

## REPORT.

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THE Committee appointed to take into consideration, the condition of the Fire Department of this City, and also, the best means of obtaining an additional supply of Water, for Fire purposes, beg to present their Report.

Before proceeding to the subject matter of their Report, the Committee deem it due to themselves, and to the community, to make one or two explanations, by way of accounting for apparent neglect of a most important enquiry. The Committee was first appointed, immediately subsequent to the great conflagration of 9th September, but they had scarcely commenced their labours, when the Committee was disorganized, by the retirement of several members, consequent upon the Annual Civic Election. The choice of officers and other necessary business, prevented the appointment of a new Committee until late in October, since which time, the members of this Committee, being much occupied with other Committees, as well as with their own private affairs, it was not possible to report at an earlier date.

The Committee, also, take this opportunity of stating, that they do not hold themselves accountable for any communications, anonymous or otherwise, upon this question, which may have appeared in the newspapers.

The Committee have directed their attention to the several papers submitted to them by the Council; as follows:

1st. Memorial of Edward J. Longard; received by the City Council 11th March, 1859.

2nd. Memorandum of Alderman Twining; submitted 9th August, 1859.

3rd. Letter from Hon. Wm. Young, A. Scott and H. Hartshorne to His Worship the Mayor, dated 12th September, 1859.