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AND OF THE
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REPORT.

The selectmen of the town of Acushnet respectfully submit the following report:

Benjamin White, ex-collector, is charged with uncollected taxes,	\$842.34
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CREDIT.

By taxes collected and paid to treasurer,	\$675.00	
By taxes remitted,	20.02	\$695.02

		\$147.32
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George P. Morse, collector of taxes, is charged with the tax bills of 1871,	\$8,970.40
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CREDIT.

By amount paid State tax,	\$1,750.00	
Amount paid county tax,	803.95	
Amount paid town treasurer,	5,329.61	
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	441.25	
Taxes remitted,	19.16	
Commission on taxes collected,	79.63	
Uncollected taxes for 1871,	546.80	

\$8,970.40

George P. Morse, treasurer, is charged with the balance of last year's account, received of Benj.

White, ex-collector,	\$1,938.21
By amount received of the collector,	5,329.61
Received of State treasurer, reimbursement of State aid,	340.00
State treasurer, corporation tax,	210.97
County treasurer, reimbursement of dog license,	93.33
State treasurer, school fund,	147.22
Benjamin White, taxes collected,	675.00
State treasurer, bank stock tax,	642.15
Town of Fairhaven,	124.64

Received of E. C. Jenney and J. Burt for burial lots,	11.00
Fairhaven bank, dividend, tax deducted,	10.00
For cow to A. Howard,	34.00
For calf to C. Kenyon,	8.80
Town of Middleborough,	54.09
Edgar H. Gammons, peddler's license,	6.00
Benjamin White, auctioneer's license,	2.00
Loam and hay from town lot,	13.20
School books sold,	1.45
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	\$9,641.67

The treasurer is credited with the following :

By amount paid towards relinquishing town debt,	\$1,956.00
For support of poor,	1,410.22
For incidentals,	1,385.24
For support of schools,	2,029.76
For repairs of highways,	833.16
Treasurer's commissions,	49.01
Balance carried to new account,	1,978.28
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	\$9,641.67

Support of Schools.

Paid Charles L. Russell for teaching,	\$75.00
Ellen K. Akin	125.00
Myra F. Akin	55.00
Clara E. Sisson	226.50
Amelia F. Keen	226.50
Martha W. White	252.00
Ann H. Snow	262.00
Sylvia H. Stephens	146.00
P. A. Gerrish	125.00
Annie W. Gifford	160.50
Myra S. Rounseville	101.50
Charles Record	115.50
Augustus White, fuel, &c.,	9.15
Leonard Keen for wood, &c.,	34.00
Jonathan Taber for wood,	26.00
James Hickie, preparing fuel,	9.42
Cobb & Jenney for coal,	17.45
Walter A. Davis for wood,	35.74
P. W. Record for wood,	1.00
Willie Taber for making fires,	2.00
D. S. Mason for making fires,	3.50
A. E. Lawrence for making fires,	3.50

Paid George L. Morse for making fires,	3.50
George Wheldon, Jr., for making fires,	3.50
George F. Taber for making fires,	3.50
James Wheldon for making fires,	3.00
Dexter & Haskins for clock,	4.00
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	\$2,029.76

Support of Poor.

Paid treasurer of Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for support of Benjamin Taber,	\$213.45
Baylies & Cannon, provisions,	27.50
Gideon A. Harding, support of A. Voteau,	14.00
R. Davis & Son, supplies at Alms-house,	286.32
Alexander Howland, supplies at Alms-house,	23.05
Charles M. Wilde, dry goods at Alms-house,	47.51
C. W. Shepard, wood,	7.82
Support of Betsey Oliver,	41.50
Support of Ruth Cook,	26.00
Dr. Braley, medical aid,	25.00
Simeon Macomber, services at Alms-house,	193.62
City of New Bedford, support of poor,	86.20
City of Fall River, support of poor,	72.00
City of Taunton, support of poor,	52.19
Town of Fairhaven, support of poor,	9.00
Thomas Pope, Jr., two pigs,	12.00
Town of Framingham for F. Skiff,	27.07
David B. Cochran for H. Morse and family,	36.09
Alfred Morse, farm work,	13.00
C. A. Howland, blacksmithing,	.20
Thomas H. Davis, carting wood,	7.00
Reuben Mason, farm work,	16.75
Abraham Gifford for cow,	35.00
Cobb & Jenney for wash-boiler,	3.00
A. B. Grinnell, burial,	3.50
Jeremiah Hammett, opening graves,	4.00
Leonard Keen, opening graves,	2.00
Mrs. Wallen and family,	18.00
E. C. Jenney for support of Rosa Taber,	50.00
Walter Spooner, supplies, &c.,	17.05
Elihu Pope for moving Pierce family,	3.00
Clark E. Morse for wood,	17.34
Charles M. Wilde, dry goods,	7.16
Walter Spooner for sundries,	6.20
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	\$1,403.52

Incidentals.

Paid interest on town debt,	\$489.00
State aid,	394.00
E. Anthony & Sons, printing and advertising,	59.75
Town clerk, recording births, marriages and deaths,	8.88
Repairs and fixtures upon school-houses,	48.43
S. Hutchinson, school books,	8.14
Express, postage, and expenses on bank tax,	14.45
Assessors for copying valuation book for tax commissioners,	15.00
Benjamin White for repairing wall at burial ground,	37.75
S. Hutchinson, blank books and stationery,	4.84
Pardon Taber, Jr., services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	80.00
Walter Spooner, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	60.00
John W. Tuck, services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	60.00
John W. Tuck, guide boards,	5.00
Jonathan Taber,	} school committee,
Leonard Keen,	
Augustus White,	
Loring Potter for services as constable,	10.00
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	\$1,385.24

Expended on Highways.

By George P. Morse, surveyor :	\$49.63
Paid George P. Morse,	7.00
James Burt,	2.95
Lewis G. Spooner,	6.12
Peter Merrihew,	4.00
James E. Chamberlain,	17.00
Edward Morse,	12.12
Marcus T. C. Ashley,	2.50
William H. Terrell,	2.62
Asa C. Pope,	3.50
Joseph C. Omev,	9.76
George P. Wheldon,	9.60
George W. Nye,	7.50
Charles Morse,	8.75
Augustus White,	5.25
William G. Parker,	21.00
Joshua Morse,	.97
Joshua T. Snow,	
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	\$170.26

By Albert S. Morse, surveyor :

Paid Albert S. Morse,	\$64.69
George P. Morse,	7.50
Albert S. Morse, Jr.,	7.87
James E. Chamberlain,	4.00
James R. Sherman,	1.75
Francis Pittsley,	7.87
Francis Pittsley, Jr.,	6.00
Godfrey C. Macomber,	6.30
Benjamin Wilson, Jr.,	10.50
Eli W. Pierce,	4.37
William H. Terrell,	2.50
Phineas Peckham,	4.90
William S. Gracia,	1.75

\$130.00

By Clark E. Morse, surveyor :

Paid Clark E. Morse,	\$51.00
Walter A. Davis,	10.00
Alfred Morse,	17.50
Edward C. Morse,	1.75
Bradford O. Braley,	16.75
William A. Ashley,	10.00
Latham T. Jennings,	20.00

\$127.00

By Edward G. Dillingham, surveyor :

Paid Edward G. Dillingham,	\$63.75
Horatio Morse,	12.00
William Spooner,	5.25
Nathan Wilcox,	10.50
Elijah Bates,	6.00
Samuel E. Stacy,	18.00
Charles Bennett,	3.00
Thomas Sylvia,	2.50
Benjamin Braley,	6.00

\$127.00

By William A. Spooner, surveyor :

Paid William A. Spooner,	\$29.50
John Wilcox,	29.00
Samuel Wing,	15.00
Elijah Bates,	4.50

Paid Eli Reed,	40.00
Isaac Weston,	12.00
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	\$130.00

By James R. Allen, surveyor :

Paid James R. Allen,	\$65.00
Nathan Wilcox,	9.75
George Hathaway,	3.75
John Ricketson,	1.50
Elihu Pope,	23.50
Samuel Wing,	35.40
Martin B. Gammons,	10.00
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	\$148.90

Amount expended on highways,

\$833.16

Amount of notes held against the town March 25, 1872, \$5,090.00

Cash in the treasury March 25, 1872,	\$1,978.28
Five shares Fairhaven bank stock,	360.00
Bank and corporation tax due from State,	322.40
State aid due from State,	372.00
Uncollected taxes,	694.12
Town farm,	1,500.00
Two cows,	80.00
Amount of school books on hand,	50.00
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	\$5,356.80

Produce Raised on Town Farm in 1871.

Hay, four tons, at \$30,	\$120.00
Oats, one ton, at \$30,	30.00
Potatoes, forty bushels, at 75 cents,	30.00
Turnips, twenty-five bushels, at 40 cents,	10.00
Corn and vegetables,	50.00
Pork, fatted, 800 pounds, at 8 cents,	64.00
Cow sold,	34.00
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	\$338.00

By the general statutes it is made the duty of the selectmen to report to the town annually the condition of the guide boards in the town. We therefore report that the guide boards are in good repair as far as we have notice.

PARDON TABER, JR., } Selectmen of
WALTER SPOONER, } Acushnet.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the usual custom and requirements of the law, your committee would present the following report of their proceedings.

After being legally notified of their election, your committee met and organized by choosing JONATHAN TABER as Chairman, and AUGUSTUS WHITE Secretary.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount raised by the town,	\$2,000.00
Received from the State school fund,	147.22
Received from the dog fund,	92.00
Total,	<u>\$2,239.22</u>

DETAILED REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS.

The following tabular view will exhibit the names of teachers, wages, attendance, and other particulars of the schools.

Table I.

SCHOOLS.	SUMMER.					WINTER.				
	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance over 15.	Attendance under 5.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance over 15.	Attendance under 5.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.
1	9	2	0	11	8 $\frac{22}{9}$	13	2	0	15	12
2	13	2	1	16	13 $\frac{43}{9}$	15	4	0	19	14
3	22	1	1	24	19.2	23	5	1	29	24
4	13	1	0	14	9.8	*				
5	10	1	1	12	9 $\frac{28}{9}$	14	1	0	15	13
6	28	1	1	30	21	22	5	0	27	20
7	15	5	0	20	13.54	20	7	0	27	17.2
8	36	1	0	37	32	†				
9	19	0	0	19	11.87	14	1	0	15	11.29

* In session. † No school.

Table II.

No.	Location	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages.	Length of Schools.
1	Bisbee,	Summer,	Amelia F. Kane,	\$25.00	5 mos.
		Winter,	Amelia F. Kane,	29.00	3.5 "
2	County Road,	Summer,	Clara E. Sisson,	25.00	5 "
		Winter,	Myra S. Rounseville,	29.00	3.5 "
3	Whelden's,	Summer,	Martha W. White,	28.00	5 "
		Winter,	Martha W. White,	32.00	3.5 "
4	Acushnet,	Summer,	Charles L. Russell,	30.00	2.5 "
		Winter,	Sylvia H. Stevens,	35.00	4 "
5	Long Plain,	Summer,	P. A. Gerrish,	25.00	5 "
		Winter,	Clara E. Sisson,	29.00	3.5 "
6	Hammett,	Summer,	Ann H. Snow,	30.00	5 "
		Winter,	Ann H. Snow,	32.00	3.5 "
7	Perry Hill,	Summer,	Ellen H. Akin,	25.00	5 "
		Winter,	Charles Record,	33.00	3.5 "
8	Packard,	Spring,	Sylvia H. Stevens,	28.00	1.5 "
		Summer,	Sylvia H. Stevens,	32.00	2.25 "
9	Wing,	Spring,	Myra F. Akin,	22.00	2.5 "
		Summer,	Annie W. Gifford,	25.00	2.5 "
		Winter,	Annie W. Gifford,	28.00	3.5 "

GENERAL REMARKS.

Your committee would call the attention of those who wish to see our schools steadily progressing and accomplishing the ends designed, to a few important requisites. The school-houses should be so situated as to accommodate the largest number of scholars possible. We would earnestly recommend that the town build a new house, uniting Districts 4 and 8. The condition of the school-house has much to do with the prosperity of the school; and if the parents would visit our school-rooms and compare them with their cheerful homes, we think a change would soon follow. Next in order comes the delicate duty of the school committee in selecting and sustaining such teachers as have a clear and accurate knowledge of all the branches required to be taught in our public schools, united with ability to control and judgment to instruct, and discipline the scholars of various temperaments. When such teachers are secured they should be retained as long as possible, and receive the sympathy and cooperation of the parents. Without this sympathy and cooperation our school system cannot be a success.

Our schools, with few exceptions, have been taught by those possessing the accomplishments referred to above. We are sorry to report, with regard to punctuality, that there has been little improvement. There has been too many between the ages of 8 and 14 who have not attended school.

Respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN TABER, } School Committee
AUGUSTUS WHITE, } of
LEONARD KEEN, } Acushnet.

Acushnet, March 25th, 1872.