

the General Fund, upon demand, of the treasury of said City and County of San Francisco, after being first approved by the committee, and allowed and registered by the Auditor, like other similar demands.

SEC. 3. The Clerk of said committee shall keep a record of its proceedings, with the names of witnesses examined, and a substantial account of the evidence taken. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff, or any Constable, or Policeman, of said city and county, to execute the lawful process and orders of the said committee. The said committee may visit any of the public offices when, and as often, as they think proper, and make their examinations and investigations therein, without hindrance. In the exercise of its functions, the concurrence of two members of the committee shall be deemed sufficient.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the committee to proceed forthwith to examine and settle all the accounts and transactions of the Treasurer of said city and county, and to make out and state two distinct accounts, the one embracing his transactions from the first Monday in October, 1855, to the first day of July, 1856, and the other embracing those of the period from the said first day of July to the time of said settlement; and the said committee shall ascertain, determine, and state the true balance of said accounts.

SEC. 5. After the settlement of the accounts and transactions of the present Treasurer of said city and county, the said committee shall proceed in like manner to investigate and settle the transactions and accounts of the Treasurers, Auditors, Controllers, and Tax Collectors of the City and of the County of San Francisco, who were in office during the two terms next preceding those of the present incumbent, and also of the present Auditor and President of the Board of Supervisors.

SEC. 6. The said committee shall hereafter, as often as may be required, by order of the Board of Supervisors, investigate the transactions and accounts of all officers having the collection, custody, or disbursement of public money, or having the power to approve, allow, or audit demands on the treasury, and report thereon to the Board of Supervisors, and for the purpose, shall continue to have and exercise all the powers granted in this Act. But nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to relieve the Auditor, President of the Board of Supervisors, or other officers, from any of the duties and obligations now imposed on them by law.

SEC. 7. The said committee and the Clerk, shall have free access to any records, books, and papers in all public offices. And said committee shall have the same power as courts of record, to administer oaths and affirmation, to examine witnesses, and compel their attendance before them, by subpoena, and attachment for contempt, in case of their refusal to appear or to testify when lawfully required, and shall have the like power to punish as for contempt, any officer, ex-officer, or other person, who shall refuse or neglect, when required in writing, by said committee, to exhibit any official records, books, or papers in his custody, or to explain the same, or any official transaction of his own, or of any other officer so far as he may be able.

SEC. 8. If, from the examination made by the Finance Committee, in pursuance of the powers granted by this Act, it shall appear that a misdemeanor in office, or a defalcation has been committed by any officer of said city and county, whose accounts and transactions they are authorized to examine as aforesaid, said committee shall immediately report the same to the President of the Board of Supervisors, who shall immediately cause said report to be published, in at least two daily newspapers, published in the City of San Francisco, for the period of three days.

SUPPLEMENTAL XV.—*An Act to create certain Road Districts in the City and County of San Francisco, and to provide for the repair and improvement of Roads therein.*—Approved May 20, 1861.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, within sixty days from and after the passage of this Act, to divide that portion of the eleventh and twelfth districts in said city and county, being southerly and westerly of the line formed by Center, Dolores, Market, and Larkin streets, into two road districts; they shall cause each district to be numbered, and the boundaries of the same to be accurately defined by reference to public streets or highways, or other permanent monuments, and shall cause such description of boundaries, with their numbers, to be entered on their minutes.

SEC. 2. The said Board of Supervisors shall, as soon as they have established the road districts before named, appoint some qualified person, a resident and legal voter in each road district, Roadmaster, and whenever thereafter a vacancy in said office may occur; each Roadmaster shall hold his office for the term of one year from and after the date of his appointment, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

SEC. 3. Said Roadmasters shall each take and subscribe the proper oath of office and give bond conditioned on the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, in such sum, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, and with such sureties as the Board of Supervisors may direct.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of each Roadmaster to carefully examine all the public roads in his district and report the condition of the same from time to time, to the Board of Supervisors;