# MUNICIPAL REGISTER:

CONTAINING THE

# CITY CHARTER AND RECENT ORDINANCES,

# RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

# CITY COUNCIL,

AND A

Vist of the Officers of the City of Boston,

FOR THE YEAR

1855.

BOSTON: 1855. J. H. EASTBURN, CITY PRINTER.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT.

# Chief Engineer.

ELISHA SMITH, Jr., 15 Indiana place. Salary \$1,200.

#### Assistant Engineers. Salary \$250 each.

Charles S. Clark, George W. Bird, George S. Thom, Joseph Dunbar, James Quinn, Frederick A. Colburn, Nathaniel W. Pratt, Bailey T. Mills, David Chamberlin,

32 Snow Hill street. Hawthorn place. Athens street, South Boston. 4 Bennington street, East Boston. 1 Morton street. American House, Hanover street. 12 Cotting street. 51 Pleasant street. 41 Albany street.

# Henry Hart, Secretary. Salary \$800.

[Chosen in January or February, by concurrent vote. Ordinances, pp. 126, 132.]

# Foremen of Engines.

Mazeppa Co. No. 1. Ruel H. Bean, Perkins Co. No. 2. Daniel Weston, Jr. Eagle Co. No. 3. Edward W. Milliken, Cataract Co. No. 4. John S. Damrell, Extinguisher Co. No. 5. John S. Maxwell, Melville Co. No. 6. Charles Carter, Howard Co. No. 7. Charles C. Henry, Boston Co. No. 8. William A. Green, Maverick Co. No. 9. John P. Somerby,

Old North Co. No. 10. Joseph Baker, Despatch Co. No. 11. Hiram P. Grant, Tremont Co. No. 12. David Connery, Webster Co. No. 13. Joseph H. Bates,

Broadway, South Boston. Fourth Street pl. South Boston. Broadway, South Boston. 131 Fourth street, South Boston. Washington street. 46 Oak street. Foot of Mount Vernon street. 3 Champney place.  ${\it East}$  street. 45 Hudson street. Leverett street. 69 South Margin street. Purchase street. 201 Washington street. Commercial street. 4 Hanover avenue. Paris street, East Boston. Webster street, East Boston. Meridian Street, East Boston.

Sumner street, East Boston. Court square. 6 Federal court. Tremont street.

69 Fayette street. Paris street, East Boston. Maverick street.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1. Jeremiah S. Stevens,

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

Warren Foster,

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3. Orlando F. Marshall,

Hydrant Co. No. 1.

Charles E. Dunton,

Hydrant Co. No. 2.

Sylvester Stone,

Hydrant Co. No. 3.

John S. Ryan,

Hydrant Co. No. 5.

William Lovell,

Hydrant Co. No. 6. Joseph Barnes,

Friend street.

30 Chardon street.

Paris street, East Boston.

3 New street, East Boston.

Harrison avenue.

24 Rochester street.

Salem street.

24 Cooper street.

Hudson street.

31 Tyler street.

Friend street.

70 High street.

Shawmut avenue.

80 West Dedham street.

Paris street, East Boston. Liverpool street, East Boston.

There are attached to the department, 16 Foremen of Engine, Hook and Ladder, and Hydrant Companies, at \$150 each; 16 Assistant Foremen, at \$125 each; 16 Clerks, at \$125 each; 16 Stewards, at \$125 each; 458 Members, at \$100 each; 5 Foremen, at \$75 each; 5 Assistant Foremen, at \$60 each; 5 Clerks, at \$60 each; 5 Stewards, at \$60 each; 140 Members, at \$50 each. There are 3 Engine Companies and 1 Hook and Ladder Company, and 1 Hydrant Company, at East Boston, which are not required to attend Fires in the City proper, except by special order of the Chief Engineer—their compensation is as follows:—Foremen, \$75 each per annum; Assistant Foremen, \$60 each; Clerks, \$60 each; Stewards, \$60 each; Members, \$50 each. [Ordinances, pp. 126, 132.]

# FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Central Office, No. 8 City Building, Court Square.

Superintendent, Moses G. Farmer. Salary \$1,200 per annum. [Chosen by concurrent vote in April or May.]

Operators—George H. Burnham, R. H. Shapleigh, Edwin Rogers, Henry Edson, [Salary \$2.00 per day.]

A constant watch is kept at the Central Office night and day. Each operator is on duty four hours. Two persons are required to be about the office at all times for safety, in case of accident to any of the machinery, or sudden illness of the attending operator.

No operator is permitted to sleep during his watch, unless ex-

pressly relieved by some one else.

Each operator is accountable to the Superintendent for any omissions or mistakes that may occur at the Central Office during his hour of duty.

An accurate account is kept of the time of giving each alarm, and

of the District and Station from whence it originates.

Alarms are transmitted to the Central Office from the Signal Stations or Boxes by turning the crank in the Box. The Police, Watch, and a person resident near each Box, have each a key to the

Alarms are usually given in less than a minute from the time the crank is turned in any Box, which is done in accordance with the following directions :---

#### DIRECTIONS TO THOSE WHO HOLD SIGNAL KEYS.

- If a fire is discovered in your vicinity go to the nearest box in the District.
- Turn the crank twenty-five times, rather fast at first, then quite slowly at last. If convenient, wait at the box so as to direct the Firemen where to go.
- 3. If you hear no reply at the box, or on the bells, turn again. If still no reply, go to another box in the District.
- The Watch upon hearing the bells, will spring their rattles and call the number of the District.

The alarms will be given from the Central Station by striking the number of the District on the bells, and tapping the number of the Station in the boxes.

#### CAUTIONS.

- Be sure that your box is locked before leaving it.
- Never open the box or touch the apparatus except in case of fire.
- Never let the key go out of your possession, unless called for by the City Authorities.

#### LIST OF SIGNAL STATIONS.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

East and North of Leverett, Green, Court and State Streets.

- Station No. 1.—Faneuil Hall.

  2.—Corner Marshall and Hanover Streets.

  3.—Richmond, East of Hanover Street.

  4.—Eastern Railroad Wharf.

  5.—Constitution Wharf.

  6.—Phipps Place, corner of Charter Street.

  7.—Cooper Street Church.

  8.—Boston and Maine Railroad Freight Depot.

  9.—Causeway, corner of Lowell street.

  10.—Leverett, corner of Vernon street.

  11.—Sudbury Street, Williams' Stable.

  12.—Hull, corner of Snowhill Street.

<sup>&#</sup>x27; There are 47 Signal Stations distributed and located in accordance with the following plan:—

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

West of Leverett, Green, Court, Tremont, and Boylston Streets.

- Station No. 1.—Church in North Russell Street.

  2.—West Cedar, corner of Cambridge Street.

  3.—Engine House No. 4, foot of Mount Vernon Street.

  4.—West Centre, corner of Pinckney Street.

  5.—Reservoir, Hancock Street.

  6.—Bowdoin, corner of Cambridge Street.

  7.—Albion, Tremont Street.

  8.—Poplar, corner of Spring Street.



DISTRICT No. 3.

Between the Water, Beach, Washington, Boylston, Tre-mont, Court and State Streets.

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  1.—Old South Church.

  2.—Central, corner of Broad Street.

  3.—Belmont, corner of High Street.

  4.—No. 21 Purchase Street.

  5.—Lincoln, corner of Summer Street.

  6.—Dr. Cabot's, Winter Street.

  7.—Central Office, City Building.

  8.—Engine House No. 7, Purchase Street.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

## Between Dover, THE WATER, Beach, Washington and Boyleton Streets.

Station No. 1.—Old Colony Railroad Depot.

2 —Hydrant No. 2, House, Hudson Street.

3.—Seneca Street, near Harrison Avenue.

4.—Indiana Place Church.

5.—Engine House No. 12, Warren Street.

6.—Providence Railroad Depot.

7.—Boylston Market.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

## South of Dover Street.

Station No. 1.—Engine House No. 3.
2.—Church on Shawmut Avenue, cor. Waltham St.
3.—Hydrant No. 5.
4.—Shawmut Avenue, corner of Northampton St.
5.—Harrison Avenue, corner of Brookline Street.

# DISTRICT No. 6.

#### Comprises South Boston.

Station No. 1.—Broadway, corner Turnpike Street.

2.—Engine House No. 2.

3.—Lyceum Hall

4.—Broadway, near Dorchester Street.

5.—House of Industry.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

# Comprises East Boston.

Station No. 1.-Near Toll House, on Boston side.