

REPORTS
OF THE
AUDITORS, SELECTMEN,
AND OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF HENNIKER,
FOR THE YEAR 1850.

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REPORT.

James Straw in account with the town of Henniker, as Treasurer, for A. D. 1850.

Dr.

To cash per receipt to Selectmen, being the balance in the Treasury on settlement March 4, 1850.	\$169 42
“ from county for support of county paupers,	350 50
“ Edward B. Whitman, it being the balance of highway tax not worked out,	84
“ from State, the literary fund money,	62 80
“ from State, the amount paid out to soldiers,	222 00
“ from State, the amount of railroad tax,	222 48
“ from Selectmen, it being advanced for use of town,	325 00
“ from the town of New Boston, for support of Mark Dodge,	9 82
“ Zadok Dustin, Jr., Collector of taxes for A. D. 1846,	341 94
“ James P. Baker, Collector at sundry times,	2858 38
“ James P. Baker's note to balance the amount of taxes committed to him to collect,	25 96
	\$4589 14

Audited by the undersigned this twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1851.

FREDERICK WHITNEY, JOHN S. CRAIG, ROBERT WALLACE,	} Auditing Committee.
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James Straw, Treasurer aforesaid in account with the Town of Henniker, for A. D. 1850.

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By paying Edson Hill, State Treasurer, the State tax,	\$347 40
“ Mitchel Gilmore, Jr., County Treasurer, the county tax,	285 98

By paying Hazen K. Plummer, the balance of his services with interest, upon the Town Farm for A. D. 1848,	262 88
" Samuel K. Gove, for his services on the Town Farm for A. D. 1849,	175 00
" Oliver Pillsbury's note dated January 16, 1850,	104 50
" J. C. & A. Winship's note dated March 29, 1850,	78 60
" Jacob Straw for services rendered as follows:	
61 visits to Nancy D. Searle, Co. pauper, \$50 00	
40 do to Chas. McAnley, Co. do 17 00	
16 do to Thomas O'Brien, Co. do 16 00	
	83 00
" Stephen Kimball, for boarding and nursing Nancy D. Searle, Co. pauper, twenty-eight weeks at 15 shillings per week,	70 00
" Seventy-nine soldiers fifty cents each on muster day,	39 50
" David Plummer, for provisions furnished John Bushier and family Co. paupers,*	27 44
" Samuel Morrison, for nursing Timothy Driscoll, Co. pauper, and paying watchers, &c.,*	21 00
" Oliver Pillsbury, Jr., for paying the following: B. M. Farley, 5,00; fare, 3,10; expenses, 1,12; two days, 2,00; also for journey to Concord on pauper business and to procure appointment of Road Commissioner, for entry of petition, 1,20; C. G. Atherton for services, 5,00; Ira Osgood for attendance, 2,00; C. H. Norton for going for Osgood, 1,75; J. C. Pillsbury for notice to R. R. Co., 1,28; N. P. Baker for entry, 50; L. Smith for services, 2,00; Currier & Hall for blanks and stationary, 1,67; fare, 1,00; expenses, 1,75; time 3 days, 3,00; amounting to	32 37
" Ira Osgood and True George, Road Commissioners, for travel and attendance in discharge of their duties on the application of the Selectmen of Henniker in regard to certain crossings of the Contoocook Valley Railroad with the highways in said town, Ira Osgood travel, 2,70; attendance one day, 2,00; True George, travel, 2,00; attendance, 2,00; Report and notices, 3,00;	11 70
" Jacob Straw vs John Marsh principal and town of Henniker trustee. The trustee was found chargeable for	11 67
" Josiah Johnson for 7½ days work, 7,75, and 128 feet bridge plank, 1,00; 4 bridge stringers, 2,25—	11 00
" David Plummer, for provisions and clothing furnished to John Bushier and family, Co. paupers,	29 34

*The items of these bills were handed to the Judges of the Court and are not returned.

By paying Lewis Smith, for services and cash advanced in relation to the Railroad crossings,	11 88
" Moses Brown, executor of the last will of Betsey Emery, deceased, it being due her for support of Betsey Wyman, County pauper, (Bill of items is in the hands of the Judge and has not been returned,)	19 00
" Jacob Straw, for doctoring Nancy D. Searle, Co. pauper, (Bill of items in the hands of Judges and has not been returned,)	17 77
" Andrew McFarland, for board and other expenses of Jane Whitney at the N. H. Asylum for the Insane to March 1, 1850,	22 22
" Andrew McFarland, for support of Jane Whitney from March 1st to June 1, 1850,	23 58
" Andrew McFarland, for support of Jane Whitney from June 1st to Sept. 1, 1850,	20 50
" Lewis Colby, for error in tax since 1840,	18 51
" Stephen Kimball, for boarding and nursing N. D. Searle for 3 5-7 weeks,	11 57
" Ira Osgood, True George and John S. Craig, Road Commissioners, for travel and attendance in discharge of the duties on the application of the Selectmen of Henniker for their opinion upon certain requisitions made by said Selectmen upon the New Hampshire Central Railroad:	
Ira Osgood, travel,	2,70
attendance,	2,00
notices and reports,	1,00— 5,70
True George, travel,	2,00
attendance,	2,00— 4,00
J. S. Craig, travel,	,40
attendance,	2,00— 2,40— 12 10
" George W. Cogswell, for journey to the town of Lyndeborough to search records, 2,65, and cash advanced to assist stranger, 1,85,	4 50
" A. B. Burnham, for doctoring Timothy Driscoll, County pauper, (Bill of items in the hands of the Judges,)	7 75
" Wm. K. Plummer, for horse and wagon for use of County paupers,	11 00
" Stephen Pingree, for 3½ cords of wood delivered to David Parinton, Dec. 28, 1850,	7 85
" James Straw, for preparing manuscript and going to Concord and paying for printing 400 copies of town reports,	12 00
" Walter Whitney, for one day blasting rock,	1 00
" Elijah B. Huntington, for breaking road near Zebulon Foster's,	1 00
" Eldad Harriman, Jr., for damage of plough and clearing highway,	1 25

By paying Moses F. Pillsbury, for hauling bridge plank and repairing bridge near James Connor's,	1 00
" James Reed, for nursing an Irish pauper,	2 50
" Richard Whittier, for error in tax,	1 91
" Frederick Whitney, for 1½ days settling with Zadok Dustin, Jr., Collector for A. D. 1846,	1 50
" Worcester Harthorn, for a 25 foot stringer and work on bridge near his house,	2 50
" Ezra Chase, for breaking road from his house to Charles T. Chapman's,	1 00
" Ebenezer Hemphill, for assisting stranger,	50
" James Caldwell, for one record book, 2,00; and journey to Francetown to examine records, 1,25,	3 25
" J. C. & A. Winship, for 1 bed pan 1,13; and work on road in 1849, 2,00,	3 13
" Robert Wallace, for 1½ days examining the account of Zadok Dustin, Jr., Collector of taxes for A. D. 1846,	1 50
" Ebenezer Hemphill, for 42 feet pine plank,	4 2
" Mark Dodge, for 1 bushel potatoes, 34; 3 quarts milk, 32; 4 bushel Indian meal, 50; 6 pounds pork, 60; 7 quarts white beans, 25; 5 pounds flour, 20;	2 21
" Thomas Livingston, for repairing upper covered bridge,	1 50
" Peter Eaton, for sexton's lines,	1 00
" Nathaniel Patch, for 330 feet hemlock plank, 2,31 carting plank, 75 for gravel to repair highway, 1,00—	4 06
" Hiram M. Davis, for snowing bridge near How's mills, in part for A. D. 1846 and 1847,	75
" Nathan Sanborn, for services and medicine for Michael Farrel, Co. pauper,	3 00
" John Connor, for error in tax,	1 35
" Andrew McFarland, for support of Jane Whitney at the Asylum to Dec. 1, 1850,	21 00
" Andrew McFarland for support of Jane Whitney at the Asylum for the Insane to March 1st, 1851,	25 34
" Cyrus Carter, for repairing Bridge,	70
" Harrison A. Rice, for 11 cords of hemlock slabs delivered to Mr. Lynch, Co. pauper,	2 25
" Wm. Smith, for 342 feet of hemlock bridge plank,	2 39
" Abel Connor, for examining account of Zadok Dustin, Jr., collector for A. D. 1846,	2 00
" George Arnold, for snowing upper covered bridge,	1 00
" Jeremiah Foster, for surveying,	1 00
" Nathan Sanborn, for professional services rendered the Reairden family,	\$25 75
" John Craven,	1 74
" Mrs Flynn and family,	5 25
" James Reed,	1 50

By paying the Thadens Goodwin's family,	1 85
" Ira Plamer, for 400 feet pine bridge plank,	\$4 00
" " 4 days work on bridge across Lancaster brook,	3 50
	7 50
" Dutton Wood's note, dated March 29th, 1850, and settled Feb'y 22, 1851,	105 40
" Wm. P. Cressy, for an abatement of David Clark's taxes for A. D. 1848,	1 43
" Frederick Whitney, for attending railroad hearing before the county road commissioners,	1 55
" Wm. P. Cressy, for serving notice on the Contoocook Valley Railroad Co.,	1 28
" Zebulon Foster, for attending railroad hearing before the county road commissioners,	1 55
" Wm. K. Plamer, Prudential Committee, Dis. No. 1,	79 83
" John Pope, " " " 2,	51 83
" Truman Parker, " " " 3,	46 23
" Eri Colby, " " " 4,	82 63
" Barak Colby, " " " 5,	99 43
" Ira C. Connor, " " " 6,	70 03
" Jeremiah Foster, " " " 7,	102 23
" Harris Campbell, " " " 8,	110 63
" Benjamin Colby, " " " 9,	39 23
" Stephen Newball, " " " 10,	43 43
" James Caldwell, " " " 11,	133 03
" Cyrus Carter, " " " 12,	47 63
" Israel P. Dodge, " " " 13,	42 03
" Windsor Ward, his proportion of school money,	3 74
" Annis Campbell, " " " " 5 51	
" Hazen K. Plamer for use of the town's farm,	117 69
" Warren Woods, furnished to Reairden family,	
47½ qts. milk, 4cts.,	1 90
2 bushels potatoes, 50 cts.,	1 00
	2 90
" James Caldwell, for services as town clerk,	16 50
For distributing pamphlets containing the proposed amendments of the Constitution,	2 00
	18 50
" George W. Cogswell, for journey to Francetown, to search records,	2 50
Going to Warner after paupers,	1 50
	4 00
" Jacob Straw, for 3 visits and medicine for Nancy D. Searle, up to Feb'y 27, 1851,	6 93
" B. F. Noyes, for snowing lower covered bridge,	1 00
" Josephus Smith, for taking care of the town's house and mending windows,	4 13
" James Straw, for postage for A. D. 1850,	85
" James Straw, for 9 yds. drilling, 9 cts.,	81

8 lbs. powder, 15 cts.,	1 20	
Stationery,	52	
Paid express for paying bill at the Asylum,	25	
	2 78	
By paying Gibson & Straw for stationery,	45	
James P. Baker, for his services as collector,	40 00	
Abatement of William Adams tax,	1 35	
“ Abram Bickford tax,	1 35	
“ Asa Kimball tax,	1 35	
“ Joseph P. Morse's tax,	1 35	
“ John Scannel's tax,	1 35	
“ Edward Smith,	1 35	
“ Imri N. Woods' tax,	1 35	
“ George B. Ward's tax,	3 50	
	52 95	
“ Oliver Pillsbury, for 3 bushels potatoes,	1 50	
1 bush'l corn meal for Irish paupers,	90	
For nursing an Irishman found on road,	2 00	
“ stationery, 63—for 19 bolts, 2 39,	3 02	
“ one day on railroad business at Centoo-		
cookville,	1 50	
“ 1 day and expenses to Concord to draw		
railroad tax and get advice,	2 58	
Paid Asa Fowler for advice,	1 00	
for time, fare and expenses to Hollis to get		
advice in suit of Fletcher and Emerson vs.		
the town,	6 22	
time, fare and expenses to Concord on county		
pauper business,	2 57	
time, fare and expenses to court at Manchester		
in suit of Fletcher and Emerson,	7 75	
time, fare and expenses to Concord on county		
pauper business,	2 57	
for copying valuation book into town book,	3 50	
for fare and expenses to Concord to draw sol-		
diers pay and pay bill for support of Jane		
Whitney,	2 57	
	37 68	
“ Wm. Lynch, for boarding and nursing Mrs. Flynn		
and two children three weeks,	7 15	
“ David Clark, for work on the road,	1 10	
“ Cyrus Carter, for boarding and nursing Betsey Rear-		
iden, county pauper, 7 weeks,	14 00	
“ Zadok Dunston, Jr., for his services as collector of		
taxes for A. D. 1846,	25 00	
abatement of E. W. Barnes' poll tax for 1846,	2 20	
“ Calvin Bowman's “	2 20	
“ Thos. J. Coburn's “	2 20	
“ Jonathan Fulton's “	2 20	
“ Ab'm M. Tucker's “	2 20	
“ David Geve's “	2 20	
	38 20	

By paying seven soldiers for doing military duty in 1849,	7 00
“ 74 soldiers, \$3 each, for doing military duty, 1850,	222 00
“ Imri Woods, for taking 4 affidavits at the pauper	
farm,	1 00
making caption and administering 7 oaths,	75
	1 75
“ Alanson Wood, for 1 bbl. flour delivered to M.	
Reariden family,	6 25
“ David L. Cogswell, for $\frac{3}{4}$ day work on road and	
snowing lower bridge in 1849,	1 06
“ Samuel Folsom, for $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood, delivered to Da-	
vid Purington, Dec. 7, 1850,	1 00
“ George W. Cogswell, for cash advanced,	150 00
interest from Mar. 29, 1850, to Feb. 28, 1851, 8 25	
	158 25
“ Nathan Sanborn, for visits of consultation in the case	
of Nancy D. Searle,	1 00
“ James Straw, for his services as town treasurer, 8 00	
and for services as agent to take care of the	
surplus revenue money,	2 00
	10 00
“ Hiram M. Davis for notifying town officers of their	
election,	2 00
“ Frederick Whitney's note dated March 4, 1850, and	
interest to Feb'y 28, 1851,	317 80
“ James H. Wood, for 4 lbs. sugar, 34; $5\frac{1}{2}$ dozen	
crackers, 62; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea, 27; 2 lbs. rice, 10; 1 qt.	
oil, 22; 9 yds. calico and trimmings, 1 26,	2 81
“ Hiram Bell, for expenses of town officers for the	
year ending March, 1851,	11 50
“ Frederick Whitney for his services as auditing com-	
mittee,	1 00
“ Robert Wallace for his services as auditing com-	
mittee,	1 00
“ John S. Craig, for his services as auditing com-	
mittee,	1 00
“ amount of non-resident highway receipts,	44 18

Town of Henniker to Oliver Pillsbury, Jr., Dr.

For services as Selectman,	
To moving Irishman to pauper farm,	\$1 00
“ appointing Treasurer and Collector taking bonds of same, and	
Constables,	1 00
“ going to farm to take affidavits, and to J. Foster for surveyor,	1 00
“ S. Kimball's and J. Bushier's to take affidavits,	1 00
“ making surveys on railroad crossings,	1 00
“ 2 days preparing and arranging county pauper papers,	2 00
“ 1 day preparing inventory books,	1 00
“ 4 days taking inventory,	4 00

To 9 days making taxes, valuation book, &c.,	9 00
" 1 day writing and delivering appointments to school committee,	1 00
" 1 day petitioning county Road Commissioners,	1 00
" 1 day on road petition, dividing highway district, &c.,	2 00
" 2 days with Road Commissioners,	50
" 1 day examining bridge and highway,	50
" 1 day settling accounts and giving orders,	1 00
" 1 day moving Irishman to farm,	50
" 1 day preparing affidavits and writing to Francetown and Lyndeborough,	1 00
" 1 day paying soldiers muster day,	50
" 1 day viewing highway,	50
" 1 day attending to pauper at Dea. Morrison's,	1 00
" 1 day making out warrant and check-list,	50
" 1 day correcting check-list,	2 50
" 2 days making 9 county pauper applications,	1 00
" 1 day laying out road, and giving orders,	50
" 1 day settling accounts,	50
" 1 day to S. Kimball's and D. Parington's on pauper business,	50
" 1 day regulating jury box,	50
" 1 day attending to Reariden's family, county paupers,	50
" 1 day moving Betsey Reariden,	50
" 1 day to let out farm,	50
" 1 day relieving Mrs. Flinn and children,	1 00
" 1 day to let out farm,	50
" 1 day on pauper business,	50
" 1 day settling with Mr. Lynch for support of Mrs. Flinn,	1 00
" 1 day to S. Kimball's and J. Adams' on pauper business,	1 00
" 1 day settling town accounts,	1 00
" 1 day making warrant and check-list,	1 00
" 1 day settling with agent on farm,	50
" 1 day preparing the same for printing,	1 00
" 1 day settling with collectors,	1 00
" 1 day settling with auditing committee,	50
" 1 day correcting check-list,	50
	\$47 50

Town of Henniker to George W. Cogswell,

For services as Selectman,	\$1 00
To 1 day taking bonds,	1 00
" 1 day examining railroad crossings,	50
" 1 day attending to county pauper business,	1 00
" 1 day regulating inventory books,	4 50
" 4 days taking invoice,	8 50
" 31 days making taxes,	50
" 1 day appointing superintending school committee,	1 00
" 1 day on highway,	50
" 1 day with Road Commissioners,	1 00
" 1 day " " "	50
" 1 day " " "	1 00
" 1 day viewing roads and bridges,	50
" 1 day on highway,	50
" 1 day giving out orders,	1 00
" 1 day making out warrant,	50

To 1 day paying soldiers on muster day,	1 00
" 1 day attending while jurymen were drawn,	50
" 1 day correcting check-list and giving orders,	50
" 1 day assisting about pauper papers,	50
" 1 day on highway,	50
" 1 day for business in the east part of the town,	50
" 1 day giving orders,	1 00
" 1 day regulating jury box,	50
" 1 day receiving proposals to take charge of paupers,	50
" 1 day giving orders,	50
" 1 day correcting check-list,	1 00
" 1 day making out warrant,	1 00
" 1 day at poor farm settling with agent,	1 00
" 1 day arranging papers for settlement,	50
" 1 day settling with collector,	1 00
" 1 day auditing with committee,	1 00
" 1 day correcting check-list,	50

\$35 00

Town of Henniker to Lyman Harriman, Dr.

For services as Selectman,	
To 1 day appointing Collector and Treasurer, and taking bonds of same and Constables,	\$1 00
" 1 day examining railroad crossings,	1 00
" 1 day making out railroad requisitions,	1 00
" 1 day making out county pauper papers,	1 00
" 1 day preparing inventory books,	1 00
" 4 days taking inventory,	4 00
" 9 days making taxes and valuation book,	9 00
" 1 day on road petition and dividing district,	1 00
" 1 day with Road Commissioner,	1 50
" 1 day " " " "	50
" 1 day on road with J. Barnard,	50
" 1 day giving orders,	50
" 1 day making out check-list and warrant,	1 00
" paying soldiers muster day,	1 00
" 1 day attendance drawing jurors,	50
" 1 day correcting check-list and giving out orders,	50
" 1 day making out county pauper papers,	50
" 1 day laying out road,	50
" 1 day giving out orders,	1 00
" 1 day arranging names in jury box,	50
" 1 day receiving proposals for carrying on poor farm,	50
" " " " " " " "	50
" 1 day giving out orders,	1 00
" 1 day making out check-list and warrant,	1 00
" 1 day settling with agent on poor farm,	1 00
" 1 day arranging the same for printing and giving out orders,	50
" 1 day settling with collectors for 1846 and 1850,	1 00
" 1 day with auditing committee,	1 00
" 1 day correcting check-list,	50

\$34 50

Treasurer's receipt to the Selectmen, it being the amount on hand, \$376 41
 Whole amount brought forward, \$4589 14
 Audited by the undersigned, this twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1851.

FREDERICK WHITNEY, } Auditing
 JOHN S. CRAIG, } Committee.
 ROBERT WALLACE,

*James Straw in account with the town of Henniker,
 as agent to take charge of the surplus revenue de-
 posited with said town for A. D. 1850, Dr.*

To three instalments of \$1615 42 each, amounting to the sum of \$4846 26

James Straw, aforesaid agent, accounts for the above as follows:—

The town has drawn from the surplus revenue to defray town charges at sundry times, the sum of \$4859 51
 Individuals' notes and cash now remaining in the hands of the agent, amounting to the sum of \$588 52

Audited by the undersigned the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1851.

FREDERICK WHITNEY, } Auditing
 JOHN S. CRAIG, } Committee.
 ROBERT WALLACE,

*Hazen K. Plumer in account with the Town of
 Henniker. Dr.*

To amount of real and personal property as per inventory taken by Selectmen, March 1850, \$3740 48
 Interest on the same, 224 43
 Agents compensation, 250

Other bills as follows:

Paid James Straw, on S. K. Gove's account, for 2 galls. molasses, .64; 2 lbs. tea, .80; 4 3-4 lbs. tobacco, .92; thread, .10; 18 lbs. sugar, 1.26; 2 lbs. salaratus, .16; bag salt, .25; bush. rye, 1.00; 1 lb. shells, .13; 52 lbs. flour, 2.00; amount, 7 26

Also paid James Straw, for 3 bbls. flour, 20.63; bbl. pork, 14.35; 18 galls. molasses, 5.04; 3 1/2 bush. corn, 3.15; 9 1/2 bush. rye, 9.50; 12 lbs. clover seed, 1.63; 3 pecks grass seed, 3.00; bag salt, 2.10; 47 1-4 lbs. sugar, 3.41; 8 lbs. tea, 3.20; 4 lbs. coffee, .52; 2 1-4 lbs. snuff, .53; 19 lbs. tobacco, 3.15; 2 scythes, 1.92; 2 rakes, .50; hoe, .75; plow point, .33; tub, .92; axe and helve, 1.33; lb. powder, .15; 24 lbs. nails, 1.20; file, .10; spices, .29; 8 lbs. salaratus, .64; crackers, .18; 51 lbs. fish, 1.73; broom, .17; cream tartar, saltpetre, starch, matches, soap, comb, and pan, .49; indigo, .50; pail, .20; clothing, 1.04; 2 rennet skins, .40; amount,

Paid Jonas Wallace, for horse rake, 9.00; tub, .33; 8 3-4 galls. molasses, 2.62; clothing, 1.09; 30 lbs. sugar, 2.40; 8 lbs. salaratus, .64; snuff, .22; 3 1/2 lbs. tea, 1.37; spices, .45; 3 bush. salt, 1.50; 4 lbs. tobacco, .94; ox bows, .50; lb. coffee, .12; amount,

Paid H. Gibson, for bbl. flour, 6.75; snuff, .13; matches, .05; amount,

Paid Gibson & Straw, for snuff and file, .22; 10 1-4 lbs. fish, .36; axe helve, .15; amount,

Paid S. M. Patten, for bbl. flour, 6.87; bag salt, 1.67; 111 lbs. pork, 10.00; farrier bill, 1.00; blacksmithing, .25; amount,

Paid Alanson Wood, for 6 1/2 bush. corn, 5.85; 2 bush. rye, 2.00; sawing, 7.33; amount,

Paid N. Sanborn, 14.00; 1. Woods, for dressing cloth, .60; carding wool, 1.14; H. Campbell, for blacksmithing, 5.50; C. Barker, for do., 1.80; J. Scribner, .01; Eldad Marsh, for thrashing, 2.23; A. Pollard, for 2 bush. corn, 1.30; 2 bush. corn meal, 1.00; T. Parker, for 4 bush. wheat, 6.00; L. Harriman, for 2 days haying, 2.00; load pumpkins, 1.00; pasturing 6 sheep, 3.50; 1 1-2 bush. oats, .50; making cider, .16; H. Preston, for work, .33; G. W. Piper, for 20 days haying, 20.00; S. Folsom, for pair oxen, 68.00; Asa Gordon, for timber, .17; A. Bickford, for do., .16; J. Plummer, for ox, 32.00; pasturing 3 cattle, 5.33; W. Berry, for seed, .50; T. Emerson, for shoemaking, 2.13; J. H. Wood, for leather mittens, .75; E. Mirick, for shoemaking, 2.57; amount,

Whole amount of bills, 327 46

Whole amount of Debtor as above,

\$4442 36

Credit.

By amount of real estate, 2600 00
 By personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen, taken Feb. 25th, 1851:

Neat stock and horse, 445.00; 3 hogs, 30.00; 19 tons hay, 172.00; farming tools, 105.00; pork, 400 lbs., 40.00; bacon, 150 lbs., 12.00; beef, 250 lbs., 17.00; cheese, 342 lbs., 22.23; 60 lbs. butter, 9.00; 70 lbs. lard, 6.30; 30 lbs. tallow, 2.70; 2 bbls. apples, 2.00; 50 lbs. dried apple, 2.25; 50 bush. potatoes, 25.00; 20 bush. corn, 18.00; 8 bush. wheat, 12.00; bbl. soap, 5.00; furniture and provisions not mentioned, 300.00; amount,

Sold to J. Straw, 30 doz. eggs, 3.14; 22 lbs. cheese, 1.00; 48 lbs. butter, 6.00; amount,

Sold to J. Wallace, 71-2 doz. eggs, .90; 82 lbs. butter, 12.06; socks, .25; amount,

Sold to Alanson Wood, 110 1-2 lbs. butter, 14.76; 8 doz. eggs, 1.00; amount,

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Sold to L. Harriman, pig, 1.25; W. Berry, 5 sheep, 7.50; T. Emerson, 42 lbs. cheese, 3.42; E. Mirick, 50 lbs. cheese, 3.32; pair shoes, .67; A. Caldwell, 105 lbs. dried apples, 4.40; B. Burns, socks, .63; P. Morrill, 90 lbs. hide, 4.05; 5 lambs, 7.50; heifer, 20.00; calf, 3.25; G. D. Gould, calf skin, .64; H. Barnes, 2 pigs, 2.50; C. C. Gibson, pig, 1.25; 6 1-2 lbs. butter, .85; H. K. Plumer, calf, 1.25; E. Brown, pig, 1.42; N. Morgan, pig, 1.33; Geo. Arnold, 24 doz. eggs, 2.40; B. F. Woods, 69 lbs. butter, 9.07; L. Tuttle, pair oxen, 92.00; J. Gove, 32 lbs. cheese, 1.95; amount,
Cash received for County paupers,
" due

170 65
69 82
32 50
\$4137 56
404 80

Whole amount of credit,
Balance against the pauper farm,
List of persons who have been supported on the farm the past year.

Names.	ages.	Names.	ages.
James Morrison,	91	Dorcas Stone,	77
Solomon Johnson,	88	Mehitable Kezer,	74
Jonathan Kezer,	79	Betsey Joselyn,	75
Aaron Eastman,	69	Sally Whitman,	79
Joshua Kimball,	71	Nancy Gould,	85
Alvin Whitman,	64	Mary Bowman, (8 weeks,)	73
Charles Kirk, County pauper,	65	Hannah Connor,	71
Charles McAuley, " to May 2d		Sally Withington, from June 7,	58
Timothy Redding, " " "		Salome Leslie, " "	33
Michael Farreter, " to April 2d		H. M. Flanders, " "	3
Thomas O'Brien, " to July 14th			
Martin Maloney, " 3 weeks		Total number,	23
Mark Dodge, " 3 weeks		Present number,	16

Condition of the Finances of the Town.

Cash in hands of the Treasurer as per receipt to Selectmen,
\$376 41
Amount against the county, 165 36
\$541 77
Amount of outstanding orders and demands against the town, as estimated by the Selectmen, amounting to 343 00
\$198 77
Leaving a balance in favor of the town of one hundred ninety-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents.

FREDERICK WHITNEY, } Auditing
JOHN S. CRAIG, } Committee
ROBERT WALLACE, }

REPORT

OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The undersigned, in presenting the annual report of the Superintending School Committee, would beg leave to suggest a few topics for the consideration of the public.

Condition of Schools.—Several of our schools the past year have been taught by experienced teachers, possessing eminent qualifications as such. The advantages of experience, and a faculty for governing and teaching, have been very apparent in all these schools. At the same time many of our teachers of less experience have been abundantly successful, their schools comparing favorably with those of our teachers of the highest reputation. Your committee are of opinion that our schools for the past year, taken as a whole, exhibit some improvement over previous years, yet they fall far short of that degree of perfection of which they are susceptible. Our primary schools should furnish facilities to every child and youth for attaining all the elementary principles of English education, and might, in charge of teachers possessing proper qualifications, with a corresponding interest on the part of parents. Instead of this, we see a large share of our youth squandering their time in our district schools, as though neither time nor school was of any consequence, and depending upon high schools and academies for a knowledge even of the rudiments of our language.

Discipline.—Although our schools for the past year have been, comparatively speaking, rather quiet, yet the want of a proper and efficient system of discipline has been seriously felt in many neighborhoods. Your committee are of opinion that at least one half of all our school money is lost annually, either through the unfaithfulness of teachers, or the indifference of scholars. We annually contribute more money for whispering, play and mischief in school, than for "diligence, industry, and proper improvement of time." This fact is equally glaring and humiliating, and deserves the serious consideration of every friend of common school education.

Improvement of the condition of our Schools.—The first thing requisite to this end, is the employment of faithful and efficient teachers—teachers of moral as well as mental qualifications. A teacher should be possessed of something more than merely a knowledge of the branches he designs to teach. His duties should not be circumscribed to the mere hearing of lessons and setting of copies. The children and youth of our land are placed in his charge, and he is responsible in a great measure for the moulding of their character.

A large proportion of the time of our youth is spent in the school room, or within the reach of its influence. This is emphatically denominated the "seed time of life." During this period the mind is peculiarly susceptible of impression. It is during this period that the character is formed, in most instances permanently so, and no individual influence contributes more potently in fixing the character and in forming the habits and disposition than that of school. How important that our teachers should be models of excellence!

Let our teachers be possessed of unblemished characters, and free from all pernicious habits, that their example may be worthy the imitation of their pupils. Let them manifest an interest in their vocation, an aptness to teach, and a faculty of so interesting their pupils that books, and study and school shall be to them a recreation, and let parents co-operate with and sustain and encourage the teacher in his efforts, and our primary schools will soon assume that position to which they are entitled by their importance, and parents will be no longer compelled to send their children to high schools, to obtain a passable knowledge of arithmetic, grammar, geography, &c., and possibly they may save themselves many a pang in consequence of the disobedience, the waywardness or dissoluteness of their offspring.

The question may arise in the minds of some, how shall the services of suitable teachers be secured? We would say, employ none but persons of known qualifications, and offer them an adequate compensation for their services. It will be said of small districts that their means will not admit of their hiring an experienced teacher, his reputation commanding a higher price elsewhere, and that they are compelled to content themselves with the inexperienced. We would say to such districts, elect to the office of prudential committee none but such men as take a deep interest in schools, and who are as skillful in judging of the character and qualifications of men, as of the disposition and qualities of a horse, and who will be as cautious and as judicious in selecting a teacher for his school, as in selecting a horse to convey his children safely thither, and you will seldom have occasion to complain of incompetent teachers. Some of our winter schools have been taught by females, and with a degree of success fully equal to that of our male teachers. We would recommend to small districts to employ female teachers for their winter schools, where the circumstances of the case will admit.

Condition of School Houses.—The farmer, the mechanic, or the man of any profession, cannot prosecute his work to advantage without a suitable place to carry forward his operations, and a proper supply of tools with which to labor. It is emphatically so with the teacher. Unless he can have a suitable room, with an abundant supply of comfortable seats, properly arranged, and suitable books in the hands of his pupils, he must labor to a very great disadvantage. The arrangement of the interior of most of our school houses is neither so convenient nor comfortable as could be desired. The school rooms are nearly all too small, with an inadequate supply of seats, low posted, and without proper means of ventilation. The atmosphere in such rooms soon becomes vitiated, jeopardizing the health and lives of all its occupants. A school room should be large, with a high ceiling, and suitable means for ventilation, and seats and desks should be so arranged as to accommodate each one pupil, with sufficient passway between each row of seats. None but teachers can fully appreciate the advantages of such an arrangement. Your committee are fully of the opinion that could all our school houses be remodelled on a plan similar to the above, that the public would in a short time be fully remunerated in the improved condition of their schools, to say nothing of the health and comfort of scholars.

Your committee would enumerate as a prominent hindrance to the usefulness of our schools, the disposition on the part of many parents to interfere in the internal regulations of the school. Parents should exercise extreme caution in this respect, and should never let parental fondness so bias the judgment as to condemn a teacher merely on the representation of their children. If they are wronged at school, parents are bound to protect them. A teacher is not irresponsible. He is not placed in school as a sort of threshing machine, neither should he exercise the attributes of a tyrant. If complaints arise, the teacher should

be consulted immediately, which course, in most instances, will restore perfect confidence. In no case should parents continue to send their children to a school, of which they speak unfavorably in their presence. Such course is subversive to the interest of the schools, and prejudicial to the best good of their children.

In conformity to instructions from the town, your committee have reported each district separately, which report is annexed, together with the following

TABULAR STATEMENT.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.						WINTER SCHOOLS.							
No. of District.	Length of school in weeks.		No. of scholars.	Average No. of scholars.	No. of persons between 4 and 14 who have not attended school.	Wages of teachers per month, exclusive of board.	No. of District.	Length of school in weeks.		No. of scholars.	Average No. of scholars.	No. of persons between 4 and 14 who have not attended school.	Wages per month, exclusive of board.
1	10	36	25	0		\$6 32	10	41	35			2	\$15 00
2	5	9	8	1		5 00	13	22	13			0	3 00
3	4	12	11	1		5 32	6	15	13			0	16 00
4	3	21	20	0		5 33	10	39	35			0	15 00
5	11	42	33	3		3 00	11	19	14 1-2			1	16 00
6	9	18	11	3		4 00	10	29	24			0	15 00
7	12	37	23	0		6 00	12	44	38			2	16 00
8	12	44	35	3		3 00	11	17	13			1	16 00
9	8	6	5	0		4 00	11	3	7 1-2	100		0	10 50
10	6	10	8	0		6 00	11	22	13			0	12 00
11	15	48	33	0		8 00	12	65	54			0	20 00
12	*						10	20	15			0	14 00
13	7	10	9	0		4 00	12	13	11			0	4 50

* No school in Summer.

DISTRICT NO. 1. SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Summer Term of this school was taught by Miss Sarah C. Weeks, and the Winter Term by D. P. Woodbury, both with a commendable degree of success. The parents would find it a great advantage to their children in this School to furnish them with more suitable reading books.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This School,—taught in the Summer by Miss Mary J. Sawyer, and in the Winter by Miss Eliza L. Sawyer,—reflects much credit upon these faithful and competent teachers. They evinced much interest and love for their work, and their labors were crowned with a good degree of success. We would speak a word of encouragement to these teachers, and hope their abilities will be appreciated, and their efforts ever be successful.

DISTRICTS NO. 3, 4, 8 & 9. SUMMER SCHOOLS.

These Schools were visited at their commencement; but having had no notice of their close, we can report nothing of their progress. So far as could be discovered at the outset, they bid fair to answer in some good degree the expectation of those most interested, particularly the School in District No. 8, taught by Angeline E. Caldwell. She seemed to be in her element, and likewise to be fully possessed of the great secret in governing a school, viz: to govern one's self. The various motes exhibited in different parts of the room, no doubt exerted a happy influence over the young mind in breaking the monotony which, alas! prevails to an alarming extent in our schools; also, serving as a "Beacon Light" in emulating the virtues of the great and good, and in shunning the paths of vice.

DISTRICT NO. 3. WINTER SCHOOL.

HIRAM G. PATTEN, INSTRUCTOR.

Order in this School was good. The labors of Mr. Patten were attended with commendable success. We are sorry to say this School was of short duration.

DISTRICT NO. 4. WINTER SCHOOL.

JAMES M. CAMPBELL, INSTRUCTOR.

This School was visited but once; therefore of its advancement we can say nothing. The character Mr. C. has sustained heretofore as a teacher will be a sufficient guarantee in saying that his efforts were highly appreciated by the District. We are sorry to say Mr. C. was obliged, on account of other business, to leave before the expiration of the Term.

DISTRICT NO. 5. SUMMER SCHOOL.

MARY L. CHILDS, INSTRUCTRESS.

This School commenced with encouraging prospects, having the advantage of a teacher of much experience and high reputation.

The general progress of the pupils was commendable,—of some individual scholars, marked. A strong and mutual attachment between teacher and pupil, the high moral influence apparently exerted by the teacher, and the unexceptionable deportment of the scholars were the distinguishing features of this School.

DISTRICT NO. 5. WINTER SCHOOL.

CHAS. H. DARLING, INSTRUCTOR.

This School was visited, in company with the School Commissioner of

the County; and it is sufficient to say of it, the Commissioner represented that in all the characteristics of a good school, it was inferior to no other one visited by him in the county.

DISTRICT NO. 6. SUMMER SCHOOL.

HANNAH G. CLARK, INSTRUCTRESS.

Considerable proficiency was manifest among the larger scholars, particularly in reading and spelling. The teacher did not succeed so well with the smaller scholars. Discipline perhaps a little too mild for the best good of the School.

WINTER SCHOOL NOT VISITED.

DISTRICT NO. 7. SUMMER SCHOOL.

EMELINE COLBY, INSTRUCTRESS.

The Teacher of this School appeared to labor zealously and faithfully for the interest of the School; but the want of a good understanding between teacher and pupil, was very evident. The improvement of the smaller scholars was highly satisfactory. If the older scholars did not make such progress as could have been desired, the fault rests somewhere else than with the teacher.

WINTER SCHOOL.

JOHN SMITH, INSTRUCTOR.

This school was visited only at the close. The examination of the several classes so far as entered into clearly indicated that the teacher had been fortunate in his plans of operation and faithful in their execution. The general appearance of this school was highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 8. WINTER SCHOOL.

FRED. H. BAILEY, INSTRUCTOR.

We are happy to say that we can speak in terms of high praise of this school. There was a systematic order and arrangement in every thing pertaining to the school, that reflected much credit on the teacher. The examination at the close was listened to with much interest and satisfaction. The scholars appeared to be well acquainted with the ground they had gone over, and their promptness and distinctness in all their recitations were worthy of all praise.

DISTRICT NO. 9. WINTER SCHOOL.

FRANCIS GORDON, INSTRUCTOR.

Mr. G. is young and ambitious and by the aid of experience will make an efficient teacher. The progress made by most of the pupils gave good evidence that his labors were not in vain.

DISTRICT NO. 10. SUMMER SCHOOL.

The committee were not informed that this school was in progress till after its close.

WINTER SCHOOL.

ANN M. JOHNSON, INSTRUCTRESS.

The examination of this school was truly satisfactory. The reciprocity of feeling which existed between teacher and scholar could not fail of producing the result realized. The recitations were of a high order. The exactness and promptness with which they were executed, spoke

volumes in commendation of the untiring efforts of the teacher and assiduity of the scholar. Elementary principles seemed to be within the grasp of almost every pupil. The compositions were certainly praiseworthy. They stand in advance of many that are the product of years of "Academic drill." We would bid Miss J. God speed in her efforts in assisting the young mind exploring the boundless fields of science.

DISTRICT NO. 11. SUMMER SCHOOL.

SARAH WILKINS, INSTRUCTRESS.

The appearance and progress of this school were satisfactory. The teacher exhibited much firmness and energy in government, and an aptness to teach, and the improvement on the part of many of the scholars was very commendable.

WINTER SCHOOL.

HIRAM MARSH, INSTRUCTOR.

We are sorry to say that Mr. M. was not so successful in exciting an interest in this school as could have been desired. There was a lack of system and order which are ever necessary to make a school pleasant and profitable. There is evidently, in this district, a great want of interest on the part of parents, without which, especially in a school like this, it is impossible for any teacher to succeed well.

The small scholars under the instruction of Angeline E. Caldwell, made very commendable progress. Miss C. has a very happy talent for teaching, and parents who have their children under her instruction are peculiarly fortunate.

DISTRICT NO. 12. NO SUMMER SCHOOL.

WINTER SCHOOL.

JOHN F. CHASE, INSTRUCTOR.

Mr. C. was particularly successful in exciting an interest in this school, consequently it was profitable to the district. Discipline of a high order—during two visits of a half day each, scarcely a whisper, loud study, or any kind of confusion was discoverable. Mutual confidence between teacher and pupil very apparent. This school excelled in the correctness and promptness with which the several exercises were disposed of.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Owing to the neglect of the prudential committee in giving proper information the summer school was not visited.

At the commencement of the winter term the school appeared very well in charge of Sophronia Smith. But for some reason better known to the district than to the committee, there was an exchange of teachers. Anstriss Kimball, successor to Miss. Smith, appeared to be successful, and well adapted to her employment, and the scholars made good progress.

HIRAM RICE,	} <i>Superintending</i>
WARREN S. CHILDS,	
CHARLES H. DARLING.	
	<i>School</i>
	<i>Committee.</i>