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T O W N O F F I C E R S
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T O W N O F F A L M O U T H,
F O R 1 8 6 7.

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED FOR 1866.

For Schools.....	\$1,500 00
For Contingencies.....	500 00
For Town Officers.....	400 00
For Bridges.....	400 00
For Poor.....	600 00
For Interest.....	2,000 00
For payment of Debts.....	2,000 00
For State Tax.....	4,669 06
For County Tax.....	1,056 92

13,125 98

Total valuation.....\$605,887 00

Number of Polls, 892.

Per centage on the dollar, 2 cents, $\frac{1}{2}$ mill.

R E C E I P T S.

From E N Tukesbury, on tax bills for 1865.....	\$8,690 75
From Albert Winslow, on tax bills for 1866.....	526 85
From State School Fund for 1865.....	113 51
For State Aid for 1865.....	361 42
For Additions on tax bills for 1865.....	177 59
Amount of money hired for 1866 and 1867.....	13,749 66
Received from the Andrew Hodsdon Estate.....	458 87
Received from the Town of Northport.....	29 00

\$24,107 95

E X P E N D I T U R E S.

For Schools.....	\$1,500 00
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C O N T I N G E N C I E S.

George O Knight, for highways.....	\$8 00
Bailey & Noyes, for stationary.....	9 35
Henry Gallison, for office rent.....	8 00
Phinella Williams.....	6 00
B F Hall, for highways.....	2 50
William Field, for highways.....	2 87
Josiah Richards, for highways.....	1 06
Asa Field, for highways.....	33 75
Orrison Gassett, for highways.....	3 00
S D Norton.....	14 69
Lorenzo Meuntfort, for highways.....	1 00
Edmond Frye, for highways.....	8 28
Alfred Hicks, for highways.....	11 13

Charles W Winslow, for highways.....	23 89
Asa Greeley, for surveying.....	75
Bailey & Noyes, for order book.....	14 50
E H Ramsdell, for expenses in collecting non-resident taxes..	31 80
Daniel Marston, for highways.....	26 40
John Williams, for highways.....	28
George Mountfort, for highways.....	14 66
John Woodbury, for highways.....	73
Levi W Hicks, for splitting stone.....	8 87
Alfred Hicks, for splitting stone.....	8
Asa Leighton, for highways.....	2
Richard Mountfort, for highways.....	2
Granville Hall, for highways.....	10
John P Gurney, for highways.....	4
Oliver Hardy, for highways.....	12 87
Bela Blanchard, stamps and stationary.....	2 50
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	872 87

TOWN OFFICERS.

Smith Barber, as Selectman, 1865.....	41 88
John Noyes, as Selectman, 1865.....	64 25
Seward Frye, as Selectman, 1865.....	51 39
John Noyes, as Clerk and Treasurer, 1865.....	45 47
E N Tukesbury, as Constable, 1865.....	5 05
Glendy Moody, as Moderator and School Committee, 1865...	5
E H Starbird, as School Committee, 1865.....	24
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	284 59

POOR OUT OF THE ALMS HOUSE.

Samuel York, for Andrew Hodsdon.....	69 50
Silas Burrel, for child.....	9
Ezekiel Hodsdon, for Sally Hodsdon.....	24
The Town of Jay, for Mrs Blackstone, for 1865.....	34 28
For Robert Jones.....	4 60
Silas Burrel, for child.....	11 48
Silas Burrel, for child.....	8
Ezekiel Hodsdon, for Sally Hodsdon.....	51
Town of Detroit, for Timothy Leighton.....	237 35
City of Portland, for Robert P Jones.....	33 50
Silas Burrel, for child.....	18
James M Anderson, for Robert Jones.....	10 50
Edwin Pearson, for boarding Ellen Campbell.....	11 43
Silas Burrel, for child.....	18
William Osgood, for Ellen Campbell.....	15
Bela Blanchard, Apphia Knight and R Jones.....	10 20
E N Tukesbury, for Ellen Campbell.....	5
Jonathan S Grant, for Freeman Grant.....	10
Bela Blanchard, for Sally Hodsdon.....	4 50
Ezekiel Hodsdon, for Sally Hodsdon.....	32
Lemuel Dyer, for Robert P Jones.....	8 95
William Osgood, for John Drinkwater.....	8
Bela Blanchard, for John Drinkwater.....	3
John DeLaski, for Elizabeth Hodsdon.....	20
Silas Burrel, for child.....	18
Paul Prince, for Robert Jones.....	2 25
Town of Cumberland, for child, 1865.....	79 17
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	756 71

DEBTS PAID.

John E Donnell.....	7,000 00
Henry Pennell.....	1,000
Royal Leighton.....	2,000
John Anderson.....	1,000
Daniel Marston.....	200

James Leighton	150	
John Grant	80	
Levi Wilson	100	
John E Donnell	1,000	
Trustees of Greeley Fund, Cumberland	800	
Charles W Winslow	300	
Albert S Legrow	100	
	<hr/>	13,730 00

POOR IN THE ALMS HOUSE.

Motley Brothers, for 1865	130 88	
Samuel S Rich, for coffin	10	
Josiah Merrill, for sawing	4 69	
Bela Blanchard, for two trips to Portland for coffin	4	
Town of Cumberland, for clothing	16 95	
William Osgood, for medical attendance	18	
Hooper & Eaton, for pillows	3	
R Sennet, for supplies	234 58	
Wilber Watts, for boarding poor	14 90	
Bradley J. Adams	34 35	
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FOR BRIDGE NEAR RUFUS SOULE'S.

Samuel Watts, for hauling stone	15 25	
James M Anderson, for labor and timber	115	
Alfred S Leighton, for labor	27	
Alfred Hicks, for labor	28	
Lorenzo Cresey, for labor	30	
Eben Corey, for iron	6 68	
Bela Blanchard, for labor	5	
B F Hall, for labor	30	
John Woodbury, for labor	40 25	
Andrew M Hall, for plank	38	
Small & Leighton	8 50	
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FOR OTHER BRIDGES.

Jason H Winslow, for plank	5 57	
A F Winslow, for plank	10 48	
Fenwick Merrill, for labor	11 30	
Bela Blanchard, for labor	10	
Albert Winslow, for labor	7	
Merrill & Noyes, for labor	12 50	
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NEW ROAD NEAR J. HARTSHORN'S.

Paid Referees	9 00	
Selectmen and Evidences	6 50	
William Williams and P S Williams	530	
C A Foster	330	
Harlan P and Martin L Merrill	25	
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NEW ROAD NEAR MOSES W. LEIGHTON'S.

Paid Ezekiel Leighton, land damage	75	
Paid Dyer & Leighton, for labor	16	
Paid Robert Leighton, for labor	36 50	
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Amount of interest paid	1,331 85	

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Greatest number of inmates at Alms House.....	11
Died within the year.....	4
Present number.....	7
Number of females.....	4
Number of males.....	3

ALMS HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

	DR.	
To salary of Overseers.....	\$525 00	
To R. Sennet, for supplies.....	234 58	
To articles bought for the farm—amount.....	505 97	
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By articles sold from the farm.....	\$576 11	
By labor done off the farm.....	84 12	
By cash on hand.....	34 35	
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Showing a balance against the Alms House.....		\$560 97

INVENTORY OF ARTICLES AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

Stock on Farm.

One yoke of Oxen,	\$300 00
Two Cows,	100 00
Five Sheep,	15 00
Two Swine,	30 00
Farming Tools as usual.	

Produce on Hand.

Potatoes, one hundred bushels; Hay, ten tons more than stock will consume; Pork, three hundred and fifty pounds; Beef, one hundred and seventy-five pounds; Lard, twenty-five pounds; Butter, twenty-five pounds.

Bedding.

Two Feather Beds; four Straw Beds; five Pillows; four Comforters; one Quilt; eight Sheets; eight Pillow Cases; one sett of Crockery Ware.

Articles Lost by Fire, Nov. 2, 1866.

51 bushels of Potatoes; 50 bushels of Apples; 15 bushels of Barley; 3 bushels of Beans; 2½ bushels of Peas; 5 bushels of Corn; 6 bushels of Meal; 1½ barrels of Flour; 1 gal. of Kerosene; 1 barrel of Dried Apples; 2 boxes of Salt; 2 pounds of Saleratus; 1 barrel of Soap; 7½ pounds of Candles; 5 bushels of Beets; 3 bushels of Onions; 7 Feather Beds; 8 Straw Beds; 6 Comforters; 16 Quilts; 18 Sheets; 16 Pillow Cases; 7 Blankets; 1 Clothes Line; 5 Bed Cords; 18 pairs of Stockings; 2 pounds of Rolls; 14 skeins of Yarn; all the Tin Ware, and most of the Crockery; 2 Stoves and apparatus; most of the wearing apparel.

AVAILABILITIES.

Taxes in the hands of Albert Winslow, on bills of 1866,	\$7,521 17	
Due from the State for aid to families of volunteers,	172 13	
Due from the State on Bank Tax,	51 70	
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LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	\$4,278 17
Estimated interest on the same,	350
Due the Town of Jay, for the support of Mrs. Blackstone,	104
E. H. Ramsdell, for services as Clerk and Treasurer,	48

Bela Blanchard, for services as Selectman and Assessor,	80 80
James M. Anderson, for services as Selectman and Assessor,	75 50
Alfred Hicks, for services as Selectman and Assessor,	59 80
E. H. Ramsdell, for services as Superintending School Com.	7
A. F Winslow, for services as Superintending School Com.	6
Albert Winslow, for services as Constable,	13
Albert Winslow, commission as Collector for 1866,	181
Charles Winslow, for services as Auditor,	5 30
Probable abatement of taxes for 1866,	225
E. C. Blanchard, for taking care of Town House,	4
Lemuel Dyer's bill,	5
Bradley J. Adams, for services as Overseer of Poor,	490 65
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	\$5,886 22

OUTSTANDING NOTES.

3 notes dated Feb. 5, 1866, on 2 years,	\$ 550
1 note dated Feb. 8, 1866, on 2 years,	300
1 note dated Feb. 9, 1866, on 2 years,	250
1 note dated Feb. 10, 1866, on 2 years,	200
1 note dated Jan. 1, 1866, on 2 years,	165
1 note dated Feb. 19, 1866, on 2 years,	100
2 notes dated May 12, 1866, on 1 year,	900
1 note dated Aug. 6, 1866, on 2 years,	300
1 note dated Aug. 8, 1866, on demand,	2,200
1 note dated Aug. 9, 1866, on 2 years,	700
1 note dated Aug. 9, 1866, payable in 1 year,	300
1 note dated Aug. 10, 1866, on demand,	430
4 notes dated Aug. 10, 1866, payable in 2 years,	1,225
1 note dated Aug. 13, 1866, payable in 2 years,	300
1 note dated Aug. 31, 1866, payable in 3 years,	1,000
1 note dated Sept. 1 1866, payable in 1 year,	1,000
1 note dated Sept. 3, 1866, payable on demand,	60
1 note dated Jan. 10, 1867, payable in 2 years,	200
1 note dated Jan. 10, 1867, payable in 1 year,	500
1 note dated Feb. 1, 1867, payable in 1 year,	101
1 note dated Feb. 4, 1867, payable on demand,	233 66
1 note dated Feb. 7, 1867, payable in 1 year,	400
1 note dated Feb. 9, 1867, payable in 1 year,	1,000
1 note dated Feb. 11, 1867, payable in 2 years,	500
1 note dated Feb. 12, 1867, payable in 2 years,	100
1 note dated Feb. 18, 1867, payable in 2 years,	600
1 note dated Feb. 8, 1864, payable in 4 years,	3,000
1 note dated Feb. 11, 1863, payable in 7 years,	1,400
1 note dated Aug. 2, 1862, payable on demand,	400
1 note dated Dec. 2, 1863, payable in 10 years,	2,000
1 note dated Jan. 13, 1864, payable in 5 years,	1,000
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	\$21,814 66
Interest on notes up to March 1, 1867,	\$250
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	\$22,064 66
Liabilities brought forward,	\$5,886 22
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Whole amount of Liabilities,	\$27,950 88

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of Receipts, \$24,107 95

EXPENDITURES.

Schools,	\$1,609 50
Contingencies,	372 87
Town Officers,	284 59
Poor out of the Alms House,	756 71
Debts paid,	13,730 00
Poor in Alms House,	471 35
Bridges,	400 53
New Roads,	1,028 00
State Aid,	178 38
James H. Cobb, pension according to Act of Legislature, Feb. 23, 1866,	48 00
Interest,	1,331 85
Abatements,	604 66
Whole amount of Liabilities,	\$27,950 88
Whole amount of Availabilities,	7,699 25

Balance against the Town, \$20,251 63

ANDREW HODSDON'S ESTATE IN ACCOUNT
WITH TOWN.

Amount received from the Estate, by Bela Blanchard, Administrator,	\$875 55
Debts and expense of Administration,	361 30
Paid to the Treasurer the amount received for the part belonging to the heirs, who relinquished their claim to the Town,	233 66
Paid to the Treasurer the amount of Personal Property sold,	18 38
Personal Property carried to the Alms House, as per inventory,	4 20
Personal Property carried to Selectmen's Office, as per inventory,	1 00
The remainder left with the widow. Amount,	23 34
	641 88
Balance in Administrator's hands,	\$233 67

SUMS NECESSARY TO BE RAISED.

For Schools,	\$1,500 00
For Contingencies,	500 00
For Town Officers,	450 00
For Bridges,	500 00
For Poor,	700 00
For Interest,	1,500 00
For Payment of Debts,	2,500 00

BELA BLANCHARD, } Selectmen and Overseers
 JAMES M. ANDERSON, } of Poor,
 ALFRED HICKS, } of Falmouth.

Annual Report of the Superintending School Committee of Falmouth, for the year ending March 3d, 1867.

FINANCIAL.

The whole amount of money raised by the Town, for the support of Schools, for the past year,	\$1,500
Whole amount received from the State,	51 70
	\$1,551 70

Whole number of Scholars in the Town, between the ages of four and twenty-one years,	653
Amount per Scholar,	\$2 36

We shall make two grades of Schools in Summer and three grades in Winter.

The Summer Schools in Districts Nos. 1, 5, 10 and 12, but little fault could be found with them; good order was sustained throughout the entire term; a good interest was manifested by teacher and scholar, and a marked improvement was the result.

The Summer Schools in Districts Nos. 2, 3, 6 and 7, notwithstanding there was an improvement, yet, there was not that interest manifested in the school, or that unity of feeling between teacher and scholar, which is indispensable to insure a profitable session.

The Winter terms in Districts Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11, were well managed, and it would be difficult to decide which is the banner school; in each of these schools much credit is due to all concerned.

The Winter terms in Districts Nos. 7, 8 and 12, were not quite so satisfactory; yet a fair improvement was made in each of them.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that the School in District No. 3, was a failure in nearly every respect; and do not hesitate to say, that the shorter such schools are, the better.

Names of Teachers Summer Terms.

- Dist. No. 1.—Miss M J. Blanchard,
- “ 2.—Miss C. H. Merrill,
- “ 3.—Miss Julia Merrill,
- “ 5.—Miss M. A. B. Wilson,
- “ 6.—Miss Julia Merrill,
- “ 7.—Miss A. V. De Laski,
- “ 10.—Miss E. H. Leighton,
- “ 11.—Miss M. E. Pennell,

Names of Teachers, Winter Terms.

- Dist. No. 1.—Mr. E. H. Ramsdell,
- “ 2.—Mr. J. H. Ramsdell,
- “ 3.—Mr. Leonard Rundlett,
- “ 4.—Miss E. H. Leighton,
- “ 5.—Miss M. A. B. Wilson,
- “ 6.—Mr. I. L. Elder.
- “ 7.—Mr. C. L. Orne,
- “ 8.—Mr. T. A. Noyes,
- “ 9.—Miss Sarah Jordan,
- “ 10.—Miss Sarah Wilson,
- “ 11.—Miss A. A. Stevens,
- “ 12.—Miss A. M. Porter.

With one exception our School Houses are in good repair and quite convenient; in this respect Falmouth is second to no other town in this County.

Although the department of the several schools in town was not satisfactory in every case, yet, your Committee have not been called upon to settle any serious difficulty during the year.

Your Committee have tried to interest themselves in the welfare of the several schools in town, and have endeavored to discharge their every duty to promote the cause of education.

Superintending School Committees cannot guarantee a good school in every district, they may suggest, recommend and assist very much, yet, without a good teacher, and an effort on the part of the scholars, a good school is impossible.

An extra effort has been made by your Committee during the past year, to have writing taught in all the schools in town, and so that it was made an every day exercise; and although their efforts in every respect was not crowned with success, yet, we feel that our labors in this direction have not been in vain.

Parents, permit us once more to remind you of the importance of the education of your children.

When we know that the law is as fixed as the Heavens, that whatsoever we sow, that shall we also reap, how important it is that we sow good seed; how true the adage; that as the twig is bent the tree is inclined. How important then, that we use every effort, to have the twig bent aright. When we realize that the children and youth of the present day, are ere long to take our places, and discharge our duties, how important that we prepare and qualify them, (so far as in us lies,) to discharge their duties to themselves, to their country and to their God, in such a manner, that He who does all things well, will look down upon them with an eye of approbation. And when we know that the paths of virtue, are the paths of peace and happiness, how important too, that we teach them to be good and virtuous, and that honesty is the best policy.

Now, in as much as good male teachers are very scarce, we would recommend that agents employ *good* female teachers, in preference to dead male teachers, as several of our winter schools have been during the past winter taught by female, very successfully. And in conclusion we wish to suggest another idea, in regard to parents visiting schols; in a very few instances, some of the parents have been present at the closing examination, and we would recommend it in all cases. If the teacher and scholars know that at the close of the school, all the parents are coming in to see that they have been doing, it will induce the teacher to be apt, and thorough, if they wish to become popular, and the scholars to be studious and attentive during the term, if they have any regard for the feelings of their parents; and we hope in the future that parents will look at it in the same light, and that instead of being an exception it shall be the general rule for parents to visit their schools at least once during the term.

E. H. STARBIRD,	} Superintendent School Com. of Falmouth.
E. H. RAMSDELL,	
A. F. WINSLOW,	