

interest whatever therein, and further declaring that the persons contracting, and their representatives, are to forfeit all claims under the contract, and for all work done or materials, goods, wares or merchandize furnished under it, if it shall appear that any Member of the Council or Officer of the Corporation is at the time interested therein, or if any interest therein is afterwards given or agreed to be given to him; and providing that no payment is to be required without the declaration being delivered at the time of requiring the same as hereinafter provided.

#### XVII:

Accounts and  
declaration.

Every Account for work done; or materials, goods, wares or merchandize, furnished for the Corporation shall be accompanied by a printed or written declaration by the person claiming the same, and under his signature, to the effect that no Member of the Council or officer of the Corporation is in a private capacity directly or indirectly interested in such account, or in any part of the work or materials mentioned therein, or of the money thereby claimed. If in consequence of the person, or one or more of the persons, claiming, being absent, or for any sufficient cause, the required declaration cannot be obtained, the Finance Committee may, in lieu thereof, receive such other evidence of the facts to be so declared as may be satisfactory and shall in such case report what they do for the information of the council. The Committee to whose Department the account relates, or the Finance Committee may, if they see fit require the declaration in any case to be sworn to before the Mayor.