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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending June 5, 1880:

Deposits in the Treasury.

On account of the Sinking Fund.....	\$223,584 70
“ “ City Treasury.....	2,174,595 88
Total	\$2,398,180 67

Bonds and Stock Issued.

Four per cent. Bonds.....	\$1,980,000 00
Five per cent. Bonds.....	10,000 00
Five per cent. Stock.....	10,000 00
Total	\$2,000,000 00

Warrants Registered and Ready for Payment.

Aqueduct—Repairs, Maintenance and Strengthening.....	\$250 00
Armories and Drill-rooms, For wages of Armors.....	837 00
Assessment Fund	3,442 30
Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Expenses of.....	200 00
Boulevards, Roads, and Avenues, Maintenance of.....	893 41
Bronx River Bridges—Repairs and Maintenance.....	5 75
Children's Aid Society.....	23,333 33
City Parks Improvement Fund	9 75
CITY RECORD—Salaries and Contingencies.....	583 33
Cleaning Markets.....	2,453 52
Cleaning Streets under Police Department.....	33,750 00
College of the City of New York.....	10,522 10
Construction of Bridge over Harlem River	3 20
Contingencies—Comptroller's Office.....	1,023 26
“ District Attorney's Office.....	45 90
“ Law Department.....	8,400 61
“ Mayor's Office.....	198 93
“ Public Administrator's Office.....	78 00
Contract of Peter T. Masterton, etc.....	225 00
Coroners' Salaries and Expenses.....	3,616 84
Croton Water Fund	1,211 50
Croton Water-main Fund	603 99
Dock Fund	7,733 26
Fire Department Fund	91,111 05
For Laying New Walks and Repairing the Old Walks, etc.....	92 54
For Procuring and Presenting Evidence, etc.....	3,948 00
For Removal of Night-soil, Offal, and Dead Animals.....	3,000 00
Free Floating Baths.....	1,930 02
Fund for Small-pox Hospital and Care of Contagious Diseases.....	688 49
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements, and Maintenance.....	647 44
Health Fund.....	3,352 21
Interest on the City Debt.....	15,271 37
Judgments.....	772 59
Lamps and Gas.....	461 50
Laying Croton Pipes.....	1,568 29
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	12,430 10
Maintenance, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	1,222 06
Manhattan Square, Improvement of	558 50
New County Court-house.....	2,369 36
Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books	1,683 54
Publication of the CITY RECORD.....	3,766 78
Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs	760 89
Public Charities and Correction	52,792 70
Public Instruction.....	11,842 48
Real Estate, Expenses of.....	56 00
Refunding Taxes Paid in Error	135 48
Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues.....	10 00
Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.....	1,696 80
Repairs and Renewal of Pavements.....	400 00
Repaying Streets and Avenues, under Chapter 476, Laws of 1875.....	17,046 31
Revenue Bonds of 1879.....	10,000 00
Salaries—Board of Assessors.....	1,449 99
“ City Courts.....	17,541 50
“ Commissioners of Accounts.....	825 00
“ Common Council	8,933 23
“ Department of Finance.....	51 61
“ Department of Public Works.....	11,781 50
“ Judiciary.....	33,660 06
“ Law Department.....	2,041 66
Salary of the Physician to the Jail of the City and County of New York.....	33 33
Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning.....	3,884 50
State Taxes.....	200,000 00
Street Improvement Fund.....	6,024 36
Street Improvements above Fifty-ninth street.....	409 43
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices.....	3,530 16
Union Home and School for Education of Children of Volunteer Soldiers.....	1,125 00
Wells and Pumps—Repairing and Cleaning.....	40 00
Total.....	\$630,422 90

SUITS, ORDERS OF COURT, JUDGMENTS, ETC.

COURT.	PLAINTIFF OR RELATOR.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF ACTION, ETC.	ATTORNEY.
Supreme..	Francis J. M. Smith..	.....	Order to vacate assessment for regulating, etc., Broadway, between Thirty-second and Fifty-ninth streets.....	E. Coffin, Jr.
“	J. Henderson, Jr., Treasurer, etc.....	\$130 75	Transcript of Judgment.....	C. P. Miller.
“	Kate Lambert.....	25,000 00	For personal injuries received by falling on sidewalk in front of Nos. 150 and 152 East Twenty-sixth street, between Lexington and Third avenues, caused by the accumulation of ice and snow thereon.....	E. T. Fellowes.
“	James H. Perkins.....	.....	Order amending summons, etc., also amended notice of his pendency; also copy of amended summons in said matter.....	W. H. McDougall.
“	Thomas Kane.....	.....	Order to vacate assessment for sewers in Ninety-fifth and Ninety-eighth streets, between First and Third avenues, and in First avenue, between Ninety-fifth and One Hundredth streets.....	Develin & M.
“	William Burnard.....	.....	Order to vacate assessment for underground drains in Inwood and Dyckman streets.....	M. Canfield.
“	Theodore Foulke.....	315 15	Transcript of Judgment.....	M. B. Smith.
“	Albert Crane and ors.....	.....	Order to vacate assessment for drains in Sixty-second and Sixty-eighth streets, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.....	Develin & M.
“	Mary H. Mahan.....	.....	Order to vacate assessment for sewer in Fifty-sixth street, from Second to Third avenues.....	Allison & S.
“	Julia Howe Stockwell, Mary E. Howe, Jane R. Stockwell..	.....	Order to vacate assessment for sewers in Eighth avenue, between Ninety second and One Hundred and Fifth streets.....	A. B. Johnson.
“	Henry Greenfield et al.....	.....	Order to pay award into court and of reference in the matter of the opening of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.....	“

CLAIMS FILED.

NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
James F. Chamberlain, attorney for estate of Laura A. Delano.....	\$3,501 66	For repayment of amount heretofore paid on account of an assessment for paving Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-ninth street (demand).....	C. C. Higgins.
Henry J. Burchell.....	332 62	For repayment of amount heretofore paid on account of an assessment for paving Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-ninth street (demand).....	“
Joseph Lyness.....	170 73	For repayment of amount heretofore paid on account of an assessment for paving Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-ninth street (demand).....	“
John Hinch.....	.....	For repayment of amount heretofore paid on account of an assessment for paving Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-ninth street (demand).....	“
John W. Van Orden.....	9,950 00	For salary as Foreman, in Fire Department, from November 22, 1873, to May 31, 1880 (claim and demand).....	D. A. Leven, Jr.
John F. Monks.....	619 75	For amount paid in excess of that as reduced for an assessment on Block 295, Nos. 1 and 5, for sewers in Eighty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues, etc. (second demand).....	T. F. Neville.
Margaret MacKean.....	460 17	For amount paid in excess of that as reduced for an assessment on Block 381, Nos. 50 and 51, for sewers in Eighty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues, etc. (second demand).....	“
George Kober.....	354 32	For amount paid in excess of that as reduced for an assessment on Block 381, Nos. 62 and 63, for sewers in Eighty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues, etc. (second demand).....	“
Robert G. Gregg.....	1,672 19	For amount paid in excess of that as reduced for an assessment on Block 381, Nos. 37 to 41, 63½, 64, and 65, for sewers in Eighty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues, etc. (second demand).....	“
Bernard Maloney.....	775 55	For amount paid in excess of that as reduced for an assessment on Block 382, Nos. 12 to 14, for sewers in Eighty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues, etc. (second demand).....	“
Frances Blauvelt.....	10,000 00	For damages for personal injuries received from having been run over by wagon of Chief of Battalion Bresnan, of the Fire Department, while driving to a fire.....	L. C. Dessar.
Whitman Phillips.....	250 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	J. A. Deering.
Philip Ryan, assignee of Charles McLaughlin.....	425 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	“
Andrew Clavin.....	450 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	“
John Ryan.....	400 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	“
Mary Ann Hall.....	450 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	“
Philip Divers.....	1,450 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	“
Owen McEnroe.....	200 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	“
Frank Lawlor.....	600 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	“
Patrick Dempsey.....	150 00	For payment of award for damages to building by reason of the change of grade and regulating, etc., of Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets (demand).....	“
Margaret H. Frothingham.....	800 00	For payment of award in the matter of the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth, and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets (Nos. 119, demand).....	Allison & S.
Elizabeth P. Gardner.....	3,451 00	For payment of award in the matter of the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth, and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets (Nos. 119, 114, and 115), demand.....	“
Lorillard Spencer.....	2,850 00	For payment of award in the matter of the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth, and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets (Nos. 133 to 136), demand.....	“

NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	NATURE OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
James W. Smith.....	10,542 00	For payment of award in the matter of the opening of One Hundred and Fifty-sixth, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth, and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets (Nos. 98 to 109, demand).....	"
James Salmon.....	1,550 00	For payment of balance due for services as Attendant on Court of Common Pleas, from July 1, 1870, to May 1, 1872 (demand).....	E. Sandford.
Charles Benedict.....	275 00	For payment of balance due for services as Attendant on Superior Court, from June 1, 1870, to May 31, 1871, excepting month of December, 1870 (demand).....	"
Commissioners for opening One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, from Eighth avenue to Harlem river..	.....	For payment of fees and for disbursements in said matter (demand).....	Allison & S.
Commissioners for opening One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Eighth avenue to Harlem river..	.....	For payment of fees and for disbursements in said matter (demand).....	"

Approval of Sureties.

The Comptroller approved of the adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties on the following proposals, viz.:

June 2. For dredging slip, between Piers (new) 42 and (new) 43, North river.
Chandler H. Loomis, 139 Yates avenue, Brooklyn, Principal.
Jacob Sharp, 326 W. Twenty-third street, } Sureties.
James W. Foshay, 50 W. Fifth street, }

June 2. For building sewer in Macdougall street, between W. Fourth street and W. Washington place.
Albert J. Riss, 165 E. Eighty-third street, Principal.
John Mowatt, One Hundred and Third street and Boulevard, } Sureties.
John Dowling, Eighty-third street and Avenue A, }

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK, }
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, }
WEDNESDAY, June 9, 1880, 2 o'clock P. M. }

The Board met in pursuance of the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, June 7, 1880.

In pursuance of the authority contained in the 12th section of chapter 335 being an act entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873; and section 1 of chapter 779, being an act entitled "An act in relation to raising money by taxation in the County of New York, for county purposes," passed June 14, 1873; and chapter 304, being an act entitled "An act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York, and further to regulate the same," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 303, being an act entitled "An act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the County of New York," passed April 30, 1874; and chapter 308, being an act entitled "An act in relation to the estimates and apportionment for the support of the government of the City of New York," passed May 1, 1874—a meeting is hereby called of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, constituting a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the office of the Mayor, on Wednesday, June 9, 1880, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purposes specified in requisition of the Mayor, of June 5, 1880.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, June 5, 1880.

JOHN WHEELER, Esq., President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—The Mayor directs me to request you to issue a call for a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held at the Mayor's Office on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of making provisions for carrying out the purposes of Chapter 521 of the Laws of 1880, by making a transfer to the Fire Department of appropriations heretofore made to the Department of Buildings, in so far as the same may remain unexpended and be not required to meet liabilities of the Department of Buildings.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk.

INDORSED:

Admission of a copy of the within, as served upon us this 7th day of June, 1880.

EDWARD COOPER,
Mayor;
JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller;
JOHN J. MORRIS,
President of the Board of Aldermen;
JOHN WHEELER,
President of the Department of
Taxes and Assessments.

Present, the following members, viz.:

Edward Cooper, the Mayor of the City of New York; John J. Morris, the President of the Board of Aldermen; John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.
Absent: John Kelly, the Comptroller of the City of New York.

The minutes of the meeting held May 21, 1880, were read and approved.

The Chairman moved to call up the preamble and resolution laid over at last meeting and printed on pages 157 and 158 of the minutes.

Which was agreed to by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), The President of the Board of Aldermen, and The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—3.

The Chairman then moved that the following preamble and resolution be substituted for that laid over at last meeting and printed on pages 157 and 158 of the minutes:

Whereas, By chapter 521 of the Laws of 1880, passed May 29, 1880, the powers and duties of the Department of Buildings are transferred to the Fire Department; and

Whereas, It is provided by said act that there shall be a Bureau of Inspection of Buildings in the Fire Department which shall, under and subject to such rules, regulations, and orders as may be established by the Board of Fire Commissioners, have charge of all matters relating to buildings and structures in the City of New York now by law devolved upon or required to be performed by the Department of Buildings, and that the affairs of said Bureau shall be under the management of a suitable person, who shall be known as the "Inspector of Buildings," who may be authorized by the Board of Fire Commissioners to perform any duty, or to exercise any power or authority, now by law conferred upon the Superintendent of Buildings.

Whereas, It is provided by said act that it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Buildings, or other officer in charge of the Department of Buildings in the City of New York, forthwith to turn over to the Board of Fire Commissioners all books, papers, records, property, leases, moneys, accounts, claims and things of every kind and description, belonging to or in the custody of the Department of Buildings or any officer or employee thereof. Thereupon and within ten days after the passage of this act, the office of Superintendent of Buildings in said city shall cease and determine, and the Department of Buildings shall be abolished; and

Whereas, The said Commissioners are authorized by said act to appoint an attorney to the Fire Department;

Resolved, That all appropriations heretofore made to the Department of Buildings for the calendar year 1880, in excess of such amount as shall be necessary to pay all liabilities incurred or to be incurred by said Department, be and the same hereby are transferred to an appropriation for the Fire Department, to be entitled "Salaries and other Expenses of the Bureau of Inspection of Buildings, and Salary of Attorney to Fire Department."

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved to amend by having the matter lay over till next meeting.

The Chairman put the question on the amendment.

Which was agreed to by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—2.

Negative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)—1.

The Chairman moved that the Board adjourn to meet again on Thursday, June 10, 1880, at 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The President of the Board of Aldermen moved to amend so that the preamble and resolution offered by the Chairman be laid over until the written opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, in

reply to the resolution adopted by the Board at the meeting held June 3, 1880, is received, and until the decision of Judge Potter is given in the matter of the injunction proceedings now before him on the application of the present Superintendent of Buildings.

The Chairman moved as an amendment to the amendment that the last clause be stricken out, and put the question.

Which was lost by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)—1.

Negative—The President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—2.

The Chairman then put the question on the amendment as made by the President of the Board of Aldermen.

Which was agreed to by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—2.

Negative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman)—1.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 10, 1880.

JAMES E. MORRISON, Esq., Secretary of the Mayor:

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 30th of December, ultimo, requesting my opinion as to the right of the Mayor to allow the sealed poll clerks' tallies, on file in your office, to be opened for inspection, other than by order of the court or by the county canvassers; and you enclose a letter to the Mayor from Mr. Michael Norton, dated December 30, 1879, requesting, on behalf of the Socialist Labor party, permission to inspect or peruse the poll clerks' tally sheets for 1879, for the Thirty-first Election District, of the Eighteenth Assembly District.

Section 56 of the Election Law of 1872 provides that each set of tallies shall be enclosed, securely sealed and signed; and one of the envelopes shall be directed on the outside to the Chief of the Bureau of Elections, and the other to the Mayor.

Section 57 provides that one of the poll clerks shall deliver to the Mayor the tallies directed to him, and the other poll clerk shall deliver to the Chief of the Bureau of Elections the tallies directed to him.

Under the provisions of Section 40, the tallies delivered to the Chief of the Bureau of Elections are undoubtedly to be open to the inspection, examination, comparison and copying of any citizen or elector. There is no provision in the Election Law, nor in any other statute, so far as I am aware, which expressly declares what disposition shall be made by the Mayor of the tallies delivered to him, nor do I find any provision of law expressly authorizing or forbidding the opening and inspection of such tallies. In the absence of such prohibition, I think the Mayor can lawfully permit the envelopes delivered to him to be opened, and the tallies to be inspected. Mr. Norton's letter is herewith returned.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, January 16, 1880.

COLONEL JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk of the Mayor:

SIR—I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, transmitting a warrant for \$2,420.20, in favor of Walter K. and Willis B. Marvin, or Edward C. Graves, attorney, for rent of rooms numbers 13 and 14 in the building number 265 Broadway, from September 9, 1872, to April 1, 1874, with the request that I will advise the Mayor whether the form of lease accompanying the warrant is a "lease" or "writing," within the terms of chapter 498, of the laws of 1879.

The instrument in question purports, upon its face, to be a lease between Walter K. and Willis B. Marvin, parties of the first part, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, by Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, parties of the second part, but is signed by Willis B. Marvin only. It is stated in the written examination of Mr. Walter K. Marvin, which is attached to the papers, that this document was prepared in the Finance Department, after negotiations had been had between the Messrs. Marvin and the Comptroller, for the renting to the city of the rooms in question, for the use of Mr. Miller, attorney for the collection of arrears of personal taxes, but that Mr. Green declined to sign it. Under these circumstances, this instrument was not, of course, a valid and lawful lease to the city. It is stated however, in the affidavits of Messrs. Marvin, that immediately after such negotiations, and the preparation of such instrument, said attorney took possession of the rooms in question, and occupied them from about the 9th of September, 1872, to April 1, 1874, and the Legislature evidently intended to authorize and require the city to pay for the use and occupation of such rooms by said attorney, at the rate mentioned in said instrument. Said chapter 498 provides that upon the production to the Comptroller of the lease to the city, or the writing under which said premises were occupied by said attorney, accompanied by the affidavits of the Messrs. Marvin, that said premises were so occupied by him, and that no rent or money has ever been paid therefor, or for or on account thereof, and that the same is now due and wholly unpaid, the Comptroller shall audit the claim, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall make provision for its payment. The draughtsman of this act undoubtedly was aware that the instrument in question was not a valid lease, and he therefore referred to such instrument not only as a "lease," but as a "writing," with the evident intention of avoiding any objection upon this ground. I have no doubt whatever that said instrument is a "writing," within the meaning of said statute. The papers transmitted with your letter are herewith returned.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, April 12, 1880.

Colonel JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk of the Mayor:

SIR—In your letter to me of the 9th instant, you request me to inform the Mayor whether a resolution of the Common Council appointing a person a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of himself, or another person, whose term of office has not yet expired, is valid, and if the appointment can be made before the vacancy occurs; how long in advance can it be legally made?

The power to appoint Commissioners of Deeds is conferred upon the Common Council in general terms, and the time when appointment shall be made to fill vacancies is not prescribed by law. The question submitted by you has not been the subject, so far as I can discover, of judicial decision, but, upon general principles, I am of the opinion that a resolution of the Common Council, appointing a person a Commissioner of Deeds to fill a vacancy which will occur at any time within the term of the present Common Council, would be valid, but I should think that a resolution appointing a Commissioner to fill a vacancy which will not occur until after the expiration of the term of the present Common Council would be invalid. This was the view adopted by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana in a case involving the question of the power of the Governor and Senate of that State to forestall the action of their successors in reference to the appointment of a harbor-master. (Ivy vs. Lusk, 11 La. An., 486.)

Yours respectfully,
W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, April 16, 1880.

Colonel JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk of the Mayor:

SIR—With your letter to me of the 2d of February last were enclosed five warrants drawn in favor of Bernard Reilly, late Sheriff, in payment for official services to the city during the year 1879, together with a copy of a letter from the Mayor to the Comptroller, dated November 18, 1879, returning to the Finance Department, without signature, warrants drawn in favor of the same officer for similar services. You request my opinion as to what are the lawful charges for those services.

One of the most important questions raised by your letter was considered by my immediate predecessor in this office in December, 1874. The Sheriff of the City and County of New York, at the present time, and for many years past, has rendered certain services of a public character, for which he is entitled to be paid from the city treasury. The rate of compensation for most of these services is not fixed by law, and for many years prior to 1874 the bills of the Sheriff for such services were rendered to and audited by the Board of Supervisors, and were paid from the county treasury, as so audited. In 1874 the city and county governments were consolidated, by an act of the Legislature, and it was thereafter suggested that the Sheriff's bills were to be audited by the Finance Department, and that, as incidental to the right of making such audit, the Comptroller had authority to fix the rate of compensation of the Sheriff for services rendered to the city, where such compensation was not fixed by statute. In a communication dated December 19, 1874, the then Comptroller requested the advice of my predecessor on these points, and in response to such request an opinion, dated December 28, 1874, was sent to the Comptroller, advising, in substance, that while the Finance Department had the right to audit the Sheriff's bills, the power to fix such compensation was vested

in the Board of Aldermen. This opinion was based upon the provisions of the act consolidating the city and county (chapter 302, Laws of 1874), which declared that all the powers and duties then or theretofore conferred or charged upon the Board of Supervisors should be exercised and performed by the Board of Aldermen, as such, subject to the approval or objection of the Mayor. After this opinion was given, a resolution was adopted by the Common Council on January 21, 1875, and approved by the then Mayor on January 27, 1875, fixing the compensation of the Sheriff for official services rendered to the city and county at the following prices:

For summoning petty jurors for the various civil and criminal courts of record of the city and county, the sum of 35 cents for each juror summoned.

For making reports to the Secretary of State of convictions in the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Sessions and Special Sessions, the sum of 50 cents for each conviction reported.

For conveying convicts and prisoners from the City Prison to the Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island, House of Refuge, Randall's Island, and from the City Prison to the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Court of General Sessions, and back to the City Prison, the sum of \$1.75 for each convict so conveyed.

The items in said resolution for summoning jurors, reporting convictions to the Secretary of State, and conveying convicts and prisoners, have been for several years the principal charges made by the Sheriffs against the city, and the bills of the different Sheriffs for 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878 have been allowed and paid at the rates fixed in said resolution.

The views taken by my predecessor of the powers of the Common Council and the Finance Department, respectively, in regard to the Sheriff's bills, seem to me to be correct. There can be no question that certain powers, formerly possessed by the Board of Supervisors, were, by the act consolidating the city and county, transferred to the Board of Aldermen. The power to act as county canvassers, to redistrict the city after a census, to hire armories, to extend the tax books and levy the annual taxes, all which powers were formerly possessed by the Board of Supervisors, are now undoubtedly possessed by the Board of Aldermen. And where the Sheriff was by law required to perform certain services for which he was entitled to be paid from the County Treasury, and the Board of Supervisors had the power to fix the rate of his compensation, that power was, by the consolidation act, transferred to the Board of Aldermen. The laws should be so construed, if possible, as to place the power to fix such compensation in some officer or department of the city government. There is no law which expressly confers such power upon the Finance Department, and as the consolidation act expressly declares that the powers and duties previously charged upon the Board of Supervisors shall be exercised and performed by the Board of Aldermen, it seems to me that such power, since the passage of the consolidation act, has been vested in the Board of Aldermen. I enclose herewith a copy of the opinion, above referred to, of my predecessor, in which the grounds of the views entertained by him, and concurred in by me, are more fully set forth.

The items in the Sheriff's bills referred to in the copy of your letter to the Comptroller, of November 18, 1879, above mentioned, are as follows:

First.—A charge of \$1.75 for conveying convicts from City Prison to Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island.

Second.—A charge of \$1.75 for carrying convicts from City Prison to House of Refuge, Randall's Island.

As I understand, these charges in Mr. Reilly's bills are for conveying prisoners who have been convicted in the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General and Special Sessions, and sentenced to be confined in the Penitentiary and House of Refuge. It is expressly made the duty of the Sheriff by law to perform these services, and he is undoubtedly entitled to be paid therefor, and there being no rate of compensation fixed by any statute, the rate established by the above-mentioned resolution of the Board of Aldermen, of \$1.75 for each convict, applies. In the action brought in the Court of Common Pleas against the city by the late Sheriff, Mr. Brennan, which was defended on the part of the city by Mr. James C. Carter, it was conceded, on the part of the city, that for services of this character, actually performed, the Sheriff was entitled to be paid; and this view was confirmed by the court.

Third.—A charge of \$1.75 per prisoner for conveying prisoners from City Prison to the Courts of General Sessions and Oyer and Terminer, and back to City Prison.

In the case of Brennan, above referred to, the General Term of the Court of Common Pleas has recently held that this service was a lawful charge against the city. A very able and elaborate opinion was delivered in this case by his Honor Chief Justice Daly, which was concurred in by Judge J. F. Daly. The statutes expressly make it the duty of the Sheriff to produce all prisoners before the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and the act in relation to the General Sessions applies to the latter courts all the laws relating to the former. The General Term was of opinion, therefore, that it was the duty of the Sheriff to convey prisoners from the City Prison to the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions, and that he was entitled to be paid for that service. The rate charged is that fixed by the above-mentioned resolution of the Board of Aldermen.

Fourth.—A charge of fifty cents each for reporting convictions to the Secretary of State, so far as the same may be convictions by the Court of Special Sessions, or other convictions in this county for drunkenness, vagrancy, disorderly conduct, etc.; and you refer to the fact that the bills do not show how many of the convictions alleged to have been reported were of such a character.

Section 4 of chapter 97, Laws of 1861, under which these reports are made, expressly provides that for their services in reporting convictions, as well as for collecting statistics relating to convictions in the Courts of Special Sessions, Sheriffs shall be allowed a reasonable compensation by the Boards of Supervisors for the respective counties, as a county charge. The Police Courts are, in section 5, declared to be, for the purposes of the act, Courts of Special Sessions. There can be no question whatever that the Sheriffs are entitled to compensation for reporting convictions in the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Sessions, Special Sessions, and in all the Police Courts, and that their compensation was formerly fixed by the Board of Supervisors. It was so conceded by the counsel for the city in the Brennan case, and was so decided by the court. The rate of compensation fixed for reporting convictions in the Police Courts, as well as in the three higher courts, as provided by the above resolution, was fifty cents, and that is undoubtedly at the present time the lawful charge of the Sheriff. It has been suggested that the Board of Supervisors, many years ago, fixed the compensation for reporting convictions in the Police Courts at twelve and one-half cents, and that having been once so fixed, it could not afterwards be changed. There is no foundation whatever for this claim. The Board of Supervisors had the power to fix the compensation from time to time, and to change the same. That power has been transferred to the Board of Aldermen, and the latter body, in my opinion, had undoubted power to fix the rate for reporting convictions in Police Courts, as well as in the three other courts, at fifty cents for each conviction.

Fifth.—A charge of 35 cents each for summoning petty jurors.

The amount of this charge is fixed by the above-mentioned resolution of the Board of Aldermen. I presume there can be no question that the Sheriff is entitled to be paid for summoning jurors in criminal cases. Some question has been raised as to the right of the Sheriff to receive compensation from the city for summoning jurors in civil cases. It has been suggested that this was really a service to private individuals, and that it was hardly to be supposed that the Legislature could have intended to require the city to pay the Sheriff for such a service. There is not much force in this suggestion, because the city pays annually nearly one million of dollars to defray the expenses of the different Civil Courts, and as a matter of principle there would seem to be no greater obligation on the part of the city to bear the other expenses of such courts than there is to pay for summoning jurors therefor. It seems to me, moreover, that the right of the Sheriff to be paid by the city for summoning such jurors is clearly recognized by section 9 of chapter 498 of the Laws of 1853, which provides that the Sheriff shall not be paid for serving any petty jurors in the cases in which less than a majority of the persons named in the panel shall be returned personally served. I am aware that it has been claimed that this section applies only to criminal courts, but there is nothing in the law itself to sustain such claim. On the contrary, it is made the duty of the Clerk of every Court in which a panel of Grand or Petty Jurors shall be summoned by the Sheriff, to notify the Supervisors in every case in which less than a majority of the persons named in the panel shall be returned personally served. It seems to me that the provisions of this section were a very strong legislative recognition of the right of the Sheriff to be paid for summoning jurors in civil cases, under laws in force at the time the act was passed. I am informed that Sheriffs in this city have been paid for summoning jurors in criminal cases for nearly sixty years, and have also been paid for summoning jurors in civil cases, for the past thirty or forty years. Under these circumstances, it seems to me that this item of the Sheriff's bills should be paid as well as the others.

Sixth.—A charge of \$1 each for drawing panels of jurors for the Civil Courts of Record.

Seventh.—A charge of \$4.83 for making proclamation of the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

The charges for these two items are insignificant in amount, and have been allowed and paid, as I am informed, for many years. There is no question, as I understand, that the services are actually performed, and the charges made are reasonable, and should be paid. The papers transmitted with your letter are herewith returned.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, May 3, 1880.

Colonel JOHN TRACY, Chief Clerk of the Mayor:

SIR—In your letter to me of the 24th instant, you state that it has been stated to the Mayor that the work on Riverside Drive is completed, and that the street can be used without interfering with any work yet to be done, but that the contractor keeps the drive barricaded; that in view of questions which have arisen in respect to the work a considerable period will perhaps elapse before a final settlement can be made. You therefore request my opinion whether the contractor has a right to maintain these barricades until the final payment to him, and whether the removal of them by the city would complicate its position upon pending questions as to the contracts.

Without a fuller knowledge of the facts relating to the matter than I possess, it is impossible for me to determine whether the contractor has the right to keep the work in question barricaded; and

the complications which have arisen in relation to the contract for this work are so great that even if all the facts were before me I should have difficulty in deciding as strict matter of law, the question submitted.

In view of the disputes which, as I understand, have arisen in regard to certain portions of the work, I should not consider it advisable for the city to take any steps which would justify the contractors in claiming hereafter, that the city had finally accepted the work in its present condition. It seems to me, however, that there is no difficulty in dealing with the matter practically. If the Riverside Drive is so nearly completed that it ought to be thrown open to public travel the Commissioners of the Park Department can easily compel the contractors to take down any barricades erected and maintained by the latter only. The contract was entered into on October 31, 1876, and by its terms was to be completed within one year from date. The contractors have therefore had already two and a half years more time in which to do the work than they were allowed by the contract itself. If, therefore, they are acting unreasonably the Park Commissioners can properly and lawfully require the contractors to discontinue work under the contract, and can then relet the work necessary to be done in order to complete the drive. I presume that a suggestion to the contractors by the Park Commissioners, that it may become necessary to adopt this course, will either bring about a speedy completion of the work or induce the contractors to remove the barricades; in case the work has so far progressed that throwing the drive open to the public will not interfere with what remains to be done.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, June 9, 1880.

Hon. JOHN WHEELER, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

SIR—I duly received a copy of the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 3d instant: "Resolved, That the matter of the transfer of the powers, duties, etc., of the Department of Buildings to the Fire Department, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the constitutionality of the act (chapter 521, Laws of 1880), and as to the power of the Board to make such transfer."

Even the Court of Appeals will not pass upon the constitutionality of a statute, unless it is necessary to the determination of the appeal (Frees vs. Ford, N. Y., 176; People vs. Board of Supervisors, 2 Keyes, 291), and as a general rule statutes are not declared unconstitutional except by the Courts of last resort, and then only in cases where there is a clear conflict with the constitution, and in which there is no rational doubt. As was said by an eminent judge in the case of Macomber vs. The Mayor (17 Abb., Pr. 35), "no court has a right to declare a legislative act unconstitutional, unless it is glaringly so." In view of the reluctance with which the highest Courts decide, or even consider questions in regard to the constitutionality of statutes, I am of the opinion that the act referred to in the above resolution should be treated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as a valid and constitutional law, until and unless it shall be decided otherwise by the Courts.

I am also of the opinion that the Board has the power to comply with the request of the Fire Commissioners, and to transfer to their department the balance of the appropriation heretofore made to the Building Department, over and above such amount as may be necessary to pay all claims heretofore incurred by the latter department. There is some ground for claiming that the legal effect of the provisions of Chapter 521 of the Laws of 1880 is to transfer the balance of this appropriation to the Fire Department, but as a matter of abundant caution, I think the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should adopt a resolution formally making such transfer. In ordinary cases, transfers under the act of 1874 can only be made upon the consent of the department from which the money is taken. In the present case, of course, no consent can be given by the former Superintendent of Buildings, as his office has ceased and determined, and the Department of Buildings has been abolished. If such transfer is necessary at all, I think the Board of Estimate and Apportionment can lawfully make it upon the request of the Fire Department, which is, by the terms of the statute, vested with all the powers and duties formerly devolved upon the Building Department.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK, JUNE 5, 1880.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners John J. Gorman and Cornelius Van Cott.

The President submitted copy of writ of prohibition issued by the Supreme Court, restraining the Board of Fire Commissioners from taking any further action in the matter of the merging of the Department of Buildings with the Fire Department, under the provisions of chapter 521, laws of 1880. Referred to Counsel to Corporation for proper action.

Communication was received from M. Barber and Nephew offering to furnish Cannel coal. Filed, and following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the proposal of M. Barber and Nephew to furnish and deliver to this Department sixty (60) tons Incehall Cannel coal, for the sum of \$870, being at the rate of \$14.50 per ton of 2,000 pounds, be and is hereby accepted.

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSSEN, Secretary.

JUNE 7, 1880.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners John J. Gorman and Cornelius Van Cott.

The following preambles and resolution, offered by Commissioner Gorman, were adopted:

Whereas, On the 4th day of June, 1880, the Fire Commissioners were individually served with a writ of prohibition, issued by Judge Potter of the Supreme Court, in words as follows: "We, therefore, being willing that the laws and customs of our State should be observed, and that our good and faithful citizens should be in no wise oppressed, do prohibit and finally enjoin you that you do not in any manner proceed concerning the premises before you, or attempt or presume to attempt the said matter of removal of the said Henry J. Dudley by reason of any alleged law or statute, until the decision of this Court as to the validity of the alleged law known as chapter 521, Laws of 1880, to be held at the Court-house in the City of New York, on the first Monday of June, at 11 o'clock A. M., of that day, and until the further order of the Court thereon, and that you and each of you then show cause before said Court why you and each of you, your servants and attorneys, should not be absolutely restrained from any further proceedings in the aforesaid premises;" and

Whereas, The Board of Fire Commissioners did, at a meeting held at their headquarters at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 5th instant, adopt a resolution referring said writ to William C. Whitney, Esq., Counsel to the Corporation, for proper action and defense, and did then adjourn until Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; and

Whereas, After said adjournment Colonel Tracey, of the Mayor's Office, called at the Headquarters of the Fire Department, and informed the Commissioners that his Honor the Mayor wished to meet them at his office, and such meeting having been subsequently held, his Honor the Mayor suggested and argued that, notwithstanding the writ of prohibition, the Fire Commissioners could and should proceed to appoint an Inspector of Buildings, and requested that they apply to the Counsel to the Corporation for his written opinion on the subject; and

Whereas, The Board of Fire Commissioners at all times having proper respect for and obeying any and every order of the Supreme Court directed to them, and also having proper respect for any opinion, suggestion or request of his Honor the Mayor, in relation to their duties as public officers, and desiring to carry out in letter and in spirit any and all laws, for their government, and further desiring a full and proper knowledge in the premises and believing that the intent and meaning of a writ issued by a Court now sitting, could better be obtained from said Court than from our (the Corporation Counsel), we have agreed to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby requested to apply to Judge Potter of the Supreme Court for such modification of the writ of prohibition directed to the Board of Fire Commissioners on the 4th day of June instant, as may be proper, so that the Board may, as suggested by his Honor the Mayor, appoint an Inspector of Buildings and do such other proper things as said Supreme Court may direct.

The following resolutions were offered by Commissioner Van Cott:

Resolved, That pursuant to the authority conferred on the Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of New York by chapter 521 of the Laws of the State of New York, for the year 1880, Mr. William L. Findley be and he hereby is appointed as Attorney to the Fire Department of the City of New York, according to the provision of said law.

Resolved, That said appointment shall take effect immediately.

Which were adopted—President King and Commissioner Van Cott voting in the affirmative; Commissioner Gorman excused from voting.

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSSEN, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND
CORRECTION.

DAILY MEETINGS, MAY 17 TO MAY 22, 1880.

Communications Received.

From Penitentiary—

List of prisoners received during week ending May 15, 1880: Males, 25; females, 6. On file.

From N. Y. City Asylum for Insane—History of 11 patients received during week ending May 15, 1880. On file.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—History of 10 patients received during week ending May 15, 1880. On file.

From City Prison—Amount of fines received during week ending May 15, 1880, \$178. On file.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the resolution passed September 12, 1878, in regard to boarding physicians at Bellevue Hospital, be and is hereby extended to all Institutions in this Department, and to all employees in the Department as well as physicians, and the amount to be expended for maintenance shall be six dollars at each Institution instead of seven, as then passed. Adopted.

Resolved, That on and after June 1, 1880, rations will not be issued to any of the employees of this Department, except otherwise ordered by this Board. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Medical Board of Randall's Island shall have the medical supervision of the Idiot Asylum, Randall's Island, and shall select the children who are to be taught, and shall examine them from time to time to see if they are in proper health, and shall see that a history is kept of all the children, from the time they are admitted into the Department until they leave, and that Miss Dunphy shall have charge of the education of those idiots whom the Medical Board shall select as proper children to be taught, and that the mat shop, sewing room and other branches of study shall form part of the school. Adopted.

Appointments.

May 17. Stewart L. Smith, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

18. Michael Rooney, Night Watchman, Bellevue Hospital.

18. Mary E. Tompkins, Nurse, Charity Hospital.

18. Kate Traynor, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

18. Margaret Farrelly, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

20. John I. Mead, Nurse, Homeopathic Hospital.

20. William Denning, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

21. Daniel McAuliffe, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

21. Jennie Donnelly, Nurse, Randall's Island Hospital.

22. Helen E. W. Clark, Nurse, Charity Hospital.

Resignations.

May 18. Michael Dunne, Night Watchman, Bellevue Hospital.

20. Mary Sullivan, Cook, Charity Hospital.

22. Augusta De Freest, Nurse, Charity Hospital.

G. F. BRITTON, Assistant Secretary.

DAILY MEETINGS, MAY 24 TO 29, 1880.

Communications Received.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners received during week ending May 22, 1880. Males, 21; females, 3. On file.

From City Prison—Amount of fines received during week ending May 22, 1880, \$224. On file.

From Penitentiary—List of 34 prisoners to be discharged from May 30 to June 5, 1880. Transmitted to Prison Association.

From N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—History of 7 patients received during week ending May 22, 1880. On file.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the proposals of A. Vanderboyes, to furnish 25,500 fresh eggs, at 11 41-100 cents per dozen;

A. M. Coffin, 100 bushels beans, at \$1.39 per bushel;

S. T. Willets & Co., 10 barrels pickles, at \$9.23 per barrel.

John Noonan, 250 bales timothy hay, at 93 cents per 100 pounds;

—be accepted, and the awards made to them. Adopted.

Resolved, That the proposal of H. K. & F. B. Thurber & Co., to furnish 1,500 barrels flour, No. 1, at \$5.55 per barrel; 1,500 barrels flour, No. 2, at \$5.40 per barrel, less 15 cents per empty barrel returned; 12,000 pounds dairy butter, at 15 48-100 cents per pound, be referred to the Comptroller for his action on the sureties. Adopted.

Appointment.

May 24. William Powell, Orderly Homeopathic Hospital.

Resignations.

May 24. William McTaggart, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

" 26. Marion A. Murphy, Attendant, Branch Lunatic Asylum.

" 27. John Collier, Cook, Homeopathic Hospital.

" 28. Henrietta Brower, Attendant, Lunatic Asylum.

" 28. James McKenna, Keeper, Penitentiary.

Dismissal.

May 29. Michael Devine, Attendant, N. Y. City Asylum for Insane.

Relieved from Duty.

May 27. Daniel Murray, Guard, Penitentiary.

" 27. Daniel Holland, Keeper, Penitentiary.

" 27. James Boyle, Keeper, Penitentiary.

" 27. Thomas A. Doyle, Deputy Keeper, Penitentiary.

Daniel Russell, Driver, Central Office Stables.

G. F. BRITTON, Assistant Secretary.

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 1880.

CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT to provide for the review and correction of illegal, erroneous or unequal assessments.

Passed May 12, 1880; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. A writ of certiorari may be allowed by the supreme court on the petition, duly verified, of any person or corporation assessed and claiming to be aggrieved, to review an assessment of real or personal property for the purpose of taxation made in any town, ward, village or city of this state, when the petition shall set forth that the assessment is illegal, specifying the grounds of the alleged illegality, or is erroneous by reason of over valuation, or is unequal in that the assessment has been made at a higher proportionate valuation than other real or personal property on the same roll by the same officers, and that the petitioner is or will be injured by such alleged illegal, erroneous or unequal assessment. When the alleged illegality, error or inequality affects several persons in the same manner who are assessed upon the same roll, they may unite in the same petition, and in that case the writ may be allowed, and the proceedings authorized by this act had in behalf of all such petitioners.

Sec. 2. Such writ shall only be allowed by a justice of the supreme court in the judicial district or at a special term of the court in the judicial district in which the assessment complained of was made, and shall be made returnable at a special term in said district. The writ shall not be granted unless application therefor shall be made within fifteen days after the completion and delivery of the assessment roll, and notice thereof given as provided in this act. A writ of certiorari allowed under this act shall not stay the proceedings of the assessors or other officers to whom it is directed, or to whom the assessment roll may be delivered to be acted upon according to law.

Sec. 3. The court or justice granting the writ shall prescribe in the writ the time within which a return thereto must be made, which shall not be less than ten days, and may extend such time. The assessors or other officers making a return to such writ shall not be required to return the original assessment roll or other original papers acted on by them, but it shall be sufficient to return certified or sworn copies of the roll or other papers, or of such portions thereof as may be called for by such

writ. And the return may concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to show the value of the property assessed on the roll, and the grounds for the valuation made by the assessing officers, and the return must be verified.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear by the return to such writ that the assessment complained of is illegal, erroneous or unequal for any of the reasons alleged in the petition, the court shall have power to order such assessment, if illegal, to be stricken from the roll, or if erroneous or unequal, to order a reassessment of the property of the petitioner, or the correction of such assessment, in whole or in part, in such manner as shall be in accordance with law, or as shall make it conform to the valuations and assessments applied to other real or personal property in the same roll, and secure equality of assessment. If upon the hearing it shall appear to the court that testimony is necessary for the proper disposition of the matter, the court may take evidence or may appoint a referee to take such evidence as the court may direct, and report the same to the court, and such testimony shall constitute a part of the proceedings upon which the determination of the court shall be made.

Sec. 5. A new assessment, or correction of an assessment made by order of the court, shall have the same force and effect as if it had been so made by the proper assessing officers within the time originally prescribed by law for making such assessment. Disobedience to a writ or order in any proceeding under this act may be punished by the court as for a contempt.

Sec. 6. Costs shall not be allowed against assessors or other officers whose proceedings may be reviewed under this act, unless it shall appear to the court that they acted with gross negligence, in bad faith, or with malice. If the writ shall be quashed, or the prayer of the petitioner denied, costs shall be awarded against the petitioner, but the costs shall not in any case exceed the costs and disbursements taxable in an action upon the trial of an issue of fact in the supreme court.

Sec. 7. Appeal may be taken by either party from an order, judgment or determination under this act as from an order, and shall be heard and determined in like manner. All issues and appeals in any proceedings instituted under this act shall have preference over all other civil actions and proceedings in all courts.

Sec. 8. If final judgment shall not be given in time to enable the assessors or other officers to make a new or corrected assessment for the use of the board of supervisors at their annual session, and it shall appear from said judgment that said assessment was illegal, erroneous or unequal, then there shall be audited and allowed to the petitioner, and included in the next year's tax levy of said town, village or city, and paid to the petitioner the amount, with interest thereon, from the date of payment, in excess of what the tax should have been as determined by such judgment or order of the court.

Sec. 9. All assessment rolls, when finally completed and verified by the assessors, shall, in towns, on or before the first day of September, and in incorporated villages and cities at the time prescribed by their respective charters or laws applicable to them, be delivered to the town, village or city clerk, or other officer, to whom such rolls are or may be required by law to be delivered, and there to remain with such clerk or other officer for a period of fifteen days for public inspection. The assessors or other officers who complete and verify the assessment roll shall, after they have delivered the same to the said town, village or city clerk or other officer, forthwith give public notice by posting the same in at least three of the most public places in said town, village or city, or by publishing the same in one or more newspapers published therein, that such assessment roll has been finally completed, the officer to whom the same has been delivered and the place where the same will be open to public inspection. The fifteen days from which to complete the time within which the application for the writ of certiorari can be made under this act shall be the time when said public notice is first given.

Sec. 10. This act shall not be construed to repeal or abridge any other right or remedy given to review an assessment by any law applicable to any city or incorporated village, or by the charters thereof.

CHAPTER 298.

AN ACT to protect the rights of citizens of this state owning and holding claims against other states.

Passed May 15, 1880.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Any citizen of this state being the owner and holder of any valid claim against any of the United States of America, arising upon a written obligation to pay money, made, executed and delivered by such state, which obligation shall be past due and unpaid, may assign the same to the state of New York, and deliver the assignment thereof to the attorney-general of the state. Such assignment shall be in writing, and shall be duly acknowledged before an officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds, and the certificate of such acknowledgment shall be duly indorsed upon such assignment before the delivery thereof. Every such assignment shall contain a guaranty, on the part of the assignor, to be approved by the attorney-general, of the expenses of the collection of such claim, and it shall be the duty of the attorney-general, on receiving such assignment, to require, on behalf of such assignor, such security for said guaranty as he shall deem adequate.

Sec. 2. Upon the execution and delivery of such assignment in the manner provided for in section one of this act, and furnishing the security as in said section provided, and the delivery of such claim to him, the attorney-general shall bring and prosecute such action or proceeding, in the name of the state of New York, as shall be necessary for the recovery of the money due on such claim, and the said attorney-general shall prosecute such action or proceeding to final judgment, and shall take such proceedings after judgment as may be necessary to effectuate the same.

Sec. 3. The attorney-general shall forthwith deliver to the treasurer of the state, for the use of such assignor, all moneys collected upon such claim, first deducting therefrom all expenses incurred by him in the collection thereof, and said assignor, or his legal representatives, shall be paid said money by said treasurer upon producing the check or draft therefor of the attorney-general to his or their order and proof of his or her identity.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 300.

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and forty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An act in relation to the acknowledgment by married women of deeds and other written instruments."

Passed May 15, 1880.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and forty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An act in relation to the acknowledgment by married women of deeds and other instruments," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 1. The acknowledgment by married women or the proof of the execution by married women of deeds or other written instruments may be made, taken, and certified in the same manner as if they were sole, and all acts and parts of acts which require from them any other or different acknowledgments, proofs, or certificates thereof are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 301.

AN ACT to amend the Code of Civil Procedure.

Passed May 15, 1880; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six of the code of civil procedure is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 1786. An action specified in the last section may be maintained by the attorney-general in the name and in behalf of the people, and whenever a creditor or stockholder of any corporation submits to the attorney-general a written statement of facts, verified by oath, showing grounds for an action under the provisions of the last section, and the attorney-general omits, for sixty days after this submission, to commence an action specified in the last section, then, and not otherwise, such creditor or stockholder may apply to the proper court for leave to commence such an action, and on obtaining leave may maintain the same accordingly.

Sec. 2. Section two thousand and eleven of the code of civil procedure is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 2011. A writ shall not be issued, by virtue of either of the last three sections, to bring up a prisoner sentenced to death. Nor shall it be issued to bring up a prisoner confined under any other sentence for a felony, except where the application is made, in behalf of the people, to bring him up as a witness on the trial of an indictment, and then only by and in the discretion of a justice of the supreme court or a judge of the superior city court, upon such notice to the district attorney of the county wherein the prisoner was convicted, and upon such terms and conditions, and under such regulations as the judge prescribes.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect on the second day of September next.

CHAPTER 308.

AN ACT to amend chapter sixteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, in relation to highways and bridges.

Passed May 15, 1880; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: Section 1. Section thirteen of article one, title one, chapter sixteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 13. If any overseer shall be employed more days in executing the several duties enjoined on him by this chapter than he is assessed to work on the highway, he shall be paid for the excess at the rate of twelve and a half cents per hour for each day, and be allowed to retain the same out of the moneys which may come into his hands for fines under this chapter, but he shall not be permitted to commute for the days he is assessed.

Sec. 2. Section thirty-five of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 35. Every person liable to work on the highways shall work the whole number of days for which he shall have been assessed, but every such person other than an overseer may elect to commute for the same, or for some part thereof, at the rate of twelve and a half cents per hour for each day, in which case such commutation money shall be paid to the overseer of highways of the district in which the person commuting shall reside, to be applied and expended by such overseer in the improvement of the roads and bridges in the same district.

Sec. 3. Section thirty-eight of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 38. Every person assessed to work on the highways and warned to work may appear in person, or by an able-bodied man as a substitute, and the person or substitute so appearing shall actually work eight hours in each day, unless such person be assessed one dollar and twenty-five cents or more, when such person or his substitute shall be allowed to actually work ten hours in each day, under the penalty of twelve and a half cents for every hour such person or substitute shall be in default, to be imposed as a fine on the person assessed.

Sec. 4. Section thirty-nine of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 39. If any such person or his substitute shall, after appearing, remain idle or not work faithfully, or hinder others from working, such offender shall, for every offense, forfeit at the rate of twelve and a half cents an hour for each day.

Sec. 5. Section forty of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 40. Every person so assessed and duly notified who shall not commute, and who shall refuse or neglect to appear as above provided, shall forfeit, for every day's refusal or neglect, at the rate of twelve and a half cents an hour for each day. If he was required to furnish a team, carriage, man or implements, and shall refuse or neglect to comply, he shall be fined as follows:

1. For wholly omitting to comply with such requisition, three dollars for each day of eight hours, and three dollars and seventy-five cents for each day of ten hours.

2. For omitting to furnish a cart, wagon or plough, one dollar for each day of eight hours, and one dollar and twenty-five cents for each day of ten hours.

3. For omitting to furnish a pair of horses or oxen, one dollar for each day of eight hours, and one dollar and twenty-five cents for each day of ten hours.

4. For omitting to furnish a man to manage the team, one dollar for each day of eight hours, and one dollar and twenty-five cents for each day of ten hours.

Sec. 6. Section forty-five of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 45. Every penalty collected for a refusal or neglect to appear and work on the highways shall be set off against the assessment upon which it was founded, estimating all moneys collected as a satisfaction at the rate of twelve and a half cents an hour for each day.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 400.

AN ACT making appropriations for the several judicial district libraries.

Passed May 26, 1880.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated, and the treasurer shall pay on the warrant of the comptroller from any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the several amounts or such parts thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes herein designated, to the persons and for the objects herein indicated, namely: For supplying deficiencies in the various law libraries of the state, for paying arrears of purchases, and for additional purchases thereof, as follows: For the public law library known as "the library of the court of appeals" at the city of Rochester, one thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid on bills therefor certified by the chief judge of said court; for the law library formerly in the possession of the late Judge Allen, two thousand dollars, to be paid on bills therefor certified by the judge having such library in charge, and on checks or drafts of the chief judge of said court; and for the several district law libraries of the state, to be paid on bills therefor certified by the justices of the supreme court, or a majority of them, residing in the respective judicial districts, as follows: for the second judicial district at Brooklyn, the sum of two thousand dollars; for the third judicial district library, at Kingston, fifteen hundred dollars; for the fourth judicial district library, at Saratoga Springs, one thousand dollars; for the fifth judicial district library, at Syracuse, one thousand dollars, and for the one at Utica, one thousand dollars; for the sixth judicial district library, at Binghamton, one thousand nine hundred and four dollars, and for the one at Delhi, one thousand and ninety-six dollars and thirty-two cents; and for the eighth judicial district library, at Buffalo, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars and fifteen cents.

Sec. 2. The said several sums above appropriated shall be paid in full to the parties above named, to be by them disbursed for the purchase only of law books for their said several libraries.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated and shall be paid annually by the state treasurer, upon the warrant of the comptroller, to each of said libraries, through their said trustees or designated representatives, mentioned in section one, and their successors, the sum of six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, to be by them disbursed for the purchase of current law books and continuation of current law reports in the maintenance of said libraries.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 428.

AN ACT further to regulate the admission to this state of fire or marine insurance companies from other countries than the United States.

Passed May 27, 1880; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Fire or marine insurance companies from other countries than the United States hereafter applying for admission to this state may be admitted to transact business in this state on presenting to the superintendent of the insurance department legal and satisfactory evidence of the possession by them of a capital, of which there is paid up in cash, and invested in securities of the same general character as those which companies of this state are permitted to hold, not less than five hundred thousand dollars or one hundred thousand pounds sterling, and upon depositing with the superintendent of the insurance department such securities as foreign insurance companies are now required by law to deposit, and in such amount as is required by existing laws; provided that before any such company shall be admitted to transact business in this state, it shall execute under its corporate seal, and the hand of its president by authority of its board of directors, and file with said superintendent, an agreement that it will not apply to remove into the United States court any action brought against it in any court of this state, and that if it shall make any such application, its authority to transact the business of insurance in this state shall cease and determine, and whenever it shall appear to the superintendent of the insurance department that any such company has made such application to remove such an action contrary to such agreement, he shall revoke the certificate of such company to do business in this state, and notify the agents thereof, and the agents of such company after such notice shall discontinue the issuing of any new policy.

Sec. 2. The superintendent shall require any such company doing business, which companies organized under the laws of this state are prohibited from transacting, to file in his office an agreement under the corporate seal of such company that it will not (while authorized to do business in this state) transact in this state such business.

Sec. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Any company or corporation of this state violating any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars for each and every offense, to be sued for and recovered in the name of the people of the state by the attorney-general, and such penalty when recovered shall be paid into the treasury of the state. Any company, partnership, association or corporation of any other state or country violating or allowing any of its agents to violate any of the provisions of this act shall be prohibited from transacting further business in this state, and the certificates of authority issued to the agents of such company, partnership, association or corporation shall be revoked forthwith by the superintendent of the insurance department.

Sec. 4. Suits or actions may be brought against companies from other countries in any district court in the city of New York, or before any justice of the peace or any other court where such suits or actions can be brought against companies organized under the laws of this state.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held; together with the heads of Departments and Courts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
EDWARD COOPER, Mayor; JAMES E. MORRISON, Secretary; John Tracey, Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
JOHN TYLER KELLY, First Marshal.

Permit and License Bureau Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
DANIEL S. HART, Registrar.

Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WILLIAM EYERS, Sealer First District; ELIJAH W. ROE, Sealer Second District; JOHN MURRAY, Inspector First District; JOSEPH SHANNON, Inspector Second District.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN J. MORRIS, President Board of Aldermen.
FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner's Office.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner; FREDERICK HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Water Register.

No. 10 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 13 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

No. 21 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES J. MOONEY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Sewers.

No. 21 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 11½ City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE W. BIRDSALL, Chief Engineer.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORIS, Deputy Comptroller.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

First floor Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.
MARTIN T. McMAHON, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDENBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

No. 18 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, City Chamberlain.

Auditing Bureau.

No. 19 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DANIEL JACKSON, Auditor of Accounts.

Bureau of Arrears.

No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ARTEMAS CADDY, Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments.

No. 16 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD GILON, Collector.

Bureau of City Revenue.

No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD F. FITZPATRICK, Collector of City Revenue.

Bureau of Markets.

No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSHUA M. VARIAN, Superintendent of Markets.

LAW DEPARTMENT

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation
ANDREW T. CAMPBELL, Chief Clerk.

Office of the Public Administrator.

No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator.

Office of the Corporation Attorney.

No. 49 Beekman street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM A. BOYD, Corporation Attorney.

Attorney to Department of Buildings' Office.

Corner Cortlandt and Church streets.
JOHN A. FOLEY, Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN B. FRENCH, President; SETH C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.

Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
TOWNSEND COX, President; JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters.

Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
VINCENT C. KING, President; CARL JUSSER, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President; EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES F. WENMAN, President; EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, 64th street a d 5th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.
Fordham 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS
Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN WHEELER, President; ALBERT STORER, Secretary.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, No. 114 White street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

No. 2 Fourth avenue, 8:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY J. DUDLEY, Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, June 10, 1880.

TO WATER-PIPE MANUFACTURERS.

PROPOSALS, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the name of the bidder and the title of the work indorsed thereon, will be received at this office until Thursday, June 24, 1880, at 12 o'clock, M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read.

For furnishing and delivering to the Department of Public Works 1,770 tons of straight pipe and 75 tons of branches and special castings.

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications and agreements, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the bids, and any further information desired, can be obtained at the office of the Chief Engineer, Room 11½ City Hall. The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if in his judgment the same may be for the best interests of the city.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, June 10, 1880.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work, as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Thursday, June 24, 1880, at 12 o'clock, M., at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for the following:

No. 1. LAYING CROTON WATER-MAINS in Elm street, between Reade and Spring streets, and in Washington street, between Canal street and Battery place.

No. 2. LAYING CROTON WATER-MAINS in Riverdale avenue and Dodge's lane, Riverdale District, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications, and agreements, the proper envelopes, in which to inclose the bids, and any further information desired, can be obtained on application at the office of the Chief Engineer, Room 11½ City Hall.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if in his judgment, the same may be for the best interests of the city.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
BUREAU OF WATER REGISTER, ROOM 10 CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, April 28, 1880.

CROTON WATER RATES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, ACCORDING to law, Croton water rates for the current year will be due and payable at this office on and after May 1, 1880.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Public Works.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Nineteenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Thursday, the 17th day of June, 1880, and until 4 o'clock P. M., on said day, for the carpenter's work and materials for a new school house on the north side of East Forty-sixth street, one hundred and thirty-five feet east of Third avenue.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposal for Carpenter Work."

The party submitting a proposal and the parties proposing to become sureties must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

No substitution by the accepted contractor will be permitted without first obtaining, in writing, permission from the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

EUGENE H. POMEROY,
M. THALMESSINGER,
JOHN C. DONNELLY,
RICHARD KELLY,
CHARLES L. HOLT,
Board of School Trustees, Nineteenth Ward.

Dated New York, June 3, 1880.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Thirteenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 1880, and until 4 o'clock P. M., on said day, for the erection of a new school-house on the east side of Norfolk street, between Delancey and Livingston streets, on lots Nos. 102, 104 and 106.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blanks for proposals obtained, at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

Proposals will be received only for the entire work and materials required for the erection of the building, and must be indorsed "Proposal for the Erection of a School-house on Norfolk street, in the Thirteenth Ward," all the work is to be performed under one contract.

The work is to be completed by the 1st day of June, 1881, under a forfeiture of seventy-five dollars per day, for each and every day that the work remains unfinished after the said 1st day of June, 1881.

The trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

No substitution by the accepted contractor will be permitted without first obtaining, in writing, permission from the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education.

GEORGE W. RELYEA,
FREDERICK HOLMANN,
EDWARD MCCUE,
FRANCIS COAN,
Board of School Trustees, Thirteenth Ward.

Dated New York, June 1, 1880.

JURORS.

NOTICE
IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR
STATE COURTSOFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1879.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here, from 9 to 4 daily, from all persons hitherto liable or recently serving who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given.

Those who have not answered as to their liability, or proved permanent exemption, will receive a "jury enrollment notice," requiring them to appear before me this year. Whether liable or not, such notices must be answered (in person, if possible, and at this office only) under severe penalties. If exempt, the party must bring proof of exemption; if liable, he must also answer in person, giving full and correct name, residence, etc., etc. No attention paid to letters.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No mere excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines, received from those who, for business or other reasons, are unable to serve at the time selected, pay the expenses of this office, and if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents.

All good citizens will aid the course of justice, and secure reliable and respectable juries, and equalize their duty by serving promptly when summoned, allowing their clerks or subordinates to serve, reporting to me any attempt at bribery or evasion, and suggesting names for enrollment. Persons between sixty and seventy years of age, summer absentees, persons temporarily ill, and United States and District Court jurors are not exempt.

Every man must attend to his own notice. It is a misdemeanor to give any jury paper to another to answer. It is also punishable by fine or imprisonment to give or receive any present or bribe, directly or indirectly, in relation to a jury service, or to withhold any paper or make any false statement, and every case will be fully prosecuted.

THOMAS DUNLAP, Commissioner,
County Court-house (Chambers street entrance).

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 and 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, November 7, 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Commissioners of this Department will meet daily at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

By order of the Board,
VINCENT C. KING, President,
JOHN J. GORMAN, Treasurer,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Commissioners
CARL JUSSEN, Secretary

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ROOM NO. 39,
NEW YORK, June 3, 1880.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, dresses, trunks, bags, etc., tea, coffee, flour, watches, blankets; also small amount of cash taken from prisoners and found by patrolmen of this Department.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS OF the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday at two o'clock P. M., at Room No. 8 City Hall.

HENRY C. PERLEY,
THOMAS SHELLS,
JOHN MCCLAVE,
HENRY HAFKEN,
BERNARD KENNEY,
Committee on Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, June 3, 1880.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Work-house, Blackwell's Island—William Bassford; aged 57 years. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.
At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—David Gilbert; aged 45 years; 5 feet 10 inches high; light hair; blue eyes. Had on when admitted brown coat, gray pants, gaiters. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.
At N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—William Fay; aged 35 years; 5 feet 8½ inches high; brown eyes; dark hair. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.
Charles Johnson; aged 38 years; 5 feet 4½ inches high; gray eyes; brown hair. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.
At Branch Lunatic Asylum, Hart's Island—Maria Jones—aged 82 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
G. F. BRITTON,
Assistant Secretary.DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, May 29, 1880.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from Pier 2, East river—Aged about 35 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; brown hair. Had on black overcoat, black diagonal frock coat, black pants, brown shirt, gray undershirt and drawers, gray knit socks, boots. Body about two months in water.

Unknown man, from Spuyten Duyvil Creek, 5 feet 7 inches high. Had on blue flannel shirt, red flannel drawers, gray knit undershirt, dark striped pants, blue ribbed socks, brog-in shoes. Body about six months in water.

Unknown man, from off Governor's Island; 5 feet 9 inches high. Had on black overcoat, black ribbed coat and vest, dark pants, white shirt, white knit undershirt, white socks, gaiters. Body about six months in water.

At Randall's Island Hospital—George Fisher; aged 63 years. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Hart's Island Hospital—Kate Forbes; aged 58 years; 5 feet high; dark hair, blue eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
G. F. BRITTON,
Ass't. Secretary.DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
NO. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, June 8, 1880.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street and Harlem river—Unknown man; aged about 40 years; 5 feet 6 inches high. Had on check alpaca coat, blue flannel vest and pants, white shirt, white knit undershirt, white cotton flannel drawers, gray socks, slippers.

Unknown man, from Pier 14 North river; 5 feet 8 inches high. Had on blue flannel shirt, dark pants, white socks, brogan shoes. Body about four months in water.

Unknown man, from Pier 1 North river; aged about 40 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; brown hair and moustache. Had on brown coat, dark pants, white knit undershirt, gaiters.

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Ellen Flanagan; aged 50 years; 4 feet 6 inches high; black hair and eyes. Had on when admitted, brown calico dress, red woolen hood. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Branch Lunatic Asylum, Hart's Island—Bridget Gaffney; aged 32 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; blue eyes; light brown hair. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By order,
G. F. BRITTON,
Assistant Secretary.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-ninth street, from Eighth avenue to the new Road or Drive, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson river, in the City of New York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of the costs, charges, and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at the Chamber thereof, in the County Court-house at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the eighteenth day of June, 1880, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

RICHARD CROKER,
CHARLES H. HASWELL,
BERNARD SMYTH,
Commissioners.

Dated New York, June 5, 1880.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Sixty-seventh street, from Third avenue to the East river, in the City of New York.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby give notice that the Counsel to the Corporation will apply to the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the Chambers of said court, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, A. D. 1880, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment in the above proceeding, in the place and stead of George H. Swords, deceased.

New York, May 29, 1880.
WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation,
Tryon Row, New York.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Eighth street, from the easterly line of Fifth avenue to the Harlem river.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASES made and provided, the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby give notice that the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York will apply to the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the Chambers of said court, at the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on Friday, the 25th day of June, A. D. 1880, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment in the above proceeding, in the place and stead of George H. Swords, deceased.

Dated New York, May 29, 1880.
WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation,
Tryon Row.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Sixty-seventh street, from Third avenue to the East river, in the City of New York.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses, lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to William C. Cruikshank, our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 261 Broadway, Room No. 23, in said city, on or before the 28th day of June, 1880; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within ten week days next after said 28th day of June, 1880, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our office on each of said ten days, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Second—That the abstract of said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 8th day of July, 1880.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, included within the following boundaries, viz: Commencing at a point on the easterly line of Third avenue, distant one hundred feet and five inches southerly from the southerly line of Sixty-eighth street, thence easterly and parallel to Sixty-eighth street and always one hundred feet and five inches southerly of the southerly line thereof to the bulkhead line of East river, thence southerly along said bulkhead line to a point which would be intersected by a line drawn parallel to Sixty-sixth street, and one hundred feet and five inches northerly of the northerly line thereof, thence westerly and parallel to Sixty-sixth street, and always one hundred feet and five inches northerly of the northerly line thereof to the easterly line of Third avenue, thence northerly along the easterly line of Third avenue to the point or place of beginning.

Excepting, however, from all the lands and premises above described so much thereof as is included within the areas of streets and avenues now opened and proposed to be opened by this proceeding.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the New Court-house in the City of New York, on the 13th day of July, 1880, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, May 19, 1880.
WILLIAM CRUIKSHANK,
GUNNING S. BEDFORD,
GEORGE H. SWORDS,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title for the use of the public to lands included within the lines of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, from the easterly line of the New Avenue, lying between Eighth and Ninth avenues to the Harlem river.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby; and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned Commissioners, at our office, No. 82 Nassau street, Room No. 22, in the said city, on or before the 23d day of June, 1880; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within ten week days next after the said 23d day of June, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 1 o'clock P. M.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 6th day of July, 1880.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid, are as follows, to wit: All those certain lots, pieces, or parcels of land contained, lying and being within the following bounds or limits, that is to say: Beginning at a point on the easterly line or side of the New Avenue, lying between the Eighth and Ninth avenues, distant one hundred and one foot and eleven and one-eighth inches northerly from the point formed by the intersection of said easterly side of said New Avenue with the northerly line or side of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, as the same is laid out and to be opened by this proceeding; and running thence easterly and parallel with said One Hundred and Fifty-third street, to the bulkhead line on the Harlem river; thence southerly along said bulkhead line to a point where the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Fifty-second and said One Hundred and Fifty-third streets, if produced, would intersect said bulkhead line; thence westerly and parallel with said One Hundred and Fifty-third street to the easterly line or side of said New Avenue, and thence northerly along the easterly line or side of said New Avenue two hundred and sixty-three feet and five-eighths of an inch to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 20th day of July, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, May 17, 1880.
WILLIAM C. TRAPHAGEN,
WILLIAM A. SEAVER,
HENDERSON MOORE,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, NO. 2 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUILDERS.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR INTERESTS property owners and builders are requested to refuse admission into their buildings to any officer of this Department who does not show his proper badge of office on demand.

All badges issued from this office are shield shaped, with the title of the officer, the name of this Department, and the number engraved thereon, and are numbered from 1 to 50. The following badges are lost or stolen: Inspectors, badges Nos. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 50. Fire Escape Examiners, badges Nos. 3 and 8, and Messenger's badge No. 7. All parties professing to be officers of this Department not provided with badges of the above description, or who attempt to use badges of the above named missing numbers, or an oval shaped badge, formerly used by this Department, are impostors, and the public are cautioned against recognizing such persons, and are requested to report the same to this office in any case that may come to their notice.

HENRY J. DUDLEY,
Superintendent of Buildings.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

ARREARS OF TAXES.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW York hereby gives notice to owners of Real Estate in said city, that, as provided by chapter 123 of the Laws of 1880, they may now pay any arrears of taxes and Croton water rents levied prior to the year 1877, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum. If, however, such taxes and Croton water rents are not paid before the first day of October next, the property on which they are due will be sold for taxes immediately thereafter, with the addition of accrued interest thereon at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from the respective dates on which they were levied.

Lists for such tax sale are now being prepared by the Clerk of Arrears.

The time of payment of taxes for the years 1877, 1878, and 1879, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, is extended to the first day of April, 1881, and if not paid before that date, interest will be payable at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum.

The Act, chapter 123, Laws of 1880, containing these provisions of law, is published below.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.
CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, JUNE 4, 1880.

CHAPTER 123.

AN ACT in relation to arrears of taxes in the City of New York, and to provide for the reissuing of revenue bonds in anticipation of such taxes.

Passed April 15, 1880; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. At any time after the passage of this act, and before the first day of October, eighteen hundred and eighty, any person may pay to the Comptroller of the City of New York the amount of any tax upon real property belonging to such person, heretofore laid or imposed and now remaining unpaid, together with interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the time that such tax was imposed to the time of such payment, provided, also, that the time when such payment may be made on the amount of any such tax laid or imposed

in the years eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and eighteen hundred and seventy-nine shall extend to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-one. The comptroller shall make and deliver to the person making any such payment a receipt therefor, and shall forthwith cancel the record of any such tax on the books of the finance department; and upon such payment being made such tax shall cease to be a lien upon the property and shall be deemed fully paid, satisfied and discharged, and there shall be no right to any further interest or penalty by reason of such tax not having been paid within the time heretofore required by law, or by reason of any statute passed requiring the payment heretofore of any penalty or interest over seven per centum per annum upon any unpaid tax.

Sec. 2. Any revenue bond heretofore issued in anticipation of the taxes in the first section specified which may fall due and become payable before said taxes are collected, may be reissued by the comptroller of said city, in whole or in part, for such period as he may determine, not exceeding one year.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
FIRST FLOOR, ROOM NO. 1, NEW COURT-HOUSE,
CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, June 4, 1880.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment list was received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED APRIL 16, ENTERED APRIL 24, 1880.

Opening of—

16th street, from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road to the easterly line of 11th avenue.

157th street, from the westerly line of the Road or Public Drive near the Harlem river to the easterly line of 11th avenue.

158th street, from the westerly line of Kingsbridge road to the Hudson river.

159th street, from the westerly line of the Road or Public Drive near the Harlem river to the easterly line of 11th avenue.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before August 3, 1880, will be exempt [according to law] from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
FIRST FLOOR, ROOM NO. 1, NEW COURT-HOUSE,
CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, May 18, 1880.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED MAY 11, ENTERED MAY 18, 1880.

88th street opening, from 8th avenue to New road, and from 12th avenue to the Hudson river.

91st street opening, from 8th avenue to New road, and from 12th avenue to the Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before July 17, 1880, will be exempt [according to law] from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
FIRST FLOOR, ROOM NO. 1, NEW COURT-HOUSE,
CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, May 1, 1880.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment list was received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED APRIL 28, ENTERED APRIL 30, 1880.

81st street opening, from the Boulevard to New Avenue (Riverside drive), and from 12th avenue to Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before June 29, 1880, will be exempt [according to law] from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 22, 1880.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE IN THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW York hereby gives notice to owners of real estate in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, that pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment and payment of unpaid taxes due the county of Westchester by the towns of West Farms, Morrisania, and Kingsbridge, lately annexed to the city and county of New York," passed May 22, 1878, the unpaid taxes of said town have been adjusted and the amount determined as provided in said act, and that the accounts, including sales for taxes levied prior to the year 1874, by the Treasurer of the County of Westchester, and bid in on account of said towns, and also the unpaid taxes of the year 1873, known as Rejected Taxes, have been filed for collection in the Bureau of Arrears in the Finance Department of the City of New York.

Payments for the redemption of lands so sold for taxes by the Treasurer of the County of Westchester, and bid in on account of said towns, and payments also of said Rejected Taxes of the year 1873, must be made hereafter to the Clerk of Arrears of the City of New York.

N. B.—Interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum is due and payable on the amount of said sales for taxes and said rejected taxes.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

REAL ESTATE RECORDS.

THE ATTENTION OF LAWYERS, REAL Estate Owners, Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, and all who are interested in providing themselves with facilities for reducing the cost of examinations and searches, is invited to these Official Indices of Records, containing all recorded transfers of real estate in the City of New York from 1653 to 1857, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

Grantors, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriffs' sales, in 61 volumes, full bound, price, \$100 00
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Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house."

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.