

City of Cambridge

In Common Council Apr 9. 1857.

The Committee on Ordinances who were charged with the Revision of the Ordinances of the City, and the publication of a new volume of the Municipal Register for the current year, respectfully

Report.

That by an Order of the City Council passed Aug 6, 1856. the Committee was authorized to consider and report upon the expediency of arranging and digesting the ordinances, and upon the 14th day of Aug, submitted a Report, that the interest of the City demanded, that they should be revised and digested in connection with such Statutes as relate to the same subjects, and all Special Laws, relating to the City together with such general Laws as might be thought proper to insert, with marginal notes and references.

The Committee submitted to the Common Council in connection with the Report, an Order which was adopted in concurrence Sept 8. 1856. authorizing the Committee to cause a new volume of the Municipal Register to be published, which should contain the City Charter, and Amendments, all Special Laws now in force, relating to the City, and all Ordinances in force, at the time of publication, with these various amendments incorporated in their appropriate places, with such general Laws, in connection as have reference to the same subjects, and to employ such aid and assistance for that purpose as they

may deem necessary. The Committee obtained leave Nov 26. 1856. to report in print the Ordinances as arranged and codified by them, they being so reported were debated and amended and with such as had originated since the committee reported in print, were adopted Dec 24. 1856. by an Ordinance which declared all others void.

Dec 12. 1856 The committee voted that Justin A. Jacobs, Esq (who had arranged and codified the Ordinances) be employed to compile the new volume of the Municipal Register, Also voted that Mr A. H. P. Melch be authorized and directed to complete the publication of the new Register

At the close of the year 1856 it was ordered that 300 fine copies should be printed and bound for the use of the City, of which a sufficient number be extra handsomely bound, to reciprocate compliments extended to the city, and that one copy bound in cloth be presented to each of the past members of the City Government, Also that 3000. copies in cheap form be printed for general distribution.

In pursuance of the preceding notes and orders Mr Jacobs has executed the work of revision in a manner entirely satisfactory, and has introduced clear and condensed summaries of the Statutes arranged, in connection with the Ordinances ~~in~~ ^{with} such notes and references, as will render the volume a very desirable work for every good citizen, as well as to the members of the City Government.

Of the amount of time and labor which he has devoted to it, both before his election to the office of City Clerk, and in addition to the amount of duty since imposed upon him in that office, no one except the member of the Committee who was

charged with the publication of the work,
can form an adequate idea.

The volume is now completed, in a style
it is hoped, that will ~~not~~ receive your approbation
copies of which, in paper covers are now ready
for your inspection, and the remainder will be
ready for distribution as fast as they can pass through
the Bindery. The fine copies will soon be ready
and presented in accordance with the vote of
the Council relating thereto.

In order to complete the ^{work so nearly done,} ~~to nearly completed~~
your committee would recommend the accompany-
ing order, requesting the Mayor to cause the cheap
copies to be distributed, one copy to every legal
voter, and ^{to} such others as he may think proper

All of which is most resp^d

Submitted

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