

South-east Ward.

By Messrs. J. Gundaker, Slough and Diffenbaugh..... 86.45

South-west Ward.

By Mr. Hugh Wilson..... 143.60

\$681.51

Adam Reigart, Jr., chief burgess of the borough of Lancaster, remitted this amount to the officials of Newburyport, and received the following acknowledgment:

“Newburyport, Mass., July 25th, 1811.

“Sir,

“We have received yours of the 18th inst. enclosing a draft of James Houston, on the Bank of Pennsylvania, for \$681.51, for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire in this town. This unusual liberality, from a people suffering the same calamity with ourselves, calls forth our warmest acknowledgments. We beg you, Sir, to be assured, that your generous donation shall be faithfully applied to the relief of the objects you have designated; and that this act of kindness will be long held in grateful remembrance by our unfortunate citizens.

“We are, Sir, with sentiments of respect, your obedient servants,

“Jeremiah Nelson,

“Jacob Stone,

“Isaac Adams.

Selectmen of Newburyport.”

“To Adam Reigart, Jr. Esq., Chief Burgess
of the Borough of Lancaster, Pa.”

The “calamity” referred to in the foregoing letter occurred on the night of Friday, March 1st, 1811, when a number of buildings in the second block of North Queen street, Lancaster, were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$16,000.00.

The Lancaster Fire of 1814

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Thursday, March 24th, 1814, between the hours of seven and eight in the morning, a fire was discovered in Jacob Hensel’s carpenter shop in East Orange street, Lancaster borough. It was thought to have had its origin in some shavings, while the employees were at breakfast. The flames spread with alarming rapidity and before they could be arrested the shop and two dwell-