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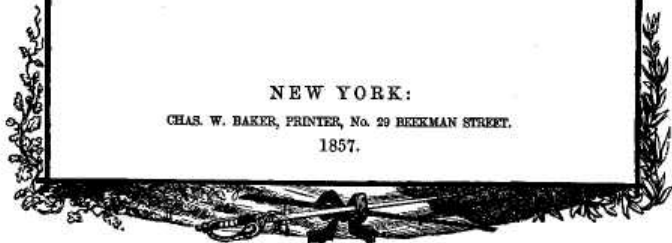
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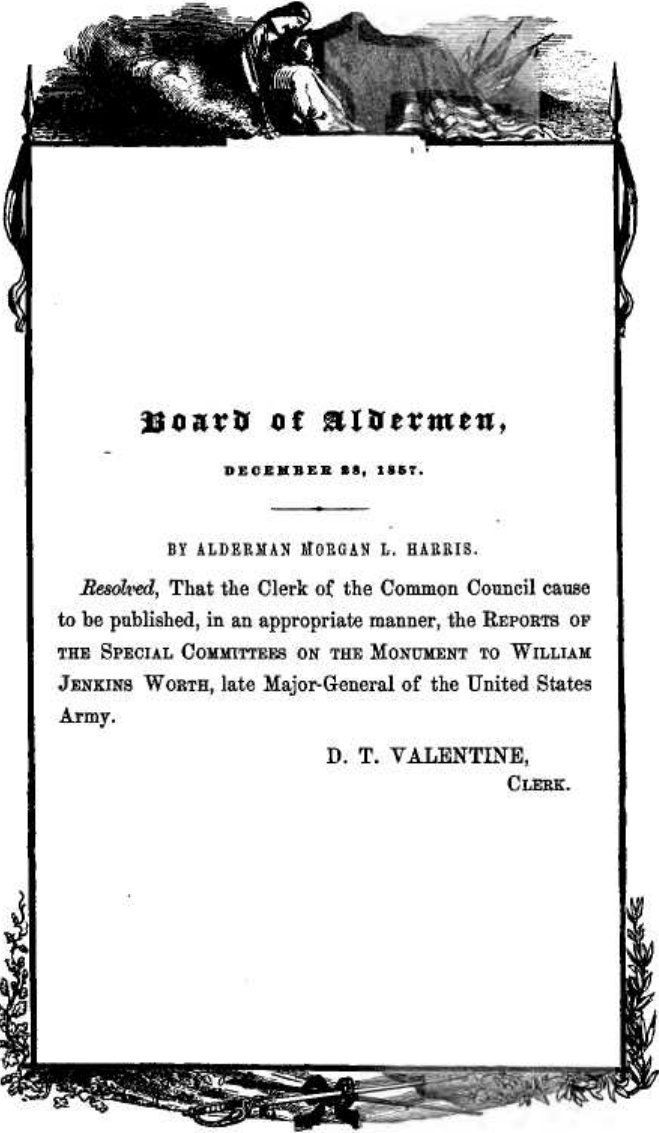
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Board of Aldermen,

DECEMBER 22, 1857.

BY ALDERMAN MORGAN L. HARRIS.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council cause to be published, in an appropriate manner, the REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES ON THE MONUMENT TO WILLIAM JENKINS WORTH, late Major-General of the United States Army.

D. T. VALENTINE,
CLERK.



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IN OCTOBER, 1848, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty adopted the following:

Whereas, Information has been received of the arrival at their native homes in this State, of Brevet Major-General JOHN E. WOOL and Brevet Major-General WILLIAM J. WORTH, of the United States Army, both heroic and patriotic sons of the Empire State, who have consecrated their lives to their country in the



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last war with England, and in the recent conflict with Mexico, displayed on her fields both Spartan valor and American science, magnanimity and heroism—and

Whereas, It is the duty and pride of the citizens of New York to render the tribute of their respect to such worthy and distinguished compatriots; therefore

Resolved, That the use of the Governor's Room be tendered to them, for the purpose of receiving the visits and the congratulations of their fellow citizens.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to present them with a copy of these proceedings, and to attend to the arrangements necessary to carry them into effect.

In June, 1849, the Mayor, &c., adopted the following :

Whereas, The melancholy intelligence has been received in our city of the decease of Major-General WORTH, of the United States Army, at San Antonio, Texas, on the 7th instant, and

Whereas, The distinguished and patriotic services of the deceased to his country, at Chippewa Plains and Niagara, in the last war with Great Britain; at Palaklalahor, in Florida; at Monterey, Vera Cruz, Puebla, and Molino del Rey, in the late brilliant campaign in Mexico, have rendered his name dear to the American people, and shed an additional lustre on the American arms; and

Whereas, The deceased was by birth a citizen of this State; therefore

Resolved, That the Common Council of the city of New



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York, in common with their fellow-citizens, deeply deplore the loss which our country has sustained in the death of the lamented and gallant WORTH, and that they tender to his bereaved family their sincere sympathies for this dispensation of Divine Providence, by which they have been deprived of a kind and generous protector and friend.

Resolved, That the flags be displayed at half-mast from the City Hall, on Wednesday next, and that the proprietors of the several public places in the city be requested to display their flags at half-mast during said day.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, duly authenticated, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

In July, 1849, the Mayor, &c., adopted the following :

Whereas, By a dispensation of Divine Providence, Brevet Major-General WILLIAM J. WORTH, a native of this State, departed this life at San Antonio, Texas, and in consideration of his distinguished services in defence of his country, during the late war with England, and the successful manner in which he led our troops during the Mexican war, entitles his remains to all the honors due untarnished valor, combined with unblemished private character; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to confer with a similar Committee of the Board of Aldermen, with a view of making suitable arrangements for bringing on the corpse of that illustrious soldier to his native State for interment.



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On the 9th day of January, 1854, Mayor WESTERVELT sent to the Board of Aldermen, the following message and letter:

Message.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
New York, January 9th, 1854.

Hon. Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I transmit the inclosed letter from Major SPRAGUE, U. S. A., on the subject of the proposed Monument to the late lamented General WORTH, and which I trust will receive at your hands the attention which it merits.

JACOB A. WESTERVELT.

Letter.

FORT COLUMBUS, GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, N. Y.,
January 6th, 1854.

SIR:—I would again most respectfully and urgently ask your attention to the final disposition of the remains of General WORTH. The fact that they were taken from the possession of the family, and intrusted to a Committee of the Common Council of the city of New York, at San Antonio, Texas, is well known from the proceedings of that body, and from the subsequent ceremonies, when the remains were deposited in Greenwood Cemetery, four years ago, where they now are, unburied. The widow and the children have a deep and anxious feeling upon this subject; they ask a grave for the husband and parent, a spot to be identified as such, however humble or obscure. The proprietors of the Greenwood Cemetery are prepared at any moment to give the necessary ground to erect a Monument worthy of the fame of the deceased, as contemplated and expressed by the Common Council, and guaranteed by the most reliable assurances when the remains were confided to the city of New York; or

