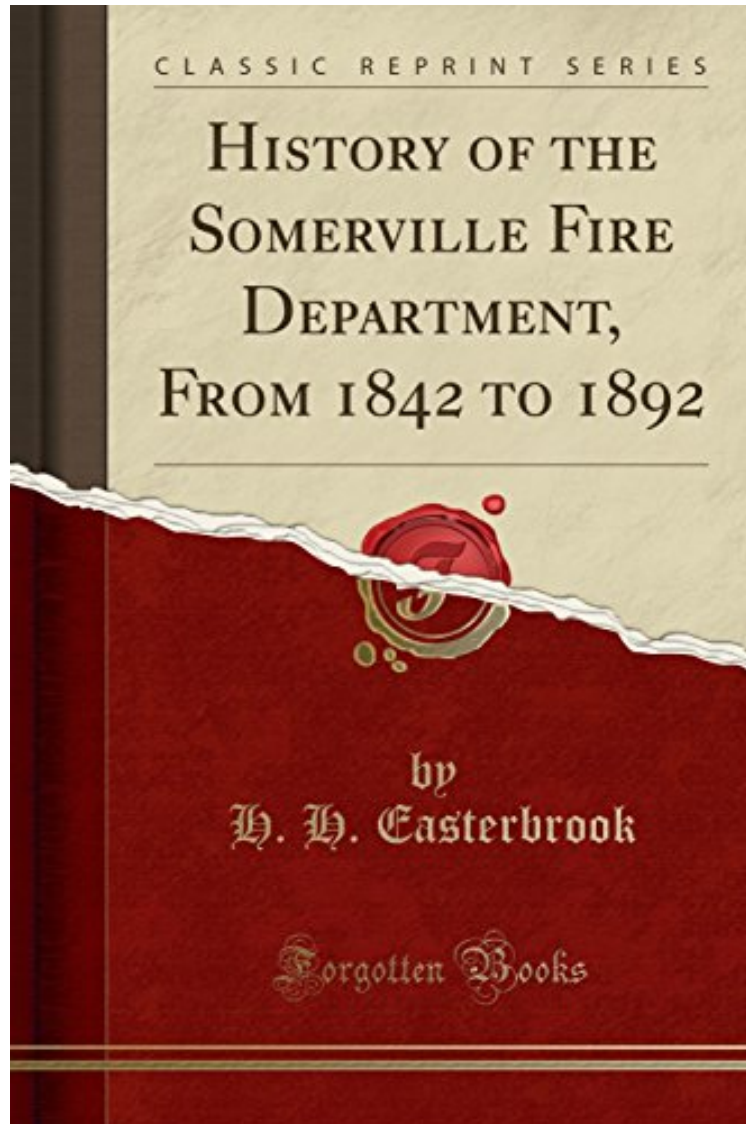


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The total expense of maintaining this one company in 1842, was which was paid for screws, etc, for engine. The next year, was the total cost 33550 Of that amount was paid for new underpinning for engine house. In 1844, Levi Orcutt was paid for a lock and bolt for engine house, which was the total expense for that year. The year following, \$50 was paid to S. Thayer, the engine builder, for repairing the engine. 1846 was the banner year for fire department expenses, not a penny was spent. It is probable that there was neither a company nor a fire in town that year. The first indication of a fire or company to man the engine comes with 1847, when out of a total expense of the Bunker Hill Engine co. 2 of Charlestown, received for refreshments furnished the company after a fire in that town. The next year, 1848, the engine attended a number of fires, most of them out of town. The total expense was all but which was paid for setting glass, was paid for refreshments at ten fires, ranging in sums from to which was paid to Hancock 1, Bunker Hill 2 of Charlestown, Union 2, Niagara 3, Hydrant 4, and Pioneer 6, engine companies of Cambridge, and one or two local firms. There was a considerable jump in expenses in 1849, the total amount being of that sum was paid for refreshments, mostly at out of town fires. The next principal expenditure was \$40, for sign on engine house. A new era in the department annals came in 1850, when the new first class modern suction Hanneman hand engine took the place of the old Mystic 6.

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