

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

His Honor Mayor Bradstreet sent in the following communication in relation to the  
**ROCHESTER WATER WORKS COMPANY:**

*To the Honorable the Common Council:*

**GENTLEMEN:**—The advancement of our city in the varied general improvements by private as well as public enterprise, has placed it as if by magic, among the prominent localities of our country as an attractive residency.

A glance at its present condition in this respect, will show scarcely more lacking than the construction and successful operation of suitable Water Works.

The subject of obtaining for Rochester an adequate supply of that element so essential to the business, safety, health and comfort of its population, it is to be hoped will soon receive such consideration and the project therefor such popular endorsement as to warrant the Water Works Company in proceeding at an early day with the undertaking contemplated.

While the general concurrence of our citizens on the necessity of introducing a supply of water from sources beyond the limits of the city is past a doubt, it has been thought that a public expression thereupon, at the present moment, would give an impetus to the project, by affording capitalists an indication of the extent of favor with which the enterprise would be crowned.

This question has engaged the attention of our citizens, of the Common Council, of various scientific engineers and of capitalists, at intervals, during the past twenty-five years.

In 1852, a number of our worthy and well known citizens, obtained from the legislature under the sanction of public sentiment, evoked by several numerously attended public meetings—an adequate and valuable charter for the Rochester Water Works Company.

The Company was organized and is still in existence, with a contract to the city, renewed in June last, for the supply of pure and wholesome water to our citizens, and for public use and purposes, with fifty-four miles of mains.

For the consummation of so much of the detail and for the hope soon we trust to eventuate in a realized blessing, our city is greatly indebted to ex-Alderman Shelton, who in 1860 and 1861 as chairman of a special Committee of the board of Alderman, had charge of the subject and devoted to it his time and energy.

The importance of the subject demands public consideration and you are respectfully invited to take such action upon it as the best interests of the city may seem to call for.

Respectfully, N. C. BRADSTREET.

Rochester Feb. 28d, 1864.

On motion of Ald. Palmer, laid upon the table.