropriated for  
 the Public Schools and the necessary expenses of the Board of  
 Trustees, shall come into the hands of the Treasurer,

which resolution, after due consideration, was adopted  
 by the Board,

On motion the following accounts were read & allowed,  
 To James M. Wice, 1 year's services taking care of T. Hall \$ 20.00  
 S. B. Vandever 1, Salary as Secretary & for } 35.00  
 John Bradford for winding Clock 30.00 }  
 4 days attendance on Acting Com. 6.00 } 36.00  
 Thomas Challenger 1 year's Salary as Treasurer 150.00  
 G. W. Turner bill of sundries 4.20  
 Daniel N. Wolfe Esq, for Professional advice to the Treas. 20.00  
 \$ 265.20

On motion the Proposals of the several applicants for the Lots  
 of land lately held by James Early, were read and considered,

And on motion the Proposals of Isaac Holland were  
 accepted by the Board for two years from the twenty fifth  
 day of March inst, at the rate of one hundred dollars per  
 annum, the Lease to be drawn with the same covenants and  
 agreements as those contained in the Lease to James Early

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 On motion the following Ordinances were passed by the Board,  
 Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
 Common, Twelve members being present and all assenting  
 thereto, That the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars, be and the  
 same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Treasurer  
 of the Committee on Education, as circumstances may require  
 for the maintenance and support of the Newcastle Institute for  
 the year Eighteen hundred and fifty eight, and that

checks or orders in Common form, be drawn for the payment of  
 the same,

Be it ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
 Common, twelve members being present and all assenting thereto  
 that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the accounts  
 passed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of  
 Two hundred and sixty five dollars and twenty cents,  
 And on motion the Board Adjourned,

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
 the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 27th  
 day of April A.D. 1858, Present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
 Thomas Challenger William H. Dobb  
 John Bradford William Janney  
 John Janney Ferdinand Lechler  
 James Blount Daniel R. Wolfe  
 Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were  
 read and approved

On motion the accounts of the Acting Committee for  
 the past year were referred to a Committee of two, consisting  
 of William Cooper and William H. Dobb,

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
 Paid Elihu Jefferson for wood furnished for, & for liquor for gas meter \$ 29.00  
 Paid James Blount for Coal furnished the Town 16.29  
 Paid John L. Robinson for taking care of Fire Engine \$12 - up to 12.25 - 12.25

On motion, Resolved, That Isaac H. Reister be and he is  
 hereby authorized to assign the Lease he now holds from the  
 Trustees for a certain portion of the Common land to  
 Bramfield,

A communication from the Washington Lodge No. 5. I. O. of O. F.  
 relative to the Gas in the Town Hall was read, whereupon on  
 motion it was, Resolved, That it is deemed inexpedient to take  
 any action on the matter at this present time,

The Committee to whom the communication of Thomas J.  
 Tasker was referred, made report that they have had no interview



with Mr. Tasker, and that the land desired to be leased by him had been designated, being about four acres, And on motion the Committee was continued with instructions to have a survey and plot of the land made, at the expense of Mr. Tasker, and to exhibit the same to the Board for further action,

On motion, Resolved, That the Newcastle Building and Loan Association, have the privilege of using the Room in the Town Hall, on the evening of the first Saturday in each and every month, upon the payment of fifty cents for each and every time the room is occupied,

On motion, Resolved, That the children of all the tenants of the Newcastle Common Farms, shall be admitted to the Newcastle Institute upon the same terms and conditions as the children of the citizens of the Town of Newcastle

On motion the following Ordinances were passed,

*Paid* Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee, for the purpose of paying for certain bills for Time and incidental expenses incurred during the past year,

*Paid* Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on Lights

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the accounts allowed by the Board at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Fifty seven dollars and fifty four cents,

And on motion the Board Adjourned,

At a Stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 1st day of June A.D. 1858, present

Oliver Jefferson, President  
William Couper      Ferdinand Leckler  
Thomas Challenger      John Bradford  
James Blount      Daniel R Wolfe  
Thomas M Robinson      William Janvier  
William H. Dobb

The Secretary being absent, Daniel R Wolfe was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read and approved,

A Communication from Isaac Holland, relative to building a House on the Lot now in his tenure, was read, & it was thereupon moved, by John Bradford that the Communication be referred to a Committee of three, And on motion of William Janvier the motion of John Bradford was laid on the table.

A Communication from the Town Commissioners praying an appropriation for grading the streets in the Town of Newcastle was read, whereupon on motion the following Resolution was passed, nine members voting in the affirmative,

*Paid* Resolved That the sum of Two hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle for the purpose of grading Orange and Harmony streets;

On motion the following Resolution was read & passed, Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common that the President of this Board, be and he is hereby authorized to accept a Draft in favor of the Newcastle Gas Company or their Treasurer for the sum of Seventy two hundred and fifty dollars, with interest added, if required, for the purpose of paying for three hundred shares of stock subscribed for by this Board in said Gas Company at seven dollars and fifty cents per share, and to renew said Draft or any part thereof from time to time until funds are provided by the

Board for payment of the whole amount,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening June 7th, A.D. 1858, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President

William Cooper, James Blount, Thomas Challenge  
John Bradford, Ferdinand Leckler & Daniel R. Wolfe,  
The Secretary being absent on motion D. R. Wolfe  
was appointed Secretary pro. tem,

There not being a sufficient attendance for the ap-  
propriation of money, on motion the Board adjourned until  
Wednesday the 15th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> 1858, The Board of Trust-  
ees met pursuant to adjournment, Present

Elihu Jefferson, President

W<sup>m</sup> Cooper

Daniel R. Wolfe

John Bradford

Andrew C. Gray

Thomas Challenge

William H. Dobb

James Blount

In the absence of the Secretary, D. R. Wolfe was appointed  
Secretary, pro. tem,

On motion the Board Adjourned to Saturday evening  
the 18th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Saturday September 18th 1858, The Board of  
Trustees met pursuant to Adjournment, Present

Elihu Jefferson, President

William Cooper

Thomas Challenge

John Bradford

W<sup>m</sup> H. Dobb

James Blount

Ferdinand Leckler

Thomas M. Robinson

Daniel R. Wolfe

The Secretary being absent, on motion, D. R. Wolfe was ap-  
pointed Secretary pro. tem,

On motion the report of Gas Committee was read, and  
referred to the Committee on accounts,

On motion of William H. Dobb, Resolved, that the Acting  
Committee confer with Bryan Jackson and Thomas M. Ogle,  
in relation to the lines between said Jackson and the Farm of  
the Trustees now in the tenure of said Ogle, and the expe-  
diency of the Trustees & the said Jackson exchanging lands, and  
make report to the Board at the next meeting,

On motion, Resolved, that there be put up upon the  
Farm now in the tenure of Thomas M. Ogle, a two story  
frame Building about twenty two feet by      feet, also a new  
roof upon the old Building, and that such repairs be made  
to the old Building as in the judgment of the Acting Com-  
mittee may be expedient, so that it may be in tenantable  
condition,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common nine members being present, and all assenting thereto  
That the sum of Four hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby  
appropriated subject to the order of the Acting Committee,

On motion Resolved, that the sum of Three hundred  
& seventy nine dollars and thirteen cents, be and the same is  
hereby appropriated (nine members being present and seven  
thereof assenting thereto) towards the reduction of the draft of  
Thomas J. Jaker for the sum of \$2329.100 & accepted by the  
Board, in payment for Gas Stock subscribed for by this Board,

The Treasurer of the Committee on Education, sub-  
mitted a statement of their accounts for the past year, which  
was on motion referred to Daniel R. Wolfe & Ferdinand Leckler,

On motion Resolved, that the Acting Committee advertise  
the Farm now occupied by John C. Morrison, William Hope and  
Edward Conway, for rent for the term of five years, from the  
twenty fifth day of March next,



On motion the following accounts were allowed:

Paid William E. Hughes for repairs at Town Hall \$ 3.78  
 Paid Newcastle Manf Co, for repairing Fire Engine 25.00  
 Paid Wm Herbert for Taxes 1858, Colliery Farm \$75.16  
 Cavender " 54.81  
 Ogle " 30.47 \$ 160.44  
 Paid H. Eckel Ho, Printing Treasurers statement 1857 & 58 - \$ 3.50

And on motion the Board Adjourned -

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common (called upon the request of their members) held on Thursday evening November 18th, 1858, Present,

Elihu Jefferson, President

John Bradford Thomas Challenger  
 Thomas M. Robinson Ferdinand Leckler  
 James Blount Wm H. Dobb  
 Daniel R Wolfe Peter B. Vandever

The Proposals for Leasing the Farms now in the tenure of William Hope, Edward Downey, & John C. Morrison were read and read, & on motion the Board proceeded to choose from among the several applicants the persons to whom the Leases of the respective Farms shall be given, -

And on Motion the Proposals of William Hope, Edward Downey and John C. Morrison were accepted by the Board for a term of Five years from the twenty fifth day of March next, The Leasing to conform in all respects with the present Lease of James Cavender,

which proposals are as follows

Newcastle Nov 13. 1858

To D. R. Wolfe, Thos M. Robinson &

John Bradford, Acting Committee

I propose to offer for the Farms now occupied by me, the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars per year, payable semi-annually, upon the usual conditions and regulations

required by the Board,

Wm Hope,

Newcastle Nov: 13th, 1858,

To D. R. Wolfe, Thomas M. Robinson & John Bradford

Acting Committee of Trustees of Newcastle Common

I propose to rent the Farms now occupied by me at the sum of six hundred dollars per annum, payable, semi-annually - upon the usual conditions and regulations required by the Board of Trustees

Edward Downey,

Heaven Corner Nov: 13th 1858,

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common:

I send to you my proposal for renting the Farm which I now occupy, which is No. 8, and I will give to you for it seven hundred and twenty five dollars for each and every year,

Respectfully yours,

Jno. C. Morrison

On motion the following Communication from William Janvier, Esqr, was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Newcastle Nov: 18th, 1858,

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common

Gentlemen,

In consequence of my removal from the Town of Newcastle, I have ceased to be a member of the Board of Trustees,

Very Respectfully

William Janvier,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, That an Election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the fourth day of December A.D. 1858, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon, and five o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, occasioned by the removal of William Janvier Esquire, from the Town of Newcastle, And that

Thomas Chalmers & John Bradford be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to hold said Election, giving six days notice of the time and place of holding said Election, to the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and in case there should not be a Trustee elected on that day, then that the said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to proceed in holding elections, giving six days notice thereof until a Trustee be duly elected to fill said vacancy,

The Committee on accounts made report, that they had examined the Accounts & Vouchers of the Lamp Committee and found them correct, By the statement of the Lamp Committee it appeared, that they had received the sum of \$772<sup>00</sup> and disbursed the sum of \$787<sup>00</sup> leaving a bal. of \$15<sup>00</sup> due the Committee, which report was on motion adopted

Whereupon on motion it was Resolved, Nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifteen dollars <sup>to be</sup> and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to Elisha Jefferson, Chairman of the Lamp Committee, to pay the amt, now paid by said Committee

On motion the following Accounts were allowed  
Elisha Jefferson for Gas consumed in the Town Hall up to Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1858, the same having been paid for by him \$ 2.40

Paul Barr, for Lighting Lamps &c, to Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 18.75

A communication from the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle was read, and on motion laid over until the next meeting of the Board. —

On motion, Resolved, that the President of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to sell at not a less price than the par value thereof, all or any part of the Gas stock, in the Newcastle Gas Company, held by the Trustees, and to apply the proceeds thereof as received towards the payment of the draft of Thomas J. Tasker

And on motion the Board adjourned

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Field on Tuesday evening, the seventh day of Decr. A.D. 1858, Present,

Elisha Jefferson, President,  
John Bradford, Thomas Chalmers, James Blount, Ferdinand Teckler  
Thomas M. Robinson, William W. Dobb, Daniel R. Wolfe and Peter B. Vandever.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, The Committee appointed to hold an Election for new Trustees to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of William Jamieson, <sup>Reported</sup> that they had held an Election on Saturday the fourth day of December inst. and that no person having received a majority of all the votes, consequently there was no Election, — which report was on motion approved,

On motion Resolved, The Committee on Elections in holding an Election shall not take the vote of any persons, who reside without the limits or bounds of the Town as now laid down in the Plot of the Town of Newcastle.

On motion the Communication of the Town Commissioners, laid over at the last meeting of the Board, was called up and read,

On motion the following Resolution was read  
Resolved, That the sum of Three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable on the first Tuesday in March next, to the order of the Treasurer of the Town Commissioners for grading and repairing the streets, The question being taken upon the passage of the Resolution it was Lost.

On motion the following accounts were passed,  
James Blount, for wood and for sawing & splitting \$ 2.30  
C. J. Johnson for Advertising 14.75  
Banding Simmons for hauling ports to William Smith Farm 9.00  
Ambrose Lafferty for repairing pumps on Callahan Smith Farm 4.50

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,  
Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Field, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the Committee on Lights.



A communication from William Smith asking the Board to furnish lumber for a shed on the farm in his tenure, was read, and on motion referred to the Acting Committee with power to act,

The several Leases drawn for William Hope, Edward Pouncey and John Morrison were read, and ordered to be executed,

And on motion the Board, Adjourned,

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Saturday evening Dec: 18<sup>th</sup>. 1858,

Present, Elisha Jefferson, President

James Blount      William Couper

John Bradford      W<sup>m</sup> McDowell

Thomas Challenger      J. Leckler

Thomas M. Robinson      Daniel R. Wolfe

∪ Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved,

On motion a communication from Michael Callahan was read & on motion laid on the Table

On motion, Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Board be and he is hereby instructed to proceed in collecting the Rent now due from Michael Callahan, agreeably to the Bye Laws of the Board and of the Lease to the said Callahan

Paid, On motion a bill of Ferdinand Leckler for \$3.42 was allowed,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the first day of March 1859, Present:

Elisha Jefferson, President.

Thomas Challenger, Ferdinand Leckler, James Blount, Thomas M. Robinson, John Bradford, Daniel R. Wolfe, James Crispen & Peter B. Vandever,

On motion the following Report was read,

At an Election held in the Court House on Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> 1858, by order of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, for one Trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of William Janvier, - James Crispen received seventy six votes, and George Janvier received sixty four. - Whereas James Crispen having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected

J. Challenger }  
Jno. Bradford } Judges.

Which report was on motion adopted, and on motion James Crispen took his seat as a member of the Board of Trustees,

On motion the accounts of the Acting Committee were referred to the standing Committee on accounts

on motion the following Ordinances were passed.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto That the sum of Five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the Acting Committee

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto That the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, as circumstances may require, for the maintenance and support of the Newcastle Institute for the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine, -

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

Paid	J. S. P. Trust for Coal distributed to the Poor	\$14.06
Paid	D. R. Wolfe & Tho. M. Robinson for Carriage hire for Acting Com.	3.00
Paid	J. J. Robinson for glazing in Town Hall	1.50
Paid	Jno. Sink for opening Court House for two Elections of Trustees	2.00
Paid	Edward Challenger for Clerking at two Elections	2.00
Paid	John Bradford, taking care of Town Clock & other duties Com.	36.20
Paid	Tho. Challenger, 1 year salary as Treasr. holding two Elections	152.00
Paid	Peter B. Vandever, one year salary as secretary	30.00
		<u>\$240.76</u>

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and appointed tellers, whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that the following named persons were duly elected, they respectively having received a majority of votes,

Elihu Jefferson, President  
Thomas Challenger, Treasurer  
John Bradford  
Thomas M. Robinson } Acting Committee,  
Daniel R. Wolfe }

On motion Paul Barr was continued Janitor and Lamp lighter, —

On motion, Resolved, that the annual pay of the Janitor & Lamp lighter, hereafter shall be one hundred dollars. —

On motion, Resolved, that any further action upon the proposed Lease to Thomas J. Tinker Sr. be postponed until the Committee make further report.

And on motion the Board Adjourned

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At a Special Meeting of the the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on the 14th day of April A.D. 1859, Present,

Elihu Jefferson, President  
John Bradford, Thomas M. Robinson, Thomas Challenger,  
James Crippen and William Couper,

The Secretary being absent, William Couper was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Tinker not being ready to report were continued,

On motion the Board adjourned

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At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on the second day of May A.D. 1859. Present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
Ferdinand Leckler, Thomas M. Robinson, John Bradford  
Thomas Challenger, James Blount, James Crippen and  
William Couper,

In the absence of the Secretary William Couper was appointed Secretary pro tem. —

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, That an Election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the fourteenth day of May next, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon, and five o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the death of Daniel R. Wolfe, And that John Bradford and Thomas Challenger, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to hold said Election, giving six days notice of the time and place of holding said election to the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle, qualified to Elect Trustees And in case there should not be a Trustee elected on that day then that the said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to proceed in holding elections giving six days notice thereof until a Trustee be elected to fill said vacancy,

On motion, Resolved, that the proposition of William McClelland to give his note to the Treasurer of the Board for the balance of Rent due by William Hope up to the 25th March last be accepted, and that the said Note be taken at six months with interest from that date,

And on motion the Board Adjourned



At a Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening June 7th. A.D. 1859. Present,

Elisha Jefferson, President  
Thomas Challenger, John Bradford, James Crispen & Ardman Leckley.

For want of a quorum, on motion the Board adjourned to tomorrow evening the 8th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock. -

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Wednesday evening June 8th. A.D. 1859. Present

Elisha Jefferson, President  
Thomas Challenger, William H. Dobb, Thomas M. Robinson, James Crispen, James Blount, William Herbert and William Cooper.

In the absence of the secretary, on motion William Cooper was appointed secretary pro-tem.

Thomas Challenger and John Bradford the Committee appointed to hold an election for a Trustee of the Common to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Daniel R Wolfe made a written report that the election ordered had been duly held on Saturday the fourteenth day of May 1859, when one hundred and seventy <sup>or</sup> ballots were received, of which one hundred and seven were for William Herbert and sixty nine for George Janver, and that William Herbert having received a majority of the whole number of votes, was duly elected a member of the Board. On motion this report was adopted, and William Herbert was admitted to his seat.

On motion, Resolved, That the Acting Committee be instructed to inquire and report in writing, in two weeks from this date what buildings ought to be erected and repairs made on the Farms occupied by Edward Gourney

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Thomas M. Ogle and William R. Stroup, with estimates of the cost thereof.

On motion, an election was held for a member of the Acting Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Daniel R Wolfe, when William Herbert received six votes, William H. Dobb one vote, Andrew G. Gray one vote, and William Cooper two votes, William Herbert having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected.

On motion the following bills were allowed, and orders in the usual form ordered to be issued in payment for the same, viz;

Paid	James Demcaw, for Stationary	\$ 1.39
Paid	Elisha Jefferson for work furnished to the Poor by order of the Ladies Benevolent Society	17.50
Paid	Thos. Challenger for holding Election for Trustee in lieu of salary	1.00
Paid	John Bradford " " " "	1.00
Paid	Edward Challenger for clerking " " "	1.00
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		\$ 21.89

And on motion the Board Adjourned to Wednesday evening the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June inst.

At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Wednesday evening, the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June A.D. 1859. Present

Elisha Jefferson, President  
James Crispen      John Bradford  
W<sup>m</sup> Herbert      Thomas Challenger  
W<sup>m</sup> H. Dobb

There not being a quorum, on motion the Board Adjourned to meet on Saturday evening the 25th inst, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of June A.D. 1859. Present,

Edwin Jefferson, President  
Thomas M. Robinson W<sup>m</sup> H. Dobb  
Thomas Challenger W<sup>m</sup> Herbert  
Ferdinand Leekles John Bradford  
James Blount James Crispin

The Secretary being absent, on motion W<sup>m</sup> H. Dobb was ap-  
pointed Secretary pro-tem,

On motion the following report was read,

The Undersigned, Acting Committee, would respectfully beg  
leave to report, that they have examined the Kitchens on the Farm of  
Edward Downey, and think there should be a new one erected, the  
estimated cost of which will not be more than five hundred and  
twenty five dollars. They also find the roof on the house and  
kitchen of the house on the Farm occupied by W<sup>m</sup> R. Stoup in so  
dilapidated a condition as to require a new one, the cost of which,  
will be one hundred and ten dollars. — On the Farm occupied  
by Thomas M. Ogle they would recommend the erection of a granary  
and have the proposition of Thomas M. Ogle to build one for five hun-  
dred dollars, not including the mason work, which will make an  
additional cost of say thirty dollars,

Thos. M. Robinson }  
W<sup>m</sup> Herbert } Acting  
John Bradford } Committee

On motion the following Proposal of Thomas M. Ogle was read  
"I propose to build a granary on the Farm where I reside, of the  
following dimensions, viz; 24 by 30 feet, 16 feet high and to be of good  
material, which shall be satisfactory to the Committee, to complete the  
building all except the stone work or foundation, for five hundred  
dollars,

Thos. M. Ogle

Which Proposal was on motion accepted by the Board.

The Acting Committee were instructed to have the necessary  
repairs done to the house and kitchen of W<sup>m</sup> R. Stoup, on the best terms  
possible, also to have a kitchen built on the farm occupied by Edward  
Downey. —





# Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Trustees of New Castle Common, from June 25, 1858, to June 25, 1859.

Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount
1858. June 25	To balance remaining on deposit in the Farmers Bank at New Castle to the credit of the Trustees.	\$536.00	Dec 25	By Cash paid George Janvier, Treasurer of Town Commissioners.	\$200.00
Aug 6	To Cash received from John Patterson in full for half years rent, to March 25, 1858.	31.00	Sept 1	Farmers Bank, discount on Patterson's Note.	1.67
" 25	" " " " E. Jefferson, Dividend of Gas Stock.	31.00	" 10	" " " " Committee on Education, for Schools.	400.00
Sept 1	" " " " John Paterson amount of Note due at this date.	47.00	" 21	" " " " Acting Committee for use of Farms.	160.44
" 3	" " " " William Motherall on account of Rent.	70.00	" 21	" " " " William Herbert Collector, for Taxes.	25.00
" 25	" " " " William Drumfield in full for Rent to Sept. 25, 1858.	250.00	" 21	" " " " New Castle Manufacturing Company, for repairs to Fire Engine.	3.78
" 25	" " " " Edward Downey, in full for Rent to Nov. 1, 1858.	200.00	" 21	" " " " William E. Hughs, for repairs to Town Hall.	329.13
Oct 5	" " " " Michael Calahan, on account of Rent.	150.00	" 21	" " " " E. Jefferson for draft of T. T. Tasker, in payment of Gas Stock.	3.50
" 18	" " " " James Cavender on account of Rent.	150.00	" 25	" " " " H. Eckel & Co., printing Statement.	1.55
Nov 2	" " " " George W. Morrison in full for Rent to Nov. 1, 1858.	250.00	" 25	" " " " E. Downey, discount on Rent in advance.	165.00
" 4	" " " " John C. Morrison on account of Rent.	75.00	Oct 22	" " " " Farmers Bank interest on Bond due June 6, 1848.	600.00
" 8	" " " " John C. Morrison in full for Rent to Nov. 1, 1858.	50.00	Nov 11	" " " " Committee on Education for Schools.	18.75
" 18	" " " " Isaac Holland in full for rent, with interest to Sept. 25, 1858.	125.00	" 19	" " " " Paul Barr for one quarter's pay for lighting lamps, Janitor, &c.	15.71
Dec 11	" " " " William R. Stroup on account of Rent.	500.00	" 19	" " " " Committee on Lights for lighting Town, &c.	2.40
" 18	" " " " William Smith on account of Rent.	19.00	" 19	" " " " E. Jefferson for Gas in Town Hall.	14.75
" 24	" " " " William Motherall in full for rent, with interest to March 25, 1858.	41.00	Dec 8	" " " " C. P. Johnson for Advertising Farms for Rent.	9.00
1859. Jan 14	" " " " William Smith on account of rent.	102.00	" 8	" " " " B. Simmons, for hauling posts to Smith Farm.	4.50
Feb 5	" " " " William R. Stroup in full for rent to Nov. 1, 1858, with interest.	130.00	" 8	" " " " Ambrose Lafferty for repairing Pumps.	2.30
" 12	" " " " William Smith, on account of rent.	30.00	" 8	" " " " James Blount for Wood for Town Hall.	500.00
" 17	" " " " William Hope, on account of rent.	57.00	" 30	" " " " Committee on Education for Schools.	200.00
" 28	" " " " Michael Calahan, on account of Rent.	200.00	Jan 1	" " " " Committee on Lights for lighting Town, &c.	36.20
Mar 22	" " " " for use of Room in Town Hall.	20.00	Mar 2	" " " " John Bradford, taking care of Town Clock, &c.	3.00
" 26	" " " " from Edward Downey on account of Rent.	137.00	Mar 2	" " " " Acting Committee for Carriage hire.	152.00
" 28	" " " " George W. Morrison, in full for rent to March 25, 1858.	70.00	Mar 2	" " " " T. Challenger, Treasurer, one year's Salary and holding Elections.	30.00
" 28	" " " " Richard Jackson Clerk, S. D. No. 48, Ground Rent.	70.00	Mar 2	" " " " Peter B. Vandever, Secretary, one year's Salary.	2.00
" 29	" " " " William Drumfield in full for Rent to March 25, 1858.	50.00	" 2	" " " " Edward Challenger, clerking two elections.	2.00
Apr 1	" " " " Edward Downey, in full for Rent to March 25, 1858.	222.00	" 2	" " " " John Sink, opening Court Room for two Elections.	1.50
" 16	" " " " William R. Stroup in full for Rent to March 25, 1858.	600.00	" 2	" " " " John L. Robinson, glazing at Town Hall.	14.06
May 24	" " " " James Cavender on account of Rent.	250.00	" 2	" " " " John L. Robinson, glazing at Town Hall.	250.00
" 28	" " " " John C. Morrison on account of Rent.	250.00	" 3	" " " " J. & S. P. Truss for Coal for Poor.	100.00
			" 3	" " " " Acting Committee for use of Farms.	590.00
			" 3	" " " " Committee on Lights for lighting Town, &c.	165.00
			April 4	" " " " Committee on Education for Schools.	1.00
			May 9	" " " " Farmers Bank, interest on Bond, due Dec. 6, 1858.	1.00
			June 17	" " " " John Bradford for holding Election.	1.00
			" 17	" " " " Thomas Challenger for holding Election.	17.50
			" 17	" " " " Edward Challenger for clerking Election.	1.39
			" 17	" " " " Elihu Jefferson, for Wood for Poor.	1228.37
			" 16	" " " " James Duncan for Stationery.	
				Balance,	\$5863.50

Due Trustees of New Castle Common from the following Persons up to March 25, 1859.

Michael Calahan,	311.00
William Smith,	311.00
James Cavender,	50.00
Isaac Holland,	470.00
William Hope,	70.00
John Morrison,	600.00
Thomas M. Ogle,	268.00
James Morrison, dec'd.,	

**T. CHALLENGER.**  
Treasurer.

NEW CASTLE, Del.

And on motion the Board adjourned to Saturday evening the 9th day of July A.D. 1857 at 7 1/2 o'clock,

At an Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening July 9th A.D. 1857,

Present, Elisha Jefferson, President  
John Bradford Ferdinand Leckler  
Thomas Challenger James Crupper  
William Couper Wm Kerbet  
Wm H. Dobb Peter B. Vandever,  
Thomas M. Robinson

On motion the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.  
An account of Josiah Garrett, also an account of Glegg & Todd were referred to the Acting Committee,

On motion the Account of Isaac P. Walker for surveying was read and allowed for six dollars, — \$6.00

On motion the following Ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on Lights, to defray the expense of lighting the streets with Gas.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Five hundred and fifty four dollars & fifty seven cents be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in building an addition to & repairing the House on the Farm now in the tenure of Thomas M. Ogle

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee, for building a kitchen on the Farm in the tenure of Edward Oswey, for roofing the house & kitchen on the Farm occupied by Wm R. Stroup, for the erection of a barn on the farm in the tenure of Thomas M. Ogle, and for incidental expenses;

William Couper

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At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday the 6th day of September 1859. Present

Elisha Jefferson, President  
 Ferdinand Leckler      John Bradford  
 James Creeper,      William Herbert  
 Thomas M. Robinson      William Couper  
 Thomas Challenger      W<sup>m</sup> H. Dobb

The Secretary being absent on motion William Couper was appointed Secretary pro tem,

A bill of Lewis H. Cox amounting to \$26.<sup>00</sup> for bricks delivered to William Smith, accompanied by a letter requesting payment, was referred to the Acting Committee to procure information as to who ordered the bricks, and report to the Board

On motion, a bill of James L. Myers, of \$3.12 for repairing the hanging of the Bell on the Academy, was referred to the Committee on accounts,

On motion, The Treasurer of the Board was authorized to pay the discount, as it becomes due, on the Note given by the President for the stock on the Newcastle Gas Co, now held by the Board, until the Note shall be paid

On motion the Secretary was authorized to draw in favor of Ferdinand Leckler, a duplicate order for \$5.<sup>00</sup> in place of one drawn by virtue of a resolution of the Board Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

On motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Two hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy five cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the payment of the taxes on the farms now due and payable by the Trustees, to wit;

on the Farms now occupied by W <sup>m</sup> Smith & Michael Callahan	\$ 68.00
do " " James Cavender	47.59
do " " Thomas M. Ogle	20.81
do " " Edward Downey	25.80
do " " John C. Mimsors	28.27
do " " W <sup>m</sup> Hooper	21.28
	<u>\$213.75</u>

And that an order in the usual form be drawn for the payment of the same

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present, and eight assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on Public Buildings to pay the expenses of curbing and paving around the Academy yard on Harmony street, and that an order in the usual form be drawn for the payment of the same

On motion a bill of Thomas B. Hooper for mason work done on the farm occupied by William Smith amounting to \$4.<sup>00</sup> was referred to the Acting Committee,

On motion, the Account of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the year ending Dec 31st 1858 was referred to

And on motion the Board Adjourned,

At a special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Friday evening Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1859 Present

Elisha Jefferson, President  
 John Bradford, William Couper, F. Leckler, Thomas M. Robinson  
 Thomas Challenger, William H. Dobb, William Herbert and Peter B. Vandever,

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of examining the books and papers belonging to the Trustees to ascertain what amount has been paid by the Board for repairs done on the Farms late in the tenure of Jonathan Stephenson and Henry H. Reynolds which should have been done by the said Stephenson and Reynolds, with full power to act, and to procure all necessary evidence in the prosecution of the suits for damages against the said Stephenson and Reynolds,

Whereupon on motion the President appointed, William H. Dobb, William Couper and Peter B. Vandever said Committee, and on motion the President was added to the committee,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening Dec 6th, 1859. Present

Elihu Jefferson, President	James Blount
William Herbert	J. Leckler
Thomas Challenger	Wm. H. Gobb
Thomas M. Robinson	James Crippen
John Bradford	

On motion James Crippen was appointed Secretary pro-tem,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

On motion the Committee heretofore appointed to attend to the suits brought against Reynolds and Stephenson, were authorized to make the best arrangements in their judgment with them in order to bring these suits to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education made report that the accounts exhibited were correct, which report was on motion adopted,

Thomas M. Robinson and William Herbert, the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Committee on Lights, made report that they had examined their accounts and vouchers, and found them correct, leaving a balance in the hands of the Committee on Lights of \$10.<sup>00</sup>, which report was on motion adopted,

On motion, the propriety and necessity of enclosing the Market House was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, with directions to make report at the next meeting of the Board,

On motion the bill of Joseph M. Barr for printing the Annual Statement was allowed for \$3.<sup>50</sup>

On motion the following ordinances were passed  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on Lights, for payment of Gas, and incidental expenses,

And on motion the Board adjourned

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Wednesday evening December 20th A.D., 1859. Present

Elihu Jefferson, President	William Herbert
William H. Gobb	James Blount
Thomas M. Robinson	James Crippen
Thomas Challenger	Ferdinand Leckler
John Bradford	William Crippen

On motion William Crippen was appointed Secretary pro-tem,

Mr. Gobb from the Committee on Public Buildings presented a Plan for enclosing the Market House in the Town of Newcastle, and proposing to do the work & furnish materials, from the following parties

Cannon & Johnson for	\$300.00
David Lewis	290.00
John B. Vining & Thomas Turner	325.00
Thomas J. Tisher for Gas fixtures	29.00
do for Lamp	275 c - 3.00

A motion was made that the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to proceed in having the Market House enclosed, which motion was lost by a tie vote

On motion the following bills were presented for allowance,





ballots, the Tellers reported that  
James Duncan received 5 votes and  
Wm. H. Cobb " 3 "  
and James Duncan was declared duly elected Secretary for the ensuing year.  
On motion Paul Barr was continued Janitor for the ensuing year.

The Committee appointed by the Board to take charge of the suits against Jonathan Stevenson, and Henry F. Reynolds, respectfully report — That in the case of Jonathan Stevenson, it was agreed by the Council on both sides to refer it to George Z. Tybout Benjamin S. Booth and John Smith, before whom a hearing was had on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1859, which resulted in an award of \$127.<sup>10</sup> in favor of the Trustees. — Exceptions having been taken and argued at the Nov. Term, the Court directed the award to be set aside. — Your Committee then acting under the authority conferred upon them, made an arrangement with Mr. Stephenson, by which without further legal proceedings he agreed to pay all the costs and one thousand dollars damages. — But as he was not prepared to pay this sum in cash, the Committee agreed to take his note adding interest for the time granted, and they have accordingly received from him his note dated Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1860. at six months in favor of the Trustees of Newcastle Common for one thousand and fifty dollars and also his judgment Bond in favor of the Trustees for One Thousand Dollars as collateral security.

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The difference between the amount obtained in this settlement, and that awarded by the referees, is about the value of the Lime claimed by the Trustees, and allowed by the referees, but rejected by the Court, on the ground that it was not declared upon in the legal proceedings.

The case against Henry F. Reynolds was in like manner submitted to arbitration by agreement of the Council on both sides, — the referees being George Z. Tybout, John Smith, and Andrew Kerr, After two hearings, an award was made on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1859. in favor of the Trustees for Four hundred dollars damages, from which no appeal has been taken. — The Committee have not yet received this amount but hope to collect it by the November term of Court this year, if not sooner.

All which is respectfully submitted by

Wm. H. Cobb

Wm. Couper

Elihu Jefferson

} Committee

A letter from John Patterson to the President was read, enquiring the grounds on which the Board designed to proceed against him for non-compliance with his lease. — And on motion the President was requested to write to Mr. Patterson, and give him the information he asks for.

The propositions of John C. Morrison, Wm. Smith



and James Mc Johns for the renting of the lots  
now in the tenure of Wm. Braumfield were read and  
On Motion they were referred to the Acting Committee  
with instructions to consider the same, confer with  
the parties, and report what in their opinion is  
best to be done.

On Motion the communication of Bryan Jackson  
respecting a leasing or exchange of lots at  
the corner of the New Port and Hare's Corner, and  
Wilmington roads, was referred also to the Acting  
Committee with similar instructions.

The following bills were presented and allowed  
and orders in the usual form directed to be drawn  
in payment of the same

J. & G. P. Tauss, for fuel furnished by order of the Lady's Benevolent Society	32.37
P. B. Vandover for Salary &c	35.00
Thomas Challenger for Salary	150.00
John Bradford care of Clock, oil and services <sup>on Acting Committee</sup>	36.50
Thos. M. Robinson service on Acting Committee	5.00
Edward Challenger (sewing writs)	5.00
John Gordon sewing fences	1.50
David S. Lewis services at H. F. Reynolds	1.50
John B. Vining sewing writs &c &c	2.50
	<u>\$269.37</u>

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of New Cas-  
the Comptroller ten members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of Five Hundred and  
sixty nine dollars, and thirty seven cents, be and  
the same is hereby appropriated to the payment of  
the above named bills.

On motion - It was resolved that the President and  
Treasurer be authorized at anytime to endorse  
and get discounted the note received from Jonathan  
Stevenson, at 6 mo's from Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1860. for \$1050.00

The Acting Committee submitted an account of  
their transactions up to March 1<sup>st</sup> 1860. which on  
motion was referred with the vouchers to the Com-  
mittee on accounts - Messrs. Jobb. Leckler and  
Bradford.

On motion the Board adjourned.

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of New  
Castle Common held on Saturday evening March 17<sup>th</sup> 1866  
present E. Jefferson - President, and

- |                |   |                  |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| Missus Crippen | - | Sott             |
| " Couper       | - | Blount           |
| Leckler        | - | Bradford         |
| Robinson       | - | Challenger and   |
| Herbert        | - | On motion it was |

Resolved that the sum of Thirteen Hundred and  
twenty four  $\frac{63}{100}$  Dollars be and the same is appropri-  
ated subject to the order of E. Jefferson for the pur-  
pose of paying a Draft coming due at the Farmers  
Bank at Newcastle the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. drawn by Thos.  
Challenger Treas. of Board of Trustees of N. C. Common  
and accepted by E. Jefferson as President & and dis-  
counted for the purpose of paying a balance due for  
Gas Stock subscribed for by order of the Trustees. \$1324.63

On motion - resolved that two hundred dollars be  
appropriated to subject to the order of the Committee on \$200.00  
Lamps. And on motion - resolved that Seven Hun-  
dred Dollars be appropriated subject to the order of \$700.00  
the Acting Committee.

A Proposition of John C. Morrison to rent the lots on the  
Harris Corner Board was read, and on Motion it



was resolved to accept it upon condition that he set-  
tles the claim against his Father satisfactorily to  
the Treasurer of this Board, and on motion this  
proposition ~~to~~ was amended instructing the Acting  
Committee to lease the lots for four years instead of  
five as originally intended.

A communication from Bayan Jackson was read pro-  
posing to lease a small lot now in the tenure of J. H.  
Ogle, and on Motion it was deemed inexpedient to  
take any action upon the subject until the expira-  
tion of Mr. Ogle's lease.

A bill of E. Jefferson for lime amounting to \$544.04.

And a bill of Wm. Herbert for services on acting Com-  
mittee and Carriage hire amounting to \$8.00.

were allowed and ordered to be paid by the Acting

Committee and on

Motion adjourned.

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees  
of Newcastle Commn, held on Tuesday evening  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 1860.

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Present E. Jefferson President, |                |
| John Bradford                   | William Cooper |
| Thomas Challenger               | James Blount   |
| William Herbert                 | James Crupper  |
| J. Lecker                       | P. B. Vandever |
| Wm. H. Dobb                     | A. C. Gray     |

A petition was presented, signed by upwards of  
two hundred citizens of the town asking for an  
appropriation of one thousand Dollars to defray  
a portion of the expense of paving Orange St.  
from Harmony to Chestnut Street, and the fol-  
lowing resolution offered that, whereas  
It appears to this board by the petition of  
a large portion of the citizens of this town of  
Newcastle, that it is the almost unanimous de-  
sire of the citizens that Orange Street between  
Harmony and Chestnut St's should be paved  
and that this board should make an ap-  
propriation of their funds to assist in paving  
said street. Therefore

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of  
the Town of Newcastle Common, nine members  
being present and seven assenting thereto that  
the sum of One thousand Dollars be and the  
same is hereby appropriated for paving Orange  
Street in the town of Newcastle, between Harmony  
and Chestnut streets, subject to the order of  
Thomas Challenge, Ferdinand Leckler & James  
Crippen, who are hereby constituted a Committee to  
act with the Town Commissioners in paving said  
street, and to make report in writing to this  
board of their proceedings, which resolution was  
lost.

On Motion John C. Morrison's note for One hun-  
dred and sixty dollars at one year from May  
14th was ordered to be accepted as a settlement  
of the claim against James Morrison.

Motion that orders be drawn for the use of  
payment of a bill of one dollar and twenty five  
cents to Messrs Tress, <sup>for coal</sup> and one of C. Jefferson of  
twelve dollars and fifty cents for wood furnished  
the Poor — On Motion, it was ordered that the  
Chairman of the Board be authorized to settle with  
Henry Reynolds by taking his note at four months  
for debt, interest and costs, with Lewis Reynolds  
as security.

A report was received from Committee on Accounts  
stating that they had examined and found  
correct the account of the acting Committee for  
the year ending March 6th 1860, and the bal-  
ance remaining in hands of Acting Committee  
was

On Motion it was ordered that Acting Committee  
be authorized to have a Hog House built upon  
the Downey Farm not less than forty feet in  
length by twenty five in width.

Upon Motion Messrs Dobb and Crippen were  
appointed a Committee to examine the accounts  
of the Treasurer of Committee on Education.

Motion that Committee on Public Buildings  
be instructed to ascertain the expense of painting  
the Town Hall

Motion that order be drawn in favor of the  
Acting Committee for four hundred dollars,  
and on Motion adjourned.



# A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

## Of the Trustees of New Castle Common, from June 25, 1859 to June 25, 1860.

1859		DR.	
June 25	To balance remaining on deposit in the Farmers' Bank at New Castle to the credit of the Trustees,	\$1228 37	
Sep. 2	To Cash received of Isaac Holland on account,	31 31	
" 6	" " John C. Morrison in full to March 25, with interest,	77 00	
" 7	" " E. Jefferson, Dividend on Gas Stock,	40 00	
" 28	" " Michael Calahan on account,	590 00	
" 28	" " William Hope on account,	100 00	
Oct. 1	" " William Brumfield in full to Sept. 25,	76 50	
" 8	" " Thomas M. Ogle in full to March 25,	603 00	
" 29	" " James Cavender in full to March 25, with interest,	837 83	
Nov. 8	" " George W. Morrison in full to Nov. 1st,	137 50	
" 7	" " John C. Morrison on account,	300 00	
" 26	" " William R. Stroup in full to Nov. 1,	225 00	
" 28	" " John C. Morrison in full to Nov. 1,	62 50	
" 29	" " Edward Downey in full to Nov. 1,	300 00	
Dec 13	" " Thomas M. Ogle in full to Nov. 1,	301 50	
" 21	" " Paul Barr for use of Town Hall,	3 00	
" 24	" " William Smith on account,	140 00	
1860	" " William Hope on account,	295 00	
Jan 12	" " William Smith on account,	183 00	
" 16	" " Michael Calahan on account,	333 01	
" 20	" " Paul Barr for use of Town Hall,	4 00	
" 26	" " Isaac Holland on account,	20 00	
Feb. 9	" " Michael Calahan on account,	220 00	
Mar. 2	" " William R. Stroup on account,	150 00	
" 8	" " James Cavender on account,	400 00	
" 10	" " Jonathan Stevenson—Note,	1050 00	
" 17	" " Paul Barr for use of Town Hall,	2 00	
" 20	" " James Cavender on account,	80 00	
" 21	" " William Hope on account,	155 00	
" 27	" " George W. Morrison in full to March 25,	137 50	
" 30	" " William Brumfield in full to March 25,	76 50	
" 31	" " Paul Barr for use of Town Hall,	5 00	
April 5	" " John C. Morrison in full to March 25,	362 50	
" 9	" " Thomas M. Ogle in full to March 25,	301 50	
" 11	" " Edward Downey in full to March 25,	300 00	
" 14	" " James Cavender on account,	255 00	
May 17	" " William R. Stroup in full to March 25,	75 00	
		<b>\$8958 55</b>	

June 25, To Balance in Bank, \$35 13

### DUE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON FROM THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, March 25, 1860.

James Cavender,	\$642 17
Michael Calahan,	958 90
William Smith,	872 46
William Hope,	470 00
Isaac Holland,	98 35
	<b>\$3041 88</b>

1859		CR.	
July 5	By cash paid Committee on Education, for Schools,	\$525 00	
" 9	" " Acting Committee, for use of Farms,	554 57	
" 12	" " Committee on Lights, for lighting Town, &c.,	200 00	
" 12	" " Isaac P. Walker, for Surveying,	6 00	
" 12	" " Acting Committee for use of Farms,	500 00	
Aug 31	" " Committee on Education, for Schools,	50 00	
Sep 10	" " Ferdinand Leckler,	3 42	
" 20	" " Committee on Public Buildings, for Curbing and Paving at Academy,	125 00	
Oct 8	" " Committee on Education, for Schools,	200 00	
" 6	" " Andrew Groves, Collector, for Taxes,	213 75	
" 7	" " Acting Committee, for use of Farms,	300 00	
Nov 4	" " Farmers' Bank, for interest on Bond,	165 00	
" 12	" " Acting Committee, for use of Farms,	700 00	
Dec 7	" " Acting Committee for use of Farms,	500 00	
" 17	" " Acting Committee, for use of Farms,	500 00	
" 28	" " Committee on Education, for Schools,	525 00	
1860	" " Committee on Lights, for lighting Town, &c.,	150 00	
Jan 6	" " E. Jefferson, President, for Disc't on Dr'ft for Gas Stock,	28 18	
" 7	" " Joseph M. Barr, for printing Treasurer's Statement,	8 50	
" 21	" " John Bradford, for care of Clock, &c.,	36 50	
Mar 6	" " Peter B. Vandever, for salary as Secretary and for Stationary,	35 00	
" 8	" " Thomas Challenger, for salary as Treasurer,	150 00	
Mar 9	" " John Gordon for viewing Fence,	1 50	
Mar 9	" " J. & S. P. Truss for fuel for poor	32 37	
Mar 9	" " Edward Challenger, for serving writs, &c,	5 00	
Mar 9	" " John B. Vining for serving notices, &c,	2 50	
Mar 9	" " Thomas M. Robinson for services as member of Acting Committee,	5 00	
Mar 9	" " David S. Lewis for services at Reynolds' Farm,	1 50	
Mar 10	" " Farmers' Bank, Discount on J. Stevenson's Note,	26 25	
Mar 21	" " Acting Committee, for use of Farms,	700 00	
Mar 21	" " E. Jefferson, President, for payment of Dr'ft for balance due on Gas Stock,	1324 63	
Mar 21	" " Committee on Lights, for Lighting the Town, &c,	200 00	
Apr 13	" " Committee on Education for Schools,	500 00	
June 7	" " Acting Committee for the use of Farms,	400 00	
June 11	" " Committee on Education for Schools,	75 00	
June 11	" " Farmers' Bank for interest on Bond	165 00	
June 11	" " E. Jefferson, wood for Poor	12 50	
June 13	" " J. & S. P. Truss, for Coal	1 25	
	Balance	35 13	
		<b>\$8958 55</b>	

**T. CHALLENGER,**  
Treasurer.

NEW CASTLE, JULY 19, 1860.  
Diamond State and Record Print, New Castle, Del.

At a stated quarterly meeting of The Board  
of Trustees of Newcastle Comm<sup>on</sup> <sup>held the 4th day of September 1860.</sup> there were  
present C. Jefferson Chairman and  
A. C. Gray, J. Bradford, F. Leckler James  
Crippen, Thomas Challenger J. Blount, William  
Cooper, and William Herbert and Thomas Robinson  
Upon information being given to the Board that  
Edward Louncy would not assist in raising the  
Hay House being erected upon the farm in his  
possession, it was resolved - that the Acting  
Committee be instructed to employ a force to raise  
the said House.

Upon Motion it was resolved that Eight Hundred  
Dollars be appropriated subject to the order of the  
Town Commissioners to defray a portion of the expense  
of paving Orange Street - from Harmony Street to  
Chestnut Street.



Propositions for printing the Town Hall were received from John L. Robinson, and Henry F. Tetter. Upon motion, the proposal of Henry F. Tetter was ordered to be accepted.

The report of the Committee on Lamps was read and referred to the Committee on accounts.

On Motion it was resolved that six Hundred Dollars be appropriated to the payment of a Note in the Farmer's Bank drawn by Messrs Gray, Challenger and Jefferson.

On Motion resolved that two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated subject to the order of the Committee on Lamps.

On Motion that a communication from James Cavender be laid on the table.

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On motion a bill of James Duncan's for Stationery of Nine dollars was ordered to be paid.

On Motion ~~that~~ a bill of G. W. Turner's for sundries one dollar and fifty four cents was

allowed, and

On Motion an appropriation to the order of the Acting Committee was made of Seven Hundred and fifty dollars, and on

Motion adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Trustees of the New-  
Castle Common held Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1860. — Present

C. Jefferson President, and Messrs Leckler, Dobb  
Cooper, Carppen, Challenor, Herbert, Bradford and  
Blount.

Upon motion it was resolved to read the proposals for the  
renting the Callahan and Smith Farms.

For the farm occupied by Michael Callahan —

David McC. Aldister offered \$1,000.00

William Foster offered 1,050.00

J. F. Cooper " 950.00

Robert Morrison " 900.00

Joseph Higgins " 800.00

J. Henry Clark " 800.00

Michael Callahan " 900.00

Upon motion proceeded to ballot when it was ascertained  
that Michael Callahan received eight votes, and

William Foster one vote. — Michael Callahan's proposition  
was therefore accepted.



For the Farm occupied by William Smith

James Mansfield offered \$650.<sup>00</sup>

Robert Morrison " 600.<sup>00</sup>

J. Henry Clark " 500.<sup>00</sup>

William Smith " 600.<sup>00</sup>

Upon motion proceeded to ballot when it was ascertained that William Smith received five votes, Morrison two votes, and Mansfield two votes.

William Smith's proposition was accepted.

The report of committee to examine the accounts of the

Treasurer of Committee on education was accepted and due the balance in hands of Treasurer shown to be, \$71.84

A bill of costs in suit of the Trustees against Henry F. Beyswolds was presented, and an appropriation of \$82.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> was made to pay it.

A bill of Andrew Groves, Tax Collector of \$239.<sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for taxes was presented and appropriation made to pay it.

On motion, resolved that a committee be appointed to audit the

accounts of the Treasurer - to report at the next meeting of the Board, - whereupon Messrs Dobb, Cooper, and Carpen were appointed said Committee, and upon motion adjourned.

Bill of Andrew Groves Tax Collector

Trustees of The Newcastle Common to

1860. Andrew Groves (Collector) Sr.

Sept. 27 To Co. Road and poor tax on Hope Farm \$23.48

" " " do " " " " Carricks farm 54.19

" " " do " " " " Downey farm 28.20

" " " do " " " " J. C. Morrison " 31.17

" " " do " " " " Lots 6.14

" " " do " " " " Oyle farm 24.22

" " " do " " " " Callahan & Smith 72.00  
\$ 239.40

Bill allowed, and appropriation made

to pay it.

Bill of Henry Fellows for printing Town Hall and

an appropriation of \$ made to pay it.

and upon motion adjourned.

At a meeting of the Trustees of The Newcastle Common held December 28<sup>th</sup> 1860 -

present Messrs Jefferson, Crippen, Leckler, Cooper, Bradford, Herbert and Blount.

This meeting was called for the purpose of submitting the Leases of Messrs Smith and Calkin to the Board for their approval, -

The Leases were read, accepted and ordered to be executed by the Chairman of the Board - Upon motion it was moved that

the Acting Committee procure a good and substantial Blank Book in which the separate and distinct account of each of the Common's Farms shall hereafter be kept, -

And upon motion adjourned

At a stated quarterly meeting of The Trustees of the Newcastle Common held in the Town Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1861. - There were present E. Jefferson (Chairman) and Messrs Gray, Crippen, Cooper, Challenger, Bradford, Blount, Dobb, Herbert, Leckler, and Parmer.

Mr. Dobb, for the Committee on Accounts, stated that owing to the protracted illness of the Treasurer, they had not found it convenient to settle with him, and requested a continuation of the Committee which was granted.

The Acting Committee presented a lengthy and accurate report of their proceedings for the year past, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Lamps presented their annual report, which was also referred to the Com. on Accounts.

On motion it was resolved that one thousand dollars be appropriated subject to the order of the acting Committee, and on motion it was resolved,

\$1,000



Two hundred and twenty five dollars, be appropriated subject to the order of the Committee on Lamps  
On motion resolved that Fifty dollars be appropriated subject to the order of Committee on Public Buildings.

On motion resolved that One hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated subject to the order of A. C. Gray, T. Jefferson, and Thomas Challenger to pay a note by them endorsed in the Farmers Bank. Bills of Thomas Challenger Treasurer James Duncan Secretary, and John Bradford Winding Clock, amounting to Two hundred and twenty four dollars and twenty five cents were presented allowed and an appropriation made to pay them.

Upon motion it was resolved that Eighteen Hundred Dollars be appropriated subject to the order of the Committee on Education for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Newcastle Institute for the year 1860. Said appropriation

met having been made at the last annual meeting.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, Andrew C. Gray and James Crippen were appointed Tellers, whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that the following named persons were duly elected they respectively having received a majority of votes

- Elihu Jefferson President
- Thomas Challenger Treasurer
- John Sanvier, Wm. Herbert and Thomas M. Robinson Acting Committee

Upon motion resolved that the present Secretary and Lamplighter and Sanitor, be continued in their present offices.

On motion it was resolved that the following names

The following resolutions were presented by Mr. Dobb, and ordered to be read.

Whereas considerable dissatisfaction exists among the members of this Board, with the Newcastle Institute, as now organized and conducted and for the purpose of remedying the evils -

Therefore be it Resolved<sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> that this Board will make all necessary appropriations for paying all proper expenses on account of the said Institute up to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March inst., at which time the said Institute will cease to exist and the Committee on Education be discharged.

Resolved 2<sup>d</sup> That a committee of three be appointed, who shall form and be styled the Committee on Schools, whose duty it shall be to make and report in writing, rules and regulations for conducting a school, and the probable expense thereof, to be upheld and supported by this Board.

Resolved 3<sup>d</sup> That the school to be established shall commence under the new arrangement in the school rooms now occupied by the Trustees on the first day of April next, provided the said Committee shall have made report, and a system

established and approved by this Board.

On motion the consideration of the above resolutions were postponed to a special meeting to be held at 7 P.M. March 21<sup>st</sup>.

On motion the applications of John C. Morrison and George W. Morrison for licenses were referred to the Acting Committee with power to act upon them as they deem proper.

And on motion adjourned.



At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the  
Common held March 21<sup>st</sup> 1861. there were present  
E. Jefferson (Chairman) and Messrs Gray, Chal-  
lenger, Crispen, Dobb, Herbert, Blount, Bradford  
and Cooper,

With a view to have a fuller attendance  
of the Board it was on motion resolved to ~~meet~~  
~~again~~ adjourn, to meet again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst  
at 7 1/2 P. M.

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees  
of the Common held in the Town Hall on Friday  
Evening March 22<sup>nd</sup> there were present  
E. Jefferson (Chairman) and Messrs Bradford  
Gray, Blount, Cooper, Challenger, Herbert Crisp-  
pen, Janvier, Dobb and Lecker -

The Resolutions in regard to the reconstruction  
of the Newcastle Institute, presented at the meeting  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst, were called up, and after consid-  
erable discussion were, at the instance of the  
mover and seconder of the resolutions withdrawn

An application from the Commissary General of  
Newcastle County, for the use of one the rooms in

the Institute Building for the purpose of stor-  
ing Arms &c, was rejected.

An ordinance was passed eleven mem-  
ber being present, and assenting thereto, that  
the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars be ap-  
propriated subject to the order of the Commit-  
tee on Education to defray the current expenses  
of the Newcastle Institute for the year 1861.

And on motion adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Trustees of the New-  
Castle Common held on Tuesday evening June  
4th - there were present Elisha Jefferson (Chair-  
man, and Messrs Janvier, Challenger, Herbert  
Dobb, Leckler, Robinson, Cuppen, Bradford and  
Blount.

A report from the Acting Committee was  
read, stating that the Hay Houses <sup>ordered to be</sup> erected upon  
the Union Farm (J. C. Morrison tenant) and the  
Clayton Farm (G. W. Morrison tenant) had been  
finished to the satisfaction of the Committee at a  
cost for both buildings of 991.57 - \$200. of which amount was  
paid by the tenants John C. and G. W. Morrison.

Committee to examine the accounts of the Treas-  
urer, asked to be continued, which was granted  
Upon Motion it was ordered that the Acting Commit-  
tee, examine the dwelling on the Union Farm  
and report to the next meeting of the Board, what  
affairs are necessary.

Upon Motion it was ordered that the Committee  
on Public Building, make an examination of  
the Academy and Institute with a view of  
removing the Bell to the Institute, and the



probable expense, to report to the next meeting.

An ordinance was passed ten members being present, and assenting thereto that an appropriation be made of Eight Hundred Dollars subject to the order of the Acting Committee.

An ordinance was also passed ten members being present, and nine assenting thereto that an appropriation of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars be made subject to the order of the Committee on Lamps.

And on motion adjourned.

At an adjourned meeting of the Trustees of Newcastle Common held in the Town Hall at 8 P.M. July 12<sup>th</sup> 1861. — there were present Messrs. Jefferson (Chairman), Leckler, Blount Robinson Herbert Cooper Dobb Bradford Junior Challenger,

The Acting Committee, being requested by the Board to examine the condition of the building on the Union Farm, reported that they had done so, and found the roof and cornice on the main building in a bad state, and requiring repairing; and as Mr. Morrison represents the house too small for the accommodation of his customers, they would recommend that there be put on an additional story on the whole building, — which can be done at an expense of \$1100.<sup>00</sup> — But if in the opinion of the Board the state of the funds, will not at present justify the expenditure, the Committee would then recommend the raising of the main building only, which can be done at an expense of about \$500.<sup>00</sup>

On motion it was ~~was~~ ordered by the Board that an

additional ~~stay~~ <sup>the main buildings</sup> be put on and other necessary repairs made to the house on the Union Farm, not to exceed in cost five hundred dollars.

Resolved that this Board through its secretary give notice to the Town Commissioners, that after the present quarter shall expire, (which was amended to read that after the 25<sup>th</sup> of December next) this Board will make no further appropriations to pay for lighting the Town Lamps. — A bill of Messrs. J. & P. P. Truss for of \$53.26 for fuel furnished to the Ladies' Benevolent Society for the Poor of the Town — was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Dobb & Herbert.

On motion it was resolved that the Committee on Public Buildings repair the Cupola on the Academy, without alteration for the present.

On motion Messrs. Janvier & Robinson were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education.

And on motion adjourned.

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees of Newcastle Common held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, September 3<sup>d</sup> 1861. — there were present Messrs Jefferson (Chairman) Seckler Blount, Cooper Bradford Janvier Challenger Herbert Crippen.

The bills of several merchants of the town amounting in the aggregate to \$28.50 for refreshments furnished to the Wilmington Firemen was presented, and an appropriation made to the order of the Secretary to pay said bills. — Upon motion it was

resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the note in Bank drawn in favor of John Janvier & William Cooper for the use of the Committee on Education. — On motion it was

Resolved — That in all the Leases made in the future between this Board and its Tenants the words — "~~for~~" or other fertilizers be omitted and that the acting committee furnish Liming from this time, and on motion adjourned.



At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Common  
held in the Town Hall at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. September  
24<sup>th</sup> 1861. there were present Messrs Jefferson (Chair-  
man) and Dobb, Crippen, Challenger, Leckler Cooper  
Janvier Bradford Herbert and Blount

The Bill of Messrs J. & P. P. Taus for fuel furnish-  
ed to the Lady's Benevolent Society amounting to \$53.26 <sup>100</sup> was  
reported correct by the committee appointed for its exam-  
ination, and by resolution it was ordered paid.

An appropriation of \$550.<sup>50</sup> was made subject to the order  
of the Acting Committee to finish the repairs made upon  
the House on the Union Farm.

The Acting Committee were authorized to erect a  
Porch to the Hotel on the Union Farm the lower story  
of which should be iron, if the committee should so  
decide.

The Tax Bill of Reuben P. Janvier amounting to  
\$221.70 was ordered to paid by the Acting Committee  
and an appropriation made for that amount

The Acting Committee were instructed to place the  
fences that may be out of their proper place upon the  
the Union Farm in the position which they should be.  
and were also instructed to furnish to Mr. Covender  
the material for a shed stipulating that Mr. Covender  
shall build the shed without expense to the Trustees.

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On Motion resolved that the President take all  
necessary and immediate steps to collect the  
judgments held by the Trustees against Henry  
F. Reynolds and Jonathan Stearns.

A communication was received and read from  
Mark M. Cleaver Secretary of the Gas Company  
asking the Trustees to pay the Gas Bill of the  
Union Guards amounting to \$20.00 which petition  
was granted and an appropriation made for that  
amount.

Upon motion it was resolved that hereafter no  
Gas Bills will be paid for the military companies  
of this Town

And on Motion adjourned.

At a stated quarterly meeting held December 3<sup>d</sup>  
1861. - there were present

E. Jefferson (Chairman) and Messrs  
Janvier, Robinson, Dobb, Herbert, Blount,  
Challenger, Crippen, Bradford, Leckler and  
Cooper. - On motion Mr. William Cooper was  
appointed Secretary pro tem. - On motion it was resolved  
that an appropriation of \$50.<sup>50</sup> be made subject to the  
order of the Committee on Public Buildings, (run

members being present and all assenting thereto) and that an order in the usual form be drawn for the same.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of Fifty dollars be appropriated to the Ladies Benevolent Society of Newcastle for the purpose of providing Fuel for the poor of the town during the winter.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be appropriated subject to the order of the Acting Committee for the purpose of paying for repairs of buildings on farms occupied by John C. Morrison and Michael Callahan.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of one hundred & seventy five dollars be appropriated subject the order of the Committee on Lamps and that an order in the usual form be drawn for the same.

The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Committee for aid on Education for Receipts and expenditures for the year 1860.

reported that they compared the same with the vouchers and found it correct and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the year of Seven  $\frac{75}{100}$  Dollars.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Newcastle December 23<sup>d</sup> 1861.

The Trustees met in the Town Hall this evening at 7 1/2 o'clock, - Being a Special meeting held at the

call of three members. - There were present E. Jefferson (Chairman) and Messrs Herbert, Crippen, Blount, Dobb, Lecker, Challenge, Bradford, Robinson.

On motion it was resolved, that the sum of one thousand dollars be borrowed from the Farmers Bank upon the note of the Trustees at sixty days.

The resignation of Mr. Thomas M. Robinson for a number of years an attentive and efficient member of the Board, being about to remove to the State of Maryland handed in his resignation which was accepted

and upon Motion - An Election to fill the vacancy in the Board was ordered to be held on Saturday January 4. 1862, between the hours of 12<sup>th</sup> and 5 o'clock P. M. -

The Chairman appointed Messrs Challenge and Bradford to hold said Election and to make return to this Board.

And on Motion adjourned.



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**AVAILABLE**

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held in the Town Hall at 3 o'clock in the afternoon  
of February 4th 1862, there were present Oliver  
Jefferson chairman, and Messys Vandever, Leck-  
ler, Blount, Bradford, Challenger, Juvier, Her-  
bert, Dobb and Couper,

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appointed to hold an Election for one Trustee of the  
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A special meeting of the Trustees of Newcastle Common  
in the Town Hall in the afternoon of February 12<sup>th</sup>  
there were present E. Jeffers (Chairman) and  
Messrs. Leckler, Blount, Dobb, Crippen, Cooper, Herbert,  
and Mr. Bradford, Challenger, Janvier and Duncan.  
The meeting having been called for the purpose of considering a  
series of Resolutions relating to the Newcastle Institute and  
its management, they were accordingly considered and after some  
amendments and alterations were passed by a large  
majority of the Board.

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the Committee on Education ~~be reduced~~  
~~in five members to~~ shall consist of seven members.

Resolved 2<sup>d</sup> That the Committee on Education be elected  
by Ballot, and that the first Election shall be held at the  
annual meeting in March next, and annually thereafter.

Resolved 3<sup>d</sup> That all Teachers ~~to~~ to be em-  
ployed in the Newcastle Institute on and after the  
first day of April next shall be appointed and employed

by the Committee on Education to be elected at the annual  
meeting in March next and afterwards by the Committee on  
Education in circumstances may require ~~subject to the approval of~~

(his Board.) Resolved 4<sup>th</sup> That the Committee on  
Education will fix the amount of salary to be paid to  
each and all of the Teachers.



Resolved 5<sup>th</sup> That all persons wishing to be Teachers in the Newcastle Institute on and after the first day of April next must make application to the Committee on Education to be elected in March next.

Resolved 6<sup>th</sup> That all appropriations hereafter to be made for the support of the Newcastle Institute shall be made at the quarterly meetings; at which meetings the Committee shall present a statement to the Board shewing the amount of funds required with the names of the several persons to whom they are indebted.

Resolved 7<sup>th</sup> That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Education to be elected in March next, so to alter and amend the present rules for the government of the Newcastle Institute as to embrace the foregoing Resolutions and to make such further alterations and amendments in said Rules as they may deem proper, and make report thereof to this Board for its approval or disapproval.

Upon Motion it was also Resolved - That the Secretary of this Board furnish to each one of the Teachers now engaged in the Newcastle Institute a copy of the 5<sup>th</sup> Resolution passed by the Board at the meeting held February 12<sup>th</sup> 1862. — A Communication was received from Mr. H. C. Buxton in relation to the purchase of some ground the consideration of which was indefinitely postponed, and on Motion adjourned.

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At a stated quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the Comm<sup>on</sup> held at the Town Hall in Newcastle at 7 P.M. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1862. There were present Messrs Vanderer, Dobb, Crispen Cooper, Bradford, Leckler, Herbert, Challenger Blunt Duncan, — On Motion Peter B. Vanderer was appointed Chairman pro tem.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Board proceeded to an election for officers to serve the ensuing year, — For President of the Board Elisha Jefferson received ten votes, and was declared elected, — For its acting committee the Board chose John Janvier, William Herbert and James Crispen, — For the Committee on Education A. C., Gray, Elisha Jefferson, Peter B. Vanderer, James Crispen Ferdinand Leckler, William H. Dobb and James Duncan. The report of the acting Committee was read, and referred to Messrs Dobb, Leckler and Crispen.

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reported progress, and recommended that the Treasurers statement be brought up to March 25<sup>th</sup>.

On Motion a Committee consisting of Messrs Herbert Challenger and Bradford were appointed to examine the accounts of the Committee on Public Buildings, — A communication in relation to lighting the Town was received, read, and laid over for the present, On Motion the Acting Committee were instructed to paint the Dwelling on Farm No. Central Hill

The Bills of Thomas Challenger for salary as Treasurer  
James Duncan Secretary, John Bradford attention  
to town clock, and Benjamin B. Moteck and  
John Sink for services at an election for a trustee  
amounting in the aggregate to \$230.25 were allowed  
And an ordinance made ten members being  
present and all assenting to pay the said bills  
An ordinance was also made ten members being present  
and all assenting that a check be drawn in favor  
of the Acting Committee for \$750.5 to pay for Lumber.

Resolved - That the Committee on Public Buildings are  
hereby instructed to erect a bell on the Newcastle  
Institute, leaving it discretionary with the Committee  
to use the old bell or purchase a new one  
and on motion adjourned to Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

The Trustees of Newcastle Common met on Tuesday evening  
April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 1/2 P.M. at the town Hall, at present  
Messrs Jefferson, Crippen, Dobb, Bradford, Lechler Janvier  
Hubert Cooper Duncan Mount and Challenger  
The Committee to examine the accounts of the Committee on  
Public Buildings was read and approved and the Com-  
mittee discharged. The Committee on to examine accounts  
of Acting Committee also reported, report approved and  
the Committee discharged. The Committee on Education



# A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON, From June 25, 1861 to March 25, 1862.

1861.		DR.		
June	25,	To balance remaining on deposit in the Farmers Bank at New Castle, to the credit of the Trustees,	\$187 91	July 8,
July	8,	To cash received from Farmers Bank on note	500 00	11,
"	11,	" " " T. Sandford for use of Town Hall,	4 00	August 3,
August	3,	" " " William Smith on account,	500 00	31,
"	31,	" " " James Cavender on account,	370 00	Septem. 12,
Septem.	12,	" " " John O. Morrison on account,	272 00	20,
"	20,	" " " Michael Callahan on account,	600 00	28,
"	28,	" " " William Hope on account,	26 20	October 10,
October	10,	" " " James Cavender on account,	225 00	1,
Novemb.	1,	" " " William Hope on account,	200 00	1,
"	1,	" " " William R. Stroup in full,	225 00	5,
"	5,	" " " George W. Morrison in full,	137 50	13,
"	13,	" " " Edward Downey in full,	300 00	17,
"	17,	" " " John C. Morrison on account,	210 00	22,
"	22,	" " " Farmers' Bank on note,	1000 00	24,
"	24,	" " " William Smith on account,	100 00	
1862.				
Feb'y	13,	" " " James Cavender on account,	250 00	14,
"	14,	" " " James Cavender on account,	41 00	19,
"	19,	" " " James Cavender in full,	100 83	20,
"	20,	" " " William Hope on account,	115 00	25,
"	25,	" " " Wm. R. Stroup in full to Mar. 25, 1862,	223 73	26,
"	26,	" " " Thomas M. Ogle on account,	300 00	27,
"	27,	" " " Michael Callahan on account,	381 00	March 21,
March	21,	" " " William Smith on account,	300 00	25,
"	25,	" " " George W. Morrison in full,	137 50	
			\$6707 33	

March 25, To Balance in Bank, . . . . . \$21 00

AMOUNTS PAID TO TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON, March 25, 1862.		
Edward Downey	\$300 00.	April 19 paid in full
Michael Callahan	750 00.	
William Smith	887 87.	
Jas. Cavender	575 00.	April 10 \$130 on acc't
William Hope	928 82.	
John O. Morrison	847 52.	June 30 paid in full.
Thomas M. Ogle	308 52.	
Isaac Holland (Note)	25 53.	

CR.		
Capital Committee on Education for Schools,	\$500 00	
Farmers' Bank discount on note,	5 08	
Farmers' Bank interest on bond,	110 00	
Acting Committee for use of farms,	800 00	
Lamp Committee for lighting Town,	250 00	
Jas. Duncan Sec. to pay bills for refreshments for firemen,	28 50	
Committee on Education for Schools,	825 00	
Acting Committee for use of farms,	550 00	
Acting Committee for taxes,	221 17	
T. Challenger for note as Treasurer,	500 00	
Y. M. Clearer Treas. Gas Co for Gasbill for Union Guard,	20 00	
Acting Committee for use of farms	500 00	
J. E. P. Truss for fuel furnished Benevolent Society	53 26	
Farmers' Bank interest on bond,	82 50	
Committee on Public Buildings,	50 00	
Farmers' Bank discount on note,	10 67	
Committee on Education for Schools,	535 00	
Committee on Lamps for lighting Town,	175 00	
		1000 00
Farmers' Bank on note,		151 00
Thomas Challenger salary as Treasurer,		46 25
Jas. Duncan Salary as Secretary &c.,		31 00
John Bradford care of Town clock,		750 00
Acting Committee for use of farms,		1 00
Benjamin Ustick for clerking election		21 90
		6707 33

**T. CHALLENGER,**  
Treasurer.

BRITISH INDIA

MONMOUTH

1866

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James

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, have performed that duty and now report that they have found the same correct.

The entire receipts since Mr. Challenger came into office covering a period of nearly fifteen years, exclusive of renewals of the Bond held by the Bank and of notes occasionally discounted, amount to £89,485.47 which has been applied as follows,

To the payment of discount on notes	17.33
of do on renewals of Bond	5772.50
the reduction of the principal of do	3500
the payment of other appropriations	60,153.97
leaving a balance of these transactions of	41.67
to which is to be added the balance in Bank when Mr. Challenger became Treasurer	370.23
making a balance in Bank at this date of	411.90
which agrees with the Bank book settled this day	

The Committee recommend that hereafter an examination of the Treasurer's accounts be made annually, and at such time as will allow a report thereof to be made up to the 25<sup>th</sup> of March and that such report shall show a statement of the amounts due from the tenants of the farms, including the half-year's rent due on that day. They further recommend that the next statement to be prepared by the Treasurer shall be made up to the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, and annually thereafter up to the same date, and published as soon as convenient after examination by a Committee of the Board.

For convenience of reference and to show the condition of the finances of the Board, we here mention the following items outstanding, viz  
The amount due from Jonathan Stevenson arising out of the debt against him for over-tillage &c. was £1000, and £50 additional for interest, for which he gave his note Feb 6. 1866 at 6 months £1050 and paid by him when the note fell due having unpaid and bearing interest from Aug 9. 1866 £250



In which balance suit had been brought upon Mr. Stevenson's Bond taken as collateral security for his note. The costs in the former suit have been paid by him.

Judgment against Henry F. Reynolds was obtained on the award in the suit for overillage to Dec. 8. 1857 with interest from October 20. 1857, for \$400.  
Costs paid by the Board and recoverable from W. Reynolds \$242 45 43  
Suit had been brought in Maryland for the recovery of this amount.

The note for \$250 given by the President by order of the Board, in payment for 300 shares stock in the Newcastle Gas Company at \$7 1/2 a share, had been paid off. 100 shares of the stock have been sold at cost, and 200 shares remain on hand, worth at cost price \$1500.

There are now, as the Committee were informed by the President and Treasurer of the Board and by the Cashier of the Farmers Bank, no notes or other obligations of the Trustees outstanding except the Bond in Bank for \$500.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> inst the following amounts were due from tenants of the farm including rent due on that day, two of them, Geo. W. Morrison and W. R. Stimp having paid in full,

Edward Downey	\$300
Michael Callahan	757.59
William Smith	887.87
James Cavender	575.-
William Hope	928.82
Thomas M. Ogle	308.66
John C. Morrison <sup>752233</sup> <sub>from 1842</sub>	847.52
Isaac Holland (note)	25.53 due Jan'y 1863
	<u>\$4633.39</u>

Since the 25<sup>th</sup> inst John C. Morrison has paid \$500 on account of the balance due by him as above.

Newcastle March 31. 1862.

James Crippen  
Wm H. Dobb  
W. Couper  
Committee

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for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 1862 offered a report which was read and referred to Committee consisting of Messrs Janvier and Crippen.

The Committee to audit the accounts and books of the Treasurer, presented a lengthy and carefully prepared report, which was read and ordered to be entered in full upon the minutes.

A bill from W. F. Lane Principal of the Newcastle Institute - for Salaries of Teachers for the quarter ending March 31<sup>st</sup> - amounting to

\$577.50 was read and an ordinance made to pay it. A Committee consisting of Messrs Janvier and Crippen were appointed to examine the accounts of the Committee on Lumps. - The Committee on Education reported a set of Rules for the regulation of the Newcastle Institute, which were discussed, and amended by the Board and adopted. - An ordinance was passed appropriating \$200.00 to the order of the Committee on Education, and upon motion the Board adjourned.

June 3<sup>d</sup> 1862. The Trustees met at 8 P. M. there were present Messrs Jeffers, Blount, Dobb, Crippen, Janvier, Herbert, Lecker, Couper, Duncan, Bradford.

The report of the Committee on Lumps was read, and a balance of \$13.95 being shown to be due the said Committee, an ordinance was passed appropriating that amount to their credit. The report of the Committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education was read showing a balance due of \$18.60, an appropriation of \$75.00 was made to the Committee on Educ Public Buildings

An appropriation of \$700.50 was made to the credit of the Committee on Education.

On motion it was resolved that the Treasurer have what printing may be here needed for the Trustees be done in Newcastle. The Bill of John A. Alderdice Pastryman amounting to \$11.37 was read and allowed. Resolved that Proposals will be received for renting the Farm now occupied by Thomas M. Use George W. Morrison, Wm. B. Stroup and James Cavender until October 25<sup>th</sup> 1862, and that the usual notices be given in two of the County Newspapers.

The following statement was ordered to be placed upon minutes - Thomas F. Bayard received from Sheriff Moore on Executions in favor of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common against Jonathan Stevenson to May Term 1862. \$261.25 less

Fee of T. F. Bayard in suits against Reynolds and Stephenson and J. F. Bayard in suit against Stephenson	100.00
less former payment to J. A. Bayard	<del>25.00</del> 75.00
Balance	\$186.25

received by C. Jefferson from Thomas F. Bayard and paid over to Thomas Challenger Treasurer, which closes Trustees account against Jonathan Stevenson.

On motion adjourned.

The Trustees met at the Town Hall at 8 P. M. Sept 2. 1862. There were present Messrs Jefferson, Blount, Couper, Challenger, Herbert, Leckler, Bradford, Janvie, Duncan.

After a short session and without transacting any business the Board adjourned till 7 P. M. September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1862. The Trustees met at 7 P. M. there were present Messrs Jefferson, Blount, Couper, Caippen, Janvie, Wandering, Herbert, Bradford, Challenger, Leckler and Duncan.

The Committee on Education asked for an appropriation of \$700.50 for which an ordinance was passed. The acting Committee desired \$200.50. The Committee on Public Buildings \$50.50 for both of which an ordinance was passed.

The Bill of Reuben Janvie for taxes amounting to \$222.57 was allowed as well as the Bill of Thomas Early two dollars for horse hire, hauling engines to Wilmington on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 1861, and an ordinance passed for their payment. The following ordinance upon the motion of Mr. Herbert was made, nine members being present and all assenting that a check be drawn in favor of the President of this Board for \$500.50 to be appropriated to the payment of the Debt due the Farmer's Bank from this Board, said sum to be taken from any funds that <sup>may</sup> not be otherwise appropriated. Mr. Wm. Hope having made some suggestions as to giving security to the Board for the payment of his rent, a Committee consisting of the President of the Board and Messrs Wandering and Couper were appointed to confer with Mr. Hope and report at an early day to the Board as to what arrangement could be made and on motion the Board adjourned.

November 6<sup>th</sup> 1862. at a special meeting of the Trustees of Newcastle Common held on Thursday at 7 P. M. in the Town Hall - there were present Messrs Jefferson, Bradford, Caippen, Couper, Janvie, Blount, Gray, Leckler, Herbert, Challenger, Wandering and Duncan. - The Committee appointed at a previous meeting of the Board to make some arrangement with Wm. Hope in regard to security



his rent, reported that they had conferred with Mr. Hope and had taken his Bond with Wm. Mc. Clelland as security. The different propositions for renting the four farms now in the tenure of G. W. Morrison, Thomas M. Ogle, James Cavender, and Wm. R. Stroup, respectively were read and it appearing that the proposition of Geo. W. Morrison and Thomas M. Ogle were the only propositions for the farms they now occupy, it was Resolved that the proposition of Thomas M. Ogle be accepted viz: That he the said <sup>Ogle</sup> should pay annually by the sum of \$500.00 and be subject to the usual terms of the Leases. The proposition of George W. Morrison to pay a rent of \$500.00 and abide by the terms of the Lease was also by Resolution of the Board accepted. On Motion the Board proceeded to ballot for a tenant for the Farm now occupied by James Cavender; James Mc. Coy having received nine votes and Jas. Cavender three votes the proposition of James Mc. Coy to pay an annual rent of \$10.75.00 was accepted. The proposition of Wm. R. Stroup, John W. Moore, and A. R. Robinson to rent the farm now in the tenure of said Stroup were read, and balloted upon, when that of Wm. R. Stroup to pay an annual rent of \$700.00 was accepted. — The proposition of Brian Jackson to rent a small lot of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  acres adjoining his farm at \$20.00 annually for 20 years was ordered by the Board to be accepted for the term of five years, should Mr. Jackson accept the modification. — Adjourned.

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December 2<sup>d</sup> 1862. The Trustees met at the Town Hall at 7. P. M. There were present Messrs Jefferson, Blount Cooper, Janvier, Herbert Challenger, Crippen, Vanderin Duncan Leckler. A bill of the Gas Co. amounting to \$19.60, one of Geo. W. Mullan \$7.00 and A. Cannon late Sheriff for \$4.50 were allowed and checks in this <sup>of \$500.00</sup> sum ordered to be drawn. An appropriation in favor of John Janvier (Treasurer of Committee on Education) to pay Teachers Salary <sup>&c</sup> was ordered to be drawn. An appropriation of \$200.00 to the Acting Committee was also made. — The Lease proposed to be executed between the Board of Trustees and James Mc. Coy was read, amended, and adopted as the form for other Leases and ordered to be executed. A communication from Lewis Sweet was read asking to be allowed to use the vacant Engine House to store meat, and upon Motion it was resolved, — that it is inexpedient to grant the use of the Room for any such purpose. The sum of \$75.00 was appropriated to the order of Mrs. Olivia Cannon for the purpose of purchasing Fuel for the poor of the Town. — Upon Motion of Mr. J. Duncan a Committee of three were appointed to inquire into the expediency and expense of issuing The Notes of the Trustees for Fractional parts of a dollar. Messrs Janvier, Vanderin and Crippen were appointed as said Committee. It was Resolved — That the Acting Committee have the power to furnish the lumber for a shed for John C. Morrison if they deem it expedient at this time. — Adjourned.

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board  
of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Field on Tuesday  
evening March 3<sup>d</sup> 1863, at the Town Hall, present

Oliver Jefferson, President,  
Thomas Challenger, John Bradford, James Blount,  
John Janvier, James Crippen, William Cooper, William  
Herbert, Ferdinand Leckler & Peter B. Vandever,

The secretary being absent, on motion, Peter  
B. Vandever was appointed secretary pro-tem.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last  
meeting of the Board were read,

A communication from William Smith in  
relation to the Buildings on the Farm in his tenure  
was read, and on motion was referred to the Acting  
Committee, with instructions to view the premises and  
and make report to this Board,

On motion the following Report was read  
and approved, and the Committee discharged,

"The Committee appointed, by the Board  
deem it inexpedient to be at the cost of issuing small  
notes to supply the deficiency of Silver Change, as the  
necessity for such issue has now ceased

John Janvier

Peter B. Vandever

James Crippen

The Acting Committee exhibited a statement  
of their receipts and disbursements for the past year  
which statement, together with the vouchers, was on  
motion referred to a Committee of three, viz: Cooper,  
Bradford and Leckler

On motion the following Ordinances were  
passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all





ascertaining the same, that the sum of seven hundred dollars, be  
and the same is hereby authorized for the purchase and repair  
of the same is hereby authorized, subject to the order of the  
Board of the Committee of Education

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the above  
Board of Education, for meeting being present and all absent  
ing thereat, that the sum of one thousand dollars be and  
the same is hereby authorized to purchase and repair  
in force &c, subject to the order of the acting Committee

On motion the Board proceeded to that of  
seven for the coming year, William Cooper and James  
Cooper were appointed

Members in turning the rules it appeared  
that John Cooper and William Cooper were duly elected  
the members of the acting Committee

And William Cooper was duly elected Treasurer, they  
having respectively received a majority of the votes

On motion the following resolutions were  
passed, to wit: That the Committee on Education be  
and the same is hereby ordered from seven members to  
five

On motion the Board proceeded to that by ballot  
the select Committee for the coming year

Members in turning the ballot it appeared  
that John Cooper, James Cooper, Peter B. Van derheyden  
Giverson, and William Cooper were duly elected, they  
having respectively received a majority of votes

On motion the following accounts were allowed,  
of and for, Jan 1st 1832. \$32.00  
John Cooper, for riding horse &c 30.00  
James Cooper, Salary as Secretary, Stationery &c 39.00  
\$251.00

On motion, John Cooper and Thomas Chatterton



were appointed a Committee to settle with the Treasurer of the Committee on Education,

On motion John Janvier and William Couper were appointed a Committee to settle with Thomas Chalenger, late Treasurer,

On motion James Crippen was appointed one of the Committee on Public Buildings, in lieu of William H. Dobb, who is now absent from the Town,

On motion the following Resolution was passed,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby instructed to examine the Roof and Cupola on the Town Hall, and if in their opinion they think that the same should be repaired, that they shall have the repairs done,

On motion the following Resolution was passed,

Resolved, That the Treasurer do give Bond with security to the Trustees, in the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties as such Treasurer, agreeably to the By-Laws, the said Bond to be approved by the Board at their next meeting;

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto That the sum of twenty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Ald. Chas. Cannon, for the purpose of purchasing fuel &c. for the benefit of the Poor of the Town of Newcastle,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto, That the sum of Fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on Public Buildings, for repairs,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle

Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto that checks or orders in common form be drawn for the payment of the accounts passed and allowed at this meeting amounting to the sum of Two hundred and fifty one Dollars

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held pursuant to notice given, upon the request of two members, on Friday evening May 1st. A.D. 1863, present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
Thomas Challenger, John Bradford, James Blount, William Couper, and William Herbert,

There not being a full attendance, on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening the 5<sup>th</sup> inst at eight o'clock,

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1863, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
Thomas Challenger Ferdinand Leckler  
John Bradford James Crippen  
William Couper James Blount  
John Janvier, William Herbert  
Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved, and Peter B. Vandever, appointed Secy. pro. tem.

On motion the following Ordinance was read and passed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees

A Statement of the Acting Committee for the Trustees of N. C. Commons for the Year ending March 1863.

Balance in Bank	\$ 6 57
Appropriations	750 00
Do	200 00
Do	222 59
Do	300 00
	1379 16
	\$ 1379 16

March 5 <sup>th</sup>	To Cash to Am. H. Camm	\$ 83 95	
April 11	" " " " " "	16 13	
May 2	" " " " " "	29 30	
" 26	" " " " " "	12 00	
July 3	" " " " " "	17 85	
" 8	" " " " " "	29 50	
" 11	" " " " " "	10 07	
" 11	" " " " " "	22 59	
Sept 10	" " " " " "	15 70	
" 19	" " " " " "	5 00	
Oct 3	" " " " " "	20 50	
" 11	" " " " " "	11 06	
" 22	" " " " " "	222 59	
Dec 18	" " " " " "	9 07	
1863	Jan 9	" " " " " "	6 84
" 16	" " " " " "	11 55	
" 27	" " " " " "	4 91	
" 27	" " " " " "	24 00	
" 27	" " " " " "	1 25	
July 1	" " " " " "	15 00	
" 13	" " " " " "	24 00	
" 16	" " " " " "	40 00	
Nov 3	" " " " " "	39 40	
	Balance in Bank	\$ 1379 16	

John Janvier  
James Griffen  
Am. Herbert

Examined and found correct.  
J. B. Cooper  
Committee

1862	Expenses of Union Farm No 8		
May 2	Sprouting by Leebler	\$ 29 30	
" 26	Mastering - Safferty	6 70	
July 8	Draining Pits " King	1 50	
" 11	Painting - Tindle	37 13	
Oct 14	Lumber - Lambson	26 53	
" 22	Taxes " Janvier	26 37	
1863	Jan 16	Hardware - Griffen	1 57
July 12	Nails & Stones - Herbert	12 00	
" 13	Shells - Morrison	24 00	
		\$ 165 10	
1862	Expenses of Oglettoop Farm No 3		
May 26	Cementing end of House by Safferty	11 15	
July 3	" " " " " "	12 50	
" 8	Rebuilding Old Grainway - Hughes	34 60	
" 11	Painting - Tindle	38 55	
Sept 19	Repairing Pumps - King	5 00	
Oct 14	Lumber - Lambson	16 94	
" 22	Taxes - Janvier	23 64	
1863	Jan 16	Hardware - Griffen	2 60
July 12	Nails - Herbert	3 00	
		\$ 148 01	
1862	Expenses of Jefferson Farm No 1		
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nails by Am. H. Camm	1 55	
" 8	100 Nails	10 00	
" 8	450 Bus Lime	56 25	
Apr 11	12 H Nails - Herbert	60	
Sept 10	Repairing Pump - Johnson	4 50	
Oct 14	Lumber - Lambson	59	
" 22	Taxes - Janvier	21 60	
1863	Jan 16	Rep. Pump - Johnson	8 22
		\$ 103 11	
1862	Expenses of Byards Farm No 9		
Mar 5	400 Nails by Camm	40 00	
" 8	1200 Bus Lime	150 00	
July 3	Cementing House - Safferty	17 30	
" 8	Carpenter Work - Hughes	3 22	
" 11	Painting - Tindle	19 88	
Oct 3	130 Posts - Jefferson	20 80	
" 22	Taxes - Janvier	28 09	
		279 29	

1863	Expenses of Stockton Farm No 1	
Jan 5	326 Nails Bought of Am. H. Camm	
" 8	960 Bus Lime	
Apr 11	63 Posts - Herbert	
Sept 10	Rep Pumps - Johnson	
Oct 22	Taxes - Janvier	
1863	Jan 29	Rep Pump - King
1862	Expenses of Penn Farm No 2	
Mar 8	932 Bus Lime & Bot of M. H. Camm	
Apr 11	12 Stone Blocks - Herbert	
" 11	50 H Nails	
July 11	Painting - Tindle	
Oct 22	Taxes - Janvier	
Dec 18	Carpenter Work - Hughes	
1863	Jan 16	Rep Pump - Johnson
1862	Expenses of Model Farm No 1	
Mar 8	Rep Pump by Jewell	
Oct 22	Taxes to Janvier	
Dec 18	Carpenter Work - Hughes	
1863	Jan 9	Making Hinges - Early
" 27	Rep Pump - King	
Feb 16	400 Nails - J. S. Camm	
1862	Expenses of Centre Hall Farm	
May 2	5 Grates by Goding	
" 8	1/2 Days Carpenter Work - Hughes	
July 11	Painting - Tindle	
1863	Jan 16	Hardware - Griffen
" 31	Mason Work - Wright	
1863	Expenses of Two Eighteen Acre	
Oct 22	Taxes to H. P. Janvier	
	Recapitulation	
	Expenses of Jefferson Farm No 1	
	Stockton Do	2
	Oglettoop Do	3
	Two Lots	174
	Centre Hall Do	5
	Penn Do	7
	Union Do	5
	Byards Do	9
	Modale Do	11



of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated on account of the payment of the present indebtedness of Five thousand dollars, of the Trustees to the Farmers Bank at Newcastle; and that a check in common form be drawn for the payment of the same, to the order of Howell J. Jerry, Esq. Cashier.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Thomas Challengee the late Treasurer of the Board. - made the following report, which was on motion read and adopted, and the Committee discharged,

That they have performed that duty and found the accounts correct; The entire receipts since March 25, 1862, the date of the last report on the same subject, without taking into view the renewals of the Bond, held by the Farmers Bank were \$ 4742 51  
To which add Bal. in Bank. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1862 411, 90  
\$ 5154.41

of which sum there has been applied  
To the payment of Discount on Bond in Bank \$265.00  
To the reduction of said Bond \$5500 to \$5000. . . . 500.00  
To the payment of appropriations by the Board 3832.01 \$4597.01  
leaving a balance in Bank as per bank book settled March 5, 1863, of \$557.40

Since the report made to the Board by the Committee in March of last year the following items then outstanding have been paid, viz:

Balance due from Jonathan Stevenson \$250.00  
Interest on do 11.25 \$261.25  
Deduct Lawyers fees 75.00  
\$186.25

Isaac Hollands judgment note for \$25.53  
The claim against Henry F Reynolds, is in the hands of Counsel in Maryland, but has not yet been recovered.

There was due on the 25<sup>th</sup> March last from tenants of the Farms, including interest up to and the rent due on that day, as follows,

From Edward Downey \$300.00 Paid March 24, in full  
" Michael Callahan 1184.76 " Apr. 25. \$360. . .  
" William Smith 1015.47 " " "  
" William Hooper 1153.48 " Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 172.86  
" Thomas M. Ogle 323.08 " " 25, in full  
" John C. Morrison 959.17 " " 25, in full,  
" Geo. W. Morrison 137.50 " " 25, in full,  
" W. R. Stroup 225.00 " " "  
\$5298.46

Some of which balances have been paid in full and others in part as noted on the foregoing list,

The Committee state in Conclusion that the 200 shares of stock in the Newcastle Gas Co. costing \$1500; held by the Trustees at the date of last years report, still remaining on hand, a dividend for the year 1862 upon this stock amounting to \$80. - has been received by the present Treasurer of the Board,  
Newcastle May 4, 1863, W. Couper } Committee  
John Janvier }

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Acting Committee for the past year, made Report, that they had performed that duty, and found their accounts correct, That the acting committee had received the sum of \$1379.16

And disbursed the sum of \$1339.70  
leaving a balance in their hands of 39.46 \$1379.16

The disbursements on account of the expenses of the several Farms, being as follows,

No. 1, Jefferson Farm \$103.11  
" 2, Stockton do 223.12  
" 3, Oglethorpe do 148.01  
" 4 & 6, Two Lots 10.25  
" 5 Centre Hall Farm 84.32  
" 7 Perim " 220.56

of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated on account of the payment of the present indebtedness of Five thousand dollars, of the Trustees to the Farmers Bank at Newcastle; and that a check in common form be drawn for the payment of the same, to the order of Howell J. Terry, Esq. Cashier.

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That they have performed that duty and found the accounts correct; - The entire receipts since March 25, 1862, the date of the last report on the same subject, without taking into view the renewals of the Bond, held by the Farmers Bank were \$ 4742.51  
 To which add Bal. in Bank. Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1862 411.90  
\$ 5154.41

of which sum there has been applied  
 To the payment of Discount on Bond in Bank \$265.00  
 To the reduction of said Bond \$5500 to \$5000. . . . 500.00  
 To the payment of appropriations by the Board 3832.01 \$4597.01  
 leaving a balance in Bank as per bank book settled March 5, 1863, of \$557.40

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 Interest on do 11.25 \$261.25  
 Deduct Lawyers fees 75.00  
\$186.25  
 Isaac Hollands Judgment note for 25.53

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 " 3. Oglethorpe do . . . . . 148.01  
 " 4 & 6. Two Lots . . . . . 10.25  
 " 5 Centre Hall Farm . . . . . 84.32  
 " 7 Penn " . . . . . 223.56



No. 8. Union Farm . . . . . \$165.10  
 " 9. Bayard " . . . . . 279.29  
 " 11. Model " . . . . . 102.96  
 \$1339.70

which report was on motion adopted,

On motion the following Preamble and resolutions were read, and passed by the Board,

Whereas since the last annual meeting of this Board, death has removed one of its members, Mr. James Duncan,

Therefore, Resolved, That we deeply lament the death of our fellow member whose gentlemanly deportment and business qualities made him a useful and pleasant associate,

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the widow and children thus bereft of a husband and father, so kind and affectionate,

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be transmitted to the widow by the Secretary,

On motion, It was Resolved, That the President of this Board appoint a Committee of three to enquire into the propriety and necessity of appropriating a portion of the Commons land for a Public Cemetery, to make report to the Board. Whereupon the President appointed James Blount, Thomas Challenger and William Herbert, said Committee,

On motion, Peter B. Vandever, was appointed Secretary of this Board,

On motion the following Resolution was passed Resolved, That an Election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle, on Saturday the 23<sup>d</sup> day of May inst, between the hours of twelve o'clock, noon, and five o'clock in the

afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, occasioned by the death of James Duncan, and that John Bradford and Thomas Challenger be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to hold said election, giving six days notice of the time and place of holding said election, to the Inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening, June 2<sup>d</sup> 1863, present,

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Elihu Jefferson,  | President         |
| John Bradford,    | Ferdinand Leckler |
| John Janney       | William Couper    |
| Thomas Challenger | James Couper      |
| James Blount      | William Herbert   |
| Peter B. Vandever |                   |

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved,

On motion the following report was read & adopted, To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common,

The undersigned appointed by the Trustees, to hold an Election on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 1863, between the hours of twelve o'clock, noon, and five o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of James Duncan, Report

That the Election was held at the Court House, in the Town of Newcastle on that day, six days previous notice having been given to the citizens of the time and place of holding said election, that at that Election 138 Ballots were polled, of which number Allen

W. Lesley received one hundred; Isaac Wright, 34; George Janvier two; George B. Rodney, one; and Mark M. Cleaver one; And that Allen W. Lesley having received a majority of all the votes cast, is duly elected a Justice of the Newcastle Common to supply said vacancy.

Wm. Bradford  
J. Challenger

Whereupon, on motion, Allen W. Lesley appeared and took his seat as a member of the Board of Trustees,

On motion, the following Ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, payable to the order of Howell J. Jerry, Esquire, Cashier, of the Farmers Bank at Newcastle, it being a payment of this sum on account of a balance of Four thousand dollars due on the bond of the said Trustees to the said Bank, and that a check or order be drawn in the usual form for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, eleven members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Seventy five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on Public Buildings, for repairs,

On motion, Resolved, that the Acting Committee, be and they are hereby authorized, if the Law requires it, to make return to the United States Assessor of the Income of the Trustees for the year 1862,

On motion the Board proceeded to elect a member of the Committee on Education, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of James Duncan, — and on counting the Ballots it appeared that Allen W. Lesley was duly elected,

On motion the following accounts were allowed

Thomas Challenger for holding election for one Justice \$1.00  
John Bradford " " " " " " 1.00  
Benj: R. Wotick for clerking at " " " " 1.00

On motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of seven hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support and maintenance of the Newcastle Institute subject to the order of John Janvier, Treasurer of the Committee on Education,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening the first day of September A.D. 1863. Present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
John Bradford James Blount  
Thomas Challenger James Crispen  
John Janvier William Herbert  
William Carper Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read and approved,

On motion the following accounts were read and allowed  
Mark M. Cleaver for Gas, (two quarters) to June 25, 1863. \$18.80  
C. P. Johnson for Printing statement 6.50  
William G. Whitley, Costs in Holcomb suit 3.40

Mr. Blount chairman of the Committee appointed to enquire as to the propriety and necessity of setting apart a portion of the Common land for a Cemetery, Reported that the Committee had made some progress, but that they were not yet prepared to make a full report, Whereupon on motion the Committee were continued,

On motion the following Ordinances, were passed,



Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Two hundred and eighty seven dollars and forty three cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for the payment of the Taxes on the Common lands for the year 1863, - and the further sum of Two hundred dollars subject to the order of the acting Committee for repairs, and that checks or orders in the usual form be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and eight thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of John Jamieson, Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support and maintenance of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, Resolved, that when this Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening the 15th inst at 7 1/2 o'clock,

On motion, Resolved, that the following sums be and they are hereby fixed as and for the annual Rent for the following Farms, to wit;

For the Farm now in the tenure of John Morrison \$1000.00  
" " do " " do " Edward Downey 750.00  
" " do " " do " William Hope 550.00

And that the acting Committee be and they are hereby instructed to offer the said Farms to the present tenants at the said rates, for the period of Five years from the twenty fifth day of March next,

And on motion the Board Adjourned,

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At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening the 15th day of September A.D. 1863, present  
Elihu Jefferson, President.

James Blount James Crippen  
John Jamieson William Herbert  
William Couper Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved,

The Acting Committee made report, that they had waited on John C. Morrison, Edward Downey and William Hope, and offered to rent the Farms now held by them respectively for a period of Five years at the prices fixed by the Board, and that they severally declined to take the Farms at those prices, Whereupon, on motion,

Resolved, that the acting Committee be and they are hereby directed to advertise the Farm and the lots now in the tenure of John C. Morrison, and the Farm in the tenure of Edward Downey and William Hope, for Rent, for a period of Five years from the twenty fifth day of March next,

On motion the acting Committee were directed to have the Buildings on the several Farms insured,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, (called upon the request of three members) held at the Town Hall on Monday evening the 26th day of October A.D. 1863, present

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
John Bradford, Thomas Challenge, Andrew C. Gray, James Blount  
Ferdinand Leckler, William Couper, William H. Dobb, William

Herbert, Allen W. Lesley and Peter B. Vandover,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board were read and approved,

The Acting Committee made report that pursuant to the directions of the Board they had advertised the Farms now in the tenure of John C. Morrison, Edward Downey and William Hope, for Rent for a period of five years from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next, and submitted to the Board the proposals received in consequence of such advertisement,

Whereupon on motion the said Proposals were orally read, the names of the bidders and the amounts bid being as follows,

<u>For the Downey Farm</u>	
A. Groves . . .	750.00
C. Webb . . . .	850.00
J. C. Kier . . . .	700.00
Benj. Groves . . .	750.00
Levi Todd . . . .	750.00
J. Morrison . . .	725.00
J. Malott . . . .	750.00
Jos. Higgins . . .	700.00
Alex. Biggs . . . .	800.00
J. H. Hanson . . .	600.00
A. N. Robinson . .	725.00
E. Stroup . . . .	725.00
Edward Downey . .	700.00

<u>For the Morrison Farm</u>	
C. Webb . . . .	\$ 1000.00
A. Butler . . . .	1000.00
L. Francis . . . .	1000.00
Philip Marvel . . .	1000.00
W <sup>th</sup> Wilson . . . .	1025.00
John Jordan . . . .	1025.00
John W. Moore . . .	880.00
John C. Morrison . .	900.00

<u>For the Hope Farm</u>	
J. Thomas . . . .	\$ 425.00
William Hope . . . .	450.00

on motion the following Resolution was read Resolved, that the consideration of the bids for the Hope Farm be postponed, and the question being taken upon the passage of that resolution it was Lost,

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On motion, it was Resolved, that the proposals of William Hope for a Lease of the farm now in his tenure for a term of five years from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next at Four hundred and fifty dollars per annum, be and the same are hereby accepted by the Board, subject to the usual covenants and conditions,

On motion the Board proceeded to select by Ballot a tenant for the Farm now occupied by Edward Downey William H. Dobb and Allen W. Lesley were appointed Teller, Whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that Alexander Biggs had received seven votes and Edward Downey five votes,

on motion the following Resolution was read, Resolved, that before Mr Biggs is informed that the Board will accept his bid, that the acting Committee be instructed to offer the farm to Mr. Downey at the annual rent of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and the question being taken on the passage of that resolution it was lost,

on motion the Board proceeded to select by ballot a tenant for the Farm now occupied by John C. Morrison, William H. Dobb and Allen W. Lesley were appointed Teller, Whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that John C. Morrison had received seven votes, John Jordan four votes, and William Wilson one vote,

on motion, Resolved, that the persons to whom the farms are leased, be required to produce satisfactory evidence to the Board of their ability and fitness,

on motion the following ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the



order of Mrs. Maria W. Carrington for the purchase of five  
for the year of the Town of Newburgh, and that a check  
or order in the usual form be drawn for the payment  
of the same.

It is ordered by the Board of Directors of the  
Newburgh Company, and minutes being found and given  
thereof advising thereto, that the sum of fifty four dollars  
be and the same is hereby authorized, subject to the order  
of William Stewart, Treasurer of the Town of Newburgh, to  
defray the expense of three lamp posts and lanterns to be placed  
in public street between Annen Street and the Old Head  
Street, as per as said street is specified, and that a check  
or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board agreed,

Resolved, that the Acting Committee be and they  
on the same in his presence,

That Edward Conway, Treasurer, do now and then  
and if such is the fact, to write the matter with him upon  
one hereby authorized and instructed to call on Mr. Conway  
and if such is the fact, to write the matter with him upon  
just and equitable terms.

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that the sum of fifty dollars be and the same is hereby ap-  
propriated to pay the expenses of cutting a down in the North  
East gable wall of the Newcastle Institute, And the question  
being taken on the passage of that resolution it was lost

On motion, Resolved, That hereafter when it may become ne-  
cessary to put in a new pump on any of the commons farms,  
that it be in the discretion of the acting committee, whether a  
pump shall be put in, or a cistern erected,

On motion, William Cooper and Peter B. Vandervoer  
were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the  
Treasurer,

On motion, Thomas Challenger and William Cooper  
were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the  
Acting Committee,

On motion the following accounts were allowed

Paul Barr, for services as Janitor &c	\$ 32.00
John Bradford for running Town Clock	30.00
P. B. Vandervoer, salary as Secretary, Stamps for Leases &c	33.60
William Herbert Salary as Treasurer	150.00
	\$245.60

On motion, the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Justices of the  
Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of five thousand dollars be and  
the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of  
Hornell J. Terry, Esq, Cashier of the Farmers Bank, at New-  
Castle, it being a payment of this sum on account of  
a balance of five thousand dollars due on the Bond of  
the Justices to the said Bank, and that a check or order  
be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained by the Board of Justices of the Newcastle



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Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of fourteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janvier, James Crippen & William Herbert, Acting Committee, for the purchase of land, & incidental expenses,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Mrs. Oliver Garrison for the purchase of fuel for the Poor in the Town of Newcastle,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the committee on Education, for repairs

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of seven hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janvier, Treasurer of the Committee on Education for the support of the Newcastle Institute,

On motion, Resolved, That the acting committee be and they are hereby instructed to cause to be erected, on the Farm now in the tenure of Edward Downey, a granary

Also to cause to cause the following repairs &c. to be made to the buildings on the Farm occupied by James McBoys, viz; an over-shoot to the Barn, to repair the granary & erect sheds on both sides, -

Also to furnish material to the said James McBoys for a garden fence and for a Porch in front of the house upon the condition that the said McBoys shall do the work,

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**THE NEWCASTLE COMMON**

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# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

## OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON,

FROM MARCH 25, 1863, TO MARCH 25, 1864.

1863.	DR.	
March 25,	To Balance in Bank,	\$3,871
April 3,	Cash received from Farmers' Bank, on bond,	4,971
" 25,	" " " " Michael Callihan, on account of rent,	24
" " " " " " Wm. Stroupe, in full to March 25th, 1863,	21	
May 8,	" " " " Farmers' Bank, on bond,	3,91
" 22,	" " " " William Smith, on account,	21
June 6,	" " " " do do in full to March 25, 1863,	8
" 10,	" " " " Wyman, for use of Town Hall,	1
August 11,	" " " " Farmers' Bank, on bond,	2,91
October 8,	" " " " do do do do	2,91
" 10,	" " " " John O. Morrison, in full for rent of lots,	11
" 20,	" " " " William R. Stroupe, in full to Sept. 25,	2
" 21,	" " " " School District No. 49, for ground rent,	"
" 24,	" " " " Michael Callihan, in full to March 25, '63,	8
" 29,	" " " " James McCoy, " " Sept. 25, 1863,	8
" 31,	" " " " William Smith, " " " " "	2
" " " " " " William Hope, on account,	2	
" " " " " " Geo. W. Morrison, in full to Sept. 25, '63,	2	
" " " " " " John O. Morrison, " " " " "	8	
" " " " " " Edward Downey, " " " " "	2	
Nov. 29,	" " " " Farmers' Bank, on bond,	2,91
Decem. 4,	" " " " Elihu Jefferson, amount of judgment obtained against H. P. Reynolds,	4
" 21,	" " " " Wm. R. Stroupe, in full to March 25, '61,	3
Jan. 4,	" " " " Sale of old stove,	1
" 20,	" " " " Use of Town Hall for ball,	19
March 1,	" " " " Farmers' Bank, on bond,	5
" 4,	" " " " James McCoy, in full to March 25, 1861,	5
" 8,	" " " " Farmers' Bank, on bond,	4
" 22,	" " " " William Hope, on account,	1
" " " " " " Michael Callihan,	2	
" " " " " " Wm. Smith, in full to March 25, 1861,	8	

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1863.	CR.	
April 3,	By cash paid Farmers' Bank, on bond,	\$5,000 00
" 30,	do do Acting Committee for use of farms,	1,000 00
" " do do John Janvier, Treas. of School Com., to pay teachers,	700 00	
" 3,	do do John Bradford, holding elections,	1 00
" do do do Benjamin R. Ustick, clerking for election,	1 00	
" 8,	do do Farmers' Bank, on bond,	5,000 00
" do do do Thomas Challenger, holding election,	1 00	
" do do do John Janvier, Treas. of School Com., to pay teachers,	700 00	
" do do do Committee on Public Buildings,	75 00	
" 11,	do do Farmers' Bank, on bond,	4,000 00
" 5,	do do M. M. Cleaver, for gas in Town Hall,	18 80
" 11,	do do William G. Whiteley, Prothonotary,	3 40
" 20,	do do O. P. Johnson, printing statement,	0 50
" 3,	do do Farmers' Bank, on bond,	2,000 00
" 24,	do do John Janvier, Treas. School Com., to pay teachers,	650 00
" do do do Acting Committee, for taxes,	287 43	
" do do do do use of farms,	200 00	
" do do do Town Commissioners, for 3 lamp posts,	54 00	
" 25,	do do Mrs. Olivia Cannon, to buy fuel for poor,	100 00
" 31,	do do Farmers' Bank, on bond,	3,000 00
" 4,	do do John Janvier, Treas. School Com., to pay teachers,	700 00
" 20,	do do Farmers' Bank, on bond,	3,000 00
" 4,	do do do do do do	2,000 00
" do do do Paul Barr, Janitor,	22 00	
" do do do John Bradford, taking care of town clock,	50 00	
" 8,	do do William Herbert, Treasurer's salary,	150 00
" 14,	do do Peter B. Vandever, Sec'y., for salary, &c.,	33 60
" 16,	do do F. Lechler, J. Blount, J. Crippen, Com. on public buildings,	50 00
" 23,	do do John Janvier, Treas. School Com., to pay Teacher,	700 00
" 24,	do do Mrs. Olivia Cannon, to buy fuel for poor,	100 00
" 25,	do do Balance in Bank,	270 20

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Due Farmers' Bank on Bond, \$1,000 00

### AMOUNTS DUE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON.

1864.		
March 25,	WILLIAM HOPE,	1248 84
" "	MICHAEL CALLIHAN,	609 95
" "	JOHN C. MORRISON, (pd. in full March 25, 1864)	472 50
" "	THOMAS M. OGLE, (pd. in full March 24, 1864)	505 86
" "	EDWARD DOWNEY,	300 00
" "	GEORGE W. MORRISON,	250 00
" "	BRYAN JACKSON, (pd. in full March 25, 1864)	20 00

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Amounts paid since March 25, 1864.

\$2,408 79

The above amounts draw interest from date until paid.

*Act. Comm.*  
*1057.50*

### FARMS BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE.

NAME.	NO.	TENANT	No. of Acres.	Amount of Rent Paid.	Lease Expires.
JEFFERSON.	1.	William Smith,	90	\$600 00.	March 25th, 1866.
STOCKTON.	2.	James McCoy,	175	1,075 00.	" " 1868.
OGLETHORP.	3.	Thomas M. Ogle,	87	500 00.	" " "
lots, 4 & 7.		John C. Morrison,	36	220 00.	" " 1869.
CENTRE Hall.	5.	Wm. R. Stroupe,	132	700 00.	" " 1868.
PENN.	6.	Michael Callihan,	141	900 00.	" " 1866.
UNION.	8.	John C. Morrison,	96	900 00.	" " 1869.
BAYARD.	9.	Alex. Biggs,	102	800 00.	" " "
BLAYTON.	10.	Geo. W. Morrison,	101	500 00.	" " 1868.
MODEL.	11.	William Hope,	110	450 00.	" " 1869.
Part of No. 3.		Bryan Jackson,	3	20 00.	" " 1868.
			1073	\$6,065 00	

### Trustees of New Castle Common.

JOHN BRADFORD,	Elected, July 6th, 1833.
THOMAS CHALLENGER,	" March 24th, 1837.
ANDREW C. GRAY,	" Sept. 28th, 1839.
ELIHU JEFFERSON,	" Sept. 18th, 1841.
JAMES BLOUNT,	" March 21st, 1846.
JOHN JANVIER,	" June 30th, 1847.
WILLIAM COUPER,	" January 23d, 1851.
WILLIAM H. DOBB,	" June 16th, 1852.
FERDINAND LECHLER,	" May 26th, 1855.
PETER B. VANDEVER,	" May 2d, 1857.
JAMES CRIPPEN,	" Dec. 20th, 1858.
WILLIAM HERBERT,	" May 14th, 1859.
ALLEN V. LESLEY, M. D.,	" May 23d, 1863.

**WILLIAM HERBERT,**

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of New Castle Common.





The committee appointed to examine the accounts of William Herbert, Treasurer for the year 1863, report that they have performed the duty assigned them and found the accounts of which the following is an abstract, correct.

The amount of receipts during the year beginning March 25, 1863 and ending March 25, 1864, was as follows, viz  
From tenants of the farms, including Rent in areas \$8499.40.

Judgment against H. F. Reynolds, collected	474.00
Sale of old store, \$5.50 - for use of Town Hall &c.	9.50
Groundrent for School House Lot District No. 46	5.00
<u>Add Balance in Bank March 25th. 1863</u>	<u>3075.00</u>
	\$ 10,082.93

The expenditures for the same period were the following

For general appropriations made by the Board \$5593.73

Payments on account of the Bond to the Farmers Bank, reducing the sum from \$5000, to \$1000.00

Discomd in Bank on renewal of Bond 20.00 9803.73

Leaving a balance on hand March 25th. 1864 of \$2779.20 as per Bank Book called.

The amount remaining due from tenants on the 25th March 1864 including the Rent falling due on that day, was as follows,

From William Hope	\$1248.34	
" Michael Callahan	607.75	
" John C. Morrison	472.50	Paid in full March 25' 1864
" Thomas M. Ogle	505.86	" do do 26 "
" Edward Sweeney	300.00	
" Geo. W. Morrison	250.00	
" Bryan Jackson	20.00	Paid in full March 25' 1864
	<u>\$ 3407.15</u>	Part of which as specified have been paid since March 25' 1864,

submitted by  
W. Cooper }  
P. B. Vandoren } Committee

On motion the Account of the Newcastle Gas Company for Gas for the Town Hall up to March 25' 1864, was allowed for \$17.60

On motion the following Ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of seven hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of John Janner, Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute and that a check be drawn for the payment of the same,

Paid March 24th 1866. Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of one thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Howell J. Terry Esq, Cashier of the Farmers Bank at Newcastle, it being in full of the balance due to the said Bank from the Trustees, and that a check or order in the usual form be drawn for the payment of the same, as soon as there is sufficient funds for that purpose,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 24th day of September A.D. 1864, present

Oliver Jefferson, President,

Thomas Challenge, James Blount, James Crispin, William Cooper, Andrew C. Gray, John Janner, Allen V. Lesley, and Peter B. Vandoren,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, on motion the following resolutions was passed,

Resolved, That twenty three and one third per cent be added to the present salaries of all the Teachers in the Newcastle Institute, to take effect from the first day of July 1864, and terminate on the thirtieth day of June 1865,

On motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle



The committee appointed to examine the accounts of William Herbert, Treasurer for the year 1863, report that they have performed the duty assigned them and found the accounts of which the following is an abstract, correct.

The amount of receipts during the year beginning March 25, 1863 and ending March 25, 1864, was as follows, viz  
 From tenants of the farms, including Rent in arrears \$6499.40

Judgment against H. F. Reynolds, collected	474.03	
sale of old stove, \$5.50 - for use of John Hall \$4.00	9.50	
Ground rent for School House Lot District No. 46	5.00	\$ 7007.93
Add Balance in Bank March 25th. 1863	3075.00	
		\$ 10,082.93

The expenditures for the same period were the following

For general appropriations made by the Board \$5573.73

Payments on account of the Bond to the Farmers Bank, reducing the sum from \$5000, to \$1000.00

Discount in Bank on renewals of Bond 210.00 \$ 5803.73

Leaving a balance on hand March 25th. 1864 of \$2779.20 as per Bank Book called,

The amount remaining due from tenants on the 25th March 1864 including the Rent falling due on that day, was as follows,

From William Hope	\$1248.84	
" Michael Callahan	607.75	
" John C. Morrison	472.50	Paid in full March 25 <sup>th</sup> 1864
" Thomas M. Ogle	505.86	" " " 26 <sup>th</sup> "
" Edward Conroy	300.00	
" Geo. W. Morrison	250.00	
" Bryan Jackson	29.00	Paid in full March 25 <sup>th</sup> 1864
	\$ 3407.15	Some of which as specified have been paid since March 25 <sup>th</sup> 1864,

Submitted by  
 W. Cooper }  
 P. B. Vandoren } Committee

On motion the Account of the Newcastle Gas Company for Gas for the Town Hall up to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1864, was allowed for \$17.60

On motion the following Ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of seven hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of John Jamies, Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute and that a check be drawn for the payment of the same,

Paid  
 March  
 24th  
 1864

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of one thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Howell J. Terry Esq. Cashier of the Farmers Bank at Newcastle, its being in full of the balance due to the said Bank from the Trustees, and that a check or order in the usual form be drawn for the payment of the same, as soon as there is sufficient funds for that purpose,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 24th day of September A.D. 1864, present

Elisha Jefferson, President,

Thomas Challenge, James Blount, James Crispin, William Cooper, Andrew C. Gray, John Jamies, Allen V. Lesley, and Peter B. Vandoren,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, on motion the following resolutions were passed,

Resolved, That twenty three and one third per cent be added to the present salaries of all the Teachers in the Newcastle Institute, to take effect from the first day of July 1864, and terminate on the thirtieth day of June 1865,

On motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle

1866  
May 22  
1878-79  
June  
Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Allen D. Lesley and James Crispen, to be expended by them, for the benefit of the citizens of the Town of Newcastle, for the purpose of relieving them from the pending draft for five hundred thousand men,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Twelve hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janvier James Crispen & William Herbert, acting Committee,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janvier, Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute,

And on motion the Board adjourned

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the sixth day of December A.D. 1864, present,  
Elihu Jefferson, President.

Thomas Challenger, James Blount, William Cooper, John Janvier, Andrew C. Gray, James Crispen, William Herbert Allen D. Lesley, Ferdinand Leckler & Peter B. Vandover,

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved, on motion, the Bill of the Newcastle Gas Company for two Quarters ending Sept 25<sup>th</sup> was allowed for \$14.<sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

On motion the following ordinances were passed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the

Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Olivia W. Cannon, for the purpose of supplying the Poor of the Town of Newcastle, with fuel,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of Ferdinand Leckler James Blount and James Crispen, the Committee on Public Buildings, for repairs

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Nine hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janvier, Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of Three hundred and twenty seven dollars and fifty two cents, be, and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of James Crispen, John Janvier and William Herbert, the acting Committee, for the payment of the Taxes for the year 1864,

And on motion, the Board adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening March seventh A.D. 1865, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
John Bradford, James Blount, John Janvier  
William Cooper, William Herbert, Thomas Challenger  
Ferdinand Leckler and Peter B. Vandover









Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Nine hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janney, the Treasurer of the Committee on education for the support of the Newcastle Institute,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Institute, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of Mrs. Oliver Cannon for the purchase of Fuel for the Poor in the Town of Newcastle,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of John Janney, James Crispin and William Herbert the Acting Committee, for the purchase of Lime and incidental expenses,

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

John Bradford for winding Clock	\$ 30.75
Peter B. Vandever, Salary as Secretary & stamps	31.40
William Herbert, Salary as Treasurer	150.00
	\$ 212.15

And on motion the Board Adjourned

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the sixth day of June A.D. 1865, present

Elisha Jefferson, President,  
William Couper, Thomas Challenger, William Herbert James Blount  
John Janney & Peter B. Vandever,

There not being a full attendance On motion the Board adjourned to Thursday evening the 15<sup>th</sup> inst at eight o'clock

**BEST SHOT**

**AVAILABLE**



At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common held on Thursday evening the  
15th day of June A.D. 1865, present

William Cooper, James Blount, James Crupper,  
Ferdinand Lecker, William Herbert & Peter B. Vanderve,

The President being absent, on motion James  
Crapper was appointed President pro tem.

There not being a full attendance, on motion  
the Board adjourned to tomorrow evening at eight  
o'clock, -

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common held on Friday evening the  
17th day of June A.D. 1865, present,

Elihu Jefferson President,

James Blount, Thomas Challenger, William Cooper,  
Ferdinand Lecker, William Herbert, John James, James  
Crapper & Peter B. Vanderve,

On motion, Resolved that the addition of thirty  
three and one third percent to the salaries of all the  
teachers in the Newcastle Institute be continued  
up to the first day of January next,

On motion the following accounts were received

Newcastle Gas Company for Gas to March 25 1865	\$25.50
Paul Barr for 10 years services as Janitor & 1 Room	\$2.60
Mr. Howard for Discount on State paid by him	5.33
James Crupper for 120 yds Black cloth	38.46
	\$101.89

On motion, James Blount and Ferdinand Lecker  
were appointed a committee to ascertain the probable  
cost of a House, and make report to the Board.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of  
the Acting Committee, made report that they had examined  
the accounts together with the vouchers and found them  
correct and that there was a balance in the hands of  
the Acting Committee of \$287.<sup>02</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

And on motion the report was adopted,

On motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the New-  
castle Common, some members being present and all assent-  
ing thereto, that the sum of Four hundred and seventy five  
dollars and fifty five cents, be and the same is hereby appro-  
priated, subject to the order of John James, James Crupper  
and William Herbert, Acting Committee, for the payment of  
taxes for the present year.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common some members being present and all  
assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred  
dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject  
to the order of John James, Treasurer of the Committee  
on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute.

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of  
Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening  
the fifth day of September A.D. 1865, present

Elihu Jefferson President,

Thomas Challenger, James Blount, W. Cooper, John James, W. H. Gilt, James  
Crapper, F. Lecker, W. Herbert, P. B. Vanderve,

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the two farms under the tenancy of William Smith and Michael Callahan be rented on the expiration of the present leases for one year and upon share rent, That the acting committee report to this Board on the twelfth inst. a schedule of the share and such limitations as may be in accordance with usage and the profit of the Board, and that they receive applications for leases until the twenty fifth inst.

On motion the following ordinance was passed.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of nine hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of future Finance Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute.

And on motion the Board adjourned to Tuesday evening the twelfth day of Sept. inst. at 7 o'clock.

An Adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening the twelfth day of September A. D. 1865. present.

Oliver Jefferson President

James Blount, Thomas Challenger, R. W. Carley, William Howard, James Cupper, William Cooper, William H. Delt and Peter B. Vandover.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion Resolved, That the acting committee be and they are hereby instructed to do whatever is

necessary to be done, to the care of the Kitchens of George W. Morrison,

On motion the following ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for fencing material, lime, timber and incidental expenses.

On motion Resolved That the acting Committee, be and they are hereby instructed to rent the two farms now in the tenancy of William Smith and Michael Callahan, -

The Acting Committee made report of a schedule of the share rent of the farms now in the tenancy of William Smith and Michael Callahan, which after some consideration by the Board the following was adopted as the basis of the terms upon which said farms will be rented, subject to such alterations and additions as may be hereafter made by the Board, viz;

The Trustees are to receive as Rent the one half of all the grain and potatoes raised upon said farms, They are also to receive the one half part of all the proceeds of all the butter, milk, egg poultry, vegetables, fruit, or any other articles raised in and upon the said farms and sold therefrom, The tenant to furnish all new fencing material, pay all the taxes, to furnish lime, and to pay for one half of the fertilizers, to pay for the one half of the meal fed to the Cows during the winter or spring season.

The tenant is to furnish all the stock and farming implements and machinery necessary for carrying on the Farm, to do all the hauling of lime, fertilizers or other manure and all building and fencing material, to keep all the fences and hedges in good order and repairs, to repair the pumps, wells and cisterns which may be upon the farm.



in good order and condition. To white wash all the build-  
ings during the month of May, to cut the corn and the food  
and feed it together with all other provisions in the  
barn yard; during the feeding season, to furnish all the  
seed, grain, potatoes &c; to thresh the wheat and oats  
when sent to the stock yard and thrashed and sent to be  
threshed on any other part of the farm, to put up all  
new fences, to deliver the share of the grain belonging to  
the Trustees in good condition either at Skarlot, Kew-  
borough or Brandywine, and at such time or times and at  
such of the above places as the Trustees or their agents may  
direct, and to pay for the one half of the Fertilizing,

The quantity of fertilizing to be used is to be mutually  
agreed upon between the parties,

Trench fields to be tilled in such crops as the Trustees  
or their agents may direct, and none other,

The tenant to carry on the trucking business and  
to attend the markets regularly.

No hay, straw or fodder to be sold from the  
farm without the consent of the Trustees, and if any  
should be sold with such consent, the proceeds to be divid-  
ed equally, -

The stock on said farm to be limited,

And on motion the Board adjourned

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common held at the request of five  
members on Monday evening the 18th day of September  
A.D. 1865. present

William Cooper, James Blount, Thomas Challenge, William  
Herbert, Ferdinand Lebler, William B. Golt and James

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Cooper. The President and Secretary being absent, no  
motion, William Cooper was appointed President pro tem,  
and James Cooper Secretary pro tem.

The object of this meeting being to consider the terms of  
leasing the farms now occupied by Callahan and Smith, after  
some discussion the following additions and modifications were  
adopted by the Board,

The land to be valued and the Trustees to allow the tenant  
the legal interest on the one half of such valuation, and in  
case of the death of any cow or cows by disease or accident,  
unless it should happen by the culpable neglect of the tenant,  
the trustee to pay to the tenant the one half of the valuation  
of such cow or cows.

The trustee to furnish one half of the hogs and receive  
half the pork, and send half the feed for the hogs, and to fur-  
nish half the grain and grass seed, with the consent of the  
acting Committee.

The number of cattle to be fed and fattened on the farms  
and the share the Trustees may be entitled to shall be fixed  
upon by the parties, as the necessity arises.

The share of the Trustees of the proceeds of sale of Butter,  
milk, eggs, poultry, vegetables, fruit, or any other articles sold  
from the farm to be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees  
quarterly,

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common, held at the request of five members  
on Tuesday evening the twenty sixth day of September

A. D. 1865. present.

Elihu Jefferson, President.

William Cooper, Steadman Leckler, James Blount, John Janin, William H. Dobb, William Herbert, Allen G. Lesley, Thomas Challenger, James Crispen and Peter B. Vandover.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read, and on motion the same were modified by striking out the words "with the consent of the Selling Committee."

The acting committee laid before the Board a number of applications for leases of the Farms now in the hands of Michael Callahan & William Smith, as follows:

To the Callahan Farm,

Thomas Stack, J. C. G. Keagy, Samuel Knight, B. B. Conroy and Michael Callahan.

To the Smith Farm,

Thomas Stack, J. H. Pine, Peter Miller, F. Graves, A. R. Morrison, G. M. Frazer, William Smith, William Brunquist, Joseph Higgins, and Ezekiel Fols.

which applications were on motion severally read by the Secretary.

On motion the Board proceeded to select by ballot a tenant for the farm now occupied by Michael Callahan.

William H. Dobb and William Herbert were appointed Tellers, - whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that Michael Callahan had received ten votes - and Blank one vote.

On motion the Board proceeded to select by ballot a tenant for the Farm now occupied by William Smith.

William H. Dobb and William Herbert were appointed Tellers.

Whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared

that William Smith received three votes:

Ezekiel Fols " six "

Joseph Higgins " one "

and one vote Blank.

The Secretary was directed to prepare <sup>(a form of)</sup> the Leases for Michael Callahan and Ezekiel Fols, on the share point, agreeably to the schedule adopted by the Board of Trustees, the same to be submitted to the Board before the <sup>Leases</sup> are executed by the parties.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held at the request of two members, on Wednesday evening October 11th. A. D. 1865, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President.

John Janin, James Blount, James Crispen, William Cooper, William H. Dobb, Thomas Challenger, W. Herbert and Peter B. Vandover.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, Peter Sorsman was granted the use and occupancy of the room or engine house on the ground floor of the Town Hall on the North westerly side, of the passage way leading into the Market House, he paying to the Trustees for the same at the rate of twenty five dollars yearly, from the twenty fifth day of August, last, in equal quarterly payments to be kept said premises in good order with condition, to pay for all improvements and repairs, which he has had done, and all which he may hereafter have done, and to surrender up to the said Trustees the peaceable and lawful possession thereof on thirty days notice.

The Secretary submitted to the Board a form for the Leases to be drawn up, and executed by Michael Callahan and Ezekiel Fols, on the share point, which was on motion



read and approved by the Board, and the Secretary decided to  
place the same in the hands of the said Messrs. Callahan and Esquire  
Tells, in conformity therewith, the same to be placed in the  
hands of the Acting Committee for the purpose of having  
them executed by the parties.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Board  
of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday,  
evening the fifth day of December, A.D. 1865

Present, William Cooper  
James Blount, Thomas Challenger, James Coopers,  
William H. Gott, William Herbert, Allen T. Lesley and  
Peter B. Vandever

The President being absent, on motion Thomas  
Challenger was appointed President pro tem.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meet-  
ing were read and approved.

On motion the following preamble and resolutions  
were unanimously adopted,

Whereas since the last meeting of the Board, John  
Bradford Esquire, the oldest member of the Board has de-  
parted this life; therefore

Resolved; that in the death of John Bradford  
Esquire this Board has lost its oldest and for a long period  
of time one of its most useful members, his goodness of  
heart and his kind disposition made him many friends who  
will mourn his decease.

Resolved that the

Secretary send a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions  
to the widow of the deceased,

On motion the following ordinance was passed—  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
that an election be held at the Court House in the Town of New-  
castle, on Saturday the sixteenth day of December next, between the  
hours of twelve o'clock noon, and five o'clock in the afternoon  
for one trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy  
in the Board, occasioned by the decease of John Bradford Esquire  
and that Allen T. Lesley, William H. Gott and Ferdinand Leckler  
or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed a committee  
to hold said election, giving six days notice of the time and place  
for holding the same to the inhabitants of the Town of Newcastle  
qualified to elect trustees,

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common, held at the request of two members, on  
Tuesday evening the 26th day of December A.D. 1865

Present, Ebenezer Jefferson, President,  
John Janney, Thomas Challenger, James Blount, William  
Cooper, William H. Gott, Ferdinand Leckler, W. Herbert  
A. T. Lesley and Peter B. Vandever

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read  
and approved.

On motion the following ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto  
that the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars be and

The same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Finance  
Committee, James Blount and James C. Squires. The Committee is put  
in charge of the buildings for repairs.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the said  
Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto  
that the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is  
hereby appropriated subject to the order of John Jannier Trust  
of the Committee on Education, for the support of the said  
Schools.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the said  
Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto,  
that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is  
hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Mrs. W. W. Cannon  
for the purchase of fuel for the year of the Town of New  
Castle.

The Committee appointed to hold an election on Satur-  
day the 16th day of December, next for one trustee to hold in  
lieu of the decease of John Bradford, made the following  
Report: - We certify that at the election held in the Court  
House between the hours of 12 P. M. and 4 P. M., ninety one votes  
were cast for Israel H. Fols and seventy eight votes were cast  
for George B. Rodney, and furthermore that Israel H. Fols  
having received a majority of all the votes cast was elected  
Trustee of the Newcastle Common.

Newcastle Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Ferdinand Zeckler }  
Wm. H. Gott }  
Allen V. Lesley }  
Committee

which report having been read, was on motion adopted,  
and Israel H. Fols appeared and took his seat as a member  
of the Board.

And on motion the Board Adjourned,

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At a Stated Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the  
sixth day of March A.D. 1866, present

Elijah Jefferson, President  
James Blount, John Jannier, Allen V. Lesley, Andrew C. Gray,  
William Cooper, William Herbert, Israel H. Fols and Peter B.  
Vandever.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and  
approved,

On motion the Board proceeded to elect officers for the  
ensuing year, William Cooper and Allen V. Lesley were ap-  
pointed Tellers, Whereupon, on counting the Ballots it  
appeared that

Elijah Jefferson was duly elected President, and John  
Jannier, William Herbert and Israel H. Fols were duly  
elected the Acting Committee.

On motion, John Jannier, Peter B. Vandever, Allen V.  
Lesley, William Herbert and Israel H. Fols were appointed  
the Committee on Education.

On motion Margaret Bradford was appointed  
to wind the Town Clock,

An application from Lucien Sunk and others for  
the use of the small room on the second floor of the Town  
Hall, to practice music in, was read,

And on motion the use of said room was granted  
to them on the following conditions, that they will take good  
care of the premises, and not permit any refreshments to  
be brought into the room, and shall close their evening ses-  
sions and separate at ten o'clock, and shall and will ren-  
der up the full possession thereof unto the said Trustees, on  
demand.



On motion the following accounts were allowed,

Newcastle Gas Company for gas to Decr. 25 1865,	\$ 30.00
John Bradfords Costale for winding clock	30.00
Peter B. Vandoren, for one years salary as Secretary	30.00
" " " for stamps for checks 40, Stationery 45 -	85
" " " for preparing form of Lease for } Shave Rent	5.00
	<u>35.85</u>
Paul Baro for one years services as Janitor	32.00
William Herbed for stamps for Callahan & Joly Leases	5.00
Charles M. Vandoren, for serving notices on tenants	2.00
William Herbed for one years salary as Treasurer	150.00
	<u>\$ 284.85</u>

The Treasurer of the Committee on Education made report of his receipts and disbursements, which was on motion referred to Andrew C. Gray and William Cooper a Committee to examine the accounts and make report to this Board.

On motion Andrew C. Gray and William Cooper were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the acting Committee for the past year and to make report to this Board.

A communication, from William Smith in relation to certain property claimed by him on the farm on which he now resides, was on motion referred to the acting Committee.

On motion the following Preamble and Resolutions was read.

Whereas the Trustees of the Newcastle Common have been informed that certain persons residing in school District No. 48 are applying to the Commissioners of the Levy Court to set off a portion of said district and to

add it to the combined districts No. 45 & 46, which contain the Town of Newcastle,

And whereas the Trustees sustain schools which are now crowded almost to their capacity, at a cost of three thousand five hundred dollars annually for the benefit of districts 45 & 46, which schools could not of course be sustained by the small amount received from the State School fund,

And whereas the Trustees being tax payers in District No. 48, know that the said district is small and weak and the withdrawal of four or five farms with their taxables and stock would not only further weaken No. 48, and moreover unjustly increase the tax of the Board of Trustees, therefore

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, respectfully represent to the Commissioners of the Levy Court the injustice of the attempted alterations asking them to deny the petition of the applicants

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be presented to the Levy Court.

And on motion the said preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees

On motion, Resolved, that the addition of thirty three and one third per cent to the salaries of all the teachers in the Newcastle Institute be extended to the thirtieth day of June next,

On motion the following ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Two hundred dollars be and





# STATEMENT

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

### OF THE TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON,

FROM MARCH 25TH, 1865, TO MARCH 25TH, 1866.

1865.	DR.	
March 25,	To Balance in Bank and Notes held by Treasurer,	\$237 59
April 10,	" Cash received from Prof. Wyman, for use of Hall,	4 00
May 7,	" " Farmers' Bank on bond, renewed,	500 00
July 28,	" " " " " " " " " "	900 00
August 3,	" " " " Alexander Biggs, 6 months rent,	400 00
Sept'r 4,	" " " " For use of Hall,	2 00
" 25,	" " " " William Hope, on account of rent,	235 00
Octob'r 0,	" " " " John O. Morrison, six months rent,	560 00
" 23,	" " " " Michael Callahan, " " " "	450 00
" 28,	" " " " James McCoy, " " " "	537 50
" 30,	" " " " William R. Stroup, " " " "	350 00
" " " "	" " " " William Smith, " " " "	300 00
Nov. 14,	" " " " Geo. W. Morrison, " " " "	250 00
Dec. 18,	" " " " For use of Hall,	2 00
" 23,	" " " " Wm. R. Stroup, rent in full to March 25, 1866,	
	with interest allowed,	311 75
" 12,	" " " " Bond renewed,	970 00
1866.		
Jan'y 27,	" " " " Alexander Biggs, one-half year's rent,	400 00
Feb'y 22,	" " " " Wm. Hanson & Co., for use of Hall,	2 00
March 10,	" " " " For use of Hall for exhibition,	3 00
" 21,	" " " " James McCoy, one-half year's rent,	537 50
" 22,	" " " " Geo. W. Morrison, one-half year's rent,	250 00
" " " "	" " " " George Jackson, 1 year's rent for part No 3,	200 00
" " " "	" " " " Frank Stillham, use of Hall for auction,	4 00
" " " "	" " " " Polk Kennedy & Co., for use of Hall,	450 00
" 24,	" " " " M. Callahan, one-half year's rent,	450 00
" " " "	" " " " John O. Morrison, one-half year's rent,	560 00
" " " "	" " " " Peter Sassaman, 7 months rent for room in Hall,	11 50
" " " "	" " " " Farmers' Bank on bond,	970 00
		\$12,555 62

Number of Shares of Gas Stock held by Trustees, 200

**AMOUNTS DUE TRUSTEES:**

1866, Mar. 25.	From William Hope,	\$1,483 40
" " " "	Thos. M. Ogle, one year's rent,	500 00
" " " "	" " " " 4 months and 24 days interest on \$250 00,	6 00
" " " "	William Smith, one-half year's rent,	300 00
		\$2,289 40

**TEACHERS OF NEW CASTLE INSTITUTE.**

Principal, William F. Lane, A. M.	Salary,	\$1,066 66
1st Assist. James M. Housman,	"	666 66
2d " Mrs. Ann Janvier,	"	400 00
Principal Female Dept., Miss S. A. Dusenbery,	"	533 33
Assistant " Miss Rebecca Challenger,	"	366 66
Amount paid Janitor and for Fuel, &c.		350 00
		\$3,383 31

Number of Pupils in Male Department, 166  
 " " " " Female " 109  
 Total, 275

1865.	CR.	
April 3,	By Cash paid John Janvier, Trea. School Committee, to pay Teachers,	\$900 00
" 6,	" " Acting Committee for use of Farms,	800 00
" 27,	" " Farmer's Bank on Bond,	1000 00
" 29,	" " Paul Barr, as Janitor,	32 60
" " "	" " Wm. Herbert, Interest paid on note in Bank,	5 33
" 3,	" " John Janvier, Treasurer School Committee,	800 00
" 7,	" " N. M. Cleaver, for Gas for Town Hall,	25 50
" 8,	" " James Giffon, for black maulin to trim Hall,	38 46
" 28,	" " Farmer's Bank on Bond,	1000 00
" 18,	" " Acting Committee to pay taxes,	474 45
" 14,	" " " " for use of Farms,	600 00
" 13,	" " John Janvier, Treasurer School Committee,	900 00
" 16,	" " Acting Committee, for lime, &c.,	1000 00
" 12,	" " Farmer's Bank on Bond,	1000 00
" 28,	" " John Janvier, Treasurer School Committee,	600 00
1866.		
" 11,	" " Mrs. Olivia Cannon, to buy fuel for poor,	100 00
" 20,	" " Acting Committee, for use of farms,	500 00
March 8,	" " Peter B. Vandover, services as secretary and for stamps,	35 85
" " "	" " Charles Vandover, for serving notices,	2 00
" 9,	" " William Herbert, for Stamps for Leases,	5 00
" 13,	" " Paul Barr, services as Janitor,	32 00
" 15,	" " William Herbert, salary as Treasurer,	150 00
" 24,	" " Farmer's Bank on Bond,	1000 00
" " "	" " H. J. Terry, Cashier, balance of debt due Bank,	1000 00
" " "	" " M. M. Cleaver, Treasurer, Gas for Town Hall,	30 00
" 25,	" " By balance in Bank,	791 63
		\$12,855 82

**FARMS BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE.**

NAME.	NO.	TENANT.	ACRES.	RENTS.	LEASE EXPIRES.
JEFFERSON,	1.	Ezekiel Fols,	90	Share rent.	March 25, 1867
STOCKTON,	2.	James McCoy,	175	\$1,075 00	" " 1868
OGLETHORPE,	3.	Thomas M. Ogle,	87	500 00	" " "
TWO LOTS, 4 & 7.		John C. Morrison,	36	220 00	" " 1869
CENTRE HALL,	5.	William R. Stroupe,	132	700 00	" " 1868
PENN,	6.	Michael Callahan,	141	Share rent.	" " 1867
UNION,	8.	John C. Morrison,	96	\$900 00	" " 1869
BAYARD,	9.	Alex. Biggs,	102	800 00	" " "
CLAYTON,	10.	George W. Morrison,	101	500 00	" " 1868
MODEL,	11.	Jesse Gooding,	110	Share rent.	" " 1867
PART OF No. 3.		George Jackson,	3	\$20 00	" " 1868

**TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON:**

THOMAS CHALLENGER,	Elected, March 24th, 1837.
ANDREW C. GRAY,	" Sept. 28th, 1839.
ELIHU JEFFERSON,	" Sept. 18th, 1841.
JAMES BLOUNT,	" March 21st, 1846.
JOHN JANVIER,	" June 30th, 1847.
WILLIAM COUPER,	" Jan. 23d, 1851.
WILLIAM H. DOBB,	" June 16th, 1852.
FERDINAND LEHNER,	" May 26th, 1855.
PETER B. VANDEVER,	" May 2d, 1857.
WILLIAM HERBERT,	" May 14th, 1859.
ALLEN V. LESLEY, M. D.,	" May 23d, 1863.
ISRAEL H. FOLS,	" Dec. 16th, 1866.
ONE TO ELECT.	

**WILLIAM HERBERT,**





dollars & fifty cents, therefore

Resolved that this Board approve of the purchase of said wheat and hereby accept the same at the price for which it was purchased by the said William Herbert, -

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts and vouchers of the Committee on Education, made report that they had performed that duty and found the accounts correct, which report was on motion adopted, and the Committee discharged,

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the acting Committee for the past year made report that they had examined the said accounts together with the vouchers, and found them correct, By which accounts it appears that the

Acting Committee had received the sum of \$3671.21  
& had expended the sum of \$3442.17

leaving a balance in Bank of \$229.04

And that the expenses of the several Farms & Lots were as follows, -

Jefferson Farm No 1 \$53.59	Penn Farm No 6 \$388.56
Stockton Farm 2 \$1325.89	Union .. 8 - 296.73
Oglethorpe No 3 - 41.79	Bayard 9 739.85
2-18 acre Lots 4 & 7 - 12.67	Clayton 10 182.06
Centre Hall, No 5 241.70	Model 11 268.33

which report was on motion adopted and the Committee discharged,

on motion, the following resolution, was read

Resolved, that the President of this Board be and he is hereby instructed to sell all the Gas stock belonging to the Trustees for the highest price that can be obtained for the same, - And upon the question

being taken upon the passage of that resolution, it was lost, -

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening June 5, 1866  
Present, Elisha Jefferson, President,  
John Jamieson, Allen & Lesley, William Herbert, James Blount, Thomas Challenger, William H. Dobb, Israel McFalls, Ferdinand Leckler and William Cooper

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting read and approved. - The Secretary not being present, William Cooper was appointed Secretary pro tem,

The Treasurer having reported the receipt by him from Henry McMillin late collector of taxes, of the sum of fourteen dollars, as the share of the balance of the sheep fund due to the school district No 45 & 46, It was on motion, Resolved that the Treasurer of the Board pay over the said sum of fourteen dollars to the Treasurer of the Committee on Education for the purposes of that committee,

On motion, It was Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the President to hold an election on Saturday the twenty third inst for a Trustee of the Newcastle Common to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the removal of James Crispin from the Town of Newcastle, - The President appointed as the committee, William H. Dobb, Ferdinand Leckler and Allen & Lesley, who are to give the notice required by the By Laws,

On motion, It was Resolved that the acting Committee be directed to hold at the disposal of the Town Commissioners for sanitary purposes one hundred fifty bushels of lime

Paid

On motion it was Resolved, more than nine members being present and all consenting thereto, that the sum of sixteen hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the Acting Committee, one thousand dollars thereof to pay for fuel and the remaining six hundred dollars for Tools and other material, And that the further sum of Eight hundred and fifty dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the Committee on Education for the purposes of the schools under their charge, orders to be drawn in the usual form for these appropriations

On motion, permission was given to Mr. William Smith late a tenant under the Trustees to make a statement to the Board in explanation of a claim upon the Trustees amounting to \$389.<sup>42</sup> for materials and work alleged to have been furnished and done by him on the farm left by him on the twenty fifth day of March last, the account commencing in 1856 and ending in 1865. - After hearing Mr. Smith's statement it was, on motion, Resolved, that his account be again referred to the Acting Committee, with instructions to allow him such items thereof as they may consider justly due,

On motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening September 4<sup>th</sup> 1866. present,

Thomas Challenger, James Blount, William Cooper, William H. Dobb, William Herbert, Allen V. Lesley, Israel H. Fols, John White and Peter B. Vandevoy,

The President being absent on motion Thomas

Challenger was appointed President, pro tem

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved,

The committee appointed to hold an Election for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of James Crispin from the Town of Newcastle, - made the following report,

At an election held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle June 25<sup>th</sup> 1866, the following were the votes cast for Trustee of the Newcastle Common, viz, For J. E. Massey 71 votes, John White 115 votes, George Gray one vote, - And we the Trustees appointed to hold said election do certify that John White, having received the majority of all the votes polled at said election, is duly chosen as Trustee in place of James Crispin removed from the Town of Newcastle

Committee } W. H. Dobb  
                  } H. Leckler  
                  } Allen Vanhook Lesley

which report after being read, was adopted, And on motion John White took his seat as a member of the Board of Trustees,

On motion the following bills were allowed, viz,

Paid To the Newcastle Gas Co for gas to June 25 1866 \$21.60  
Paid " the Committee Clerk for holding election 10.00

Resolved, that the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby instructed to have the pavement in the Green leading from Orange street towards Market street, and the pavement leading therefrom up to the Academy taken up and re-laid, also to cause to be made the necessary gutters in connection with such pavements for carrying off the surplus water,

On motion William H. Dobb was substituted for



James Crispen, on the Committee on Public Buildings

Resolved, that the tenants of the Trustees who farm upon the share rent, keep a regular account of their marketing, shewing the number of pounds of butter sold and the quantity of eggs and poultry disposed of each market day, exhibiting in the aggregate the amount received each market day,

Resolved that the acting Committee, make such temporary arrangements with the Newcastle and Wilmington Rail Road Company in regard to the fences on the Farm now tenanted by Ezekiel Fols, as they may deem proper.

On motion William H. Dobb and Israel H. Fols were appointed a Committee to take charge of the Fire Engine put the Engine in good order and keep it in that condition

On Motion Resolved that the Committee on Public Buildings make a report to this Board of all their receipts and disbursements from the time they made their last report

On motion the following Ordinances were passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight Hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janney, Treasurer of the Committee on Education for the support of the Newcastle Institute, —

<sup>Paid</sup>  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Seventy five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the Committee on Public Buildings for the repairs of the pavement in the 'Green',

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William Herbert the Treasurer of the Board, produced a statement of the proceeds of the sale of the personal property of William Hooper, late a tenant of this Board, as follows,

Cashed from George S. Hengary & Co	\$ 691.35
" " Interest on notes taken	7.15
" " E. Jefferson for 159 1/2 Bu, wheat @ \$2.55	406.98
	<u>\$ 1105.38</u>
Less Expenses	72.30
Nett amount	\$ 1033.08

And on motion the nett amount of \$1033.08 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the said William Hooper,

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Saturday evening the third day of November A.D. 1866, called on the request of two members present, Oliver Jefferson, President, William H. Dobb, Israel H. Fols, James Blount, Ferdinand Leckler, John White, and Peter B. Vandever,

and motion the following Preamble and Resolutions were read and unanimously adopted,

Whereas there appears in the Delaware Republican of Thursday last, a communication signed "George Webster", reflecting upon the finances of this Board and upon the character of the Treasurer of the Board,

Therefore, Resolved, that the members of this Board hereby declare that they have entire confidence in the integrity and honesty of William Herbert, and that he is a good, worthy and efficient officer, performing all his duties as Treasurer of the Board with energy, ability, and fidelity, and that any and all reports to the contrary are utterly untrue and false, and the insinuations that the teachers are not paid is gratuitous and untrue, they are well paid and promptly paid by John

Janner, Esquire, the Treasurer of the Committee on Education out of the funds of the trustees appropriated for that purpose,

Resolved, that the report circulated charging this Board with paying to William Herbert for his services, as one of the acting committee to superintend the Farm, the sum of three dollars for each and every time he visits the farm is not true, his services are rendered without pay or reward either from this Board or from any other source,

Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions signed by the President of the Board and attested by the Secretary, be published in the Delaware Gazette, and in the Delaware State Journal in the edition of Tuesday next,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the fourth day of December A.D. 1866, present,

Elihu Jefferson, President

James Brown, John Janner, William Cooper, William H. Dolt, William Herbert, John White, Ferdinand Leckler & Peter B. Windsor

The minutes of the proceedings of the two last meetings were read and approved,

An application of Wilson G. Fields and others for the privilege of the use of the Town room in the Academy was read and on motion laid on the table

An application asking the use of one of the school rooms for Mrs. George B. Rodney & others, for the purpose of holding a night school for females was read, and on motion the following resolution was adopted,

Resolved, that permission is hereby granted, during the pleasure of the Board, to Mrs. George B. Rodney and the Prudens Dever, to use for the purposes of a night school the

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Rooms now occupied by Miss Challenger, provided that they employ a suitable person to take charge of the room, see to the fires that they are left in a safe condition, and that they carefully commit no injury or damage to any of the Books or the furniture in the room, and see that the building is closed after the scholars dismissed;

And on motion the same privilege was granted unto Robert Murray, for the use of the room occupied by Mr. Manseman, subject to the same restrictions & conditions;

On motion the following accounts was allowed,  
Paid Henry Eckel for printing \$2.80

On motion the following ordinances were passed;

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of Mrs. Maria Common for the purpose of purchasing fuel &c. for the Term of the Term of Newcastle,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Six hundred and twenty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janner, Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of thirty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of William H. Dolt and Israel H. Fols, for expenses incurred in putting the Good Will Fire Engine in order—

And on motion the Board adjourned



At a special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common held on Monday the fourteenth day of January A.D.  
1847, in the request of two members, present

Elihu Jefferson, President,

William H. Dobb, Israel H. Fols, James Blount, William Herbert,  
John White, William Crisper Allen & Lesley & Ferdinand Leckler,

The secretary being absent Allen & Lesley was appointed Secretary pro tem,

On motion, Resolved, That George D. Rodney, William G. Whiteley  
and Andrew C. Gray, Esquires, be and they are hereby constituted a  
committee to proceed to Dover, and represent to the Legislature  
the views and interests of this Board in relation to the removal  
of the Court House and offices,

On motion, Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, being by far the largest taxpayer of Newcastle Hundred  
and representing the interests of over one third of the inhabitants  
of said Hundred is unanimously opposed to the removal of the  
Court House and County offices, and in case of removal it unani-  
mously desires a division of the County into two new Counties,

On motion the following ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common

That five members being all present and all assenting thereto that the sum  
of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated sub-  
ject to the order of George D. Rodney, William G. Whiteley, and Andrew  
C. Gray, for the payment of the expenses of the committee to Dover,

On motion, Resolved, That the Town & Hundred be canvassed  
and that Ferdinand Leckler & Israel H. Fols be and they hereby are  
appointed a committee to make the canvass,

On motion the bill of the Newcastle Gas Company for \$28.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> was  
allowed.

Resolved, That the resolution of the opinion of this Board relative to  
the removal of the Court House & offices, be published in the Delaware  
Gazette, Delaware Republican and in the Delawarean

And on motion the Board adjourned.

At a special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, held on Saturday evening the 26th day of January A.D.  
1847, in the request of two members,

present Elihu Jefferson, President

James Blount, John Jamies, Israel H. Fols, John White, William  
Herbert, William H. Dobb, Allen & Lesley & Peter B. Vandever.

On motion the following communication was read,

To the Trustees of the Newcastle Common

Gentlemen, I am desirous of assigning  
the Lease now held by me from you, to some suitable person for  
the balance or remaining term of the term, being one year from the  
25th day of March next, and would be pleased if you would at as  
early day as possible take some action on the matter.

Jan'y 22<sup>d</sup> 1847,

Thos M. Ogle

Whereupon on motion, the following resolution was passed,

Resolved, That this Board now proceed to choose by ballot a  
proper person to whom the Lease of Thomas M. Ogle shall be as-  
signed, the assignee to covenant and agree to and with the Trustees  
to do and perform all and singular the covenants and agreements  
which on the part & behalf of the said Thomas M. Ogle are and ought  
to be performed and done, the expenses of the assignment to be  
paid by the said Thomas M. Ogle, or by the assignee, -

The President appointed William H. Dobb & John White, tellers,  
After a number of ballotings resulting in no choice or selection  
from among the numerous applicants, on motion the Board  
adjourned to Tuesday evening the 29<sup>th</sup> inst. at 7 1/2 o'clock. -

Tuesday evening January 29<sup>th</sup> 1847 the Board of Trustees met  
pursuant to adjournment, present

Elihu Jefferson, President,

Thomas Challenger, James Blount, John Jamies, W. H. Dobb, Allen & Lesley, Andrew  
C. Gray, Israel H. Fols, W. Herbert, John White & Peter B. Vandever.





Paid

thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janney, Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute

On motion the room on the first or basement floor of the Town Hall now occupied by James Kennedy, was granted unto him, he to keep the same in good order and condition, to pay to the Trustees the Rent of twenty five dollars per annum in equal quarterly payments, and to surrender the possession to the Trustees on thirty days notice,

A communication from the Town Commissioners requesting an appropriation for the purpose of paying off their present debt was read, and on motion laid over until the next meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That the use of the Rooms in the Town Hall shall not be granted to any person, until the sum of Three dollars is paid to the Treasurer, one dollar thereof to be paid to the Janitor for his services for opening and closing the Rooms.

On motion, Resolved, That the use of the Rooms in the first floor of the Newcastle Institute Building, at the North East end thereof, be granted to John M. Mandell, on the following conditions, to wit; To produce letters of recommendation to the satisfaction of the Committee on Education, to pay a rent of thirty two dollars per year, in quarterly payments of Eight dollars each, and to surrender the possession of the rooms to the Trustees on three months notice. And the Committee on Public Building, are hereby directed to have a door cut in the North East end or in the North West side of the said Building as they may deem best adapted to the purposes of the Trustees.

On motion, Resolved, That Almond Lesley, William H. Deily and Ferdinand Leckler be and they are hereby appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements for a Supper at the Hotel of Albert Butler, on Tuesday evening the twelfth inst, for the Trustees of the Newcastle Common and for the several Tenants of the Trustees, and that the said committee be hereby requested to give a special invitation to each of the said Tenants.

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MAY 27 1874  
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# STATEMENT

# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

## Trustees of New Castle Common,

From March 25th, 1867, to March 25th, 1868.

1867.	DR.	Amount
March 25th,	To Balance in Bank,	11,129 17
April 18,	Cash received from J. C. Morrison, 6 months rent,	500 00
"	Geo. W. Morrison, 6 months rent,	250 00
June 4,	Paul Barr, for use of Hall,	6 00
" 25,	Ezekiel Fols, 3 months marketing,	51 25
"	Michael Callahan, 3 months marketing,	61 00
"	do do for hay sold,	60 00
"	Alex. Biggs, 6 months rent,	400 00
August 27,	Jesse Gooding, 332 bush. oats sold @ 65 cents,	216 50
September 18,	E. Fols, 144 bush. wheat sold @ \$2.50,	360 00
" 25,	M. Callahan, 3 months marketing,	140 00
"	E. Fols,	31 25
"	do 164 bush. oats sold @ 60 cents,	98 40
October 15,	M. Callahan, 273 bush. wheat sold @ \$2.50,	683 75
" 18,	James McCoy, 6 months rent,	375 00
" 22,	Douglas McCoy, 6 months rent,	250 00
" 23,	Jesse Gooding, 40 bush. wheat sold to Gooding @ \$2.70,	108 00
" 24,	Wm. H. Stroup, 6 months rent,	350 00
" 24,	Paul Barr, use of Hall,	3 00
" 31,	John C. Morrison, 6 months rent,	500 00
November 2,	Jesse Gooding, 87 bush. wheat @ \$2.31,	202 71
"	Geo. W. Morrison, 6 months rent,	250 00
December 6,	M. Callahan, 323 bush. oats @ 65 cents,	210 00
" 25,	E. Fols, 3 months marketing,	74 86
"	do 550 lbs. pork @ \$9.00,	49 50
1868.		
January 6,	Mrs. M. Callahan, 3 months marketing,	90 18
" 22,	do do 1010 lbs. pork @ 9 cents,	90 90
" 27,	E. Fols, 189 bush. corn @ \$1.12,	211 80
" 29,	Jesse Gooding, 152 bush. corn @ \$1.12,	171 02
"	Alex. Biggs, 6 months rent,	400 00
February 25,	Mrs. M. Callahan, 242 bush. corn @ \$1.12,	271 14
March 13,	Paul Barr, use of Hall,	26 25
" 18,	E. Fols, 171 bush. potatoes @ \$1.50,	256 50
" 20,	James McCoy, 6 months rent,	250 00
" 23,	Douglas McCoy, 6 months rent,	250 00
" 25,	Mrs. M. Callahan, 3 months marketing,	66 20
"	E. Fols, 3 months marketing,	67 01
"	Wm. H. Stroup, 6 months rent,	350 00
" 25,	G. W. Morrison,	250 00
"	John C. Morrison, 6 months rent,	500 00
"	Geo. Jackson, one year's rent for 3 acres,	20 00
"	Jas. Kennedy, one year's rent of room in Hall,	25 00
		29,967 11

### AMOUNTS DUE TRUSTEES.

From William Hope, \$457 87

### TEACHERS OF NEW CASTLE INSTITUTE.

Name	Salary
Principal, William F. Lane, A. M.,	
1st. Assistant, James M. Housman,	
2d. " Mrs. Ann Janvier,	
3d. " Miss Mary King,	
Principal Female Department, Miss T. A. Dusenbery,	
Assistant " do. Rebecca Challenger,	

Number of Pupils in Male Department,	200
" " Female "	140
Total,	340

1867.	CR.	Amount
March 27,	By Cash paid F. Leckler, Wm. H. Dobbs & Jas. Blount, Com. on Pub. Build.	100 00
April 30,	John Lanvic, Committee on Education,	850 00
May 5,	Olevice W. Cannon, for fuel for poor,	100 00
" 8,	do do,	200 00
" 13,	Janvier, Herbert, & Fols, Acting Com. use of farms,	500 00
" 15,	M. M. Cleaver, Gas for lower Hall,	12 00
" 25,	John Janvier, Committee on Education,	900 00
" 25,	do do,	900 00
" 25,	Janvier, Herbert, & Fols, Acting Com. use of farms,	1,000 00
" 25,	Town Commissioners to pay Gas Bill,	519 00
June 6,	do do,	875 00
1868.		
January 2,	John Janvier, Committee on Education,	1,000 00
" 20,	Janvier, Herbert, & Fols, Acting Committee,	100 00
February 15,	Robt. Martin, Amphion Cornet Band of New Castle,	500 00
" 29,	Janvier, Herbert, & Fols, Acting Committee,	429 00
March 13,	M. M. Cleaver, Gas for Town Lamps,	12 00
" 13,	do do Hall,	150 00
" 13,	Wm. Herbert, Salary as Treasurer,	2 00
" 13,	Chas. M. Vandever, for serving notices on Tenants,	51 20
" 14,	P. B. Vandever, Salary as Secretary and for Stamps,	20 00
" 17,	Margaret Bradford, winding Town Clock,	32 00
" 25,	Paul Barr, Janitor of Town Hall,	1,674 91
	Balance in Bank	89,967 11

### ACTING COMMITTEE.

I. H. FOLS,  
WM. HERBERT,  
WM. H. DOBB,  
FERDINAND LECKLER,  
JAMES BLOUNT,  
PETER B. VANDEYER.

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

WM. HERBERT,  
I. H. FOLS.

### FARMS BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE.

NAME	NO.	TENANT	ACRES	RENTS	LEASE EXPIRES
JEFFERSON	1	Ezekiel Fols	90	Share rent	March 25, 1869
STOCKTON	2	James McCoy	175	\$1,500 00	" "
ORLETHOPPE	3	Douglas McCoy	87	Share	" "
TWO LOTS 4 & 7	4 & 7	John C. Morrison	96	220 00	" "
CENTRE HALL	5	William R. Stroupe	192	Share rent	" "
PEEN	6	Michael Callahan	141	"	" "
UNION	8	John C. Morrison	96	\$900 00	" "
BAYARD	9	Alex. Biggs	102	800 00	" "
CLAYTON	10	George W. Morrison	101	800 00	" "
MODEL	11	Jesse Gooding	110	Share rent	" "
PART OF No. 3		George Jackson	9	\$80 00	" "

### Trustees of New Castle Common:

THOMAS CHALLENGER,	Elected, March 34th, 1837
ANDREW O. GRAY,	Sept. 28th, 1839
ELIHU JEFFERSON,	18th, 1841
JAMES BLOUNT,	March 21st, 1840
JOHN JANVIER,	June 21st, 1847
WILLIAM COUPER,	Jan. 23d, 1851
WILLIAM H. DOBB,	June 16th, 1852
FERDINAND LECKLER,	May 26th, 1855
PETER B. VANDEYER,	" 2d, 1857
WILLIAM HERBERT,	" 14th, 1859
ALLEN V. LESLEY, M. D.,	" 23d, 1863
ISRAEL H. FOIS,	Dec. 16th, 1865
JOHN WHITE,	June 23d, 1866





The Committee on the accounts of the Acting Committee made report that they had examined the accounts and found them correct. — by which report it appears that the acting Committee had received the sum of \$2,639.00 and expended the sum of 2537.81 leaving a balance unexpended of \$101.19

The expenditures for the several farms being as follows

Jefferson Farm	\$462.61	Perrin Farm	\$264.96
Stockton "	88.17	Union "	86.65
Oglethorpe "	103.18	Bayard "	101.48
Two Lots	12.55	Clayton "	257.26
Centre Hall "	330.70	Model "	827.12

which report was on motion adopted & the Committee discharged. On motion the account of the Newcastle Gas for bill for gas to March 25 1867 was allowed for \$12.00

The Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, made report that they had examined the accounts and found them correct, the Treasurer having received the sum of \$3447.55, up to Dec 31st 1866 & expended the sum of 3454.25 " " " " leaving a deficiency of \$6.70, which report on motion was approved & the Committee discharged.

A communication from George B. Rodney, Esq, was read, and the communication together with a certain account of William Smith, to which it refers was on motion referred to the acting Committee with instructions to make report to the Board at the next meeting.

On motion the following Resolutions were passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Directors of the Newcastle Common

# STATEMENT









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JURORS OF NEW CASTLE

Nov 5  
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1857  
Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting committee, for the purchase of Lime & spate and rails,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of nine hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John James, Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute,

On motion, Resolved that the Committee on public buildings be and they are hereby instructed to put the paving at the North East end of the said walk in good order, and if necessary to cause a well of proper size and location to be made, the same to be done during the summer vacation of the schools,

On motion the following ordinance and resolution was passed,

1857  
Nov 4  
1857

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, nine members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of five hundred and nineteen dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Town Commissioners of the Town of Newcastle, <sup>(to be paid)</sup> as soon as the Treasurers have funds for that purpose, to pay off a portion of the present debt of the Commissioners of the said Town of Newcastle,

Resolved, That this Board will pay the gas bill for the Town lamps, for the year commencing on the 25 day of March last, and it is hereby declared that this resolution is passed solely for the purpose of relieving the Town Commissioners from their present embarrassments, and not to be considered as to extend beyond the current year, and on the further condition that the present Town Commissioners shall not make any expenditures beyond the amount

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they are authorized by law, and shall not leave any debt unpaid at the expiration of their term of office,

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the 3<sup>d</sup> day of September A.D. 1867. present

Elohuo Jefferson, President

John Janvier, A. T. Lesley, Thomas Challenger, James Blount, William Cooper, Ferdinand Zickler, William H. Dobb, William Herbert, John White, Israel G. Holt and Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved, the Committee of the Treasurers accounts, made report, that they have performed their duty and found his account correct; that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1866 there was a balance of \$ 794.63

that he has received since that time up to March 25<sup>th</sup> 1867 } 2656.46 & 8,451.09

And that he has paid out as per vouchers exhibited the sum of } 2,321.73  
Leaving a balance on hand March 25<sup>th</sup> 1867 of \$ 1129.36

which report on motion was accepted and the Committee discharged,

On motion, Resolved, that the Farms now in the tenure of James McCoy, Douglass McCoy, William R. Stroup and George W. Morrison, whose Leases expire on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next be offered to the said tenants for one year from that time on the following terms, to wit:

To James McCoy at a cash rent of	\$ 1500.00
" Douglass McCoy " " "	700.00
" William R. Stroup " " "	1200.00
" George W. Morrison " " "	800.00

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or on the share rent, at the discretion of the tenant, and that the acting Committee offer the farms to the said tenants on those terms, and make report to this Board at an adjourned meeting to be held on Tuesday evening the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September next

On motion, Resolved, that the lot now in the tenure of George Jackson, be offered to him for the term of one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next, at the rent of thirty dollars

Mrs Priestley makes application to the Board for the use of the room on the first floor of the Newcastle Institute at the North East end, - Whereupon

On motion the use of the said room was granted to her during the pleasure of the Board, (on condition that all expenses incurred in altering and fitting up the room shall be born by her, any alterations in the room to be done under the direction of the Committee on public buildings)

A communication from the Members of The Amphion Cornet Band of Newcastle Delaware, soliciting pecuniary aid from the Trustees, <sup>(unacted)</sup> Whereupon, on motion the following resolution was passed,

Resolved that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the benefit of the Amphion Cornet Band of Newcastle Delaware, to be paid as soon as the said Band has received sufficient funds to carry out their intentions, by adding thereto the amount hereby appropriated, - And the question being taken on the passage of the resolution, it was lost,

And on motion the Board adj<sup>d</sup> to Tuesday evening the 10<sup>th</sup> inst at 7 1/2 of clock



Tuesday evening September 10<sup>th</sup> 1867 the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, next pursuant to adjournment, present.

Thomas Challenge, James Blount, John Janvier, Mr. Leckler, Allen W. Lerley, William H. Selt, William Cooper, William Herbert, Israel H. Hols, John White & Sanders

The President being absent on motion William Cooper was appointed President, pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President appeared and took the chair.

The acting committee made report in pursuance of a Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board as follows.

That William R. Stamp would take his farm and the share rent, the same terms as Callahan's.

That Douglas M. Coy, would take his farm on a share rent, same as the others, and do what fencing he may require, the Trustees furnishing the material, or will give six hundred dollars yearly, the Trustees putting up one hundred panel of fence and M. Coy fifty.

That George W. Morrison declines to accept the Farm on the terms offered by the Board, but that he would accept it a rent of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

That James M. Coy declines to accept the Farm on the terms offered by the Board, but that he will take it at a rent of thirteen hundred and seventy five dollars.

On motion, Resolved, that the Farm now leased to William R. Stamp, be and the same is hereby rented to him for one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next, on the share rent, the same as the Lease now held by Michael Callahan

with this attention, and addition, that he keep an account of the sale of all the produce sold from the Farm, and make monthly payments to the Treasurer, at the same time depositing with the Treasurer a statement showing what has been sold, and the amount received therefor.

On motion, Resolved, that the Farm now in the tenure of Douglas M. M. Coy, be and the same is hereby rented to him for one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next, on the share rent, on the same terms and conditions as the Lease to be drawn to William R. Stamp.

George W. Morrison, through a member of the Board stated that he would give the sum of Eight hundred dollars rent for the farm he now occupies for the term of one year.

Whereupon, on motion

Resolved, that the Farm now occupied by George W. Morrison be leased to him for the term of one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next, for the sum of Eight hundred dollars subject to the usual covenants and conditions, on motion the following Resolution was read, Resolved, that the proposition of James M. Coy to take the farm now in his tenure, for the term of one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next for the sum of thirteen hundred and seventy five dollars be accepted, And a motion being made the above resolutions were laid on the table until Tuesday evening next the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

on motion Resolved that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Tuesday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

On motion the following Ordinance was passed.

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Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janvier Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order in common form be drawn for the payment of the same.





Callahan, having since departed this life without having signified to this Board his acceptance of the said extension;

Therefore, Resolved, that the said farm be leased to Mrs Mary Callahan, for the term of one year from the 25th day of March next on the same terms and conditions as were offered to her husband the said Michael Callahan.

On motion the following ordinances were passed. —

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common School, members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the Amphion Cornet Band of the Town of Newcastle, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same. —

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, twelve members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Eight hundred and seventy five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of John Janney Treasurer of the Committee on Education for the support of the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, twelve members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of Mrs Olivia W. Cannon, for Fuel &c for the poor of the Town of Newcastle, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, twelve members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee, for taxes, fuel, materials &c, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

The Acting Committee reported that they had

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come to a settlement with William Smith for all claims which he has against the Trustees, for the sum of one hundred dollars, — which report, on motion was accepted and approved by the Board. —

And on motion the Board adjourned. —

At an Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening March 3<sup>d</sup> 1868, present,

Oliver Jefferson, President,  
Thomas Challenger, William H. Golt, Ferdinand Lecker  
William Herbert, Israel H. Fols, Peter B. Vandever.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Board went into an election for officers for the ensuing year, W. H. Golt & William Herbert were appointed Telling. — Whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that the following persons were duly elected, they respectively having received a majority of votes,

Oliver Jefferson, President  
Acting Committee: John Janney, William Herbert & Israel H. Fols, — Committee on Education, John Janney, William Herbert, Allen T. Lesley, Israel H. Fols and Peter B. Vandever.

The Treasurer of the Committee on Education exhibited a statement of his accounts for the past year, which was on motion referred to a committee of two, William H. Golt and Ferdinand Lecker. —

The Acting Committee exhibited a statement of their receipts and disbursements for the past year, which was on motion referred to a committee of three consisting of William H. Golt, Ferdinand Lecker and William Couper.

On motion William Couper and Allen T. Lesley were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's





The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board read and approved,

On motion, the following ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Ten members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the support of the Newcastle Institute, payable to the order of Peter B. Vandever, Treasurer of the Committee on Education and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay for the Gas consumed by the Street Lamps for the Quarter ending March 25<sup>th</sup> 1868, subject to the order of the Newcastle Gas Company. And that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

The several Committees appointed by this Board at their meeting on the third day of March last, not being ready to report, on motion the said Committees were continued with instructions to make report at the next meeting.

And on motion the Board Adj<sup>d</sup>.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening the first day of September A.D. 1868, present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
Ferdinand Leikler, William Herbert, J. H. Sells, Jas. Mount  
Thomas Challenge, W. H. Solt, William Couper, <sup>John White</sup> and Peter B. Vandever.

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Acting Committee, Reported that they had per-

formed that duty, and found their account correct. - On motion the report was accepted and approved and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board, and the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, not being prepared to make report, on motion the said Committee were continued.

On motion the following Resolution was passed. Resolved, that the acting Committee shall hereafter keep a separate account with each farm, showing the amount received from the farm, the amount expended thereon, and the net profits thereof.

On motion the following ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the support of the Newcastle Institute payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening the first day of December A.D. 1868, present,

John Janvier, William Couper, William Herbert, Israel H. Sells, Allen W. Lesley, Ferdinand Leikler, William H. Solt, Thomas Challenge, John White & Peter B. Vandever.

The President being absent, on motion William Couper was appointed President pro tempore.

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved, on motion, the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts were continued.

A communication from John C. Morrison, in relation to renting the Farm and the Lots now in his tenure was read.



On motion of Allen D. Lesley the following resolution was read,  
Resolved, That the Farm and the two Lots of land now  
in the tenure of John G. Morrison be offered to him for the  
term of one year from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March next, on the  
share rent, with the additional rent or sum of three  
hundred dollars for the Hotel privileges. Israel H. Fols  
moved that that resolution be amended by adding thereto,  
with the privilege of taking the same at the cash rent of  
fifty hundred dollars. - A. D. Lesley made a motion  
to that amendment, to make it \$1000. in lieu of \$1400. -

The question being taken on the amendment to the  
amendment it was Lost. - and the question being taken  
on the amendment to the resolution it was Carried.

Whereupon motion the original resolution as amended  
was adopted, A Bill of the Newcastle Gas Company was allowed for \$58.30

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto, that  
the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appro-  
priated, payable to order of Mrs. Olivia W. Cannon, for the purpose  
of purchasing fuel &c for the poor of the Town of Newcastle, and that  
a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto  
that the sum of Six hundred and seventy five dollars be and  
the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the  
Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for the support of  
the Newcastle Institute, and that a check or order be drawn  
for the payment of the same. -

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle  
Common, nine members being present and all assenting thereto  
that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the bill of the  
Newcastle Gas Co. allowed by the Board, at this meeting for the  
sum of \$58.<sup>30</sup>

On motion, Resolved, That the secretary notify Mr. James  
Kennedy, that they will require from him on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
March next, full, lawful & peaceable possession, of the Room and

premises now in his possession, being the Room on the ground floor  
of the Town Hall, in the Town of Newcastle, on the South Easterly side  
of the passage way leading into the Market House. -

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee on Education are hereby  
instructed to give proper notice that there shall not be any visitors  
admitted into the school rooms, during school hours under any  
pretence whatever, unless by special permission of the Committee  
on Education.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by Allen  
D. Lesley, and on motion they were unanimously adopted. -

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common  
has sustained the loss of a member by death,

Resolved, That the decease of the late James Blount  
one of the oldest members of the Board is acknowledged as  
a loss in our circle which we shall long be sensible of,  
and appreciating his many kindly qualities of heart he possessed,  
we trust that the harmony he always sought to promote here  
is now accorded to him in full measure.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be commu-  
nicated, with the sympathies of the Board, to his family. -

On motion the following Ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Com-  
mon, That an Election be held at the Court House in the  
Town of Newcastle, on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December  
next, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and five  
o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Com-  
mon to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the de-  
cease of James Blount, and that a Committee of three be ap-  
pointed to hold said election. Whereupon the President pro-  
tem appointed William H. Dobb, Ferdinand Leckler and Israel  
H. Fols. said Committee,

And on motion the Board adjourned. -

At an Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening March 2<sup>d</sup> 1869,  
present Collier Jefferson, President  
Thomas Challenge, Ferdinand Leckler, John White, W. Herbert  
Israel H. Fols, Allen D. Lesley, William Cooper, W. H. Dobb  
John Janver and Peter B. Vanderey.



The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,

On motion, the Board proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year, Allen D. Lesley & William Couper were appointed Tellers. — Whereupon on counting the ballots it appeared that

Edwin Jefferson was duly elected President,  
William Herbert " " Treasurer,

William Herbert

Israel H. Fols &

John White were duly elected the acting Committee and Peter B. Vandever one of the Committee on Education.

The Board proceeded to ballot for the two other members of the Committee on Education, but after a number of ballottings without any one person receiving a majority of the votes, the election of the two members of the Committee was on motion postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion, the Committee on Education was reduced from five members to three,

On motion the following report was read,

The undersigned Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of this Board for the year beginning March 25<sup>th</sup> 1867 and ending March 25<sup>th</sup> 1868. Report that they have performed the duty assigned them and the receipts for that year was as follows, viz:

From Farms let for money rent, James McCoy	..	\$1075.00
" " " John C. Morrison	900.	1120.00
" " " Geo. W. Morrison	..	500.00
" " " Alex. Beggs	..	800.00
" " " Douglass McCoy	..	500.00
" " " W. R. Shoup	-	700.00
From Farms let on shares, Ezekiel Fols	900.25	\$4495.00
" " " M. Callahan	1673.64	
" " " Jesse Gording	198.07	3276.96
From Geo. Jackson for Rent of Lot		\$7976.96
" James Kennedy, Rent of Room in Town Hall		25.00

Sundry persons for the use of the Hall.

Total 8027.96

which was deposited in the Farmers Bank to the credit of the Trustees of Newcastle Common, the amt. at their credit at the end of the previous year was

\$ 1129.15

add amt then due but afterwards paid

810.00

which added to the receipts for the year as above

\$ 1939.15

8027.96

The disbursements for the year were

\$ 9967.11

Bal. on hand 25<sup>th</sup> March 1868 per Bank Book — \$ 1674.91

The Committee would mention a suggestion made by the Treasurer Mr Herbert as a means of more particularly examining the Treasurer's account. — It is that as now some of the farms are let on shares, the tenants of those farms should furnish quarterly or half yearly a statement signed by them respectively showing what has been sold or delivered by them during the previous quarter or half year, and the amount received and paid over for what has been sold, these statements being preserved by the Treasurer would serve as vouchers to compare with the entries on his accounts.

Newcastle July 12<sup>th</sup> 1868,

Allen Stokes Lesley  
W. Couper

which report was on motion approved and the Committee discharged.

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

P Newcastle Gas Co, for Gas to Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> 1868	-	\$ 20.00
P Paul Barr, Janitor		32.00
P Peter B. Vandever, Secretary's Salary, 4 statements		52.30
P William Herbert Treasurer's Salary		150.00
P Margaret Bradford winding Town Clock		34.00
P W. G. Dobb, J. Seckler & J. H. Fols, Com. holding Election		8.00
		\$ 292.30

On motion the Secretary was authorized to procure a suitable book to enter the minutes of the proceedings of this Board.

A communication was received from the Directors of the Newcastle Reading Room and Library Association



asking an appropriation of Two hundred dollars to assist them in carrying out the object of the Association.

And the question being taken on the passage of an Ordinance appropriating that amount, it was lost.

On motion, James Kennedy, was permitted to retain possession of the room in the Basement of the Town Hall, now occupied by him, at the rate of twenty five dollars per annum upon the condition that he will surrender the possession thereof to the Trustees at any time, on ten days notice.

A communication was read from James M. Housman Assistant Teacher in the Newcastle Institute, asking an appropriation for additional services.

And the question being taken on an Ordinance appropriating the sum of Two hundred dollars, and fifty dollars, it was lost. — On motion, an Ordinance was offered appropriating \$125. to James M. Housman for additional services, and the question being taken on the passage of that Ordinance it was lost.

The Committee appointed to hold an Election on the 12th day of December last for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of James Blount. Reported that they had held the Election on that day, and as no one person had received a majority of the votes cast, there was no election. Whereupon,

On motion the following Ordinance was passed

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that an Election be held at the Court House in the Town of Newcastle on Saturday the twentieth day of March inst, between the hours of twelve o'clock, noon, and five o'clock in the afternoon, for one Trustee of the Newcastle Common, to fill the vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the decease of James Blount, and that William Mc Gobb, Ferdinand Teckler, and Israel Mc Gobb be the Committee to hold said Election giving ten days notice of the time & place of holding the same to the Inhab-

itants of the Town of Newcastle qualified to elect Trustees, and in case there should be no election on that day of a Trustee then and in such case the said Committee are hereby authorized to proceed in holding elections, giving six days notice thereof until a Trustee be duly elected to fill said vacancy.

On motion the following Ordinance was passed.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Eleven members being present, and all assenting thereto that the sum of Three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, & that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Sixteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee, for taxes, Lime, carpentry &c, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of Two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Newcastle Reading Room & Library Association, and that the further sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of James M. Housman for additional services rendered as a Teacher in the Newcastle Institute up to March 31st inst, and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the amounts of the said appropriations.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, Eleven members being present and all assenting thereto, that checks or orders be drawn for the payments of the accounts allowed at this meeting, amounting to the sum of Two hundred and ninety two dollars and thirty cents.

And on motion the Board adjourned.



At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
the Newcastle Commons, called by the President of the Board,  
and held on Saturday the 13th day of March A.D. 1869

Present, Elisha Jefferson, President,

Andrew C Gray, William Cooper, Israel H. Fols,

John Janvier, William H. Dobb, Ferdinand Leckle

and Allen V. Lesley,

The Secretary being absent, on motion Allen V. Lesley  
was appointed Secretary pro tem.

A communication from H. C. Spurrance, George Gray  
and James G. Thayer, committee appointed by a Town mee-  
ting held in the Court House March 9th, was read. Also a  
draft of an Act of incorporation of the Newcastle Water  
works Co. Also a draft of an Act amendatory of an  
Act of Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1792, enlarging the powers of the Trust-  
ees of the Newcastle Commons.

Whereupon Andrew C. Gray offered the following resolution

Resolved, that this Board (without intending to  
commit itself or any member thereof to an approval  
or disapproval of the drafts of the bills, as first read  
and proposed to be presented to the Legislature of Dela-  
ware at its present session, or of their objects, or to any  
cooperation on the part of this Board in urging the pas-  
sage of said bills) will take no measures to prevent  
the passage of said bills, which resolution was, on  
motion adopted. —

On motion the following Preamble and resolutions  
were read and passed.

Whereas this Board has heard with regret the  
announcement of the death of Thomas Challenge  
our late fellow members.

Resolved, that we recognize in this formal man-  
ner his many virtues as a man, as a citizen and



# STATEMENT

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Trustees of the New Castle Common,  
From March 25th, 1868, to March 25th, 1869.

DR.		CR.	
1868	March 25, To Balance in Bank	1868	March 28, By Cash paid Oliver W. Cannon, to purchase fuel for poor
June 25, To Cash from Wm. H. Stimp, for 3 months Marketing	\$1074.91	April 16, " " " " " " " " " " " "	\$50.00
July 24, " " " " " " " " " " " "	61.90	June 25, " " " " " " " " " " " "	800.00
Aug. 12, " " " " " " " " " " " "	91.92	June 28, " " " " " " " " " " " "	607.00
Sept. 19, " " " " " " " " " " " "	47.50	Sept. 20, " " " " " " " " " " " "	329.60
Oct. 11, " " " " " " " " " " " "	71.98	Oct. 20, " " " " " " " " " " " "	200.00
Nov. 29, " " " " " " " " " " " "	80.00	Nov. 20, " " " " " " " " " " " "	500.00
Dec. 1, " " " " " " " " " " " "	240.90	Dec. 7, " " " " " " " " " " " "	165.00
1869	Jan. 1, " " " " " " " " " " " "	1869	Jan. 1, " " " " " " " " " " " "
March 25, To Balance in Bank	1107.34	March 28, By Cash paid Oliver W. Cannon, to purchase fuel for poor	675.00
June 25, " " " " " " " " " " " "	141.00	April 16, " " " " " " " " " " " "	50.00
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### Amount Received from Share Rent Farms.

AS FOLLOWS:		
Amount received from Wm. H. Stimp, for Marketing	848.50	Balance
" " " " " " " " " " " "	180.00	\$191.15
" " " " " " " " " " " "	17.50	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	94.87	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	107.72	
Amount of Expenses on the above	808.65	
For 24 bushels Clover Seed	91.25	
" 1 bushel Clover Seed	16.75	
" 24 bushels Oats at 90 cts.	21.60	
" 1 1/2 of 8 Sheaves at 16 00.	5.00	
" 11 bushels Ashes	72.00	
Interest on Cows	2.75	
" "	25.00	
Balance	207.50	

AS FOLLOWS:		
Amount received from Mary Callahan, for Marketing	8378.06	Balance
" " " " " " " " " " " "	138.00	\$8416.06
" " " " " " " " " " " "	23.77	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	296.50	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	839.86	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	121.90	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	14.00	
Amount of Expenses on the above	8186.65	
For 14 bushels Clover Seed	115.75	
" 1 bushel Lime	4.00	
" Feed for Cows	8.25	
Interest on Cows	25.00	
Balance	45.41	

AS FOLLOWS:		
Amount received from Eschkei Fols, for Marketing	8123.28	Balance
" " " " " " " " " " " "	17.50	\$8300.78
" " " " " " " " " " " "	249.50	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	12.00	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	78.00	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	18.10	
Amount of Expenses on the above	8086.65	
For 14 bushels Clover Seed	115.75	
" 1 bushel Lime	4.00	
" Feed for Cows	8.25	
Interest on Cows	25.00	
Balance	45.41	

AS FOLLOWS:		
Amount received from Douglas McCoy, for Marketing	812.00	Balance
" " " " " " " " " " " "	18.75	\$830.75
" " " " " " " " " " " "	15.80	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	8.25	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	10.50	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	60.00	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	21.00	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	18.90	
Amount of Expenses on the above	8086.65	
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" Feed for Cows	8.25	
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" " " " " " " " " " " "	18.90	
Amount of Expenses on the above	8086.65	
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" 1 bushel Lime	4.00	
" Feed for Cows	8.25	
Interest on Cows	25.00	
Balance	45.41	

Amount received from sale of School Tablets, was paid to Peter H. Vandever, Treasurer,  
Committee on Education, for the benefit of the New Castle Institute.

### FARMS BELONGING TO THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE.

NAME.	NO.	TRACT.	ACRES.	RENT.	LEASE EXPIRES.
JETERSON,	1.	Eschkei Fols,	90	Share Rent	March 25, 1870.
STOCKTON,	2.	James McCoy,	73	" " "	" " "
DOUGHTON,	3.	Douglas McCoy,	87	Share	" " "
CENTRE HALL,	5.	William H. Stimp,	132	Share Rent.	" " "
ESKEI,	6.	Mary Callahan,	141	" " "	" " "
TIMON & 228 acre lot,	8.	John Q. Morrison,	182	1,500 00,	" " "
HAYZARD,	9.	Alex. Biggs,	102	800 00,	" " "
CLAYTON,	10.	George W. Morrison,	101	800 00,	" " "
MORSE,	11.	James Goodling,	110	Share Rent.	" " "
FACTORY	No.	George Jackson,	10	30 00,	" " "

### Trustees of New Castle Common

JOHN JANTIERO	1850
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WILLIAM COOPER	1852
WILLIAM H. DOBBS	1853
BERNARD AND LEONARD	1854
PETER B. VANDEVER	1855
WILLIAM HERBERT	1856
ALLEN V. LESLIE, M. D.	1857
ISRAEL E. POIS	1858
JOHN WHITE	1859

Two to be elected in place of James Mount and Thomas Chaltoner, deceased.







At a stated quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common held on Tuesday evening June 1st A.D. 1849 present, Ebenezer Jefferson, President, William Cooper, William H. Dobb, Allen V. Lesley, W<sup>m</sup> Herbert John Janney, Israel H. Holz John White, Ferdinand Leckler and Peter B. Vandoren,

The minutes of the proceedings of the two last meetings were read and approved,

The Committee appointed to hold an Election to fill the vacancies in the Board, occasioned by the decease of James Blunt and Thomas Challenger, deceased, made the following report

That an election was held in the Court House on Saturday April 3<sup>d</sup>; the candidates were Dr. John Black, James G. Shaw Dr. John Merrill and John Mahoney, the number of votes polled was 219, of which John Mahoney received 112, which being a majority of all, he was declared duly elected

Another election was held on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>. The candidates were Dr. John Merrill, James G. Shaw and Edward Challenger, and the number of votes cast was 225, but no person receiving a majority of all, there was no election, which made it necessary to hold another Election, accordingly on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> another effort was made to elect, - the candidates were James G. Shaw and Robert S. Martin, and the whole number of votes cast was 196 of which James G. Shaw received 149 which being a majority of all he was duly elected, the Gentlemen elected, are therefore James G. Shaw and John Mahoney

W<sup>m</sup> H. Dobb } Committee  
F. Leckler } in Election  
I. H. Holz }

which report was unanimously adopted, and approved, and

the said John Mahoney and James G. Shaw, appeared and took their seats as members of the Board of Trustees,

On motion Allen V. Lesley and James G. Shaw were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Acting Committee for the year ending March 25<sup>th</sup> last.

On motion William Cooper and John Janney were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board,

On motion William H. Dobb and John Mahoney were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education,

On motion William Herbert and John White were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Committee on Public Buildings -

On motion the Committee on Public Buildings, were instructed to have the Town Hall properly protected by a Lightning Rod,

On motion the following act was allowed,  
W<sup>m</sup> H. Dobb, F. Leckler & Israel H. Holz for holding three

Elections including Clerk Fees --- \$24.00  
and a check ordered to be drawn for the payment of the same twelve members being present and all assenting thereto

On motion Samuel E. Masey was appointed to take charge of the Town Clock, -

On motion the Board proceeded to elect two members of the Committee on Education, Allen V. Lesley and Ferdinand Leckler were appointed Tellers, - whereupon after a number of ballots James G. Shaw and William H. Dobb were declared duly elected, they having respectively, received a majority of all the votes,

On motion Israel H. Holz was appointed one of the Committee on Public Buildings to supply the vacancy caused by the decease of James Blunt, deceased,

On motion the following ordinance was passed  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle



Common twelve members being present, and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the Committee on Education for the support of the Newcastle Institute and that a check or note be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion the several bills presented to the Board for refreshments furnished to the Wilmington Firemen, who were present at the late Fire on Delaware street, were referred to William Herbert and William Cooper.

On motion, of John Mahony, Resolved that the resolution passed by this Board at their meeting on the first day of December last in relation to the admission of visitors to the school rooms during school hours unless by permission of the Committee on Education be and the same is hereby rescinded, - Pending the consideration of the above resolution, the Board, on motion adjourned, -

And on motion the Board adjourned,

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Community, called on the request of three members and also convened by the President, & held on Monday evening the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1869. - present:

Elisha Jefferson, President  
John Janvier, J. Leckler, W. Herbert, W. H. Dobby, William Cooper, James S. Shaw, John Mahony, & Peter B. Vandoren

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved,

On motion the following bills for refreshments for the Wilmington Firemen, in attendance at the late Fire on Delaware street, were allowed:

paid To A. Leckler, Waiter,	\$ 66.32
do " George Whitfield	45.00
do " E. B. Vance	22.00
do " John Kegan, for his own bill & several others	37.50
do " The Newcastle Gas Co. for Gas to June 25-1869	172.82
	58.50
	\$ 231.14

The following Resolutions were passed by the Committee on Education on the seventh inst, and are now referred to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

1. Resolved, that the Committee on Education procure the services of a gentleman, who is competent to take charge of the Newcastle Institute, to commence at the end of the ensuing summer vacation, and that the control and management of the schools be placed under his direction, including the examinations and employment of all the assistant teachers, subject to the approval of the Committee on Education, and the Rules now adopted or which may hereafter be adopted for the government of the schools, and that no person be employed as an Assistant teacher who does not possess the necessary qualifications.

2. Resolved, that in the opinion of the Committee it would be greatly to the advantage, and the convenience of the Teachers, the parents and the pupils, that the Committee should purchase books suitable for all the classes, except Class A, and sell them to the pupils at a small advance over the cost price, or in case it should be preferred to rent them to the pupils at a nominal price per quarter, the parents to be responsible for the wilful abuse of any book.

3. Resolved, that for the greater and more rapid advancement of the pupils, the schools should be supplied with proper scientific apparatus or machinery, and the principal should be required to give illustrative and other lectures to the pupils at least once a month, and public exhibiting twice in a year.

4. Resolved, that the Committee recommend that the price of admission to the schools shall be fifty cents for Class A, ten cents for Class B, and five cents for Class C.

After considerable discussion, the first, third and fourth resolutions were adopted and approved.

The 2<sup>d</sup> Resolution having been amended so as to read "Resolved, that the Committee on Education

shall purchase all the books suitable for all the classes except Class A, and sell them to the pupils at cost price which resolution as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Education stated to the Board that they had secured the services of David M. Harlan as Principal of the Newcastle Institute, at a salary of Twelve hundred dollars per annum, to commence on the first day of August next. - And further that the said D. M. Harlan, desired to bring with him Miss Barton as his principal assistant teacher, - Whereupon on motion the following Resolution was adopted. -

Resolved, That the proposition of Mr D. M. Harlan to bring with him Miss Barton as an assistant teacher in the Newcastle Institute, be and the same is hereby approved. -

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings, be and they are hereby authorized to have the School room cleaned and the Buildings painted, being the Newcastle Institute, & that portion of the Academy used by the Committee, together with the entire front of the Academy, - also to cause the Sills to be cleaned & put in order making such changes and additions as they may deem necessary. -

On motion the following Ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common Nine members being present and all assenting thereto that checks be drawn for the payment of the account passed at this meeting amounting to the sum of Ten hundred and thirty one dollars and thirty two Cents. -

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1869. present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
William Herbert, Israel W. H. Andrews, C. Gray, Allen & Ledy, James B. Shaw, William Cooper, William H. Colby, Ferdinand Lecker, John Mahony, John Jamieson and Peter W. Vanderer,

The minutes of the last meeting read & approved, The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, made report that they had examined the accounts and found them correct, which report was on motion adopted and the Committee discharged. -

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Committee on Public Buildings, made report that they have examined the accounts from the year 1861, and find that the Board has appropriated up to March 1868, the sum of Eight hundred dollars & that the Committee has vouchers for \$708.<sup>75</sup> leaving a balance in their hands of \$91.<sup>25</sup> - which report was on motion adopted and the Committee discharged,

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board, made the following report,

He the subscribers being a Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Board do report that they find there has been received from the farms and other sources during the year ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 1869, the sum of \$8112.67 made up as follows, viz:

Rent of Farms Leased on money	Rent	\$4220.00
" Farms leased on shares		3732.77
" Lot from George Jackson		30.00
" of James Kennedy for room in Town Hall		25.00
Received for the use of the Town Hall		7.00
do for dividend on 200 shares Gas stock		80.00
do for line sold to G. L. Jamieson		13.50

(over)



Received for interest on rent in arrears 4.40  
\$812.67

which has been deposited in the Farmers Bank to the credit of the Trustees, upon examining the Bank book and accompanying vouchers, we find there has been expended during the year on orders drawn the sum of \$8370.69, which exceeds the amount of receipts \$257.93. - The balance in Bank at the credit of the Trustees, on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1868 was \$1674.91, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1869 was \$1416.98, as shown by the Bank Book.

The method of keeping this account adopted by the Treasurer does not show the state of the finances of the Board, as it includes only the receipts on one side and the deposits in Bank of an equal amount on the other a reference, a reference to the Bank Book is therefore necessary in order to ascertain it,

John Jamieson } Committee  
W. Couper }

Aug<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1869,  
which report was on motion adopted & the Committee discharged  
on motion the following report was read -

The undersigned committee appointed to audit the account of the Acting Committee report that they have attended to that duty and found them correct

Allen D. Lesley } Committee  
Jos. G. Shaw }

On motion the report was adopted & the Committee discharged

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

- P<sup>d</sup> To William Holchumaker for refreshments to Milliseman, Dec 27<sup>th</sup> \$ 10.50
- P<sup>d</sup> " William Holbarin " " " " " 17.50
- P<sup>d</sup> " John B. Dineig Jr. unding clock 4 pms ——— 10.00
- P<sup>d</sup> " James James Jr. and Milliseman Co, for repairs to Engine 16.00

On motion the acct of Isaac Pyle for Saws, Gash & amounting to \$2688 = charged in 1857, was referred to the Acting Committee,

On motion the resolution passed by this Board in reference to purchasing books for the schools, on the

twenty eighth day of June last, was rescinded

And in motion the following resolution was passed  
Resolved, that the committee on Education be and they are hereby authorized to purchase Books, Slates and other articles used by the scholars and sell them to such of the pupils as are willing to purchase them at cost price, and to those of the pupils who prefer it to rent them to such pupils at a price per grade to be fixed by the committee and to all pupils whose parents are not able to procure Books &c, to permit such pupils to use them free of charge, the parents to be liable for any damage done to the books or other property.

The committee on Education represented that they would require the sum of \$775, to pay the Teachers and the Janitor, for the Quarter ending the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. -

Whereupon on motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newfelle Common twelve members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Seven hundred and seventy five dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, to pay the Teachers & Janitor for the Quarter ending the 30<sup>th</sup> inst & that a check be drawn for the payment of the same.

The committee on Education having represented that that it was actually necessary, that the primary school room and the High school room, should be supplied with new furniture, which would cost about \$550.

Whereupon on motion the following ordinance was passed,  
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newfelle Common, twelve members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the <sup>(Treasurer of the)</sup> Committee on Education to purchase new furniture for two of the school rooms and a check or notes be drawn for the payment of the same.



On motion of John Mahan, the resolution offered by him, on the first day of June last, and upon which the question had not been taken, was called up, which said resolution is in the following words,

"Resolved that the resolution passed by this Board at their meeting on the first day of December last in relation to the admission of visitors to the school rooms during school hours, and by permission of the Committee on Education, be and the same is hereby rescinded." And the question being taken on the passage of this resolution it was carried, and the original resolution now stands rescinded.

The Committee on Public Buildings made report that they had caused to be painted & repaired the school buildings, as directed by this Board, the cost of which was \$1055.<sup>00</sup>. - Whereupon on motion the following ordinance was passed by the Board,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newfette Common School members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on Public Buildings to pay the expenses incurred by them in painting and repairing the school houses and premises therewith connected, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same.

On motion of Andrew C. Gray, - James G. Shaw, William Herbert and William H. Dolb, were appointed a Committee to purchase seven hundred and fifty feet of Hose, forthwith,

On motion, James G. Shaw, William Herbert and William H. Dolb were appointed a Committee, with full power, to ~~make~~ make inquiry in relation to a suitable Fire Section Engine, for the Town of Newfette

and to make report to this Board at the earliest time possible, -

On motion, Resolved, that the Horse Carriage belonging to the Board of Trustees, be loaned to the Water Witch Fire Company of Wilmington, until such time as the Board may require it for their own use, -

William Herbert stated to the Board that he had purchased the old Car Building in the Town of Newcastle, belonging to the Rail Road at a price not exceeding \$800, - & that the Board might if they saw proper take the Building as purchased, -

Whereupon on motion, Resolved, that this Board hereby agree to become the purchase of the said Car Building, in view of the said William Herbert, -

Andrew C. Gray and John Janvier having obtained leave with leave, -

On motion Resolved, the Committee who have the Good Hill Fire Engine in charge are hereby instructed not to permit the said Engine to be taken out of the Town of Newcastle without their permission, -

On motion the following Ordinance was passed, Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newfette Common School members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto that the sum of Five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, payable to the order of the acting Committee, to pay the purchase money for the old Car Building, - and that an order or check be drawn for the payment of the same, -

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newfette Common School members being present and seven thereof assenting thereto, that the sum of Seven thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the acting Committee, for Buildings, repairs, Lumber, tools and incidental repairs, - and that an check or order be drawn for the payment of the same, -



Tuesday evening November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1869, The Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held a special meeting pursuant to the call of the President of the Board, at the request of two members present.

Elihu Jefferson, President  
Andrew G. Gray, William Herbert, Isaac H. Jels, John G. Mahony, William H. Dobb, William Cooper, James G. Shaw, Ferdinand Leckler, John White and Peter B. Vandever,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The President of the Board stated that the object of the meeting was to take into consideration a communication from a committee of the Newcastle Water Works Co. —

The acting committee made a report against the allowance of the account of Isaac Pyle, which report was on motion adopted. —

On motion of Andrew G. Gray, seconded by Jas. G. Shaw — the following Resolution was passed.

Resolved, That the Act of Assembly, passed at Dover on the thirtieth day of March A.D. 1869, entitled, "A supplement to an Act entitled 'An Act to enlarge the Corporate powers of the Trustees of the Newcastle Common' passed January 25<sup>th</sup> 1792, be and the same is hereby accepted by this Board, and the President of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify such acceptance to the Governor of this State, under his hand and the seal of this Corporation,

A communication from George Gray, John J. Black and William C. Spruance, a committee of the Board of Directors of the Newcastle Water Works Co., was read. —

Whereupon on motion, William Cooper, John Janvier, and William H. Dobb were appointed a committee, to take the said communication into consideration, to make a full statement of the finances of this Board, together with such other matters connected with the said communication as they may deem proper and necessary, and make report in writing to this Board at their next meeting.

On motion, Resolved, that when the Board adjourns it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

And on motion the Board adjourned.

Monday evening December 6<sup>th</sup> 1869 the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common met pursuant to the call of the President, present —

Elihu Jefferson, President,  
John Mahoney, William Cooper, James G. Shaw, William H. Dobb, William Herbert, John White, Ferdinand Leckler, and Peter B. Vandever, —

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved. William Cooper, John Janvier and William H. Dobb the committee appointed by the Board at its last meeting, made report, in writing, setting forth the fact that the total receipts of the Board for six years past commencing with the year 1863 & terminating with year 1868 was \$42,231.10

Average annual receipts for same time	7,038.50
Total expenditures on Farms same time	16,653.85
Average annual expenditures	2,775.64

By this statement it is shown that the average annual receipts have been for those six years \$7,038.50 and the average yearly expenditures \$2,775.64, leaving an annual surplus of \$4,262.<sup>86</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. — The additional receipts from miscellaneous sources, dividends of State school fund and Gas stock and rent of town hall be set down at \$400. — It will be seen that the expenditures upon the Farms for the period mentioned has been liberal and upon most of them large, and the buildings and fences being now in good order, it may reasonably be expected that they will not require renewal or repair for some years to come. —

As to the income for the future, it may exceed and possibly may fall short of what it has been in the past, but assuming it to be the same as for the last six years, we shall have a gross annual revenue of \$7,038.50 and estimating the amount required for the schools \$3500. — there will remain the sum of \$3538.50 to be applied to the payment, first of the fixed charges, say taxes, which in the past year were \$4,644.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and insurance on buildings \$43.<sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and then such other appropriations for the benefit of the Farms or other purposes as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time think it necessary or expedient to make.



After considerable discussion, on motion of William Herbert second by William McDoll, the following resolution was read Resolved, that the Trustees of the Newcastle Common guarantee to the Newcastle Water Works Co, the payment of the annual sum of three thousand dollars, and pending the passage of that resolution

On motion the Board adjourned.

At a stated Quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, held on Tuesday evening the seventh day of December A.D. 1869, present

Elihu Jefferson, President  
William Herbert, Israel Ho, Paly, John Mahoney, John Sumner James S. Shaco, William McDoll, William Corrier, Hudson and Leckle, and Peter B. Vandover,

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved, on motion, Resolved, that the rent of the Farm now in the tenure of William R. Stump be changed from the share rent to a money rent, and that the rent be eleven hundred dollars per annum, with the usual terms and conditions, & that the Acting Committee offer the Farm to Mr. Stump at that price,

On motion of James S. Shaco, Resolved, that the rent of the Farm & Lots now in the tenure of John C. Munson, be raised from \$1400. - to \$2000. - Mr. Stoby offered as an amendment to that resolution that the sum of \$1100. be substituted for the \$2000. - which was seconded & the question being taken on the amendment it was carried thereupon on motion, the original resolution as amended, was adopted,

On motion of James S. Shaco, Resolved that the sum of Eight Hundred dollars be the rent for the Farm now occupied by Douglas McCoy - and William Herbert moved the following amendment, and that he have the privilege of taking the Farm at that price or to retain it under the share rent - which amendment was carried, & on motion the original resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion the following resolution was passed

Resolved, that the rent of the Farm now in the tenure of Alexander Biggs be changed from Eight Hundred dollars to Nine hundred dollars.

On motion the following accounts were allowed,

P <sup>d</sup>	To Henry Eckel, for printing statement of the Year	\$16.00
P <sup>d</sup>	To Homer Barry, Rep <sup>d</sup> for fire apparatus	8.86
P <sup>d</sup>	To Samuel S. Greer for Hax dubbing harness	563.50
paid	Newcastle Ins Co, for Gas to Sep' 25/69	10.00
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On motion the following Ordinances were passed,

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, for Coal, and for sundry incidental expenses of the Newcastle Institute, and the further sum of Eight hundred and fifty five dollars is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Treasurer of the said Committee to pay the Teachers and Juniors for the Quarter ending on the 31st inst, and that checks or orders be drawn for the payment of the said appropriations.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common, ten members being present and all assenting thereto that the sum of Eight hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Acting Committee, for Copes and repairs, and that an order be drawn for the payment of the same,

Be it ordained, by the Board of Trustees of the Newcastle Common ten members being present and all assenting thereto, that the sum of Seventy five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, subject to the order of the Committee on public buildings, for repairs, and that a check or order be drawn for the payment of the same,

On motion, Resolved that the Acting Committee cause all the new buildings erected on the Common lands, to be insured.

On motion of William Herbert, the resolution offered by



Feb 1st 1871.

To the Trustees of  
the Newcastle Common  
Gentlemen,

I require for the Flound now  
in my tenure 22  $\frac{1}{2}$  Posts & 500 Rails, - to be put  
on Hole Line, Rail Road & on the line of Thomas  
J. Jackson, they are absolutely necessary and  
I cannot get along without them,

Respectfully yours,

James McBay

him at the last meeting of the Board, and upon which the question had not been taken, was called up, which said resolution is in the following words, - "Resolved that the Trustees of the Newcastle Common, guarantee to the Newcastle water works Co. the payment of the annual sum of Three thousand dollars" Mr Cooper offered an amendment to that resolution, to substitute \$2000, - in lieu of \$3000, which was not seconded, -

On motion the question on the passage of that resolution was taken by Yeas and Nays, which resulted as follows -

Yeas, William H. Holt - 1	Nays, William Cooper, 1
" Israel H. Holt 2	
" William Herbert 3	
" John Janvier 4	
" Elihu Jefferson 5	
" Ferdinand Leckler 6	
" John C. Mahony 7	
" James E. Thayer 8	
" Peter B. Vandenberg 9	

so the original resolution was adopted, on motion, Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee of the Newcastle water works Company, to prepare an article of agreement between the Trustees and the said Company, the same to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and approval or rejection, - Whereupon on motion Elihu Jefferson, Israel H. Holt and Ferdinand Leckler were appointed said committee with power to employ Counsel to draw the article of agreement, -

On motion, Resolved, that the Board not being prepared to grant any of the land held by them, in fee simple, declining to vest any part of the said lands in the Newcastle water works Co, but are willing that the land for the location of the Reservoir of the said Company shall be condemned in the manner specified in the Act of the Legislature incorporating the said Company and the Trustees hereby give their assent to the said Company entering the Common's land for such purpose, before such condemnation is made, provided the said Company will put up the fence necessary to protect the remaining land of the Trustees, - And on motion the Board adjourned

Newcastle Water  
Works Co.

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