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CITY OF BOSTON.

In Board of Aldermen, May 11, 1868.

ORDERED: That the Annual Report of the Auditor of Accounts, for the financial year 1867–68, be submitted in print, and that four thousand copies thereof be printed; that twenty-five hundred copies be retained in the custody of the Auditor at City Hall for distribution, and that the remainder be placed in the several Police Station Houses also for distribution; and further, that public advertisement be made of the fact, in the newspapers, that said reports have been placed in the Auditor's Office, City Hall, and in the several Police Station Houses for distribution, where the citizens may obtain them on application.

Sent down for concurrence.

G. W. MESSINGER, *Chairman.*

In Common Council, May 14, 1868.

Concurred.

CHARLES H. ALLEN, *President.*

Approved May 16, 1868.

NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, *Mayor.*

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS,
City Hall, June 1, 1868.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

Gentlemen: — As required by the fifteenth section of the Ordinance on Finance, the Auditor of Accounts has the honor of presenting to the City Council the Fifty-Sixth Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk, for the financial year 1867–68, which commenced May 1, 1867, and terminated April 30, 1868, both inclusive; comprising a statement, in detail, under appropriate heads, of the financial operations of the year, and other matters of interest connected therewith.

Since the Auditor of Accounts' last annual report, the adjoining City of Roxbury has been annexed to the City of Boston, the City of Roxbury ceasing to be a corporate body on the 6th of January, 1868, and the expenditures, since that time, of the financial year 1867–68, embrace those of the united cities.

The Legislature of Massachusetts, of last year, passed an act, dated June 1, 1867, "to unite the cities of Boston and Roxbury," in which provision was made that said act should not take full effect unless accepted by a majority of the legal voters of the two cities, and that meetings for that purpose should be held simultaneously on the second Monday of September, of that year. The meetings were held on that day in the manner prescribed by the act, and it was accepted by the following vote, viz:

Boston, whole number of ballots, 5,692.	
" for accepting said act,	4,633
" " rejecting " "	1,059
Roxbury, whole number of ballots, 2,424.	
" for accepting said act,	1,832
" " rejecting " "	592

On the 12th of September, in compliance with the requirements of said act, the Secretary of the Commonwealth issued his certificate that said act had been duly accepted by the cities of Boston and Roxbury, and that it would go into effect on the first Monday of January, 1868.

The City of Roxbury, which consisted of five wards, was divided into three wards, with the same representation in all branches of our City Government as is enjoyed by the other wards, and the citizens of those wards, in December last, participated with those of Boston in the choice of the Municipal Officers for the government of the united cities for 1868. The number of members of the Board of Aldermen remains the same, twelve, and they are chosen on a general ticket. The act provides, that all the public property of the said City of Roxbury shall be vested in the City of Boston; that all the interest which the City of Roxbury had in the public property of the County of Norfolk be released to said county; that jurisdiction of the Courts of Suffolk County be extended over the territory annexed; that the Roxbury Police Court be retained and be known hereafter as "the Municipal Court for the Southern District of the City of Boston."

By the annexation of Roxbury, Boston adds 2,100 acres to its area, making a total of 5,370 acres, and an additional population of 30,000, making the aggregate population of the City of Boston, at the present date, of at least 230,000, ranking the fourth city, in population, in the United States. The valuation of the two cities, in May 1867, was as follows:

Boston.	Real estate,	$250,587,700	
"	Personal estate,	194,358,400	Total, $444,946,100
Roxbury.	Real estate,	$18,265,400	
"	Personal estate,	8,286,300	Total, $26,551,700
	Total valuation,		$471,497,800

The debt of Roxbury, assumed by the City of Boston, amounted to $991,456.

The newly added territory of Roxbury has been named by the City Council "Boston Highlands."

THE AFFAIRS OF THE YEAR.

The transactions of the financial department of the government, for the year 1867–68, embrace those of the consolidated cities since the 6th of January, 1868.

The payments, for the financial year 1867–68, of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk, drawn for by the Mayor through the office of the Auditor of Accounts, were as follows, viz:

On account of the City of Boston,	$6,030,005 31
On account of the County of Suffolk,	71,541 02
Total payments through Auditor's Office,	$6,101,546 33
To which add the following sums paid by the Treasurer which did not pass through the Auditor's office, viz:	
Interest and premium on City and Water Debt,	$1,277,278 13
State Tax,	1,694,150 00
Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt, being amount paid for City of Boston 6 per cent bonds issued to them,	950,500 00
County of Suffolk, on requisitions of the Judges of the several Courts, as provided by State Laws, and expenses of Coroners' inquests,	161,704 63
Carried forward,	$10,185,179 09

Brought forward,	$10,185,179 09
Militia Bounty,	46,069 50
Goodnow (City Hospital) Fund,	4,000 00
Norcross School Fund, donation of Hon. Otis Norcross,	500 00
Old claims, audited and allowed in previous years,	262 03
Total payments as per Auditor's accounts,	$10,236,010 62

The total payments, by the City Treasurer's accounts, during the year, were as follows, viz:

On account of the City of Boston,	$10,001,121 22
On account of the County of Suffolk,	233,245 65
Total,	$10,234,366 87
Add Auditor of Accounts' drafts not paid,	1,643 75
Total as above,	$10,236,010 62

The Treasurer's accounts, which will be found accompanying this report, show that the balance of cash in the Treasury, May 1, 1867, was,			$4,280,767 10
The payments were as follows, viz:			
On City of Boston account,	$10,001,121 22		
On County of Suffolk account,	233,245 65		
		$10,234,366 87	
The receipts during the year were as follows, viz:			
On City of Boston account,	$9,840,044 82		
On County of Suffolk account,	179,152 94		
		$10,019,197 76	
			$215,169 11
Balance of cash in Treasury April 30, 1868,			$4,065,597 99