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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY HALL, December 14, 1874.

E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Esq.,
Counsel to the Corporation :

SIR—I received your communication of the 10th instant, with the accompanying papers, as to the litigation relating to what is known as the "Fourth Avenue Improvement."

My attention was attracted to this litigation when the same was progressing before the Supreme Court. I read at the time the opinion of Mr. Justice Westbrook directing a writ of peremptory mandamus to issue, and was impressed with the reasons assigned by him for the conclusion at which he arrived. This opinion, together with your own, and those of Mr. Davies and Mr. Nash, now for the first time communicated to me, leave in my mind no doubt as to the course which it is the duty of the officers of the City to follow in the matter. The law relating to the improvement should be carried out in good faith, and the litigation stopped.

While I sympathize with the desire so strongly felt, and so often manifested by my predecessor, to reduce by every lawful means in his power the burdens of the City, I am of opinion that, in this particular instance, the litigation on his part was a mistake.

The improvement of Fourth avenue was commenced with the approval of the City. The necessity for some such improvement was generally acknowledged, and the prosecution of the work was actively promoted by all parties who felt the inconvenience, and were exposed to the dangers resulting from the pre-existing state of matters. There are few persons in the city who are not desirous that the work should be completed as speedily as possible, and when completed there can be no doubt but that it will be one of the greatest public improvements and benefits secured to the City of late years.

No person has suggested, so far as I know, that in the matter of this improvement, or in the manner of its execution, any wrong or imposition has been practiced upon the City. As so properly urged by Judge Westbrook—"There is no pretence but that the Board of Engineers in charge of the work has honestly and conscientiously done its duty. The amount of money due from the City has been adjusted, determined, and ascertained by a tribunal specially organized and created for the purpose, and which, composed as it was of men of conceded integrity, ability, and learning, acting under the sanctities of an oath, was infinitely better qualified to discharge that duty than any court or jury possibly could be. Unlike a court which, to ascertain facts, must rely upon evidence of others, this Board had personal knowledge of the truth and right of their judgment, the work having been done under their supervision and according to their plans."

The Comptroller, recognizing the force of such facts as these, and satisfied of the duty and obligation of the City in relation to this improvement, caused to be audited and has paid, several of the claims presented for the execution of the work. In my judgment, the Comptroller was fully justified in all he has done in connection with the payment of these claims.

As the particular warrant to which the litigation relates was returned by my predecessor to the Department of Finance, I will forward to the Comptroller a copy of your communication, and of this reply, that he may be made acquainted with the course I consider it to be my duty to follow in the matter. I will suggest to the Comptroller the propriety of delivering the warrant signed by Mr. Havemeyer, or to prepare and forward to me for signature a new warrant, which I will sign on the cancellation of the previous one.

Of course, you will see that whatever proceed-

ings may be necessary, are taken to have the litigation closed.

I return the papers which accompanied your communication to me.

Respectfully,
SAM'L B. H. VANCE,
Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE
COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 10, 1874.

The Honorable SAMUEL B. H. VANCE,
Mayor of the City of New York:

SIR—In the matter of what is called the "Fourth Avenue Improvement," your predecessor raised questions on the constitutionality and validity of the law under which the City is obligated to pay one-half of the expenses of that improvement. I learned from Mr. Havemeyer that the objections originated with himself, and that having himself originated the questions, he asked the opinion of Mr. Simon Sterne, who agreed with him, and put his reasons in writing. Mr. Havemeyer requested me to give my sanction to the retainer of Mr. Sterne to put the whole matter in litigation. I strongly advised against this; and being unable to influence him, I obtained, in a manner to render them entirely impartial, opinions from Mr. S. P. Nash, an eminent lawyer of this city, and of Mr. Henry E. Davies, formerly Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Those gentlemen were asked to give their judgments without bias. They did so. My own opinion was strongly sustained by theirs. Nevertheless, I yielded to the very earnest request of Mr. Havemeyer, and permitted the litigation to proceed, at least so far as the Special Term of the Supreme Court, with incipient steps relating to an appeal. It resulted in a decision of the Supreme Court, given by Mr. Justice Westbrook, that there was no ground whatever for opposition to the law on the part of the City authorities.

I transmit Judge Westbrook's opinion, with the opinion of Messrs. Nash and Davies to the same effect. I regard these three opinions as unanswerable.

I also enclose the printed opinion of Mr. Sterne and his printed argument.

I think litigation here is a most causeless and useless expenditure of public money.

I advise you, after the most thorough examination of all the laws and judicial decisions bearing upon the subject, that yourself, as Mayor of the City, and the Comptroller and Auditor, are bound by law to sign and deliver the warrants necessary to meet the obligations of the City, as provided in the act of the Legislature referred to in the opinions herewith sent.

I will be glad of any intimation of your views upon the subject.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED SESSION.

BOARD OF

ASSISTANT ALDERMEN

MONDAY, December 14, 1874, |
2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, in the chamber of the Board, No. 16 City Hall.

PRESENT :

JOSEPH P. STRACK, Esq., President, in the chair,

AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS :

Thomas Foley,	William Wade,
Charles M. Clancy,	John J. Kehoe,
John C. Keating,	Edward Brucks,
Michael Healy,	George Kelly,
Thomas L. Thornell,	Stephen N. Simonson,
George F. Codington,	Philip Cumisky,
William S. Kreps,	Isaac Sommers,
Patrick Keenan,	Benjamin Beyea.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Assistant Alderman Foley—

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to ask the return to this Board of a resolution passed December 7, 1874, providing for the printing of 500 extra copies of the CITY RECORD, containing the Official Canvass, transmitted to his Honor the Mayor for his approval, on the 8th instant, as the same is irregular, requiring concurrent action.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That the officers charged with the publication of the CITY RECORD be and they are hereby requested to cause five hundred extra copies of the CITY RECORD of December 7, 1874, containing the official canvass, to be printed and published for the use of the members of this Board.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beyea—15.

By Assistant Alderman Clancy—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Alex. Nicoll to place two ornamental gas-lamps in front of his premises at Nos. 145 and 147 Bowery, gas to be furnished at his own expense; and to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beyea—15.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

By Assistant Alderman Brucks—

Resolved, That Morris B. Bronner be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of and stead of Rudolph F. Rabe, who has failed to qualify.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Thornell, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beyea—16.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

By Assistant Alderman Simonson—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to George Ross to erect an iron balcony in front of his building, now in course of erection, on Broadway, between Forty-first and Forty-second streets, as shown on the accompanying diagram, provided the work be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the permission hereby given shall continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Thornell, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beyea—16.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Healy—1.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

By Assistant Alderman Cumisky—

Resolved, That John M. Kingdom be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of A. Springsteen, who has failed to qualify.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thornell, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beyea—17.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

(G. O. 815.)

By Assistant Alderman Beyea—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to have the lamps lighted on the bridges on Fourth avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street to One Hundred and Thirty-first street.

Which was laid over.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Comptroller, as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

December 5, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Common Council, from January 1 to December 31, 1874, both days inclusive, and of the payments

made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation:

>Title of Appropriations.	Amount of Appropriations.	Payments.
City Contingencies.	\$12,909 75	\$10,079 24
Contingencies, Clerk of the Common Council.	1,500 00	674 26
Salaries, Common Council.	185,000 00	166,087 45
ABM. L. EARLE,		
Deputy Comptroller.		

Which was ordered on file.

REPORTS.
(G. O. 816.)

The Committee on Finance of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to whom was referred a resolution from the Board of Aldermen in favor of paying bills of John H. White, amounting to \$450, for services rendered, and expenses incurred in searching title of the City to the property on the corner of White and Elm streets, respectively

REPORT :

That they have carefully examined the subject, and are of the opinion that the amount charged in the bill referred to is just and proper, and no objections having been made to the said bill, your Committee are in favor of concurring in the action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting said resolution, and respectfully recommend that such action be had thereon by this Board.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of John H. White, for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, to be in full for services rendered in examining title to the property on the corner of Elm and White streets, owned by the City, as per bill annexed, and charge the amount to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

CHARLES M. CLANCY,
WILLIAM WADE,
ISAAC SOMMERS,
Committee on Finance.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolutions from the Board of Aldermen in favor of appointing divers persons Commissioners of Deeds, respectfully

REPORT :

That they have carefully examined the applications, and no objections having been made to the same, they are of the opinion that the appointments should be made. They are therefore in favor of concurring in the action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following-named persons be appointed as Commissioners of Deeds:

Isaac G. Boyce, in place of Wm. C. O'Brien.
Geo. W. Gibbons, in place of Thos. Mackellar.
Walter J. Sutherland, in place of John Dunn.
Carlisle Norwood, Jr., in place of —.

Isaac Entwistle, in place of Alex. Lamont.
Joseph Hartung, in place of Adolph Birnbaum.
E. Fowler Williams, in place of J. Norton Williams.

D. L. Holmes, in place of Jerome B. Chappell.
Joseph H. Stiner, in place of James F. Swanton.
William L. Findley, in place of Edward W. Carney.

Resolved, That Charles B. Boyle be appointed a City Surveyor.

EDWARD BRUCKS,
JOHN J. KEHOE,
Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved that the same be laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative.

Assistant Alderman Clancy moved to recommit to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Kreps, Keenan, Kelly, Cumisky, and Beyea—9.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Thornell, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Simonson, and Sommers—8.

Assistant Alderman Brucks moved that the Committee on Streets be discharged from further consideration of the following resolution, and that the same be laid over:

(G. O. 817.)

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the west side of Hudson street, between Perry and West Eleventh streets, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

street, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

(G. O. 819.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of L. Delmonico, for the sum of eighteen hundred dollars; H. B. Crossett, for the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars; C. S. Grafulla, for one hundred and sixty dollars; M. J. O'Brien, for one hundred and forty-eight dollars; Thomas Canary, for three hundred dollars; N. H. Leadbetter, for seventy-four dollars and twenty-five cents; and Joseph C. Pinckney, for disbursements, by order of the Committee, for the sum of fifty-nine dollars, to be in full for bills hereto annexed, and to be charged to the appropriation heretofore made for paying the expenses of the reception and entertainment of the Lord Mayor of Dublin and accompanying friends.

Which was laid over.

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the owner of the painting representing the presentation of medals to the First Regiment of New York Volunteers, for the war in Mexico, upon their return to this city and the delivery of the colors presented by the Corporation to the City authorities, or his representative, Colonel Ward B. Burnett, to deposit the same in the Governor's Room in the City Hall; and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to receive the painting, on behalf of the City, and assign it a conspicuous and appropriate position in the Governor's Room.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to give possession of the entire easterly basement of the Brown-stone building for the use of the Grand Jury of the County of New York.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

(G. O. 820.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That two gas-lamps be placed in front of Evening School No. 40, in East Twenty-third street, near Third avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 821.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across all the streets included between Sixtieth and One Hundredth streets, at their westerly intersections with the Eighth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 822.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Second avenue, at the north and south intersections of Eighteenth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 823.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the grade of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Tenth avenue and the Boulevard, be changed so as to conform to the red lines and figures on the accompanying diagram; and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby directed to give effect to the provisions of this resolution.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 824.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-third street, between Second and Third avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 825.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twentieth street, from Fourth avenue to East river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 826.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the north side of Thirty-seventh street, between Broadway and

Seventh avenue, be flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 827.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on Eightieth to Eighty-first street, from Madison to Fifth avenue, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 828.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted in the Eastern Boulevard, from Seventy-ninth to Eighty-sixth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 829.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Sixty-eighth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 830.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Fifth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirtieth to One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 831.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Seventy-sixth street, between Second and Third avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 832.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and boulevard lamps lighted, in Eighth avenue, both sides, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 833.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-first street, from Third avenue to the East river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 834.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-fifth street, between First and Third avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 835.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-third street, from Second to Third avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 836.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the east side of Fifth avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets, and one hundred feet one each street, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 837.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundredth street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, be paved with Bel-

gian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 838.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid and street-lamps lighted in Ninety-second street, between the Eighth avenue and the Boulevard, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 839.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Fifty-first street, from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 840.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Seventy-seventh street, between Third avenue and Avenue A, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 841.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Fifty-first street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 842.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and boulevard lamps lighted, in Eighth avenue, both sides, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 843.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-first street, from Sixth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh streets, said bay-windows to be built of brick and stone, and to project four feet from the house line, and to be one story in height, as per annexed diagram; the same to be done under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works, and such permission hereby given to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 844.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Holmes V. M. Dennis be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Clancy, Keating, Healy, the President, Assistant Aldermen Keenan, Kehoe, Kelly, and Sommers—8.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Thornell, Codington, Kreps, Wade, Brucks, Simonson, Cumisky, and Sommers—9.

(G. O. 845.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Samuel A. Stern be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Elias Bach, who has failed to qualify.

Assistant Alderman Sommers moved to refer to the Committee and Salaries and Offices.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 846.)

Resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Elias Bach be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Elias Bach, who has failed to qualify.

Assistant Alderman Sommers moved to refer to the Committee and Salaries and Offices.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, the President, Assistant Aldermen Keenan, Kehoe, Kelly, and Sommers—14.

Assistant Alderman Simonson called up
G. O. 732,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Eighth avenue, from circle at Fifty-ninth street to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, be paved with square granite-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—16.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Keenan—1.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Assistant Alderman Cumisky called up
G. O. 677,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That on south side of Thirty-fourth street, from First avenue to the East river, the curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Kelly called up
G. O. 739,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to execute a lease from Augustus P. McGraw, for estate of M. McGraw, of the second and third stories of the premises known as "Morrisania Hall," opposite Morrisania Station, on the Harlem Railroad, for a period of three years, at an annual rental of twelve hundred dollars, payable quarterly, with the privilege of renewal for two years, at the same rent; said premises when so leased to be designated and known as the place for holding the District Court of the City of New York for the Tenth Judicial District, and the Police Court for the Sixth District of said City; and the Justices and Clerks of said Courts are hereby directed to occupy said premises, when so leased, for the purposes aforesaid. The lessee to put the building in perfect order and maintain the large hallway now on the south side of the building, as the main entrance, to the premises hereby ordered to be leased.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—11.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps and Brucks—5.

Assistant Alderman Kelly moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered, and that the resolution be again laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Assistant Alderman Brucks called up
G. O. 736,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Seventy-first street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—17.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Assistant Alderman Thorne called up
G. O. 492,

being resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to agree with the owner upon the value of the building situate on the east side of Fourth avenue, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, formerly leased by the city from the New York and Harlem Railroad Company, and used for an engine-house, and upon payment by the owner of the amount agreed upon, to cause a release to be executed of all claim by the City of New York, for the value of such building, or for a renewal of the term under the covenants of the former lease.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—14.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Keenan and Kelly—2.

Assistant Alderman Brucks moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered, and that the paper be again laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Assistant Alderman Kehoe called up
G. O. 812,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to J. N. Quirk, Theodore Foulke, Noah Wheaton, and John Matthews, to regulate, curb, gutter, and flag Eighty-eighth street, from Avenue B to the East river, at their own expense, and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—16.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Assistant Alderman Wade called up
G. O. 782,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to provide for the Second Police and Third Civil District Courts a suitable temporary location, to be occupied by them during the time occupied in the erection of the new building intended for the use of said Courts, now under contract, at a rental not to exceed \$1,800 per annum; and that the Justices and Clerks of said Courts are hereby directed to occupy, for the purposes of said Courts, the premises so to be selected, which are hereby designated as the place for holding such Courts, temporarily, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to remove the fitting and furniture of the present Courts, and provide such others as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of said Courts, at such temporary location.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—15.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Keenan and Cumisky—2.

Assistant Alderman Foley moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and that the resolution be again laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—15.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Healy and Cumisky—2.

Assistant Alderman Foley moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and that the resolution be again laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—15.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Healy and Cumisky—2.

Assistant Alderman Keating called up
G. O. 715,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to erect an improved iron drinking-fountain, for man and beast, on the northwest corner of Eighty-sixth street and Second avenue.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—17.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Kreps called up
G. O. 813,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from Manhattan street to the Boulevard, be opened, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal proceedings to open said street as aforesaid.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—17.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Codington called up
G. O. 814,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged four feet wide to the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—17.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Assistant Alderman Thorne called up
G. O. 492,

being resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to agree with the owner upon the value of the building situate on the east side of Fourth avenue, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, formerly leased by the city from the New York and Harlem Railroad Company, and used for an engine-house, and upon payment by the owner of the amount agreed upon, to cause a release to be executed of all claim by the City of New York, for the value of such building, or for a renewal of the term under the covenants of the former lease.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers—10.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Assistant Alderman Foley called up
G. O. 497,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid and street-lamps lighted in Fifth avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-sixth to One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—15.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Keenan and Kelly—2.

Assistant Alderman Brucks moved to reconsider the vote just taken and that the resolution be again laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—15.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Assistant Alderman Foley called up
G. O. 772,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, between Eighth avenue and St.

Brucks, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—14.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, and Kelly—3.

Assistant Alderman Simonson moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and that the resolution be again laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Assistant Alderman Healy called up
G. O. 618,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to lease the second, third, and fourth floors of the building No. 2 Fourth avenue, for the use and occupation of the Department of Buildings (being the premises now occupied by the said Department, with the addition of the fourth story), for a term of five years from the first day of May, 1874, at the rental heretofore paid for the second and third stories of the same building, viz., \$3,500 per annum, to be paid quarterly by the Comptroller from the proper appropriation.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—17.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Assistant Alderman Sommers called up
G. O. 726,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted, in Fifty-sixth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thorne, Codington,

dent, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Kelly, Simonson, and Cumisky—16.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Brucks—1.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Kehoe called up

G. O. 663,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That a free drinking-hydrant be placed on the southeast corner of Fifty-seventh street and Second avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thornell, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—16.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Wade called up

G. O. 811,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That two gas-lamps be placed, and the same lighted, in front of the entrance to the Morning Star S. S. Chapel, situated at Nos. 165 and 167 West Twenty-sixth street; the same to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thornell, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—17.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Kreps called up

G. O. 668,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the south side of Fifty-eighth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Thornell, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—17.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Codington called up

G. O. 669,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the sidewalk on both sides of Sixty-fourth street, from Third to Fourth avenue, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—16.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Healy called up

G. O. 749,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Forty-fourth street, from the First to the Third avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—16.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Assistant Alderman Keating called up

G. O. 678,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the north side of Sixty-second street, between Madison and Fourth avenues, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—16.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Clancy called up
G. O. 775,
being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That a receiving-basin and culvert be built on the northwest corner of One Hundred and Sixteenth street and St. Nicholas avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—16.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Assistant Alderman Foley called up

G. O. 804,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That the vacant lots on both sides of Fifty-fifth street, between Fourth avenue and Madison avenue (where not already done), be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—16.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

The President called up

G. O. 7234,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Third avenue, between Westchester avenue and the northerly boundary of the Twenty-third Ward, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—14.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Keenan and Kelly—2.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up

G. O. 766,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in One Hundred and Nineteenth street, from Avenue A to East river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—15.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Keenan—1.

Assistant Alderman Beyea moved to reconsider the vote just taken, and that the resolution be again laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Assistant Alderman Sommers called up

G. O. 779,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Eighty-third street, from Second to Third avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Clancy, Keating, Healy, Codington, the President, Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, and Beye—15.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Keenan—1.

Assistant Alderman Sommers moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered, and that the resolution be again laid over.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MOTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

The President moved that this Board do now adjourn.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President pro tem. announced that the Board stood adjourned until Monday next, the 21st inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. MOLONEY,
Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 11th day of December, 1874.

Present—Messrs. Matsell, Duryee, Disbecker, and Voorhis, Commissioners.

Leaves of Absence Granted.

	Precinct.	Days.
Sergeant Jerome H. Ferris	18	1/2
" William Schultz	29	1/2
		Days Without Pay.
Roundsman James Smith	11	1/2
Patrolmen James Coughlin	13	5
" James Clinton	6	3
" Jacob M. Hendricks	8	2 1/2
" Peter Richardson	31	2
" John D. La Rue	23	1
" Selden A. Woodruff	5	1
" William Z. Ripley	28	1/2
" Thomas Regan	7	1/2
" Thomas Kearney	29	1/2
" Patrick Downing	11	1/2
" John Jefferson	5	1/2
" Charles S. Pike	5	1/2
" Owen Rodgers	16	1/2
" William J. Girvan	16	1/2
" Michael Farley	18	1/2
" Henry W. Phillips	32	1/2
" Charles Carter	13	1/2
" Robert Esch	10	1/2
" William H. Eustace	23	1/2
" Patrick Lord	19	1/2
" Edward J. Barron	19	1/2
" Moses Kahnemann	11	1/2
" William J. Clark	11	1/2
" Justus Hawks	11	1/2
Doorman Michael Killilea	16	1/2

Street-lamp reports for the week ending December 6, were ordered to be transmitted to the Department of Public Works.

Communication from Patrolman Bernard Manning, Sixteenth Precinct, tendering his resignation, was laid on the table.

Communication from the Captain of the Sanitary Company, announcing death of Patrolman Bernard McGuire at 3:40 P. M. 8th inst., was ordered on file.

Parades Allowed.

United Sailors' Association, December 10. Parade.

Korner Lodge No. 46, A. O. G. F., December 5. Funeral.

Ancient Order Hibernians, December 6. Funeral.

Cheruskir Lodge No. 185, I. O. O. F., December 6. Funeral.

Young America Council, O. U. A. M., December 6. Funeral.

Sebulon Lodge No. 8, I. O. S. F. of I., December 7. Funeral.

A. O. H. No. 3, December 9. Funeral.

U. O. of Bricklayers' Lodge No. 3, December 9. Funeral.

Venus Lodge No. 55, O. S. D. F., December 9, Funeral.

Central Lodge No. 3, December 10. Funeral.

German Oak Lodge No. 8, December 11. Funeral.

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Seventh District—Nineteenth and Twenty-second Wards
Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues,
9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards, south-west corner Twenty-second street and Seventh avenue, 9:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street near Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Tenth District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, northeast corner of Third avenue and Southern Boulevard, Harlem Bridge, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
POLICE COURTS.

First District—Fourteenth, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and portion of Sanitary Precinct, Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, 7 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Second District—Eighth, Ninth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-fifth, Thirty-third, Twenty-eighth, and Twenty-ninth Precincts, Greenwich avenue, corner of Tenth street, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Third District—Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and portion of Sanitary Precinct, No. 69 Essex street, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Fourth District—Nineteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, and Nineteenth Sub-station, Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Fifth District—Twelfth Ward, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street near Fourth avenue, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
127 and 129 Mercer Street,
New York, Dec. 14, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING TWO Steam Pumps, with the necessary appliances, for use on the Steam Fire Propeller, which is being built for this Department, will be received at these Headquarters until 12 o'clock, noon, Monday, December 28, 1874, at which time the bids will be publicly opened.

Two responsible sureties will be required with each proposal, who must each justify in the amount of one thousand dollars.

Blank forms of proposals and further information can be obtained upon application at these Headquarters.

Proposals to be indorsed as above.
The Commissioners reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest.

JOSEPH L. PERLY,
ROSWELL D. HATCH,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, December 12, 1874.

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 Hart's Island, December 11, 1874—John Simmons, committed November 19, 1874, died of palsy. It could not be ascertained from him if he had any friends living in the city.

At New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, December 5, 1874—James Farrell, aged 48 years, height 5 feet 5 inches; brown hair; gray eyes. Admitted August 19, 1874. Had on pepper-and-salt coat, pants, and vest, black stiff crown hat, white calico shirt, and white knitted shirt. This patient was sent from City Prison, without record of friends. There has been one visitor to see him, to whom the usual death notice was sent, but he could not be found. No information in regard to his relatives could be obtained. No effects found on his person.

By Order.
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1874.

SALE OF IRON, BOATS, RAGS.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT PUBLIC auction, for account of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at the office, No. 66 Third avenue, on Tuesday, December 22, instant, at 12 o'clock noon, the following articles, which may be seen at the Storehouse, Blackwell's Island, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M., on any business day:

Lot of old cast iron.
Lot of old wrought iron.
Two ships (whale boats).
Lot of rags, assorted.

By Order.
JOHN E. FLAGLER,
General Storekeeper.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, Dec. 8, 1874.

DRY-GOODS.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 10 o'clock, A. M., of the 21st day of December, 1874, at which time they will be publicly opened, for furnishing and delivering at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, free of all expense:

50 10-4 White Quilts,
5 bales Brown Muslin,
5 cases Blue Denims,
5 cases Ticking.

of the quality of samples at this office.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect, that if the contract be awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound, as sureties, in the estimated amount of fifty per cent, for its faithful performance, which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for double the amount of surety required. The sufficiency of such security to be approved by the Comptroller.

No proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department.

JAMES BOWEN,
WILLIAM LAIMBEER,
MYER STERN,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, December 11, 1874.

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, December 9, 1874, from Sixteenth Precinct Station-house—Unknown man, age about 35 years; 5 feet, 6 inches high; dark brown hair; blue eyes; sandy moustache; and scant side whiskers. Had on olive colored overcoat, blue frock coat, black diagonal striped vest, dark pants with gray and gold stripes, white bosom shirt, pearl studs, white merino undershirt, white Canton flannel drawers, white cotton socks, elastic garters. Memorandum book and comb found on his person. By Order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, December 9, 1874.

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 New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, December 7th, 1874—August Muller, transferred from Bellevue Hospital December 5th, 1874; 5 feet, 5 inches high; gray hair; hazel eyes. Had on brown overcoat, pepper and salt walking coat, ribbed pants, black cloth vest, black felt hat. There has been no person to visit him, nor could any information be obtained of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH STREET,
NEW YORK, December 7, 1874.

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 Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Catherine Kelly; age 28 years; 4 feet, 11 inches high; hazel eyes; brown hair. Had on plaid dress, plaid shawl, hat, petticoat, chemise, shoes and stockings; transferred from Emigrants Refuge, March 14, 1874. There has been no person to visit her, nor could any information be obtained from her of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital—Unknown man from Tenth Precinct Station-house; age about 35 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; dark brown hair; moustache and side whiskers; gray eyes; excision of right elbow joint. Was dressed in brown overcoat, dark coat with white stripes, pants the same, black cassimere coat with black silk collar, lappels and cuffs, brown and white mixed vest, blue flannel shirt, white knit undershirt and drawers, paper collar, gray woolen socks with red tops, gray felt hat, and boots well worn. No effects found on his person.

At Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island, December 6, 1874—Jerush Jove Davies; age 27 years; born in England; 14 months in United States, convicted of assault at the Court of General Sessions; sentenced by Recorder Hackett, May 26, 1874, to one year's imprisonment. Height 5 feet, 6 1/2 inches; black hair; brown eyes; scars on forehead. When received at Penitentiary had on brown cardigan jacket, dark pants and vest, linen shirt, woolen undershirt, white soft hat, boots, pocket-book empty. He states that his wife, Mrs. Davies, resides at 101 Centre street, Lower Bowring, Manchester, England.

By Order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
36 UNION SQUARE,
NEW YORK, Dec. 1, 1874.

PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the above-named Department, until Wednesday, the 16th day of December, 1874, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock, A. M., when they will be publicly opened, for Lighting with Gas the Public Lamps on any or all the parks, places, squares, and bridges in the City of New York under the control of the said Department, during the four months commencing January 1, 1875.

Every proposal must state a definite and distinct price for each of the following items:

For the gas for each lamp, and for the lighting, cleaning, and reglazing the same, and replacing the cocks, tubes, and burners, crossheads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, as in the manner specified.

For each lamp-post straightened as specified.
For each column reassembled as specified.
For each stand pipe refitted as specified.

For each lamp-post removed as specified.

For each lamp-post reset as specified.

For each new lamp fitted up as specified.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residences being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of ten thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal.

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him therein; that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work; and that no member of the Common Council or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in any portions of the profits thereof.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent before a Judge of a Court of Record in the County of New York.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the terms of the contract, including the specifications (settled as required by law), seen at the office of the Secretary, as above.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Lighting Public Parks and Places."

H. G. STEBBINS, President,
PHILIP BISSINGER,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON
THOMAS E. STEWART,
Commissioners D. P. P.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,
No. 8 CITY HALL,

THE STATED SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF Aldermen will be held in their Chamber, room No. 15, City Hall, on Thursday of each week, at 3 o'clock, P.M.
JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,
Clerk

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
December 1, 1874.

TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS who have omitted to pay their taxes for the year 1874, to pay the same to the undersigned, at the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes, before the 1st day of January, 1875.

On all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of January, 1875, interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be charged from the day on which the assessment rolls and warrants were delivered to the Receiver of Taxes to the date of payment.

No money will be received after 2 o'clock P.M.

Office hours from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M.

MARTIN T. McMAHON,
Receiver of Taxes.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
COURTHOUSE PARK, 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
November 25, 1874.

TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT ONE PER CENT. will be added to all taxes unpaid on the 1st of December; also an additional one cent on December 15. On all taxes remaining unpaid on January 1, interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, calculated from the day the books were received by the Receiver of Taxes to the day of payment, will be added. No money will be received after 2 o'clock P.M. Office hours from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M.

MARTIN T. McMAHON,
Receiver.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, November 24, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED NOVEMBER 17, 1874.

Sewer in One Hundred and Thirteenth street, between Third avenue and Harlem river.

Sewer in Eleventh avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-first streets, and in Fifteenth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before January 23, 1875, 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 confirmation.

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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, November 18, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED NOVEMBER 5, 1874.

Regulating, grading, curb, gutter, and flagging Eighty-fourth street, from Boulevard to River Drive.

Regulating, grading, etc., Twenty-fourth street, from Eleventh avenue to Hudson river.

Curb and flagging Tenth avenue, between Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets.

Flagging Fifteenth street, south side, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

Paving Second avenue, from Sixty-third to Sixty-sixth street.

Paving Sixty-fifth street, from Third to Fifth avenue.

Fencing vacant lots on Madison avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Seventieth street, and on Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets, from Fourth to Fifth avenue.

Fencing vacant lots on west side of Boulevard, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets, and on north side of Sixtieth street, 125 feet west of the Boulevard, and on south side of Sixty-first street, 100 feet west of the Boulevard.

Underground drains, between Sixty-second and Sixty-ninth streets, and between Boulevard and Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the 17th day of January, 1875, 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 confirmation.

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