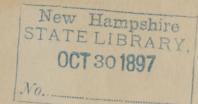
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# AUDITOR'S REPORT

-FOR THE-

# **TOWN OF LITTLETON**

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## YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1871.

The undersigned, George B. Redington, auditor, appointed March, 1870, has to report that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find that the office of Treasurer was filled from March 1st to 28th, 1870, by E. O. Kenney, Esq., and from March 30th, 1870, to the present time by M. L. Gould, Esq., and that the aggregate receipts of both officers amount to \$30,833.26, and that the expenditures have been of equal amount, excepting money on hand to the amount of \$1,172.24, now in the hands of M. L. Gould, Esq., the present Treasurer. I find the aggregate indebtedness of the town, over and above the assets, to be, on the 1st of March, 1871, \$61,696.79, and that the debt has been reduced within the present fiscal year, \$10,276.87.

I find the debt of the town, as reported last year, to be \$67,842.01, to which is to be added \$4,131.65, for debts not then reported, making the aggregate debt, over and above the assets, \$71,973.66 one year ago. In addition to the assets offset to the debts this year, as before stated, there is a claim of \$350.00, for money obtained upon a note of the town to Fanny Barrett, dated May 4, 1865, which has not been accounted for, to the town, and which rests upon Eli D. Sawyer, one of the selectmen at that time, to account for, as the facts now appear. There is also a claim of about \$30.00 against John W. English, which is not included in the assets for this year. As before stated the claim against Mr. English accrues from expenses of paupers, which he recognizes as a rightful claim, but it has not been in a condition that it could be determined and settled; up to this time, with these two exceptions, I believe all the claims for and against the town have been liquidated.

I find vouchers for all matters paid for the town, as respects the transactions of the selectmen and treasurer. I submit herewith a summary statement of the receipts and payments of the treasurer. I find that settlements have been made with all the collectors, going back to and including 1866, and probably that no further abatements of taxes will be required, and that these settlements, as well also as transactions with all other parties, are stated with such great precision, that I confidently believe that the aggregate amount of the debt now stated may be relied upon as covering all that the town owes. Having had opportunity to know much of the fiscal affairs of the town for the last seven years, I cannot forbear remarking that I have never known them so economically and efficiently administered, and stated with so much exactness, as for the past year. There is a feature in the debt of the town which I deem it my duty to call attention to, although it has before been repeatedly spoken of, and that is, the condition of the floating debt compared with the funded debt.

They are now about equal in amount, the funded debt is carried along easily at six per cent., with but little care and expense, as to time in managing it, while the floating debt costs considerably more in the rate of interest paid, and very much more in the time required to manage it. There is a fair prospect for funding this portion of the debt upon terms equal with the other, and I would recommend and urge that an attempt be made to do it.

#### GEORGE B. REDINGTON,

March 14, 1871.

AUDITOR.

## Receipts.

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Balance from last year,			\$ 1,154	96
Received on notes issued,			6,874	58
Cash and orders of collectors, 1867, \$	809	99		
" " 1868,	342	26		
" " 1869,	3,850	00		
" " 1870, 1	4,772	60	19,774	85
On Callahan's note,			15	00
On Sawyer's note,			150	00
Town of Lyman, on pauper claim,			50	0.0
For sale of library,			164	11
County, on pauper claims,			967	79
State, for railroad and savings bank				
tax and literary fund,			618	47
Town of Lyman, for share expenses				
perambulating line,			1	50
John Farr & Son, for fines collected,			82	00
John W. English, on account of Ly-				
man pauper claim,			980	00
		-	\$30,833	26

## Expenditures.

Town paupers,	1870,	\$ 529	96		
"	1869,	217	61	\$ 747	57
County paupers,	1870,	721	61		
"	1869,	393	06	1,114	67
Balance on con	tract with John W.				
English for	support of paupers,				
1867 - 8,				800	00

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Town of Lyman, on pauper claim, litigated,	,		\$1,117	10
Union school district, 1870,	\$ 4,200	00	\$1,111	10
" " 1869,	• 4,200 638			1
Other school districts,	4,225			
School committee, 1870,	4,225			
" 1869,		50	9,257	10
Legal services, 1870,	168		9,201	40
1869, "		79	188	09
Principal and interest on notes,	11,310		100	20
Coupons on bonds,	1,944		13,254	09
Repairs on roads and bridges, 1870,	1,944		10,204	20
" " " 1869,		46	247	60
Police officers, 1870,		40 00	241	00
" 1869,		30	96	90
Other town officers, 1870,	388	~ ~	90	50
" " 1869.		40	460	00
Current expenses, 1870,		40	179	
Auditors, 1870,	0	00	119	01
" 1869,		00	. 97	00
Incidental expenses, 1869,	10	00		88
Abatement of taxes, 1870,	60	06	94	00
" " 1869,	296			
" " 1868,	290 270			
" " 1867,	206			
" " 1866,	200		1 0 4 0	00
Collector of taxes, 1870,	349		1,040	02
" " 1869,	280			
" " 1868,	200 216			
" " 1867,	68		914	01
Damage by dogs, 1869,	08	20	914	
Cash in hands of treasurer,				
Cash in halfus of treasurer,			1,172	24
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