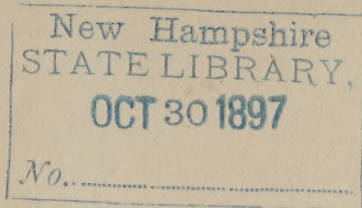


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AUDITORS' REPORT

—UPON THE—

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF LITTLETON

—FOR THE—

FISCAL YEAR, 1867-68.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, auditors, have to report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen for the year ending March 10, 1868, and find the amount received from all sources is \$22,627.65, and an equal amount accounted for, as shown by the following schedules, and summary of receipts and expenditures.

There was represented in the assets by the report of last year \$500 due from the State for soldiers' bounties, valued at \$375, of which there has been received \$178 during the current year. As to the value of the claim for a further amount the auditors have no means of judging.

There is also represented in the following schedules the indebtedness of the town on the first day of March, 1868, including interest, amounting to \$56,885.75, after deducting the estimated value of the assets, which is an increase of indebtedness over last year of \$4,469.14, which may be accounted for mainly by interest on the debt of last year, the amount expended for railroad surveys, and pauper bills of last year; there having been no money raised for paying interest on the debt, and these bills all being charges not properly belonging to the ordinary expenses of the current year.

There has been paid \$144.65 interest over and above the legal rate to sustain the debt of last year. There has been but two bills of highway surveyors returned the current year. The auditors think a settlement of highway surveyors' accounts should be insisted upon, the neglect of which was noticed in last year's report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE B. REDINGTON,
GEORGE A. BINGHAM.

Money Received by O. G. Hale, Treas.

1867.			
April 30,	L. T. Dow, on town note,		\$1000 00
	Charles Nurse, "		100 00
May 7,	L. D. Burton "		258 00
	14, Reuben Phillips, "		200 00
	18, Jesse Eastman, "		650 00
	23, Henry G. Town, "		100 00
	28, Fanny Barrett, "		200 00
	29, George Leslie, "		500 00
	George Leslie, "		550 00
June 19,	S. A. Edson, "		300 00
	M. T. Durgin, "		522 00
July 4,	Hannah Hill, "		80 00
	13, Samuel Ball, "		300 00
Aug. 24,	Gabriel G. Moulton, on town note,		300 00
Sept. 3,	Mary T. Morse, on town note.		129 00
	20, County of Grafton, on pauper claims,		2362 44
	30, Hannah Hill, on town note,		100 00
Oct. 12,	Circus company, for license,		30 00
Nov. 4,	H. C. Redington & Co., on town note,		500 00
	Susan Gilman, on town note,		179 00
	5, Alonzo Weeks, "		80 00
	7, Samuel Ball, "		500 00
	E. O. Kenney, for fine collected,		3 00
Dec. 10,	" "		3 00
	12, " on town note,		1200 00
	21, S. M. Hurlburt, "		100 00
	27, Charles Nurse, "		100 00
	31, Dennis Wheeler, "		180 00
1868.			
Jan. 7,	John M. Charleton, "		800 00
	William Moffit, "		560 00
	8, Warren S. Gilman, "		275 00

Jan. 20,	State treasurer, savings bank tax, 1867,	\$ 7 56
	“ railroad tax, 1867,	490 66
	“ literary fund, 1867,	95 10
	“ United States bounties,	178 00
Feb. 11,	John L. Russell, on town note,	100 00
March 2,	Town of Landaff, on pauper claim,	19 90
	3, Asaph Whitcomb, on town note,	750 00
	4, J. W. English, collection on tax, 1866,	1650 00
	Wm. J. Bellows, for fine collected,	2 00
	6, Henry Richardson, on town note,	279 12
	Dennis Wheeler, on town note,	300 00
	For note vs. E. C. Kimball and H. L. Thayer,	207 91
	Circus license, August, 1867,	30 00
	H. C. Redington & Co., cash advanced towards repairs on bridge,	75 00
	J. W. English, at sundry times on tax bill of 1867,	4088 00
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		\$20,334 69

RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES NOT ON TREASURER'S BOOK.

O. G. Hale, balance due him as Treasurer,	\$104 25
Benjamin Atwood, in services,	199 50
J. K. Dunbar, in services,	132 50
J. W. English, balance, contract for support of paupers,	800 00
J. W. English, services as collector,	200 00
George A. Bingham, services,	9 00
H. C. Redington & Co., labor on road,	17 76
George B. Redington, services,	43 50
Eli D. Sawyer, cash, March 12, 1867,	700 00
“ “ April 20, 1867,	86 45
	<hr/> \$ 2,292 96
Total amount received from all sources,	<hr/> \$22,627 65

Expenditures.

PAUPER EXPENSES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Keeping paupers from March 12 to April 1, to commencement of J. W. English contract,	\$ 57 43
Paid for school books,	1 00
Paid Benj. Atwood for support of transient pauper,	3 00
Extra expense for support of Dici Osgood, on agreement made be- fore contract with English,	16 39
Bringing paupers from Columbia,	15 00
Procuring testimony at Walcott, Vt., in case of the Taylor family,	21 00
Taking testimony in pauper cases and expenses to Haverhill three times about county paupers,	24 64
Support of town and county paupers, per contract with J. W. English, for one year from April 1, 1867,	2000 00
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/> \$2138 46

PAUPER EXPENSES PRIOR TO THE CURRENT YEAR.

Woodward boy's bill at the Asylum and expenses bringing him home,	\$41 75
Paid town of Northwood for support of Deborah Fuller, 1866,	52 00
Alonzo Weeks, deferred, for support of paupers in 1865,	80 00
Extra allowance to J. C. Dunbar, being the amount allowed by the county for support of Elias Bacon,	46 25

Rinaldo Dodge bill, being balance for support of Eunice Green and Mrs. Judd, omitted,	\$ 15 00
C. C. Knapp, bill for support of transient paupers, 1865, omitted,	4 50
F. J. Eastman's bill, for goods furnished for support of sundry paupers, omitted,	39 43
Balance on settlement with the town of Walcott, for expenses of the Taylor family,	48 20
	<hr/> \$ 327 13
Total amount pauper expenses,	<hr/> \$2465 59

EXPENSES ON BRIDGE AT SCYTHE FACTORY.

P. W. Bean's bill for stone work,	\$ 2 50
H. C. Redington & Co., bill for plank and iron,	70 88
J. Kilburn & Son, bill for washers,	27 48
Ezra Hale's bill for work, self and horse, 2 1-2 days,	7 50
C. & C. F. Eastman's bill, iron and nails,	70 74
E. C. Kimball's bill, labor and board,	13 00
Paddleford & Miller's bill for work,	45 50
	<hr/> \$ 237 60

EXPENSES ON BRIDGE AT VILLAGE.

Ranlet & Buchanan's bill, making bolts, etc.,	\$19 25
L. T. Dow, one day's work, Jan. '68,	2 25
E. Phillips, " "	1 50
Wm. M. Atwood, " "	2 00
Ezra Hale, 2 1-2 days' work with horse, Jan. 1868,	6 00
O. G. Hale, 4 days' work with horse, Jan., 1868,	10 00
J. Kilburn & Son, bill of washers,	3 72

C. & C. F. Eastman, bill of iron and nails,	\$65 72	
Paddleford & Miller, bill of work,	12 13	
Sanborn & Weeks, bill of pins,	1 00	
Stephen H. Reed, making rods,	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$127 17

EXPENSES OF REBUILDING THE KINNIE BRIDGE, INCLUDING
REPAIRS ON OLD BRIDGE IN THE SPRING.

D. B. Hadlock, bill of labor,	\$18 00	
George Aldrich, "	66 40	
Solan Albee, "	53 00	
F. B. Williams, "	13 00	
John Bergins, "	31 89	
J. K. Dunbar, " board, etc.,	77 23	
C. L. Albee, bill of labor, plank, feed for team and use of scraper,	23 53	
Bradford Kinnie, bill of labor, keeping team and board of men,	43 00	
	<hr/>	\$326 05

EXPENSE ON THE KINNISTON BRIDGE.

Paid Ezra Kinniston for rebuilding,	\$70 00
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EXPENSES ON LEWIS ROAD.

John Bergins, bill of work,	\$17 00	
J. K. Dunbar, bill of work,	20 00	
Land damage to Horace Buck,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$77 00

EXPENSES ON THE BARTLETT ROAD.

Drew's bill of labor,	\$ 6 00	
Markley's bill of labor,	7 00	
J. K. Dunbar, bill of labor and fuse,	10 25	
G. A. Clark, bill of labor,	8 00	
F. A. Bartlett, "	9 50	
S. M. Hurlbutt, "	14 20	
	<hr/>	\$54 95

EXPENSES ON THE ROAD LEADING TO WHITEFIELD.

E. C. Kimball, bill of labor,	\$ 21 00	
Jonas Nurse, “	31 12	
Benj. Atwood, “	226 25	
George Gile, “	6 00	
Elias Hildreth, “	5 25	
John Norris, “	1 50	
P. W. Bean, “ stone work,	2 50	
B. & C. F. Cate, “ plank,	9 46	
“ labor,	16 00	
“ labor, Nov., 1866,	103 00	
	<hr/>	\$422 08

EXPENSES ON THE WILLIAMS' ROAD.

James Williams, bill of labor,	\$ 8 00	
J. B. Hadlock, land damage,	13 00	
Robert Clough, bill of labor,	6 00	
John Burgins, bill of labor and fuse,	10 00	
F. B. Willims, 4 days' labor and plank,	9 00	
G. D. Shute, 4 days' labor self, and		
2 days oxen,	12 00	
Simeon Eastman, bill of labor,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$60 25

PLANK FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES AT LARGE.

E. C. Kimball, bill,	\$ 24 00	
Elanson Farr, “	4 50	
Albert Carpenter, “	5 20	
Mason Aldrich, “	8 94	
F. B. Williams, “	11 00	
H. C. Redington & Co., “	5 92	
B. & C. F. Cate, “	6 00	
Ezra Kenniston, “	20 34	
Henry Richardson, “	279 12	
	<hr/>	\$365 02

EXPENSES ON ROADS AT LARGE OVER AND ABOVE
HIGHWAY MONEY.

Wm. Little, bill of work on road to Starch Mill in West Littleton,	\$10 00	
J. K. Dunbar, bill of work on river road below Millikin's Mills,	24 00	
Albert Carpenter, bill of work in his district,	10 20	
Mason Aldrich, work, planking the Sanborn bridge,	2 06	
F. B. Williams, work, planking bridge,	3 00	
R. C. Towns, bill of work on road at North Littleton,	9 00	
H. C. Redington & Co., work on road to Bethlehem,	9 00	
Eben Howe, for work and plank in District No. 13,	7 50	
Ezra Kenniston, work in District No. 2,	5 00	
Ezra Hale, cutting ice, three times,	3 00	
C. F. Cate's order for excess of work in his district, 1866,	17 76	
	<hr/>	\$100 52
Total amount of expenses on bridges and highways, over and above highway money,		<hr/> \$1,840 64

EXPENSE OF AUDITING ACCOUNTS FOR 1866-67.

G. B. Redington's bill,	\$20 00	
Cyrus Eastman's bill,	10 00	
George Farr, for assistance two days,	5 00	
Making report,	10 00	
Revising report recommitted and mak- ing copy to print,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$51 00

EXPENSE OF AUDITING ACCOUNTS THE CURRENT YEAR.

Geo. A. Bingham's bill,	\$9 00	
G. B. Redington's bill,	9 00	
Making report and assistance about same,	9 00	
		<hr/> \$27 00
Total expense of auditing accounts,		<hr/>
1866-7 and 1867-8,		\$78 00

POLICE SERVICE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

L. T. Dow, services for the year,	\$10 00	
A. H. Bowman, "	10 00	
C. F. Norton, "	10 00	
Wm. M. Atwood, "	10 00	
		<hr/> \$40 00
A.H.Bowman, for police service, 1866,		\$10 00

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Dennis Wheeler, 19 days visiting schools,	\$57 00	
Dennis Wheeler, examining teachers and making report,	8 00	
G. A. Bingham, Geo. Farr and Ezra Hale, superintending school committee for Union District,	25 00	
Railroad surveys,	\$ 650 00	
Safe for selectmen's room,	75 00	
H. & G. A. Bingham, for legal services,	50 50	
John Farr & Son, for legal service,	10 00	
C. C. Smith, services as town clerk,	25 04	
O. G. Hale, services as treasurer,	30 00	
J. W. English, towards collecting taxes, 1866,	150 00	
J. W. English, toward collecting taxes the current year,	50 00	
School money to school districts,	2,030 73	
Principal of notes,	10,793 03	
Interest,	3,327 45	

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

F. Witherell, for error,	\$ 23	
O. G. Hale, for error,	3 30	
	<hr/>	\$ 3 53

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

J. W. Merrill,	\$ 2 50	
F. A. Bartlett,	13 00	
Myron Carter,	5 00	
Daniel Sherry,	5 00	
Guy Parker,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 28 00

SERVICES OF SELECTMEN.

O. G. Hale,	\$181 25	
Benjamin Atwood,	199 50	
J. K. Dunbar,	132 00	
	<hr/>	\$512 75

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES PRIOR TO THE CURRENT YEAR.

Printing check-list, 1865,	\$ 8 00
Mrs. Palmer's bill for lighting bridge, 1866,	11 40
Ladd & Bunker, bill of work for bridge, 1866,	1 75
Dr. Wm. Burns, bill for snowing bridge, in part, 1866,	5 00
Superintending school committee, Union dis- trict, 1866,	15 00
Committee on Town House, 1866,	9 00
Errand to Bath, about note to Moulton,	1 40
Services to G. B. Redington, Feb., 1867, in pre- paring accounts of selectmen for auditing,	27 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Treasurer's book,	\$ 1 75
Cleaning and warming hall prior to Sept.,	6 00
Carey, for printing blank orders,	2 50
O. R. Morse, damage to wagon on Whitefield road,	17 50
For use of hall and selectmen's room, one year to March 13, 1868,	100 00
P. C. Wilkins, for perambulating line between Littleton, Bethlehem and Dalton,	12 00
C. F. Norton, for painting guide boards,	5 00
A. H. Bowman, police notices, 1866,	1 25
For oil, lamps and chimneys for bridge,	7 27
Ezra Hale, for lighting bridge one year,	26 00
Ezra Hale, snowing bridge for the season,	8 00
For curtains, hooks, ink, pail and tumbler, for selectmen's room,	4 70
For check-list,	5 00
For use of lobby,	8 00
Moving safe to selectmen's room,	1 00
Book of records for town clerk,	11 50
C. E. Cary, for printing town reports of last year,	15 00
C. E. Cary, for police regulations and placards for bridge,	2 75
For town officer,	2 50
Bill of stationery of Guernsey, and freight,	14 87
O. G. Hale, for stamps, blanks, repairing safe, etc.,	6 65
O. G. Hale, expense collecting money of State treasurer,	8 00
For ticking, repairing bedding,	4 10
Guide board post,	1 00
G. B. Redington, for 5 1-2 days assisting about pauper claims and settlement with E. D. Sawyer, March and April,	16 50
Total amount of expenditures,	<hr/> \$22,627 75

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Receipts as per treasurer's account,	\$20,334 69
Received from other sources,	2,292 96
	————— \$22,627 65

EXPENDITURES.

For support of paupers,	\$2,465 59
Expenses on roads and bridges,	1,840 64
Superintending school committees,	90 00
Police service,	50 00
Railroad surveys,	650 00
Safe for selectmen's room,	75 00
Town clerk's services,	25 04
Town treasurer's services,	30 00
Collector of taxes,	200 00
School money,	2,030 73
Principal of notes,	10,793 03
Interest,	3,327 45
Abatement of taxes,	3 53
Sheep killed by dogs,	28 00
Incidental expenses,	367 39
Auditors' bills for 1866 and 1867,	78 00
Selectmen's services,	512 75
Legal services,	60 50
	————— \$22,627 65

Indebtedness of the Town of Littleton, March 1, 1868

SCHEDULE OF NOTES ISSUED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 1867.

	INTEREST	
May 2, '64, Coupon bonds on interest from Nov. 1, '67,	\$642 00	\$32,100 00
Oct. 29, '62, Merrill Thompson children,	36 51	100 00
Nov. 16, '63, John Sargent,	84 42	300 00
Nov. 19, '63, H. B. Smith,	170 36	600 00
Dec. 7, '63, George Leslie,	280 15	1,000 00
Dec. 14, '62, Austin Paddleford,	355 40	1,000 00
Dec. 19, '62, John C. Goodnow,	177 14	500 50
Feb. 13, '64, A. G. Bugbee,	97 30	500 00
Jan. 14, '64, Amos Wallace,	40 70	150 00
Dec. 15, '63, Charles Moffitt,	80 85	300 00
Dec. 15, '63, Douglass Robbins,	41 73	150 00
Aug. 3, '64, Hellen M. Everett, bal.,	113 92	457 00
Aug. 13, '64, John Farr, Admin'r,	141 30	613 42
Aug. 13, '64, Mrs. Lovica Bowman,	57 58	250 00
Sept. 5, '64, Douglass Robbins,	108 91	500 00
Jan. 13, '65, Douglass Robbins,	105 05	525 00
Aug. 12, '65, Ellen M. Cobb,	3 21	20 00
Aug. 12, '65, Lydia Cobb,	10 44	65 00
June 2, '64, John Farr, guardian,	125 20	512 25
Nov. 11, '65, S. A. Edson,	72 09	500 00
Nov. 18, '65, Mrs. L. A. Kilburn,	100 02	700 00
Nov. 30, '65, Mrs. L. A. Kilburn,	21 06	150 00
Dec. 6, '65, George Gile,	55 73	400 00
Feb. 20, '66, Asaph Whitcomb,	75 22	600 00
Sept. 8, '65, Laura B. Sargent, bal.,	15 83	81 16
Apr. 25, '65, George Gile, one year's interest paid,	113 88	1,000 00

May 4, '65, Mrs. Fanny Barrett,	\$ 62 67	\$ 350 00
Sept. 16, '65, George Gile, interest paid to Nov. 4, '67,	4 25	218 00
Mar. 26, '66, Wm. Moffitt,	23 84	200 00
May 24, '66, A. S. Hale,	32 68	300 00
July 20, '65, Gilman Farr,	92 28	600 00
Mar. 26, '66, O. G. Hale,	119 01	1,000 00
Nov. 3, '66, E. O. Kenney,	80 67	1,000 00
Mar. 22, '65, John Moulton,	56 17	300 00
Mar. 19, '66, Douglass Robbins,	48 09	400 00
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		\$3,645 66 \$47,441 83

Indebtedness of the Town of Littleton, March 1, 1868.

SCHEDULE OF NOTES ISSUED SINCE MARCH 1, 1867.

1867.	INTEREST	
Apr. 30, L. T. Dow, on demand,	\$60 82	\$1,000 00
Charles Nurse, on demand,	5 00	100 00
May 7, Lorenzo D. Burton, on demand,	12 64	258 00
18, Jesse Eastman, on demand,	30 55	650 00
28, Fanny Barrett, on 3 years,	9 10	200 00
29, George Leslie, on demand,	22 67	500 00
June 19, S. A. Edson, on demand,	14 73	300 00
29, M. T. Durgin, on 4 years,	21 05	522 00
July 4, Hannah Hill, on demand,	3 16	80 00
13, Samuel Ball, on 1 year,	11 40	300 00
Aug. 24, G. G. Moulton, on 3 years	9 30	300 00
Sept. 3, Mary T. Morse, on demand,	3 83	129 00
30, Hannah Hill, on demand,	2 50	100 00
Nov. 4, H. C. Redington & Co., on de'nd,	9 75	500 00
Susan Gilman, on demand,	3 49	179 00
7, Samuel Ball, on 2 years,	9 50	500 00

Dec.	12,	E. O. Kenney, on demand,	\$ 15 80	\$1,200 00
	21,	S. M. Hurlbutt, on demand,	1 17	100 00
	27,	Charles Nurse, on demand,	1 07	100 00
	31,	Dennis Wheeler, on demand,	1 80	180 00
1868.				
Jan.	7,	John M. Charleton, on 1 yr.,	7 20	800 00
		Wm. Moffitt, on demand,	5 04	560 00
		Warren G. Gilman, on 2 yrs.,	2 43	275 00
Feb.	11,	John L. Russell, on demand,	33	100 00
Mar.	3,	Asaph Whitcomb, on 6 yrs.,		650 00
	6,	Henry Richardson, on demand,		279 12
		Dennis Wheeler, on demand,		300 00
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			\$264 33	\$10,162 12

TOTAL AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Amount of notes issued prior to March 1, 1867,	\$47,441 83
Interest on notes to March 1, 1868,	3,645 66
Amount of notes issued since March 1, 1867,	10,162 12
Interest on notes to March 1, 1868,	264 33
Cupons on bonds due and unpaid,	18 00
Due O. G. Hale, balance, account as treasurer,	104 25
Benj. Atwood, on town order,	199 50
J. K. Dunbar, on town order,	132 00
J. W. English, on town order,	200 00
J. W. English, on contract, support of paupers,	800 00
Geo. A. Bingham, on town order,	9 00
H. C. Redington & Co., on town order,	17 76
G. B. Redington, town order and account,	43 50
School districts, balance school money,	64 27
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	\$63,102 22

ASSETS.

Balance on tax bill of 1866, in the hands of J. W. English,	\$ 563 67
Balance on tax bill of 1867, in the hands of J. W. English,	2,460 31
Balance on tax bills, (same as last year) in the hands of Eli D. Sawyer,	4,012 79
Claims on the County of Grafton, for support of paupers the current year, estimated,	700 00
Claims on the County of Grafton, for support of the Taylor family, 1866,	474 86
Claim for support of the Taylor boy, 1866,	52 00
Claim on Samuel Cleasby, balance on cow,	25 00
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	\$8,288 63
Discount 25 per cent., to equal estimated present value,	2,072 16
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	\$6,216 47
 Total amount of indebtedness,	 \$63,102 22
Assets,	6,216 47
Net amount of indebtedness over estimated value of assets, March 1, 1868,	<hr/> \$56,885 75