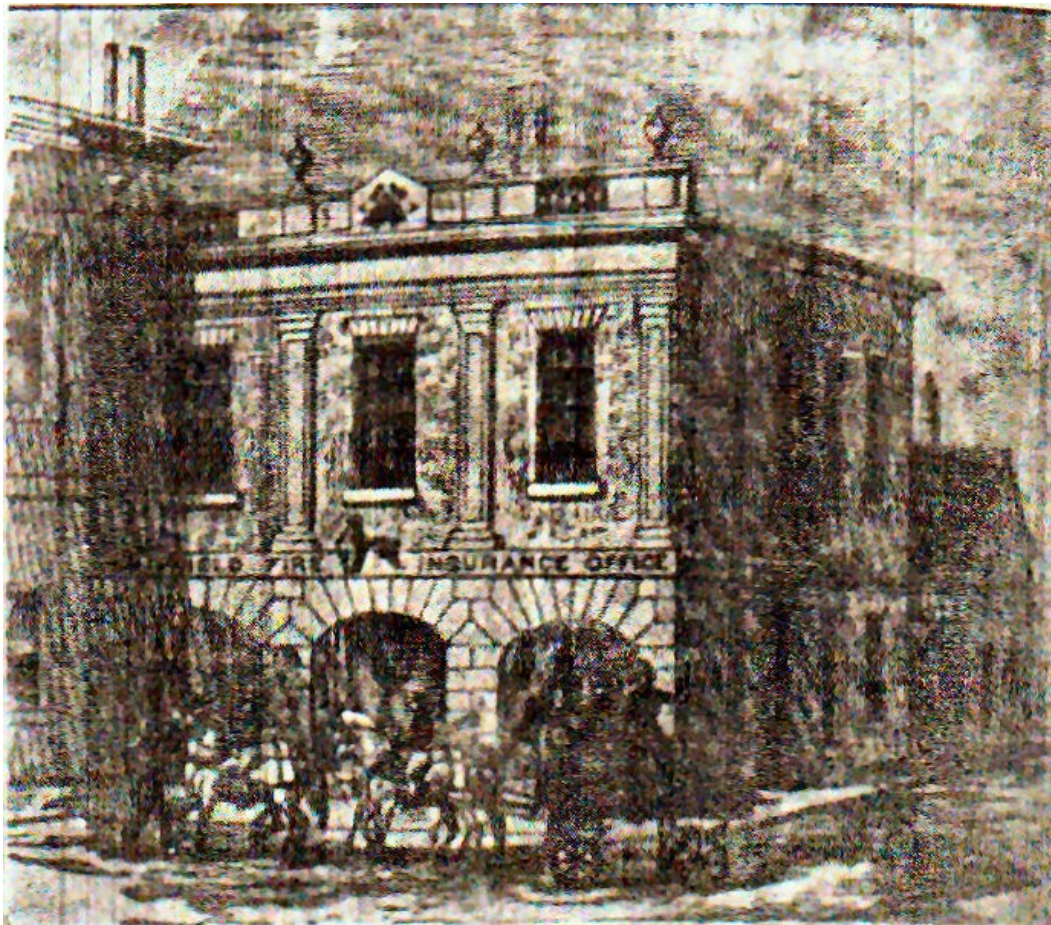


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When the Sheffield Town Council was born in 1843 the Fire Brigade and fire engines were the property of private associations that existed for mutual insurance among their members against loss by fire. Our picture shows the Sheffield Fire insurance Office in George Street, with the fire brigade of those far-off days practising on the open space that still exists there opposite the Alliance Insurance Co.'s building. It was not, in fact, until May 12th 1869, that the Town Council decided to take control of the Fire Brigade on terms agreed on between itself and the Sheffield Fire Insurance Office.