

Boston, 1896.

A REPORT

OF THE

RECORD COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON,

CONTAINING THE

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES FROM 1787 THROUGH 1798.



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[89.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30th
[1794] Present Mess^{rs}: Edwards, Boardman, Crafts, Price, Little,
Scollay,

Passed upon other Accounts —

This Morning between the hours of 4 & 5 — o Clock, a Fire took place in this Town, beging^s. at Mr. Hows Rope Walk near Milk Street, which consumed all the other Ropewalks in that quarter, together with about 36 Dwelling Houses, a number of Barns Out Buildings & Stores, containing large quantities of Hemp Cordage & other Merchandize, Household Furniture &c. — And as large bodys of Fire & combustables, are in *Cellars* still unextinguished, which in case of high Winds & other Circumstances may greatly expose the Inhabitants to further damage and loss — The Selectmen for their ease & security — have agreed that a Watch of 60 Men be engaged for this Night, who are to be allowed six Shillings p Man for this service, which with a number of the Fire Engines & their Comp^y. under direction of the Fire Wards together with the Persons engaged by the Borderers on the Ruins, is thought to be sufficient for the purpose.

The following was sent for a place in the Chronicle of to Morrow — Viz^t —

THE SELECTMEN OF BOSTON in behalf of their Fellow Citizens, having a most lively sense of the very timely & efficient aid afforded them by their Brethren of the several Towns in the vicinity with their Fire Engines & their Personal services at the distressing Fire of Yesterday Morning request them to accept their most sincere acknowledgement of the same, and assure them that such benevolent & Humane exertions will always excite the most grateful sensations

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Voted, that the Fire Wards be requested to take the charge of said Men & appoint them to such Stations as they shall think best for the preservation of the Town

[90.] N B — The Towns from which Engines were brought to the Fire were Cambridge, Charlestown, Roxbury, Milton, Brooklyne & Watertown — & the Inhabitants from other Towns, tho'. not with Engines, were active in their exertions on the occasion —

The following Billet was sent Col^o. Waters

The Selectmen request that the Inspector of Police engage 60 Men as a Watch for this Night & have them paraded at the State house by 9. o Clock this Evening — He will be so obliging as to inform the Fire Wards when the Men are ready, that they may appoint them to such Stations as they shall think best for the preservation of the Town —