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THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN OF ORRINGTON,
For the Year 1856-7.

Pay of Town Officers for 1856.

J. D. Baker, balance for services,	\$2 00
Daniel Nickerson, Committee on Poor Farm, and new County Road,	11 75
A. D. Atwood, Superintending School Committee,	25 50
George Brooks, " " "	32 61
James Freeman, Committee on New County Road,	2 00
	\$73 86

Support of the Poor for 1856.

Samuel B. Snow, supplies to B. Baker,	\$2 75
Town of Orneville, supplies to J. Powers' family,	60 90
R. M. Morrill and others, support of Edmund Eldridge,	35 19
Stephen Dow at Insane Hospital,	48 00
Samuel Higgins, support of George Harvey,	38 27
Town of Brewer supplies to Angeline Downs,	4 38
J. B. Pollard, attendance on widow A. Nickerson,	2 00
	\$191 49

Miscellaneous Expenses for 1856.

Wheeler & Lynde, printing town reports,	\$5 50
" " S. S. Committee reports,	10 00
Ashmund Pierce, damage on wagon, by vote of town,	4 50
Knowles Rogers, Plank for Bridge, South Orrington,	83
Samuel Baker, taking care of Town House,	3 50
Albert Bowden, labor on Grave Yard road, So. Orrington	2 00
S. T. & H. J. Nickerson, materials for Snow Harrow,	2 16
Charles Freeman, abatement of C. A. Doty's tax, 1855,	2 87
	\$31 36

Pay of Town Officers for 1857.

Samuel Wiswell, Town Treasurer, and other services,	\$23 50
Paul Jameson, Collector of Taxes,	45 96
H. J. Nickerson, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer,	47 79
J. D. Baker, " " "	38 82
J. H. Nickerson. " " "	24 57
N. D. Phillips, Constable,	8 00
Daniel Nickerson, Committee on Poor Farm,	5 50
William H. Dole, " " "	2 00
Samuel Wiswell, " " "	2 50
Simeon Fowler, recording Births and Deaths,	32 56
Jesse H. Nickerson, Agent to Augusta,	8 43
	<hr/> \$239 63

Support of the Poor for 1857.

Samuel F. Burns,	\$25 00
Mrs. T. Fowler,	100 00
Benoni Baker, and family,	44 12
Stephen Dow, at Insane Hospital,	65 99
Joshua R. Powers, and family,	37 21
Edmund Eldridge,	15 09
Nathan Nickerson, to Barnard and Orneville twice,	13 05
Charles H. Thayer's expenses, chargeable to Hampden,	24 31
	<hr/> \$324 77

Amount paid out on Roads and Bridges.

M. Currier, Plank for Bridge at South Orrington,	\$10 20
J. D. Baker, labor on Cross and Goodale Roads,	10 76
S. S. Harriman, labor on Harriman Road,	13 00
T. Nye, Land for Town Landing, at South Orrington,	25 00
Isaiah Baker, Jr., labor on Road near Jesse Atwood's,	3 00
J. D. Baker, labor and materials on Stream Bridge,	50 93
" " on Centre Road and Saw-mill Bridge	8 25
H. Eldridge, labor and materials on Freeman Bridge,	5 33
Geo. W. Brown, labor on Road near A. N. Swett's,	4 14
A. Rogers, labor and materials on Red Bridge, S. Orrington,	13 38
H. J. Nickerson, sundry bills paid on Roads,	10 19
Warren N. Atwood, labor on road near J. Atwood's,	6 25
Elisha T. Fowler, " " "	6 28
Elbridge Ware, labor on Bog Bridge,	24 25
Joshua Severance, labor on Bog Bridge and Road,	3 19
Thomas B. Rogers, labor on Road,	1 25
	<hr/> \$195 40

Miscellaneous Expenses.

R. Stubbs, services as Fish Committee,	\$ 62
David Godfrey, labor on upper Grave Yard,	3 38
H. J. Nickerson, repairs on centre Grave Yard,	1 69
Paid for erecting Guide Posts,	14 88
Monuments and setting between Orrington and Brewer,	3 00
James Freeman, surveying Town Lines and Returns,	6 00
R. Stubbs, damage on Wagon.	2 50
Nathaniel Marston, repairs on Grave Yard Fence,	1 00
E. C. Loud, Horse and Wagon, moving dead from G. Yard,	1 50
Charles T. Atwood, repairs on Town House,	7 90
Isaac Pierce, Jr., " " "	75
House and Land for Poor Farm,	450 00
Abatement of sundry Taxes,	40 68
Interest on School Fund,	69 42
Sam'l Wiswell, cash paid for recording deeds and policy,	1 50
	<hr/> \$604 82

Payment on Loans.

Mrs. E. Wilkins' Notes and Interest,	\$205 50
Miss Deborah Baker's " "	132 28
John G. Smith's " "	115 16
	<hr/> \$452 94

Dr.		Cr.
The Town Treasurer in account with the		
To Balance in Treasury, 1856,	\$	313 49
" Cash of Sumner Chapin, as Road Surveyor,		195 40
" " from Stephen Dow's estate,	117 21	636 18
" " hired of Mrs. Wilkins,	200 00	23 17
" Money raised for support of Poor,	800 00	452 94
" Overlayings in Assessments,	133 40	516 26
" Money raised to defray Town Charges,	800 00	107 49
" Highway deficiencies for 1856,	56 52	
" Unworked Road Tax, committed to Coll'or,	65 17	
" Cash of David Godfrey, Collector for 1856,	1 59	
" " hired of Sterns & Goodwin,	19 18	
" " of Sargent & Sterns,	10 67	
" " of Drake & Phillips,	8 87	
" " of Abby B. Doane,	11 75	
" Sundry Road Taxes paid,	2 90	
" Cash of Brewer, pay'g part of Surveyor's fees,	2 00	
" " of J. Bowden, for sale of Plough,	3 00	
" " of Agent for sale of Liquors,	11 26	
		<u>\$2,244 93</u>

Dr.		Cr.
Statement of the Finances of the		
To Nathan Nickerson's Note and Interest,	\$112 00	
" John G. Smith's " "	112 00	
" Hezekiah Eldridge's " "	222 00	
" Sterns & Goodwin's Note, given Jan., 1858,	19 18	
" Sargent & Sterns' " "	10 67	
" Drake & Phillips' " "	8 87	
" Abby B. Doane's " "	11 75	
		<u>\$496 47</u>

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Town of Orrington,		
By uncollected advertised Taxes,	\$4 57	
" " non-resident "	6 03	
" Cash in Treasurer's hands,	96 89	
" Balance against Town, exclusive of School Fund,	388 98	
		<u>\$496 47</u>

Balance of School Money due the several School Districts, and in the hands of the Treasurer, Feb. 24th, 1857,	\$354 94
Amount raised for Schools,	1200 00
Bank Tax received from State,	271 67
Interest on School Fund,	69 42
	<hr/> \$1896 03

Apportioned as follows:

No. of District.	No. of Scholars.	Apportionment	Balance due 1856.	Paid.	Now due.
No. 1	56	\$110 60	\$ 94	\$33 60	\$77 94
" 2	90	177 75	47 15	131 73	93 17
" 3	71	140 22	2 27	60 23	82 26
" 4	75	148 27	10 28	52 23	106 32
" 5	31	61 22	5 86	65 24	1 84
" 6	68	134 30	23	93 74	40 79
" 7	131	258 72	206 40	464 62	50
" 8	60	118 50	43 31	136 53	25 28
" 9	47	92 82	6 32	92 40	6 74
" 10	25	49 85	21 98	56 50	15 33
Corser District	67	132 32	7 08	111 64	27 76
South District	59	116 52	3 11	39 03	80 60
	780	\$1541 09	\$354 93	\$1337 49	\$558 53

Balance due the several School Districts, Feb. 25th, 1858,	\$558 53
Whole amount of Money raised by Town,	\$2800 00
State Tax,	540 49
County Tax,	648 84
Overlays in Assessments,	133 40
	<hr/> \$4122 73

Town Valuation for 1857.

Real Estates of Residents,	\$219,167 00
Personal Estates of Residents,	105,281 00
Estates of Non-Residents,	10,542 00
	<hr/> \$334,990 00

Tax on \$100 00, \$1.10.

No. of Polls, 415.

The foregoing is a true Report of the affairs of the Town of Orrington for the year 1857. First in the Report will be found the Bills paid in 1857, which were contracted in 1856. Next come the expenses of the year 1857, which include pay of Town Officers, support of Poor, Bills on Roads and Bridges, and miscellaneous expenses.

The Bills on Roads and Bridges have been comparatively large, owing partly to a heavy freshet in the spring, and partly to the large amount of road tax overworked in the winter of 1856-7, leaving a less amount for the repairs of roads the past year.

The Poor Bills are mostly paid up to this date, there being only a small amount due J. Bowden for the support of Kesiah Baker. The poor chargeable to the town, remain the same as shown in the Report, with the exception of Mr. Eldridge, who is deceased, and the probable addition of Richard Ryder—Benjamin Ryder of Provincetown, having refused to pay his bills further; said Richard is in the Insane Hospital at Augusta. The expense of Insane Paupers at Augusta is about \$100 per year. There is due from the estate of Stephen Dow the further sum of \$150, which will probably be received the coming summer. Mr. Dow and Mrs. Fowler are the only Paupers who are now wholly dependent upon the town for their support. In the account of the Treasurer with the town, it will be seen that he has received from money raised, money hired, and sundry sources, \$107 49 more than he has paid out. This balance, as seen by the statement of the finances of the town, consists of \$96 89 cash, and \$10 60 in uncollected non-resident taxes.

The town owes, as seen by the Report, sundry notes to the amount of \$496 47; deduct the funds on hand, \$107 49, it leaves \$388 98, the actual indebtedness of the town, exclusive of the school fund.

The undersigned have labored under much inconvenience from Surveyors not returning their books punctually, and with accurate accounts. It is actually necessary that Surveyors return their books to the Assessors at the time specified in them; it is also necessary that their accounts be correct and plain. Assessors can then make the right charges of deficient taxes, and the right credits for over work.

To conclude, the undersigned would respectfully suggest the sum of \$500 for the support of the Poor the coming year, and the sum of \$800 to defray town charges, providing the town support their Poor in 1858, as they have in 1857.

H. J. NICKERSON, } Selectmen
J. D. BAKER, } of
J. H. NICKERSON, } Orrington.

ORRINGTON, March 2d, 1858.