

**DOCUMENT 19 – REPORT ON A PETITION FOR COMPENSATION FOR
DAMAGES SUFFERED FROM THE DEATH OF HENRY COYLE**

November 29, 1880

TRANSCRIPTION

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Chicago in Council Assembled:

Your Committee on Judiciary
to whom was referred petition of Alice Coyle for com
pensation for the damages suffered by the
death of her son Henry T. Coyle

having had the same under advisement, beg leave to report: that Henry T. Coyle was drowned while in the service of the city in the Fire Department on the 14th day of July 1879. About ^{mid-night} of that day, upon an alarm of fire, the hose cart, to which said Coyle was attached was ordered out to the scene of the fire. The bridge over the River at State was turned at the time. The driver, James Foley did not perceive the danger, and the horses and cart were precipitated into the River and Coyle's going over in the cart was drowned. The night was extremely dark; and no signal lights were displayed. The committee are of the opinion that the danger in that case was not one that is incident to the service upon which Coyle was employed; and that said Coyle was without fault in the matter. It seems to your Committee therefore that this is a proper case for compensation to the representa-

tives of the deceased.

Your committee recommend the
passage of the order hereto appended

Nov. 29 1880 Respectfully submitted

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