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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF ACUSHNET,

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN,

FOR THE YEAR 1865-6.

NEW BEDFORD:
E. ANTHONY & SONS, PRINTERS, 67 UNION STREET.
1866.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Collector is charged with the

Uncollected taxes of 1860,	\$12.52
Uncollected taxes of 1861,	14.50
Uncollected taxes of 1862,	35.60
Uncollected taxes of 1863,	54.36
Uncollected taxes of 1864,	96.97
The tax bills of 1865,	11,268.44
	<hr/> \$11,482.39

Cr.

By amount paid the Treasurer of the Commonwealth,	\$3,290.00
By amount paid the County Treasury,	689.09
By discount for prompt payment of taxes,	
By commissions,	
By uncollected taxes for 1860,	
By uncollected taxes for 1862,	
By uncollected taxes for 1863,	
By uncollected taxes for 1864,	
By uncollected taxes for 1865,	
By amount paid town Treasurer,	

Owing to the Treasurer and Collector being absent we have not made any settlement with him, therefore we cannot show the state of the Treasury.

The Treasurer is charged with the

Balance of last year's account,	\$1,741.34
Cash of Mattapoisett,	142.50
Cash of Fairhaven Bank,	40.00
Cash of State Treasurer; recruits,	200.00
Cash of Freetown,	195.85
Cash received of the Collector,	
Cash received of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth,	742.25

Cr.

By amount paid for the support of the poor,	\$1,820.24
By amount paid for the support of the schools,	1,052.15
By amount paid for repairs of highways,	544.74
By amount paid for incidentals,	3,532.91

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid Samuel S. Wing, for Edmund Merrihew,	\$7.00
Paid A. B. Grinnell, wood for J. Lewis,	3.84
Paid Asa F. Crane, wood for Sheppard,	3.75
Paid J. W. Webster,	20.00
Paid Thomas Ely, flour,	10.50
Paid Gideon A. Harding, A. Votau,	9.00
Paid Samuel Wilde,	115.76
Paid Asa F. Crane, wood,	7.50
Paid Amos K. Haswell,	5.00
Paid George H. Davis, Ruth Cook,	26.00
Paid C. H. Burgess, Jane Skiff,	39.00
Paid S. G. Nye, pork,	28.80
Paid E. Milliken & Son, molasses,	7.12
Paid Ruamy Gray, Sarah Gifford,	6.50
Paid Asa F. Crane, wood,	3.75
Paid Fall River, G. W. Peirce,	59.65
Paid L. H. Pratt, shoes,	3.00
Paid Jireh B. Gifford, beef,	8.19
Paid Gideon A. Harding, A. Votau,	20.00
Paid E. M. Ely, flour,	10.50
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., wood,	25.75
Paid C. H. Burgess, J. Skiff,	38.00
Paid Nancy C. Terry, clothing,	22.63
Paid Elihu Pope,	1.50
Paid H. C. Wing, wood, E. Merrihew,	7.00
Paid Gideon A. Harding, A. Votau,	6.00
Paid Levi Wing, pigs,	13.00
Paid Seth C. Bradford, C. Eldredge,	29.10
Paid J. R. Davis, Jr.,	22.00
Paid A. White, team,	6.60
Paid Wm. H. Washburn,	149.67
Paid Allen Russell, wood,	6.95
Paid Hannah Horr, rent,	6.95
Paid E. M. Ely, flour,	11.00
Paid Samuel S. Wing, wood, Merrihew,	2.00
Paid Charles E. Howland, wood, R. Spooner,	4.41
Paid J. W. Webster, E. Merrihew's wife,	20.00

Paid Gideon A. Harding, A. Votau,	10.00
Paid Ansel Ellis, wood,	50.25
Paid S. T. Patterson,	45.27
Paid Daniel V. Smith, services,	52.00
Paid Foxborough, Fuller,	33.13
Paid Wm. H. Washburn, C. Eldredge,	8.80
Paid C. H. Burgess, J. Skiff,	26.00
Paid Samuel B. Hamlin, shingles,	1.54
Paid Hannah Horr, rent,	15.00
Paid J. W. Webster, C. Eldredge,	6.00
Paid Mary Hathaway, E. Merribew,	2.00
Paid Wm. H. Gammons, carpentering,	3.38
Paid Nancy C. Terry, cloth,	25.00
Paid George L. Hathaway, wood,	7.00
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., wood,	10.00
Paid Ebenezer Bowman, E. Peirce,	18.25
Paid Bradford Mosher, G. Weston,	5.00
Paid Sandwich, Skiff girl, reform school,	4.00
Paid Abraham Skiff, beef,	14.40
Paid Gideon A. Harding, A. Votau,	11.00
Paid Warren Drury, clothes,	17.25
Paid S. T. Patterson,	20.67
Paid Betsey Oliver,	7.50
Paid Samuel Wilde, Mrs. Pardon Gifford,	72.00
Paid Lund & Brother,	11.17
Paid Ely & Roberts, flour,	27.00
Paid John E. Little,	2.00
Paid C. H. Burgess, Skiff,	33.50
Paid Bourne, oil,	4.05
Paid Thomas Spooner, J. Wood,	4.54
Paid Nancy C. Terry, cloth,	31.23
Paid Henry Holcomb,	3.00
Paid Walter Spooner, wood,	8.75
Paid George L. Hathaway, wood,	8.50
Paid Wm. H. Washburn, groceries,	119.43
Paid John R. Davis, Jr.,	3.00
Due New Bedford,	183.70
Due Fairhaven,	63.64
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr.,	15.65
Paid Freeman Hathaway, hay,	13.61
Paid Ruamy Gray, Sarah Gifford,	6.50
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	\$1,820.24

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Sarah E. Grinnell,	District No. 7,	\$31.20
Paid S. Fannie Wood,	" " 8,	125.00
Paid Fairhaven,		29.31

Paid A. M. White,	District No. 3,	45.00
Paid Sarah J. Haswell,	" " 4,	100.00
Paid Reuben Mason, fuel,	" " 5,	2.00
Paid Sherman Ashley, fuel,	" " 2,	22.50
Paid David Chase, Jr., fuel,	" " 3,	18.00
Paid Reuben Peckham, fuel,	" " 1,	16.75
Paid Wm H. Washburn, fuel,	" " 8,	23.40
Paid Jabez Wood, fuel,	" " 9,	7.91
Paid Lucy A. Ashley,	" " 2,	103.00
Paid Mary J. Wing,	" " 9,	66.50
Paid Fanny C. Brownell,	" " 7,	50.00
Paid Sophia W. Horton,	" " 6,	90.00
Paid Georgiana W. Horton,	" " 5,	76.50
Paid Hope L. Ashley,	" " 1,	100.00
Paid Pauline C. Wilson,	" " 7,	16.25
Paid Hattie Pease,	" " 5,	37.00
Paid S. Fannie Wood,	" " 8,	58.50
Paid John R. Davis, fuel,	" " 4,	33.33
		<u>\$1,052.15</u>

FOR THE REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Under the direction of WM. A. SPOONER.

Paid William A. Spooner,	\$62.54	
Paid Jones Robinson,	15.30	
Paid Elihu Pope,	1.25	
Paid Thomas Dunham,	.50	
Paid Ellis Mendell,	10.00	
Paid Hananiah C. Wing,	47.20	
Paid Aaron Bradford,	3.50	
Paid Henry A. Bradford,	3.50	
Paid Oren Vose,	3.00	
Paid Wm. Washburn,	4.50	
Paid Benjamin Braley,	4.50	
Paid Samuel E. Stacy,	1.75	
Paid William Hall,	5.00	
Paid Allen Dexter,	7.20	
Paid Martin B. Gammon,	6.00	\$175.74

Under the direction of EDWARD MORSE.

Paid Peter Merrihew,	\$17.00	
Paid Alden W. Ball,	13.37	
Paid John Wilcox,	5.25	
Paid Charles Leonard,	1.62	

Paid Benjamin White,	12.87	
Paid George P. Morse,	39.50	
Paid James Hammett,	25.00	
Paid Thomas Potter,	9.50	
Paid William Gifford,	8.25	
Paid Ansel Ellis,	4.50	
Paid James Burt,	7.50	
Paid Augustus White,	15.00	
Paid Benjamin Wilson,	5.00	
Paid Moses Douglass,	4.50	
Paid Rinaldo Morse,	4.50	
Paid Chester Thornton,	8.75	
Paid Calvin Ashley,	5.25	
Paid Phineas Peckham,	8.50	
Paid Joseph Davis,	2.50	
Paid Abiel P. Robinson,	1.00	
Paid David Mendell,	1.50	
Paid Jonathan Tobey,	4.00	
Paid Joseph Omev,	155.64	365.00
Paid Edward Morse,		
Total,		<u>\$544.74</u>

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Priscilla B. Hathaway's note,	\$153.00
Paid Amos K. Haswell, School Committee,	12.00
Paid George T. Russell, notes,	730.42
Paid Levi Pittsley, notes,	150.00
Paid James Burt, repairing pound,	1.00
Paid Francis Pittsley's note,	112.05
Paid Daniel V. Smith, repairing guide-boards,	4.50
Paid Cyrus E. Clark,	21.85
Paid Jephtha Simmons's note,	124.00
Paid Rebecca F. Seaver, aid,	17.57
Paid James Warren,	2.51
Paid Rebecca F. Seaver, aid,	30.42
Paid Augustus Harrington, on note,	1,000.00
Paid Walter Spooner,	1.20
Paid Zathan T. Jenney,	4.00
Paid E. Anthony & Sons, printing,	40.7
Paid S. Hutchinson, school books,	37.7
Paid Amos K. Haswell,	9.5
Paid A. Taber & Brother, school books,	23.8
Paid tax on E. Tinkham property,	26.1
Paid Jabez Wood,	2.0
Paid Samuel E. Stacy,	2.0

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Paid Obed Gifford, running town line,	5.00
Paid Cyrus E. Clark,	35.71
Paid Mrs. Joseph N. Seaver,	12.00
Paid E. Anthony & Sons,	
Paid Cyrus E. Clark, Selectman,	30.00
Paid Cyrus E. Clark, Assessor,	10.00
Paid Cyrus E. Clark, Overseer of the Poor,	20.00
Paid Walter Spooner, Selectman,	
Paid Walter Spooner, Assessor,	55.00
Paid Walter Spooner, Overseer of the Poor,	
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., Selectman,	
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., Assessor,	55.00
Paid Pardon Taber, Jr., Overseer of the Poor,	
Paid Jabez Wood, School Committee,	
Paid George P. Morse, School Committee,	
Paid George H. Winchester, School Committee,	17.00
Paid Philip A. Bradford, Constable,	
Paid Amos K. Haswell, School Committee,	10.00
Paid Henry E. Warren, Health Committee,	2.00
Paid Samuel B. Hamlin, Health Committee,	2.00
Paid interest on town notes,	774.20
	<u>\$3,532.91</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Balance in the Treasury March 1, 1865,	\$1,737.34
Appropriation for the Poor,	1,500.00
Appropriation for Highways,	600.00
Appropriation for Schools,	2,000.00
Appropriation for Incidentals,	1,800.00
Appropriation to pay the town debt,	1,000.00
School fund from State,	
Due from State for State aid,	712.40
Received for School Books sold,	
School Books on hand,	
Due from Middleborough,	98.76
Received from Fairhaven Bank, dividends,	40.00
Received from State,	742.25
Five Shares Fairhaven Bank,	400.00
Due on uncollected taxes,	
Overlay on taxes,	188.89
Paid out.	
Paid for support of Schools,	\$1,052.15
Paid for support of Poor,	1,820.24

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Paid for support of Highways,	544.74
Paid for Incidental expenses,	3,532.91
Paid for prompt payment of Taxes,	774.20
Paid interest on town debt,	252.52
Interest on town debt due,	16.60
Taxes remitted,	947.85
Due the Schools,	
Collector's Commissions,	
Treasurer's commission,	11,291.00
Notes against the town,	

In the absence of the Treasurer and Collector we cannot strike the balance for or against the town.

GUIDE-BOARDS.

The Guide-Boards in the town are all up so far as we are informed, except the Board near Tripp's Mills.

Respectfully submitted.

CYRUS E. CLARK,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Acushnet.</i>
PARDON TABER, JR.,	
WALTER SPOONER,	

ACUSHNET, Feb. 27, 1866.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting this annual report, the Committee have but few remarks or suggestions to offer.

Soon after the spring election the Committee organized, by the choice of Amos K. Haswell, Chairman, and Geo. P. Morse, Secretary.

Assignments for the supervision of the different schools were as follows:

Districts No. 1, 5, and 6 to Amos K. Haswell.
" " 4, 7, 8 and 9 to Jabez Wood.
" " 2 and 3 to Geo. P. Morse.

During the month of September our Chairman resigned his office. Consequently the Selectmen and remaining School Committee convened according to law to fill the vacancy, and elected Geo. H. Winchester. At the first meeting of the Committee at which Winchester was present, Jabez Wood was chosen Chairman.

It is well known that Jabez Wood has not, in consequence of his absence from town, visited the winter schools at all. And therefore our knowledge of the general proficiency of all the schools is somewhat limited.

We give below a brief account of each school, showing the attendance, &c., of each.

The winter terms are all now in session, hence their length is not reported—and their average is only to date.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term—Taught by Hope L. Ashley. Length of school 5 months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 22, average attendance 16.

Winter Term—Taught by Robie W. Keen. Wages of teacher \$22 per month; whole number of scholars 24, average attendance 16.

Prudential Committee, Reuben Peckham.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term—Taught by Lucy A. Ashley. Length of school —; wages of teacher —; whole number of scholars —; average attendance —.

Winter Term—Taught by Lucy A. Ashley. Wages of teacher \$23 per month; whole number of scholars 21, average attendance $16\frac{8}{11}$.

Prudential Committee, Sherman Ashley.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer Term—Taught by Angeline M. White 10 weeks and by Martha W. White 8 weeks. Length of school weeks; wages of teachers \$18 per month; whole number of scholars 36, average attendance $26\frac{1}{4}$.

Winter Term—Taught by Mary R. Hinkley. Wages of teacher \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 38, average attendance $31\frac{1}{8}$.

Prudential Committee, David Chace, Jr.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term—Taught by Sarah Haswell. Length of school 5 months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 23, average attendance 18.31.

Winter Term—Taught by Sarah Haswell. Wages of teacher \$26 per month; whole number of scholars 24, average attendance 20.61.

Prudential Committee, J. R. Davis.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term—Taught by Georgianna Horton. Length of school $4\frac{1}{2}$ months; wages of teacher \$17 per month; whole number of scholars 24, average attendance 17.

Winter Term—Taught by Hattie Pease 6 weeks, and the remainder by Augusta C. Harvey. Wages of teachers \$32 per month; whole number of scholars 23, average attendance 18.

Prudential Committee, C. E. Morse.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term—Taught by Sophia W. Horton. Length of school $4\frac{1}{2}$ months; wages of teacher \$20 per month; whole number of scholars 29, average attendance 22.

Winter Term—Taught by Sophia W. Horton. Wages of teacher \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 25, average attendance 21.

Prudential Committee, P. Crandon.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term—Taught $2\frac{1}{2}$ months by Fanny C. Grinnell, at \$20 per month; and by Paulina Wilson and Sarah E. Grinnell 2 months at \$24 per month. Length of school $4\frac{1}{2}$ months; whole number of scholars 36, average attendance 28.

Winter Term—Taught by Benjamin T. Wilber. Wages of teacher \$35 per month; whole number of scholars 37, average attendance $22\frac{9}{19}$.

Prudential Committee, Wm. Brownell.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term—Taught by Serena F. Wood. Length of school 5 months; teacher's wages \$25 per month; whole number of scholars 32, average attendance $24\frac{1}{5}$.

Winter Term—Taught 2 months by Serena F. Wood at \$30 per month; the remainder of the term by Sarah E.

Grinnell at \$28 per month; whole number of scholars 33, average attendance 25 $\frac{3}{5}$.

Prudential Committee, Wm. H. Washburn.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer Term—Taught by Mary J. Wing. Length of school 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ months; wages of teacher \$19 per month; whole number of scholars 19, average attendance 13.72.

Winter Term—Taught by Mary J. Wing. Wages of teacher \$22 per month; whole number of scholars 15, average attendance 12.

This district has not chosen a Prudential Committee—its affairs have been under the care of the School Committee.

In the following, we exhibit the number of children in each district, as returned by the Assessors 1st of May 1865, and the apportionment of money to the several districts.

Amount of money appropriated by the town for the support of Schools,	\$2,000.00
Amount received from the State Fund,	68.63
	<u>\$2,068.63</u>

Districts.	No. of Children.	Apportionment.
No. 1,	34	\$232.96
No. 2,	26	217.36
No. 3,	37	238.81
No. 4,	27	219.31
No. 5,	29	223.21
No. 6,	33	231.01
No. 7,	37	238.81
No. 8,	44	252.46
No. 9,	24	213.46
	<u>291</u>	<u>\$2,067.39</u>

The Committee are of the opinion that the schools, taken as a whole through the year, have made commendable progress. Some of them have been *very* good. But we think it an unfavorable fact that there have been so many changes of teachers in some of the districts; as in Nos. 3, 5 and

7, the two former having had three, and the latter four different teachers during the year. In one instance the teacher was caused to leave by sickness, in another, by the offer of a more lucrative position elsewhere—and in another case the teacher was asked to resign, having failed to meet the expectations of the committee, or the approval of a majority of the district.

In two or three cases there has been wanting on the part of the teachers, that *interest* and *energy* which is calculated to awaken in the pupils the spirit of *diligence* and *ambition* that we are ever gratified to see.

In one instance the teacher has evinced a commendable degree of interest and zeal; but owing in part to inexperience and a want of cool, deliberate forethought, and partially, we think, to a lack of sympathy and cooperation on the part of the parents, uniform good order and respect for the teacher have failed to appear.

Good government is one of the first requisites in a teacher. However much of intellectual attainments they may possess, no school can be well *taught* that is not well governed. Good order, good manners, and good morals, are equally essential. And the teacher that would secure that controlling influence that leads to these high attainments must secure the love and respect of their pupils.

Whilst we would not claim perfection for our teachers, we wish here “once and again” to suggest to the parents the propriety of forming an early acquaintance with your teachers by visiting the school-room, or by a cordial greeting in the street and elsewhere, and by making the schools a topic of conversation, *manifesting* an interest in them which shall encourage the teacher to make the greatest efforts for the improvement of their charge.

Every parent may exert a *great* influence, *favorable* or *unfavorable*—therefore as you value the best good of your children, be slow to credit every report, be *sure* they are correct before you are unfavorably influenced by them.

We would suggest, too, that it is most *unwise* for parents

and others in the districts to be influenced in their views of teachers' labors, by old prejudices.

We believe in one instance at least, the teacher and school have been *very* much injured, by the prejudices that existed before the teacher went into the school. We have no doubt there would have been good success in that school, had the teacher come into it a stranger. We think said teacher well qualified for the place.

GEO. P. MORSE.

GEO. H. WINCHESTER.