Session of 14th August A.D. 1855.

The Session was opened present Messrs. Drown, Ross, Stewart, Macy, and John G. Nichols President.

The previous Act was read and approved.

The Special Committee to which had been refered the Matter of ascertaining the indebtedness of the City, at the time that the Common Council of 1854 went out of Office, as well as the indebtedness which shall have arisen since the organization of the present Corporation for 1855. presented a report which was admitted and ordered to be filed in the Mayor's Office.

The Committee on Streets reported upon the petition of Will. B. Osburn, and say, that the improvements on Fort Street are necessary - Whereupon the Council resolved that said improvements began on said Street be concluded by the Marshal of the City, with the labor of City prisoners.

The President of the Council presented a number of Pamphlets containing the revised City Ordinance, Whereupon the Council resolved that each Member of the Corporation be allowed one Copy gratis; and that 800 Copies should if possible be sold at 50cts per copy, by the Marshal, Water Steward, Inspector of the public Slaughter Corrals, and by his honor the Mayor, the residue of the one thousand Copies be retained in the Mayor's Office.

The Special Committee to which was refered the location of the New public School House, report and say, that it would be expedient to purchase a lot of land in the Northern part of the City belonging

to B. D. Wilson, which Report was approved by the Council, and his Honor the Mayor empowered to celebrate the contract with the said Wilson for the sum of $375. and at as low a rate of interest as practicable.

The Committee on Streets to which had been referred the Matter of assessing the damages, that the property of William L. Dryden would suffer, by the opening of a certain Street, recommended by a Committee of the Council to be opened from Principal Street back to the New brick School-House, presented the following, to wit, — "The Undersigned appointed a Committee by the Common Council July 24th A. D. 1855, to assess the damages to Wm. L. Dryden, for a certain House & Lot on Main Street which the City contemplate appropriating for the purpose of opening a Street from the Brick School House to Main Street, Report that they have examined said House & Lot, assess the value of the same at fifteen hundred dollars. Los Angeles, August 14 A.D. 1855. Timothy Foster, John W. Prop." The petitioner, Whites the Council had the Matter under consideration, in order to decide the Matter at once, proposed, to cede to the City five hundred dollars, and remain satisfied with one thousand dollars — which proposition was admitted by the Council, and his Honor the Mayor authorised to complete the Matter definitively.

The petition of Henry Ulbrock was presented and read wherein he prays perfect title to a lot of Land, to wit, Lot No. 7. Block No. 37. On Motion referred to the Committee on Lands.

Also the Petition of Dana Anderson referred to the Committee on Lands.

The Petition of James Irwin and David Henderson was presented accompanied by a numerous recommendation, praying that to each one of them there be granted a 35 acre tract of Land in the near vicinity of the coal pit west of the City of los Angeles, to aid them in their researches after coal, the prayer of the petitioners granted, with the Condition however, that the parties interested will cause the land to be surveyed & have a Map made thereof, when his honor the Mayor will make out the corresponding titles.

The resignation of J. H. Stewart as a Member of the Common Council was presented and read, the same was accepted and approved.

The account of Francis Carpinter was presented for the sum of $71.50 cts board of City prisoners, Ordered to be paid present Messrs. Drown, Foster, Macy, Ross & John G Nichols President.

Also the Acct. of his honor the Mayor, for the sum of $167. Salary and fees of Office, Ordered to be paid present Messrs. Drown, Foster, Macy, Ross, and John G Nichols President.

No further business having been presented the Council adjourned present the Members that opened the same with the exception of J. H. Stewart resigned —

E. Drown.
Timothy Foster

John G. Nichols
Pres Com Coun

W. G. Bryden,
Clerk