

**DOCUMENT 28 – REPORT OF POLICE COMMITTEE REGARDING  
COMPENSATING ALLAN PINKERTON**

**September 28, 1854**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

To the Hon<sup>l</sup> the Mayor and Aldermen of the  
City of Chicago in Common Council Assembled

Your Committee on Police to  
whom was referred the Communication of the  
Grand Jury of the Recorders Court, the Recorder  
and Prosecuting Attorney, setting forth  
that Valuable service had been rendered the  
City by Allen Pinkerton, in ferreting out  
and arresting Burglars, Thievs and counterfeiters  
for some time past, ~~and recommending~~ without any compensation  
for such service, and recommending to  
the Common Council to Make him  
some pecuniary acknowledgment as a  
compensation for said service, Would  
respectfully report that they have  
considered the subject and are of the  
opinion that ~~a small appropriation from  
the City Treasury to Mr. Pinkerton for his~~ <sup>Mr. Pinkerton</sup>

Mr. Pinkerton has rendered  
the City good service for several Months  
past by his Vigilance and industry in  
ferreting out and bringing to Justice a class  
of Thievs Burglars &c who have been preying  
upon the Citizens of this Community, and  
that a small appropriation from the  
City Treasury to an Efficient Officer  
<sup>for this Kind of service</sup> is money well Expended. They would  
therefore recommend that the Mayor and  
Clerk be authorized to draw an order  
on the Treasurer in favour of Allen Pinkerton  
for Two hundred dollars as a compensation  
for past Police service, Respectfully  
submitted

Wm L Church      Chm

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