

Commissioners, and after acquainting them with the state of the city, gave them the most peremptory orders to have the streets properly cleansed and purified by the scavengers, and all the filth immediately hauled away. These orders were repeated on the 27th, and similar ones given to the clerks of the market." Mr. Carey, who was a member of the committee he mentions, says "this magistrate deserves particular praise. He was the first who invited the citizens to rally round the standard of charity, and convened the meeting at which the committee for relief of the sick was appointed, as well as the preceding ones; of this committee he was appointed president, which duty he punctually fulfilled during the whole time of the distress." On another page "the magistrates of the city, except the Mayor and John Barclay, Esq., were away." So in a letter of Mr. Hazard to Dr. Belknap, "the Mayor has stayed and been useful among us, though our Recorder and all our Aldermen have fled. His wife is not dead but getting well." (ii. 341). This was in October 1793, and Mrs. Clarkson lived to November 27, 1794. On the 28th, Mrs. Drinker's journal says: "Mrs. Clarkson, wife of our present Mayor, was buried this afternoon. She was a pretty girl, when Polly Boud [Boude], I went to school with her."

In 1848, the City Councils printed in a book of 250 pages, the "minutes of the proceedings of the committee appointed on the 14th, September 1793, by the citizens of Philadelphia, the Northern Liberties and the District of Southwark,