

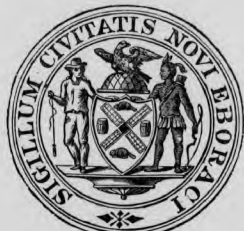
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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED MEETING.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

THURSDAY, December 30, 1886,
1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, room 16, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. Robert B. Nooney, President:

ALDERMEN

Patrick Dwyer,
Vice-President,
Charles Bennett,
Thomas Cleary,
James J. Corcoran,
James A. Cowie,
Eugene M. Earle,
Hugh F. Farrell.

Patrick F. Ferrigan,
James E. Fitzgerald,
Jacob Hunsicker,
Robert Lang,
Gustav Menninger,
James J. Mooney,
Banksen T. Morgan,

Joseph Murray,
John O'Neil,
John Quinn,
John J. Ryan,
Matthew Smith,
Millard Van Blaricom,
James T. Van Rensselaer.

The minutes of the meetings of December 17, 21 and 28, were read and approved.

INVITATIONS.

By the President—

An invitation was received from Jerome Hopkins to attend the "Young Philharmonic's Concert," at Steinway Hall, on Tuesday evening, January 4, 1887.
Which was accepted.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Law Department, to whom was referred the annexed preamble and resolutions relating to the laying of a cable railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, by the Third Avenue Railroad Company, together with the annexed opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, and a letter attached thereto from Edward Lauterbach, Esq., of counsel for the said Third Avenue Railroad Company, do respectfully

REPORT:

That they have been attended, from time to time, by the said Edward Lauterbach, Esq., and his representatives, as counsel for the said Third Avenue Railroad Company, and that the following matters of law and fact have been established to the satisfaction of your Committee, viz.:

By chapter 504 of the Laws of 1870, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York were authorized to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the right and franchise to construct and operate, by animal power, a railroad in the streets and avenues mentioned in the act, which included (among others) Third Avenue, from Harlem Bridge, with double tracks, to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street; One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, from the East or Harlem river, with double tracks, to Manhattan street, and Tenth Avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, to the terminus of Tenth Avenue.

The said Commissioners did sell such right on July 18, 1870, at public auction, to Robert Squires, for the sum of \$67,000, who thereupon executed a bond to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, in the penal sum of \$250,000, conditioned for the faithful performance in the completion of said road, as required by the provisions of chapter 504 of the Laws of 1870; and pursuant to a certificate of these facts, made by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality did, on the 20th day of July, 1870, grant to said Robert Squires, by indenture, the right to construct said railroad, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the act of the Legislature hereinabove mentioned.

Thereafter, and on or about the 24th day of October, 1870, the "One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad" was incorporated to construct and operate a railroad upon the streets and avenues mentioned in chapter 504 of the Laws of 1870, and the Articles of Association of the said Company, filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 26th day of November, 1870.

On the 30th day of November, 1870, Robert Squires, by agreement and transfer, executed under seal by him and the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad Company, transferred to the latter company all his right, title and interest in and to the railroad constructed, and to be constructed, under the above-mentioned grant from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, and the said Company assumed and adopted all the provisions and conditions contained in said grant.

In said chapter 504 of the Laws of 1870, and in the said grant, it is expressly provided that said railroad "shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations, in respect thereto, as the Common Council of the City of New York may, from time to time, by ordinance prescribe."

Under the authority of law as above set forth, the railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street appears to have been constructed, and, at first, operated by horse-power.

In the year 1881, the road of the said "One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad" being then under lease to the Third Avenue Railroad Company, proceedings were taken by the two Companies to consolidate the corporations, pursuant to the general provisions of chapter 503 of the Laws of 1870; and the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad Company thereby became consolidated with the Third Avenue Railroad Company, under the name of the latter corporation, which, under the terms of the last-mentioned statute, now holds, without change or diminution, all the estate, right and franchises of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad Company.

By chapter 209 of the Laws of 1883, the original act, chapter 504 of the Laws of 1870, under which the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad was chartered, was amended so as to provide that—"The cars shall be drawn or propelled by horses or mules, or by cables moved by stationary engines. Such cables shall be laid under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of New York."

Your Committee are further of opinion that, as matter of law, the above statute, chapter 209, Laws of 1883, is constitutional and valid as providing only a new motive power, which is not the grant of a new or exclusive franchise or right to lay down railroad tracks, and consequently not repugnant to section 18, article III., of the State Constitution, as amended January 1, 1875.

That constitutional amendment applies only to future legislation, and does not retroact so as to annul laws passed prior thereto, and valid at the time of their passage (People vs. Brooklyn, Flatbush and Coney Island R. R. Co., 89 N. Y. R., 86).

In the Matter of N. Y. Elevated R. R. Co., 70 N. Y. R., 338, the same principle was fully considered, and Judge Earl said, in his decision: "So a bill may be passed giving a private railroad corporation the right to use a new or different motive power, provided the right be not exclusive."

The laying of the cables in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and in other portions of the route of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad Company, was therefore lawful, without any consent thereto by the local authorities or the property-owners on the streets. Only the permit of the Commissioner of Public Works was needed under the law, and such permit was obtained for the displacing of the surface of the street. The right to use "cables moved by stationary engines,"

carried with it the right to construct the trenches and other appurtenances for the working of such cables; and your Committee are of opinion, that, as matter of law, the railroad company had the further right to lay its tracks temporarily along the sides of the street during such construction.

As matter of fact, it appears that such tracks were temporarily laid; but that, the cable system being now completed in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, on the central line of the double tracks, the temporary tracks on either side have been or are now being removed, and the pavement restored in as good condition as before, or better, and as rapidly as the season and state of the weather will permit.

Your Committee also find as matter of fact, that the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street cars are not run on Third Avenue to Harlem Bridge.

It was, however, contended by the learned counsel who appeared before your Committee that the Third Avenue Railroad Company has given transfer tickets from the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street line to Harlem Bridge, and from Harlem Bridge down to and over the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street line. Other statements made before the Committee seemed to leave this important point in doubt.

It was strenuously asserted by your Committee, and admitted by the learned counsel for the Third Avenue Railroad, that it was the duty of that corporation, under the charter of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Company, to carry a passenger over the routes of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad, which include Third Avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street to Harlem Bridge, for one fare, and to give transfer tickets, since a change of cars is now made at the junction of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Third Avenue.

Your Committee emphatically recommend that the railroad company should cause a notice to be posted in each car, that such transfer tickets would be furnished; and the learned counsel stated that he would so advise his client.

Your Committee were equally clear, as matter of law, that the Third Avenue Company was under no obligation to furnish transfers to passengers coming north on Third Avenue and taking the cross-town line at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, to passengers coming from the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street line and going south on Third Avenue, in which cases, the charters of the two roads being still in full and distinct force, notwithstanding the consolidation, the law allows the collection of two fares.

As a result of the foregoing, your Committee are of the opinion that the only matter in connection with the subject before them which seems to demand the attention of this Honorable Board is that of transfer tickets and the proper notice thereof to the passengers entitled thereto.

In the judgment of your Committee the public can be best protected by a general ordinance upon that head, and such an ordinance is herewith reported for your adoption, in place of the preamble and resolutions referred to us, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the transfer of passengers on the cars of street surface railroads and railways in the use of the streets, highways, roads and public places in the City of New York.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. In all cases where, by law, a passenger is entitled to be carried for one fare, over the route or routes of any company or companies operating a street surface railroad or railway in the City of New York, and such company or companies shall require to transfer such passenger from one car to another, there shall be conspicuously posted and maintained by such company or companies on the inside of every car employed in traversing such route or routes, a notice that a transfer ticket will be furnished, without additional charge, to each and every passenger, who, having paid one fare, desires to traverse such route or routes.

Sec. 2. Every violation of the foregoing provisions of this ordinance shall subject such company or companies to a penalty of five dollars (\$5) for each day, or part thereof, during which the notice above provided for shall not be posted and maintained as hereinbefore required, in each and every of the cars included in section 1 of this ordinance, to be recovered on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, by the Corporation Attorney, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on the first day of February, 1887.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
Dated New York, December 23, 1886.

JAMES T. VAN RENSSELAER,
BANKSON T. MORGAN,
EUGENE M. EARLE,

Committee
on Law
Department.

Alderman Van Rensselaer moved that the report be accepted and the ordinance adopted. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Murray, as follows:

Affirmative: The President, Vice-President, Dwyer, Aldermen Bennett, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Hunsicker, Lang, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, Van Blaricom, and Van Rensselaer—22.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices respectfully

REPORT

for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby respectively reappointed to the office of Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to date from the expiration of their present terms of office, viz.:

Joseph F. Arnold,
Sigmund Feuchtwanger,
Solomon Koln,
William D. Leonard,
James E. McEachen,
Bertram Niederwieser,
Samuel H. Ordway,
Rudolph L. Scharf,
Solomon Strasser,
Edward F. Williams,
Henry B. Weselman,

Daniel A. Driscoll,
Bernard Horan,
Martin M. Lewis,
Alexander W. McDonald,
Thomas J. McVilly,
Samuel Oppenheim,
Lyman Rindskopf,
Alexander Schwab,
Hewlett Van Wye,
Jacob A. Weil,
Benedict S. Wise,

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the places respectively of those whose names appear opposite, and whose terms of office have expired, or will expire during the month of December, 1886:

Charles W. Bang, in place of.....	R. P. H. Abell.
Emmanuel M. Goodhart, in place of.....	William Thomas Byrne.
David Michaels, ".....	Birdsall Bouck.
George H. Culver, ".....	John M. Doyle.
John M. Searle, ".....	Henry J. Davison, Jr.
Ezra A. Tuttle, ".....	Fletcher B. Hyler.
A. B. Moore, ".....	Marcus Jacobs.
Joseph Weil, ".....	Richard Keef.
Elbert L. Burnham, Jr., ".....	William E. Kleine.
George W. Palmer, ".....	Hans E. Kutscher.
Hugo Cohn, ".....	Edward J. Knight.
Charles B. Jessup, ".....	Leonard J. Langbein.
Andrew Peddie, ".....	Edward J. Murray.
Thomas J. Purdy, ".....	Charles Meyer.
James D. Robinson, ".....	James C. Murray.
Oscar J. Mendel, ".....	Joseph E. Miller.
Jacob Levy, ".....	Gustave Newman.
Benjamin Franklin, ".....	Edward J. O'Gorman.
William H. Reed, Jr., ".....	Bryan O'Hara.
William H. Matthews, ".....	Daniel J. M. O'Callaghan.
William A. Condon, ".....	Henry Phillip.
Samuel A. Lee, ".....	Alex. S. Rosenthal.
Alexander B. Smith, ".....	Frank Snyder.
George H. Hyde, ".....	Francis T. Sheridan.
William Broeser, ".....	Robert M. Sterritt.
George Clark, ".....	Robt A. Tucker.
Richard L. Lusch, ".....	Franz Unger.
Thomas McCabe, ".....	Cornelius W. Van Voorhis.
Francis X. Striffler, ".....	William L. Van Derzee.
Joseph O'Brien, ".....	Andrew Van Voorhis.
Joseph C. Rosenbaum, ".....	Robert Wilson.
David Levy, ".....	Francesco Zanolini.

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the places respectively of those whose names appear opposite, who were recently appointed, but failed to qualify, viz.:

Thomas Heffernan, in place of.....	Ogden S. Bradley.
T. Judson Kilpatrick, in place of.....	Henry W. Blumer.
John Cockroft, ".....	Joseph H. Cain.
Moses B. Macley, ".....	George T. Capron.
John C. O'Connell, ".....	Samuel Freeman.
Stephen S. Blake, ".....	Peter F. Greene.
M. J. Lanigan, ".....	James J. Galligan.
Thomas F. Barker, ".....	Charles B. Jessup.
Patrick F. Ferrigan, ".....	S. Loewenstein.
James C. Fitzgerald, ".....	Levy Lippman.
Thomas P. McAvoy, ".....	Philip R. Maverick.
Osbourne H. McKee, ".....	James Moran.
George H. Nolen, ".....	Charles W. Pinckney.
Louis W. McKenzie, ".....	Richard T. Rhatigan.
Frank R. Brady, ".....	Henry Silverstone.
S. Bishop Marks, ".....	William H. Turner.
Julius Schwarzkopf, ".....	George N. Veritizan.

JAMES T. VAN RENSSELAER,)
PATRICK F. FERRIGAN,)
JOHN QUINN,) Salaries and Offices.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept the report and adopt the resolutions.

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Vice-President Divver, Aldermen Bennett, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Hunsicker, Lang, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, Van Blaricom, and Van Rensselaer—21.

(Vice-President Divver was here called to the chair.)

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Ferrigan—

Resolved, That the resolution granting permission to the Harlem Lighting Company to erect, construct and maintain suitable wires and other conductors over certain streets and avenues of the Twelfth, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, approved by his Honor the Mayor, December 7, 1886, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to the Harlem Lighting Company, their successors and assigns, to lay wires for conducting electricity in, along and through the streets, avenues, public parks and places in New York City, subject to the powers of the Subway Commission, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works, excepting in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and under the supervision of the Department of Public Parks, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Alderman Morgan moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Van Rensselaer, as follows:

Affirmative—Vice-President Divver, Aldermen Bennett, Corcoran, Cowie, Farrell, Hunsicker, Morgan, Murray, Quinn, and Van Rensselaer—10.

Negative—Aldermen Cleary, Earle, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Menninger, Mooney, Ryan, and Van Blaricom—9.

Subsequently Alderman Ferrigan moved that the above vote be reconsidered.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative on a division called by Alderman Ferrigan, as follows:

Affirmative—Aldermen Bennett, Cleary, Earle, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Mooney, Morgan, O'Neil, Smith, and Van Blaricom—11.

Negative—Vice-President Divver, Aldermen Corcoran, Cowie, Farrell, Hunsicker, Murray, Quinn, Ryan, and Van Rensselaer—9.

Alderman Quinn moved to amend by adding thereto the following:

Resolved, That as compensation for the privilege hereby granted, the Harlem Lighting Co. shall furnish, maintain and light in the streets or avenues occupied by the said company, free of any charge to the city for maintenance or otherwise, one two-thousand-candle-power street electric-light for every fifty lights furnished by the said company to private individuals.

Which was accepted by Alderman Ferrigan.

Alderman Farrell then moved that the whole matter be again referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Ferrigan, as follows:

Affirmative—Vice-President Divver, Aldermen Bennett, Corcoran, Cowie, Farrell, Hunsicker, Menninger, Murray, Quinn, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—11.

Negative—Aldermen Cleary, Earle, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Mooney, O'Neil, Quinn, and Van Blaricom—9.

By Alderman Morgan—

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to appropriate in the Final Estimate for the year 1887 the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750), to defray expenses that may have been incurred for the funeral obsequies of the late Alderman Peter B. Masterson.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to B. Altman & Co. to extend a vault eleven feet six inches outside of the northerly curb of West Eighteenth street, in front of premises Nos. 107 to 113, upon payment of the usual fee, provided the work be done in a durable and substantial manner, and that the said B. Altman & Co. shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the City harmless from any loss or damage that may occur in consequence of the building or extension of said vault, during the progress of or subsequent to the completion thereof, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Quinn—

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and they are hereby requested to insert in the Provisional Estimates for the year 1887, the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars for engraving, binding and furnishing engraved glass case for the memorial resolutions passed by the Common Council on the death of Ex-Governor Horatio Seymour, the same having been completed and delivered to the special committee appointed to supervise the same, and executed according to their order and specifications.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board transmit immediately to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a copy of the above resolution.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolutions.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman O'Neil—

Whereas, It will be impossible to complete the work of engraving the resolutions passed by the Common Council on the occasion of the death of Alderman Peter B. Masterson, in time to provide for the payment thereof out of any appropriation for the current year; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to appropriate the sum of (\$250) two hundred and fifty dollars, in the Final Estimate for the year 1887, to defray the cost of the engraved copy of said resolutions.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board transmit immediately to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment a copy of these present resolutions.

Which was subsequently withdrawn.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following communication from the Finance Department:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 23, 1886.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller reports that the gross receipts of the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company, for carrying passengers for the month of November, 1886, as appears by the statement under oath of the Secretary and Treasurer of said Company, received by this Department on the 22d inst., were sixty-six thousand two hundred and seventy-two dollars and thirty-five cents (\$66,272.35).

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD V. LOEW, Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following communication from the Finance Department:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 24, 1886.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 189, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, for carrying on the Common Council, from January 1 to December 31, 1886, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof, for and on account of each appropriation, and the amount of unexpended balances.

TITLES OF APPROPRIATIONS.	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS.	PAYMENTS.	AMOUNT OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES.
City Contingencies.....	\$1,700 00	\$1,443 01	\$256 99
City Contingencies—To enable the City of New York to participate in the National Celebration of the Completion of the Bartholdi Statue.....	2,500 00	.....	2,500 00
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council.....	200 00	59 77	140 23
Salaries—Common Council.....	71,275 00	64,415 94	6,859 06

EDWARD V. LOEW, Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 14, 1886, to flag the sidewalks in One Hundred and Seventeenth street, from Fifth to Manhattan avenue, for the reason that this street is not yet legally opened between Eighth and Manhattan avenues.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, from the Fifth avenue to Manhattan avenue, be flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, where not already so flagged, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 14, 1886, to lay gas-mains and light public lamps in One Hundred and Fortieth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, for the reason that the City has not yet acquired title to this street, and it is not graded.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Fortieth street, from Fifth to Sixth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 14, 1886, to place two lamps opposite the railroad depot at One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street and Railroad avenue, etc., for the reason that One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street does not exist at Railroad avenue. The resolution is therefore improper.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, two lamp-posts erected and lamps placed thereon and lighted on the northwest, and one on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street and Railroad avenue, opposite the depot, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 14, 1886, to lay a crosswalk across Tenth avenue, from the northerly side of Eighty-sixth street, and across Eighty-sixth street on the westerly side of Tenth avenue, for the reason that these crosswalks are provided for in the existing contracts for paving Tenth avenue, between Seventy-fourth and One Hundred and Tenth streets. The resolution is therefore unnecessary.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That a crosswalk of two courses of blue stone be laid across Tenth avenue at the northerly side or intersection of said avenue by Eighty-sixth street, on a line parallel with the northerly sidewalk of Eighty-sixth street; and also that a crosswalk of two courses of blue stone be laid across the westerly side of Eighty-sixth street at the intersection of said street with Tenth avenue, on a line parallel with the westerly sidewalk of Tenth avenue, the expense thereof to be paid out of the appropriation for "Repairs and Renewals of Pavements and Regrading."

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 14, 1886, to pave One Hundred and Fourth street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard, for the reason that this work is included in a resolution and ordinance to pave One Hundred and Fourth street, from Ninth avenue to the Boulevard, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 10th instant. The present ordinance is therefore unnecessary.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That the carriageway of One Hundred and Fourth street, from the Tenth avenue to the Grand Boulevard, be paved with granite-block pavement and that crosswalks of three courses of blue stone be laid at the intersecting and terminating avenues, within the lines of the sidewalks, 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, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 14, 1886, to lay water-mains in Chestnut street, between Boston and Tremont avenues, etc., for the reason that there is no legal grade established to this street. The laying of the water-mains should be deferred until the street is permanently graded.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Chestnut street, from Boston to Tremont avenue, pursuant to section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The Vice-President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :
MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 17, 1886, to regularize, grade, etc., One Hundred and Ninth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, for the reason that this street is not yet legally opened, and until the City has acquired title to the land for the street, the proposed ordinance cannot be carried out.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That One Hundred and Ninth street, from Eighth to Ninth avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb-stones set, and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Farrell moved that all vetoes from his Honor the Mayor, received December 17, 1886, be taken up, read, and when not objected to be voted upon together.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Veto No. 261, being of a resolution as follows, was first read :

Resolved, That an improved iron drinking-fountain (for man and beast) be placed in front of No. 205 Madison street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

And again laid over.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 262) of resolution, as follows, was then read :

Resolved, That water-pipes be laid in Arthur avenue, from One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street to Kingsbridge road, as provided in section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

And again laid over.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 263) of resolution, as follows, was next read :

Resolved, That Croton water-pipes be laid in One Hundred and Twentieth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, as provided in section 356 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882 (the Consolidation Act).

And again laid over.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 264) of resolution, as follows, was next read :

Resolved, That Croton mains be laid in One Hundred and Seventeenth street, from Eighth to Manhattan avenue, pursuant to section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act.

And again laid over.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 265) of resolution, as follows, was next read :

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Mott to Gerard avenue, and in Gerard avenue to One Hundred and Sixty-first street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The Board then, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was finally lost, as follows :

Affirmative—Vice-President Divver, Aldermen Bennett, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Hunsicker, Lang, Menninger, Mooney, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Blaricom—17.

Negative—Alderman Van Rensselaer—1.

Alderman O'Neil was excused from voting.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 266) of resolution, as follows, was then read :

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Seventeenth street, from Fifth to Manhattan avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

And was again laid over.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 267) of resolution, as follows, was then read :

Resolved, That the carriageway of Eighty-fifth street, from Avenue A to Avenue B, be paved with Belgian pavement, except that at each terminating avenue and within the lines of the sidewalks, crosswalks of three courses of blue stone be laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

And again laid over.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 268) of resolution, as follows, was then read :

Resolved, That the carriageway of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from the crosswalk at the easterly side of Willis avenue to Brown place, be paved with trap-block pavement, except that a crosswalk of two courses of blue stone be laid across said One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, at or near the westerly intersection and within the lines of the sidewalk on the westerly side of said Brown place, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

And again laid over.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 269) of resolution, as follows, was then read :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Gust D. Ferro to place and keep a stand for the sale of fruit, on the sidewalk, near the curb, at the southeast corner of Eighty-first street and Ninth avenue, provided such stand shall not be an obstruction to the free use of the street by the public, nor exceed six feet long by three and a half wide ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, as follows :

Affirmative—Vice-President Divver, Aldermen Bennett, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Hunsicker, Lang, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Blaricom—10.

Negative—Alderman Van Rensselaer—1.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 270) of resolution, as follows, was then read :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Messrs. Reichmann & Company to place and keep a photographic show-case on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No. 10 West Fourteenth street, provided such show-case shall not be an obstruction to the free use of the street by the public, nor exceed four feet in length by three feet in width ; said show-case to stand at least twenty-four feet from the house-line, which is twenty-nine feet and eight inches from the curb at said point ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, as follows :

Affirmative—Vice-President Divver, Aldermen Bennett, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Hunsicker, Lang, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Blaricom—10.

Negative—Aldermen Earle and Van Rensselaer—2.

Veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 271), of resolution as follows, was then read :

That Whereas, On the 22d day of September, 1886, an application in writing was made to the Common Council of the City of New York, by the North and East River Railway Company, for consent and permission to construct, maintain and operate and use a street surface railroad, for public use, in the conveyance of persons and property, for compensation, in cars, through, over and along the surface of the streets, avenues and highways in such city designated in the application of said company as the route or routes of its proposed railroad ; and

Whereas, The said Common Council caused public notice of such application and of the time and place when the same would be first considered, to be given by publication in two daily newspapers published in the City of New York, to wit, the "Sun" and the "Times," which papers were designated for that purpose by the Mayor of said City ; and

Whereas, After public notice given as aforesaid such application, the Common Council of the City of New York has, at the time and place designated, given public hearings in relation thereto, and all persons so desiring were given an opportunity to be heard and were heard, and said application has been duly considered by the said Common Council ;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, and chapter 646 of the Laws of 1886,

Resolved, That the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York be and is hereby given to the said The North and East River Railway Company to the construction, maintenance, use and operation upon the conditions hereinafter named, and not otherwise, of a street railroad upon and through the streets and avenues in said city, mentioned and described in the said petition, as follows, to wit :

Commencing on Fulton street, on South street, at the Fulton Ferry house ; running thence through and along Fulton street, with double tracks, to Broadway, and over and across Broadway, continuing through and along Fulton street, with double tracks, to West street ; thence through and along West street, with double tracks, to Cortlandt street, at Cortlandt Street Ferry, and returning by the same route, over said double track, to Fulton Ferry, at the place of beginning.

Also commencing on West street, at the southerly side of Fulton street, and running thence through and along West street, with double tracks, to Chambers street, at the Pavonia Ferry house, and returning over said double tracks to the place of beginning.

Together with switches and sidings running from the tracks of said railroad at the intersection of South street with Burling Slip, into, over and along said Burling Slip to the southerly side of Front street. Also all the necessary connections, switches, sidings, turn-outs, turn-tables, and suitable stands and depots for the convenient operation of said road and the housing and care of its horses, cars, and other equipments ; and be it further

Resolved, That the conditions upon which, and not otherwise, the said consent is hereby given, are as follows, to wit :

First—That the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, pertinent thereto, shall be complied with.

Second—That the right, franchise and privilege of using the said streets and avenues to construct, maintain, use and operate a street surface railroad upon the said streets and avenues, subject to all the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, and of chapter 642 of the Laws of 1886, shall be sold at public auction to the bidder, which shall be an incorporated railroad or railway company organized to construct, maintain and operate a street railroad in the City of New York, for which such consent is given, and which will agree to give the largest percentage per annum of its gross receipts, with adequate security, by a bond or undertaking in writing, and under seal, in such form, condition, amount and sureties as shall be required and approved by the Comptroller of the said city, for the fulfillment of the said agreement, and for the commencement and completion of such road according to the plan or plans, and on the route or routes fixed for its construction, within the time or times designated and prescribed therefor by the provisions of chapter 642 of the Laws of 1886.

Third—That in the construction of the said railroad and its equipment, the materials and work employed shall be of the best quality and character, and the said railroad shall be constructed with side-bearing rail, having the outer edge of bearing flush with pavement, with inside drop, not exceeding one inch in depth ; and that the cars thereon shall be run as frequently as the convenience of the public may require, and that no freight cars shall be run upon the routes or any of them, or any part thereof, included in the said consent ; which plan of construction, quality and pattern of material, number and location of sidings, switches, turn-outs and turn-tables, shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works of said city.

Fourth—That the bidder to which the aforesaid sale shall be made, and any person or corporation using the tracks constructed or laid under or in pursuance of this consent, shall comply with all reasonable ordinances or regulations which the local authorities having charge of the aforesaid streets and avenues, or any of them, shall make as to the rate of speed, mode of use of tracks, and removal of ice and snow, and with any and all provisions of law applicable to any street surface railroad company organized under chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, and shall not charge any passenger more than five cents from or to any point on the route hereinabove described, nor from any point on said route or any route connecting with the route hereinabove described, to any point on said route or any route connecting with the route hereinabove described, but shall give transfer tickets to a passenger when necessary to secure, and which shall secure to him one continuous ride between such points for the single fare of five cents.

And the said bidder, as to the whole route hereinabove described, shall be absolutely and unqualifiedly bound, and any person or company using or operating a railroad upon the tracks, or upon any part of the tracks, constructed upon the said route under or by virtue of the consent hereby given or the sale had in pursuance thereof, as to the tracks so used by it or him, shall be jointly and severally bound with the said bidder absolutely and unqualifiedly to repair and keep in permanent repair the portion of said streets and avenues upon which the tracks shall be so constructed, between the tracks, the rails of the tracks and a space two feet in width outside of and adjoining the outside rails of the track or tracks, so long as such tracks so constructed shall continue to be used, and this obligation in respect to the repairing of the streets shall not be dependent upon the requirements of the local authorities, but is hereby made an absolute and unqualified obligation ; and they shall in like manner and to a like extent be bound to and shall remove the snow from the same parts of the streets or avenues immediately after it shall have fallen, or as soon as possible thereafter, and not merely to clear the tracks and the space between them by removing the snow to the space intervening between the tracks and the curb-stones, but to remove the snow entirely from that portion of the streets or avenues made use of for the construction and operation of the railroad, so far as such snow may have fallen or ice may have been formed upon the said tracks, or upon the space between them, or the designated two feet of space upon each side of the outside of said tracks ; the snow or ice so removed to be taken from the street and deposited at the nearest and most convenient place used by the City authorities for the deposit of snow removed by themselves.

Fifth—That the railroad to the construction or operation of which this consent is given may be operated by animal or horse power, or any other power other than locomotive steam power, provided that no cars shall be operated by any person or company over the route hereinabove described, and under or by virtue of this consent, by any other than animal or horse power, unless the right so to do shall be acquired as provided by section 12 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884.

Sixth—The plans upon which this North and East River Railway shall be built and operated, are those of the Bentley-Knight Electric Railway Company, and are described as follows : The plant consists of a stationary source of power, engines, boilers, and dynamo-electric machines, which may be located at an extreme end of the line, at tide-water, or at a station ; a conduit running from the source of power to and along the whole length of the line, containing stationary and permanent conductors, which receive and distribute the electric current to the motors placed under the cars and geared to the wheels or axles ; and a depending conductor which, passing through a slot in the conduit and sliding in contact with the stationary conductors, maintains unbroken connection with the source of power.

Seventh—That any person or company who shall use or operate a railroad upon the tracks, or any part of the tracks, constructed upon the route hereinabove described, under or by virtue of the consent hereby given, or the sale had in pursuance thereof, shall be subject to the same conditions, liabilities, obligations, duties and payments in respect to such use or operation by him or it, or upon such tracks as the bidder to whom the sale shall be made under this consent would be subject were such use or operation made by such bidder, and in computing any percentage upon gross receipts that may hereby become payable, the amount thereof shall be computed upon a fare of five cents as having been received as part of the gross receipts from every passenger who shall ride upon any part of the route hereinabove described, and irrespective of the fact whether such passenger enters or leaves the car at any point upon the said route, and the bidder to whom such sales shall be made shall be jointly and severally liable with any such person or company for any default in any of such conditions, liabilities, obligations, duties and payments.

Eighth—That the percentage upon gross receipts payable under the bid at such sale, shall be made annually on the first day of November for the year ending on the next preceding thirtieth day of September.

Ninth—That the said The North and East River Railway Company shall provide for the expense of publication of the aforesaid notice of sale before the said notice shall be published, and the company which, at the said sale, shall be the highest bidder, shall at the time and place of sale reimburse the said railroad company, for all expenses for printing and publishing, necessarily incurred by it upon the application and sale herein, under the provisions of said chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, and of said chapter 642 of the Laws of 1886.

Tenth—This consent is given and the said sale shall be made upon the express understanding that the conditions herein stated do not relieve the said bidder, or any person or company operating a road upon any of the tracks constructed under this consent from any conditions, obligations, liabilities, payments or duties to which they might have been liable in the absence of such conditions.

Eleventh—That if the bidder shall not furnish satisfactory security, the said Comptroller may cancel the bid and sell this consent and the license in the same manner as is provided by chapter 642 of the Laws of 1886.

Twelfth—That the said bidder shall, within thirty days after the sale at public auction, execute under its corporate seal, to be attested by its President or Treasurer, and by virtue of a resolution of its Board of Directors, an instrument in writing which shall be delivered to the Comptroller of the City of New York, and which shall contain and express the acceptance by the said bidder of this consent of the Common Council for the construction, maintenance, use and operation of the proposed railroad upon the streets and avenues above mentioned upon the terms and conditions upon which this consent is granted, and binding the said company to abide by, comply with, faithfully perform and keep the said terms and conditions.

And be it further

Resolved, That the sale at public auction of the right, franchise and privilege mentioned above shall be attended and conducted by the Comptroller of the City of New York, and shall be held at a place in the City of New York to be designated by the said Comptroller, and on the earliest practicable day to be designated by the said Comptroller, or at such time to which the same may be adjourned from the day specified in the notice so published not exceeding twice, for a period not exceeding four weeks for the aggregate, and only after notice of the time and place of sale thereof, and of the route or routes to be sold, and of the conditions upon which this consent is given, shall have been published by the said Comptroller three times a week for at least three weeks, in two daily newspapers in said city, to be designated by his Honor the Mayor of said city (and if the bidder shall not furnish satisfactory security, the said Comptroller may cancel the bid and sell this consent and the license in the same manner as is provided by chapter 642 of the Laws of 1886).

The Board then, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, as follows :

Affirmative—Vice-President Divver, Aldermen Bennett, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Hunsicker, Lang, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, Van Blaricom, and Van Rensselaer—21.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Mooney—

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board whether any other or further remuneration than that provided for in the Acts of 1884 and 1886, relative to the construction of railroads through the streets of this city, can be imposed by this Board as a condition for such consent.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman Van Rensselaer called up G. O. 635, being a report of the Committee on Law Department against the adoption of "An ordinance to define certain duties of the Inspectors and Sealers of Weights and Measures in the City of New York."

Alderman Van Rensselaer moved to amend the report, as follows:

"After the words 'but under existing law they must remain separate,' insert the following: 'If the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have acted under due authority of law in making the Inspectors and Sealers salaried officers, the Comptroller possesses ample power under the provisions of section 56 of the Consolidation Act, to require from such officers a detailed return under oath of the fees collected by them, and paid over to the Chamberlain before they shall be entitled

to receive their salaries. The objects sought in the ordinance as proposed, so far as they are desirable in the interests of the public, would thus be attained."

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said amendment.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The Vice-President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said report as amended.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Farrell moved that when this Board adjourns it do adjourn to meet again on Monday, January 3, 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Farrell moved that the Board do now adjourn.

The Vice-President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.
Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the Vice-President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Monday, January 3, 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of the transactions of the Bureau of the City Chamberlain for the week ending December 11, 1886.

Hon. WM. R. GRACE, Mayor:

SIR—In pursuance of section 165 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, I have the honor to present herewith a report to December 11, 1886, of all moneys received by me and the amount of all warrants paid by me since December 4, 1886, and the amount remaining to the credit of the City on December 11, 1886.

Very respectfully,

WM. M. IVINS, Chamberlain.

DR. THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with WM. M. IVINS, Chamberlain, during the week ending December 11, 1886. CR.

1886. Dec. 11	To	1886. Dec. 11	By	1886. Dec. 11	By
	Additional Water Fund.....	\$78,957 43		Balance.....	\$8,291,536 84
	Armory Fund.....	17,299 00		Arrears of Taxes.....	5119,461 30
	Commissioners of Excise Fund.....	390 04		Interest on Taxes.....	30,059 36
	Croton Water Fund.....	11,075 27		Fund for Street and Park Openings.....	1,650 98
	Croton Water Rent—Refunding Account.....	193 75		Street Improvement Fund, June 15, 1886.....	20,578 59
	Dock Fund.....	1,640 45		Interest on Assessments.....	4,123 11
	For Construction of Bridge over Harlem River.....	40,135 39		Gansevoort Market Fund.....	5 00
	Fund for Local Improvements.....	12,500 54		Charges on Arrears of Taxes.....	778 50
	Fund for Street and Park Openings.....	888 03		Charges on Arrears of Assessments.....	7 00
	Local Improvement Fund.....	5,313 85		Water Meter Fund No. 2.....	537 59
	Military Parade Ground Fund.....	9,207 05		Lands Purchased for Taxes and Assessments—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	18 56
	New York Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.....	410 00		Interest on Lands Purchased for Taxes and Assessments—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	26 13
	Refunding Assessments Paid in Error.....	28 45		Taxes.....	284,675 75
	Refunding Taxes Paid in Error.....	3,128 08		Interest on Taxes.....	2,068 96
	Restoring and Repaving—Department of Public Works.....	915 00		Water Meter Fund No. 2.....	99 72
	Revenue Bonds, 1886.....	300,000 00		Licenses.....	557 50
	School-house Fund.....	477 95		Dog License Fund.....	42 00
	Street Improvement Fund—June 15, 1886.....	11,099 32	\$493,642 73	Tapping Pipes.....	233 03
	Advertising.....	871 50		Restoring and Repaving—Department of Public Works.....	436 00
	Aqueduct—Repairs, Maintenance and Strengthening.....	13,898 63		Dock Fund.....	20 00
	Assessment Commission—Expenses.....	410 66		Fire Dept.—Bureau of Buildings Fund.....	328 50
	Armories and Drill Rooms—Wages.....	1,710 00		General Fund.....	245 00
	Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance.....	2,020 93		".....	124 50
	Bronx River Bridges—Repairs and Maintenance.....	6 00		Newton.....	150 95
	Boring Examinations, etc.....	349 36		Commissioners Sinking Fund.....	50,000 00
	Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning.....	25,401 08			
	Civil Service of the City of New York.....	75 00			
	College of the City of New York.....	6 50			
	Contingencies—Comptroller's Office.....	265 62			
	Contingencies—District Attorney's Office.....	132 50			
	Contingencies—Mayor's Office.....	32 00			
	Contingencies—Law Department.....	15 00			
	Coroners—Salaries and Expenses.....	738 00			
	Election Expenses.....	939 75			
	Flagging Sidewalks, etc.....	34 50			
	For Prosecuting Delinquents for Arrears of Personal Taxes.....	48 00			
	Free Floating Baths.....	40 46			
	Free Floating Baths.....	63 38			
	Fire Department Fund—Apparatus.....	6,372 43			
	Fire Department Fund—Salaries.....	56,777 43			
	Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	75 62			
	Hospital Fund—North Brother Island.....	171 84			
	Hospital Fund—North Brother Island.....	205 00			
	Hospital for the Care of Contagious Diseases.....	1,272 66			
	Iron Bridge—Fourth Avenue and Ninety-eighth Street.....	179 75			
	Interest on the City Debt—Before January, 1885.....	17 50			
	Interest on the City Debt—Before January, 1886.....	4,652 50			
	Interest on Revenue Bonds.....	2,535 62			
	Judgments.....	893 19			
	Lamps and Gas and Electric Lighting.....	547 70			
	Laying Croton Pipes.....	2,407 60			
	Metropolitan Museum of Art.....	104 00			
	Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	1,155 83			
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Supplies.....	3,557 50			
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Supplies.....	3,040 59			
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Police.....	21 25			
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Zoological Department.....	10 00			
	Department.....				
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Zoological Department.....	116 33			
	New York Juvenile Asylum.....	5,001 38			
	Printing, Stationery and Blank Books.....	773 95			
	Police Station-houses—Rents.....	150 00			
	Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs.....	950 98			
	Public Charities and Correction—Supplies.....	535 90			
	Public Charities and Correction—Supplies.....	20,801 26			
	Public Charities and Correction—Salaries.....	7,554 04			
	Public Instruction.....	30 00			
	Public Instruction.....	13,990 48			
	Repairs and Renewal of Pipes, Stop cocks, etc.....	514 75			
	Repairs and Renewal of Pavements, etc.....	19,874 48			
	Roads, Streets and Avenues—Unpaved, etc.....	1,862 05			
	Riverside Park and Avenue.....	22 40			
	Regaving Fifth Avenue.....	442 00			
	Rents and Repairs—Department of Public Parks.....	350 00			
	Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices.....	49 72			
	Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning.....	7,517 42			
	Sewers and Drains—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	60 03			
	Surveys, Maps and Plans for Street Openings.....	1,659 32			
	Surveying, Laying-out, etc.—Tax and Assessment Maps—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	1,333 26			
	Street Improvements—For Surveying, Monumenting and Numbering Streets.....	75 00			
	Salaries—Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments.....	53 33			
	Salaries—Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.....	83 33			
	Salaries—Finance Department.....	90 00			
	Salaries—Judiciary.....	1,200 33			
	Salaries—Department of Public Works.....	5,556 63			
	Salary of the Physician, County Jail.....	83 33			
	Balance.....	227,005 52			
		8,087,044 49			
		\$8,807,692 74			\$8,807,692 74

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with Wm. M. IVINS, Chamberlain, for and during the week ending December 11, 1886.

		SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE CITY DEBT.		SINKING FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE CITY DEBT.	
		Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
1886. Dec. 4	By Balance, as per last account current.....				
" 11	Assessment Fund.....	807 00			
	Street improvement Fund.....	9,094 23			
	Licenses.....	10 00			
	Market Rent and Fees.....	4,513 99			
	Street Vanls.....	2,961 27			
	Dock and Slip Rent.....	4,164 07			
	Interest on Deposits.....	538 60			
	".....	246 58			
	".....	276 79			
	".....	210 94			
	".....	147 96			
	".....	73 07			
	".....	61 75			
	".....	279 36			
	".....	977 00			
	Croton Water Rent and Penalties.....		24,466 64		
	Croton Water Arrears and Interest.....		4,990 36		
	Croton Water Arrears.....		1,923 05		
	Court Fees and Fines.....		664 00		
	".....		102 59		
	".....		20 00		
	".....		65 00		
	".....		154 50		
	".....		2,971 01		
	".....		111 50		
	".....		804 66		
	Ferry Rent.....				40,311 00
	Ground Rent.....				
	House Rent.....				
	To Sinking Fund Redemption.....				
	Balance.....				
Dec. 11, 1886.	By Balances.....			\$2,756,292 38	\$511,179 57
	E. & O. E. NEW YORK, December 11, 1886.				

WM. M. IVINS, Chamberlain.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

No. 280 BROADWAY,
TUESDAY, December 28, 1886—2 o'clock P.M.

The Commission created by chapter 530 of the Laws of 1883, to revise, vacate, or modify assessments for local improvement in the City of New York, met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz.: Commissioners Daniel Lord, Jr. (Chairman), Allan Campbell, Joseph Garry, and John W. Marshall.

The Clerk presented copies of the CITY RECORD and "Daily Register" of December 28, 1886, showing the publication of notices of the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings held on December 21 and 24, 1886, were read and approved.

The Clerk reported that he had filed in the Finance Department, on December 28, 1886, certificates reducing assessments in the cases specified in resolution adopted on December 24, 1886.

Order of Supreme Court.

The Clerk presented the following order of the Supreme Court, viz.:

At a Special Term of the Supreme Court, held at the Court-house in the City of New York, on the 28th day of December, 1886.

Present—Hon. Charles Donohue, Justice.

In the Matter of the application of Mary G. Pinkney and others, whose names appear on the schedule annexed to the moving papers herein.

Upon reading and filing the affidavit of John C. Shaw, verified the 24th day of December, 1886, and the schedule thereto annexed, the order to show cause dated the same day and returnable this morning, and after hearing John C. Shaw of counsel for the said Mary G. Pinkney and others named in said schedule, and G. L. Sterling, on behalf of the Counsel to the Corporation, it is

Ordered, That the application of the said Mary G. Pinkney and others be and the same is hereby granted, and the time of the said several parties to file notice of application for relief against the several assessments affecting the property of the same respectively for action thereon by the Commissioners appointed under chapter 530 of the Laws of 1883, and the acts amendatory thereof, be and the same is hereby extended to and including the 30th day of December, 1886, and the time of the said Commissioners to receive evidence and make decisions on said matters be and the same is hereby extended to and including the 31st day of December, 1886; said notice to be filed with the Comptroller and duplicates thereof with the Counsel to the Corporation as in said act provided; and it is further

Ordered, That nothing herein contained shall operate to extend the powers of said Commissioners beyond the 31st day of December, 1886, on which day the powers, duties and functions of the said Commissioners will expire.

(A copy.)

JAMES A. FLACK, Clerk.

On motion of Commissioner Garry, the order was directed to be entered on the minutes and placed on file.

Calendar.

No. 5387. Application of The Mutual Life Insurance Company for an award on assessment paid for One Hundred and Twenty-second street regulating, grading, etc., from Mount Morris Square to Ninth avenue; confirmed August 2, 1875.

No. 5532. Application of Adolph L. Sanger for same award.

T. H. Baldwin, Esq., counsel for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, moved for a re-argument. The motion was granted.

No. 5778. Matter of The Manhattan Hospital—Assessment for Tenth avenue regulating, grading, etc., from Manhattan street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; confirmed November 12, 1885.

On motion of James A. Deering, Esq., counsel for the petitioner, the Counsel representing the City consenting, the petition in this case was amended by striking out Ward Nos. 24 to 28, in Block 1288, and inserting in lieu thereof Ward Nos. 29 and 30, in Block 1173.

And on his motion, the Counsel representing the City consenting, the decision made by the Commissioners on May 25, 1886, reducing this assessment, was made applicable to this case.

No. 5771. Matter of Thomas Bailey—Assessment for Tenth avenue regulating, grading, etc., from Manhattan street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; confirmed November 12, 1885.

On motion of James A. Deering, Esq., counsel for the petitioner, the Counsel representing the City consenting, the petition in this case was amended by inserting lot known as Ward No. 32, in Block 1193.

And, on his motion, the Counsel representing the City consenting, the decision made by the Commissioners on May 25, 1886, reducing this assessment, was made applicable to this case.

No. 5758. Matter of John R. Brady—Same assessment.

No. 5775. Matter of Annie M. Alexander—Same assessment.

No. 5798. Matter of Mary A. Williams—Same assessment.

On motion of James A. Deering, Esq., counsel for the petitioners, the Counsel representing the City consenting, the decision made by the Commissioners on May 25, 1886, reducing this assessment, was made applicable to these cases.

No. 3621. Matter of Louisa Friand and James Britz—Assessment for Boulevard regulating, grading, etc., from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; confirmed December 29, 1876.

On motion of James A. Deering, Esq., counsel for the petitioner, the Counsel representing the City consenting, the decision made by the Commissioners on November 14, 1882, reducing this assessment, was made applicable to this case.

No. 3727. Matter of Edward Oppenheimer—Second avenue paving, from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street; confirmed August 25, 1873.

On motion of James A. Deering, Esq., counsel for the petitioner, the Counsel representing the City consenting, the decision made by the Commissioners on July 25, 1882, reducing this assessment was made applicable to this case.

Decisions.

Commissioner Campbell presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 4730. Matter of William Foulke—Assessment for Eighty-seventh street regulating, grading, etc., from First avenue to East river; confirmed July 13, 1875.

In this case the only ground upon which a reduction is asked, is inequality of distribution by the Board of Assessors. The quantities are undisputed, and the prices are admitted to be fair and reasonable.

This Commission decided early in its organization that it ought not to vacate or reduce assessments on the question of distribution solely, unless the case was clearly erroneous or unjust. It does not regard the present case as of that character, and therefore the application is denied.

The Chairman put the question whether the decision, as presented, shall stand as the decision of the Commissioners.

Which was decided in the affirmative, a majority of all the Commissioners voting in favor thereof, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, Garry, and Marshall—4.

(In explanation of his vote, Commissioner Lord said: "I concur in the opinion of Commissioner Campbell. I have been unwilling in any case so far presented to the Commission to interfere with the distribution made by the Assessors. I do not think that this case presents any substantial injustice which would require us to make any modification of the distribution of the assessment.")

Commissioner Campbell presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 3813. Matter of William Mackellar—Assessment for One Hundred and Seventeenth street paving, from Fourth avenue to Harlem river; confirmed March 26, 1874.

The contract for this work was made after public advertisement on November 30, 1869, completed September 17, 1870, and the assessment confirmed March 26, 1874.

The quantities advertised to be done, and by which the contract was awarded, were 12,000 square yards pavement, 250 square feet new bridge stone and 3,726 square feet old bridge stone reset.

The quantities actually done, and on which the assessment is based, are 11,427 square yards pavement, 1,660 square feet new bridge stone, and 1,395 square feet old bridge stone reset.

A reduction is asked for the reason that the bid of the successful bidder was unbalanced, being three dollars per square foot for new bridge stone, for which a fair price would be about ninety cents.

Upon an examination of the case, however, it appears that substantial injustice has not been done to the petitioner or other property owners by the amount assessed.

The total cost of work done by contractor at his prices was..... \$44,751 60

Surveying and inspection..... 1,419 13

Amount assessed..... \$46,170 73

At the prices of the next lowest bid, which was a balanced one, the total cost would have been, including surveying and inspectors' fees, \$45,416 23, or only about one and a half per cent. less than the assessment. If we discard the accepted and unbalanced bid altogether, and compute all the items at fair prices, the result will be as follows:

11,427 square yards of pavement, at \$3.65 per square yard (that being the price adopted by this Commission for a stone block pavement laid in 1871, in matter of Bacon). \$41,708 55

1,660 square feet new bridge stone, at 90 cents..... 1,494 00

1,395 square feet old bridge stone reset, at 20 cents..... 279 00

Surveying and inspection..... 1,419 13

Amount of assessment imposed..... \$44,900 68

Difference..... \$1,270 05

—or less than three per cent. below assessment. Even upon the petitioner's own showing the reduction could not exceed five and one-fourth per cent., a rate much below any which the Commission has considered as substantial injustice, while the accrued interest under the law upon this assessment is very large.

The application for reduction in this case is denied.

The Chairman put the question whether the decision as presented shall stand as the decision of the Commissioners.

Which was decided in the affirmative, a majority of all the Commissioners voting in favor thereof, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, Garry, and Marshall—4.

(In explanation of his vote, Commissioner Lord said: "I consider that the questions arising in this case are governed by the decision of the Commission in the matter of Jessup.")

Commissioner Lord presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 5565. Matter of James Cassidy—Assessment for St. Nicholas avenue sewer, between One Hundred and Twenty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-second streets; confirmed December 11, 1885.

No. 5569. Matter of The United States Trust Co.—Assessment for St. Nicholas avenue sewer, between One Hundred and Thirty-second and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets; confirmed December 11, 1885.

After the conclusion of these two cases, a day was fixed by the Commission on which they were to be summed up.

The Counsel representing the City was ready on that day, but in consequence of the absence of counsel for the petitioner, the matter was adjourned to the subsequent meeting, at which the petitioner's counsel was again absent, and by instructions of the Commission, the Counsel for the City summed up the cases.

At a subsequent meeting the petitioner's counsel explained his absence on the various days, made a motion for leave to withdraw the petitions, and set down the proceedings before this tribunal. This motion was opposed by the City.

We are of opinion that the motion should not be granted. The petitioners have voluntarily come into the jurisdiction of this Court. Considerable proof has been offered on their behalf and on behalf of the City. The cases were closed on both sides, and an opportunity given to sum them up.

It seems to us that the application now is too late. The case is very different from the plaintiff in a civil action, submitting to a non-suit, or being allowed to withdraw a juror. The case is now virtually in the hands of the jury for decision, and however meritorious the excuses for the absence of the counsel for the petitioner on the final hearing, we think that the City has acquired certain rights which ought not to be taken away from it by allowing the withdrawal of the cases. We do not undertake to pass in any way on the question of what rights the City has acquired by trying its case here, but only as a right to take advantage of it.

The applications for leave to withdraw should be denied.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, Garry, and Marshall—4.

Motions.

On motion of Commissioner Marshall, the seventh rule, relating to meetings of the Commission, was suspended, and, on his motion, it was
Resolved, That when the Commission adjourns, it do so to meet on Wednesday, December 29, 1886, at two o'clock, p. m.

On motion of Commissioner Campbell, the Commission adjourned.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.

No. 280 BROADWAY,
WEDNESDAY, December 29, 1886—2 o'clock p. m.

The Commission created by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, to revise, vacate, or modify assessments for local improvements in the City of New York, met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz.: Commissioners Daniel Lord, Jr. (Chairman), Allan Campbell, Joseph Garry, and John W. Marshall.

On motion of Commissioner Garry, the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on December 28, 1886, were read and approved.

Orders of the Supreme Court.

The Clerk presented the following orders of the Supreme Court, viz.:

At a Special Term of the Supreme Court, held at the County Court-house, New York City, on the 29th day of December, 1886.

Present—Hon. Charles Donohue, Justice.

In the Matter of the petition of Salome Loew to vacate assessments for Eighth avenue paving, etc., and Ninth avenue regulating, etc.

Upon reading and filing an affidavit of Alexander B. Johnson, and on motion of the same, and on all the proceedings herein, it is

Ordered, That the time for Salome Loew to file petitions before the Assessment Commission as against an assessment affecting her property for Eighth avenue paving, Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets, and Ninth avenue regulating, Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Tenth streets, be and the same is hereby extended to and including the 30th day of December, 1886, and the Commission is hereby authorized to take proof of the same and decide thereon, the same as if such petitions had been served and filed within the time permitted by the act creating the Commission, and the acts supplementary thereto; and it is further

Ordered, That nothing herein contained shall operate to extend the powers of said Commissioners beyond the 31st day of December, 1886, on which day the powers, duties and functions of said Commissioners will expire.

(A copy)

JAMES A. FLACK, Clerk.

At a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held at Chambers thereof, in the City Hall at the City of New York, on the 29th day of December, 1886.

Present—Hon. Charles Donohue, Justice.

In the Matter of the application of James A. Deering and others, for an extension of time for the Commissioners appointed by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, to complete proceedings in relation to certain assessments;

On reading and filing the order to show cause made herein on the 29th day of December, 1886, and the affidavit of James A. Deering, verified December 29, 1886, and the motion arising upon the said order to show cause having come on to be heard, and after hearing James A. Deering in favor thereof, and E. Henry Lacombe, in relation thereto, it is

Ordered, That the time of the said James A. Deering, the Petitioner, and of the other petitioners named in the schedule hereto annexed, to institute proceedings before Commissioners appointed by chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, and the acts in addition thereto and amendatory thereof, for filing the notices provided for in said act, be and the same is hereby extended to the 31st day of December, 1886, and the time of the said Commissioners to take proof in support of said objection and in relation to said assessment, and to make a decision thereon, be and the same is hereby extended to the 31st day of December, 1886.

It is further ordered, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as extending the time of the said Commissioners to take testimony, or make a decision in respect to any assessment, beyond the 31st day of December, 1886.

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JAMES A. FLACK, Clerk.

On motion of Commissioner Marshall, the orders were directed to be entered on the minutes, and placed on file.

Calendar.

No. 5825. Matter of Salome Loew—Assessment for Eighth avenue paving, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street; confirmed May 22, 1877.

A. B. Johnson, Esq., attorney, on behalf of the petitioner, moved that the decision made by the Commissioners on February 13, 1883, reducing this assessment, be made applicable to this case.

After hearing the Counsel representing the City in opposition, decision on the motion was reserved.

No. 5826. Matter of Salome Loew—Assessment for Ninth avenue regulating, grading, etc., from Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Tenth street; confirmed June 1, 1876.

A. B. Johnson, Esq., attorney, on behalf of the petitioner, moved that the decision made by the Commissioners on March 27, 1884, reducing this assessment, be made applicable to this case.

After hearing the Counsel representing the City in opposition, decision on the motion was reserved.

No. 5387. Application of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, for an award on assessment paid for One Hundred and Twenty-second street regulating, grading, etc., from Mount Morris square to Ninth avenue; confirmed August 2, 1875.

The Commissioners heard a re-argument of this matter by T. H. Baldwin, Esq., attorney, on behalf of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and M. S. Isaacs, Esq., attorney for Adolph L. Sanger, after which decision was reserved.

No. 5508. Matter of Herman Liebman—Assessment for Tenth avenue regulating, grading, etc., from Manhattan street to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; confirmed November 12, 1885.

On motion of T. H. Baldwin, Esq., attorney, for the petitioner, the counsel representing the City consenting, the petition in this case was amended by striking out "Block 1193," and inserting in lieu thereof "Block 1192."

And on his motion, the Counsel representing the City consenting, the decision made by the Commissioners on May 25, 1886, reducing this assessment, was made applicable to this case.

No. 5812. Application of Mary Cavanagh, for an award on assessment paid for Boulevard regulating, grading, etc., from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; confirmed December 29, 1876.

T. H. Baldwin, Esq., attorney, on behalf of the petitioner, moved that a certificate of award issue in this case to "the legal representatives of James Gallagher, deceased."

After hearing the Counsel representing the City in opposition, decision on the motion was reserved.

No. 2016. Matter of Edward J. Bergh—Assessment for St. Nicholas avenue regulating, grading, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; confirmed February 3, 1876.

On motion of James A. Deering, Esq., counsel for the petitioner, the Clerk was directed to return to the Finance Department the certificate reducing the assessment in this case, returned by the Comptroller on December 18, 1885.

Decisions.

Commissioner Lord presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 5505. Matter of James Cassidy—Assessment for St. Nicholas avenue sewer, from One Hundred and Twenty-fourth to One Hundred and Thirty-second street; confirmed December 11, 1885.

No. 5506. Matter of the United States Trust Company—Assessment for St. Nicholas avenue sewer, from One Hundred and Thirty-second to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; confirmed December 11, 1885.

We have carefully examined the evidence in these cases, and the argument of the Counsel representing the City.

It is evident to us that substantial injustice was done the petitioners in these cases, and we have adopted as a measure of relief which should be granted to them, the amount admitted by the Counsel representing the City, namely, sixty-four per cent. in the Cassidy case, and forty-seven per cent. in the case of The United States Trust Company, which includes the reduction of portion of the Comptroller's certificate for interest, the interest being based on the fair value of the work as found by us. The assessment on the petitioner's lots will be reduced accordingly.

The Chairman put the question whether the decision, as presented, shall stand as the decision of the Commissioners.

Which was decided in the affirmative, a majority of all the Commissioners voting in favor thereof, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, Garry, and Marshall—4.

Commissioner Marshall presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 5387. Application of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, for an award on assessment paid for One Hundred and Twenty-second street regulating, grading, etc., from Mount Morris square to Ninth avenue; confirmed August 2, 1875.

No. 5552. Application of Adolph L. Sanger, for same award.

The practical effect of the payment of \$5,000 by Sanger to the Mutual Life was that the latter should receive and apply the money toward the payment of certain taxes and assessments, among which was included the assessment upon which an award is now sought. We do not think that the case of Caffrey and Austin is a case in point.

The original decision of the Commission is re-affirmed.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, Garry, and Marshall—4.

Commissioner Lord presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 5812. Application of Mary Cavanagh for an award on assessment paid for Boulevard regulating, grading, etc., from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; confirmed December 29, 1876.

In this matter the papers before us show that the assessment was paid by James Gallagher, father of the petitioner, by whom the proof of payment is made. The tenth section of the act, chapter 550, Laws of 1880, requires us to award to the person by whom the payment was made, his legal representatives or assigns, the amount of the reduction made on an assessment.

It would seem to be an act of justice to make the award in this case, which, in our opinion, should be made, to "James Gallagher, his legal representatives or assigns," and a certificate will so issue.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, Garry, and Marshall—4.

Commissioner Lord presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 101. Matter of Julius Beer—Assessment for Sixty-eighth street regulating, grading, etc., from Eighth avenue to Hudson river; confirmed September 25, 1874.

The arguments of the petitioner's counsel are both ingenious and novel, and were presented with great care and elaboration. I am opposed, except in the most extreme cases, to interfering with the distribution made by the Board of Assessors. I do not think that this case comes within this exception. There might undoubtedly be cases where it would be proper for us, acting in furtherance of substantial justice, to correct an erroneous distribution. But I fail to see in the present case that any such necessity exists.

The application should be denied.

The Chairman put the question whether the decision as presented shall stand as the decision of the Commissioners.

Which was decided in the affirmative, a majority of all the Commissioners voting in favor thereof, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, Garry, and Marshall—4.

(In explanation of his vote, Commissioner Campbell said: "I have examined this case very carefully, and I fully concur in the decision proposed by the Chairman.")

Commissioner Lord presented the following decision, viz.:

No. 3723. Matter of Maria N. Littlefield—Assessment for Madison avenue regulating, grading, etc., from One Hundred and Fifth to One Hundred and Twentieth street; confirmed September 22, 1875.

This again is a case of distribution, which does not, we think, come within the exception which would authorize us to disturb the acts of the Assessors. The petitioner's lots fronted on the avenue and hence were able to bear the full amount, which should be assessed upon them in proportion to the work done. The lots on the opposite corner, however, fronted on the street, the side of the corner lot being on the avenue. Mr. Jasper's testimony was direct on the point, that in the case of the petitioner's lots, the rule subsequently adopted by the Assessors would not apply, that rule being adopted only in cases where the side of the lot was on the avenue. In the matter of Smith, the Commission has already recognized the correctness of this view, and has refused to reduce an assessment for Church street paving where the side of the lot was on the line of the improvement with a very small frontage on the street (page 223 of Minutes).

We are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner should be denied.

The Chairman put the question whether the decision as presented shall stand as the decision of the Commissioners.

Which was decided in the affirmative, a majority of all the Commissioners voting in favor thereof, viz.:

Affirmative—Commissioners Lord, Campbell, Garry, and Marshall—4.

Bills.

The following bills, were, on motion of Commissioner Lord, approved, and ordered to be transmitted to the Finance Department for payment, viz.:

Henry Hilton, \$200, for rent of room in building No. 280 Broadway, from November 1 to December 31, 1886.

Maverick and Wissinger, \$4.80, for printing notices, etc.

James J. Martin, \$90.95, for contingent expenses of the Assessment Commission, from October 4, 1885, to December 29, 1886.

Motions.

On motion of Commissioner Garry, the seventh rule, relating to meetings of the Commission, was suspended, and, on his motion, it was

Resolved, That when the Commission adjourns, it do so to meet on Thursday, December 30, 1886, at two o'clock p. m.

On motion of Commissioner Marshall, the Commission adjourned.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 24, 1886.

Present—Commissioners Stark, Matthews, and Koch.

The minutes of the meeting held December 22, 1886, were read and approved.

The Board then went into Executive Session.

The application of John Cunningham for permission to erect a portable hoisting-mast on bulkhead between Piers 47 and 48, East river, was,

On motion, denied.

A communication from James J. Coogan, in reference to the bulkhead between One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth streets, Harlem river, was referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report.

A communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, reporting the suspension of Watchman Patrick Maguire, for being found asleep while on duty, and recommending that he be discharged from the service of the Department, was,

On motion, ordered to be placed on file, the action of the Engineer-in-Chief approved, and said Watchman discharged.

A communication from the Pilot Commissioners, respecting refuse thrown in the slip between Piers 46 and 47, East river, was,

On motion, ordered to be placed on file.

Resolved, That the President was authorized to advise the Civil Service Supervisory and Examining Board that this Department desires the service of a Draughtsman, and request them to transmit the names of persons eligible for said position.

On motion, James McCaffrey, Alexander Aikman and Thomas Cody were appointed Laborers.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

B. W. ELLISON, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 27, 1886.

Present—The full Board and a representative of the Comptroller.

The Board met for the purpose of approving the plans for the improvement of the water-front from East Twenty-fourth to East Twenty-eighth street, East river, and for opening the bids advertised to be opened this day.

A communication from the Engineer-in-Chief submitting plans for the improvement of the East River water-front, from East Twenty-fourth to East Twenty-eighth street, was received, read, and,

On motion, ordered to be placed on file, and the following resolution, offered by Commissioner Matthews, was adopted:

Resolved, That the plan or plans submitted by the Engineer-in-Chief, dated December 27, 1886, for the improvement of that portion of the water-front of the City of New York on the westerly side of the East river, between the southerly side of East Twenty-fourth street and the northerly side of East Twenty-eighth street, has been determined upon and approved by this Board, and that this Board hereby request the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to adopt, approve and certify the same in accordance with law.

Five estimates were received for repairing the bulkhead between Piers 18 and 19, East river, as follows:

No.	Name.	Amount.
1.	John Gillies, accompanied by \$20 in money	\$3,500 00
2.	Barth. Cronin, accompanied by \$20 in money	3,000 00
3.	James D. Leary, accompanied by \$20 in money	2,300 00
4.	Joseph Walsh, accompanied by \$20 in money	2,500 00
5.	Fearon & Jenks, accompanied by \$20 in money	2,100 00

Four estimates were received for dredging between West Thirteenth street and West Twenty-second street, and at Pier foot of West Fifty-seventh street, North river, as follows:

No.	Name.	Amount.
1.	W. N. Tebo, accompanied by \$800 in check.	22 cents per cubic yard.
2.	P. Sandford Ross, accompanied by \$800 in check.	21 "
3.	Union Dredging Co., accompanied by \$800 in money.	20 "
4.	Atlantic Dredging Co., accompanied by \$800 in money.	24 "

Six estimates were received for repairing the Pier at West One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, as follows:

No.	Name.	Amount.
1.	John Gillies, accompanied by \$65 in money.	\$8,500 00
2.	Barth Cronin, accompanied by \$65 in money.	7,400 00
3.	James D. Leary, accompanied by \$65 in money.	8,940 00
4.	Joseph Walsh, accompanied by \$65 in money.	8,200 00
5.	John Kelly, accompanied by \$65 in money.	5,889 00
6.	John Dunn, accompanied by \$65 in money.	5,800 00

On motion, the bids received were laid over for examination, and the President authorized to transmit to the Comptroller the security deposits made by the bidders and accompanying their respective estimates.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the contracts opened this day for repairing the bulkhead between Piers 18 and 19, East river, be awarded to Fearon & Jenks; for repairing the Pier at West One Hundred and Fifty-second street, North river, be awarded to John Dunn, and for dredging between West Thirtieth and West Twenty-second streets and Pier at West Fifty-seventh street, North river, be awarded to the Union Dredging Company, they being the lowest bidders therefor, upon the approval of the sureties thereto by the Comptroller of the City.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

B. W. ELLISON, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 28th day of December, 1886.

Present—Commissioners French, Porter, McClave, and Voorhis.

Report of the Captains of Precincts on efficiency of Roundsmen, was referred to the Superintendent for report.

Report of the Superintendent, enclosing \$25 fees for mask ball permits, was referred to the Treasurer to pay over to the Pension Fund.

Mask Ball Permits Granted.

J. M. Jacobs, at Irving Hall, January 6. Fee, \$25.

Francis Ruppert, at Tammany Hall, January 15. Fee, \$25.

Application of Patrolman Edward J. Costa, Twenty-first Precinct, for permission to take balance of regular vacation, was granted.

Application of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., for approval of uniform to be worn by Special Patrolmen in their employ, was referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communication from Charles F. Lundy & Co., proposing to furnish brooms, was referred to the Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

Communication from Samuel Bowne, relative to sidewalk obstructions, was referred to the Chief Clerk to answer.

Communication from E. Kilpatrick, enclosing check for \$25 to purchase a medal to be given to Patrolman John Breen, Second Precinct, for services rendered, was referred to the Superintendent for report.

Retired Officers.

Sergeant James B. Wilson, Ninth Precinct, \$800 per year—all aye.

Patrolman George W. D. Reunie, Twenty-third Precinct, \$600 per year—all aye.

Appointments—Patrolmen.

Precinct.	Name.	Precinct.
4	James P. Murphy	21
12	Cornelius Karrigan	28
13	James A. McCormick	29
15	Edward Werner	30
15		
15		

Employed on Probation.

Richard D. Somerindyke.

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to transfer the following officers if the request therefor be mutual:

Patrolman John McLaughlin, from Thirty-second Precinct to Eighth Precinct.

" Kelly, from Eighth Precinct to Thirty-second Precinct.

Transfers, etc.

Sergeant Theron T. Thompson, from Thirteenth Precinct to Nineteenth Precinct.

Henry K. Woodruff, from Nineteenth Precinct to Thirtieth Precinct.

Patrolman Edward Armstrong, from Steamboat Squad to Fifteenth Precinct.

John Harold, from Steamboat Squad to Eighth Precinct.

Roundsman Alexander Graham, from House Detention to Precinct duty.

Patrolman James McAdam, from House Detention to Precinct duty.

Michael Larkin, from House Detention to Precinct duty.

Resolved, That John J. Murtha be granted a re-examination by the Surgeons.

Resolved, That the Board of Surgeons be directed to examine Doorman Michael McGrath, Thirty-fourth Precinct, and report as to his physical condition with a view to retirement.

Resolved, That the Committee of Surgeons be directed to examine the following applicants for appointment as Patrolmen:

Thomas J. McGowan.

John McHale.

Charles McGovern.

Frederick A. Bergmann.

William Drennan.

Pistol Permit Revoked.

No. 1824. George Floyd, on report of Captain Webb, Fourth Precinct.

Resolved, That the pay-rolls of the Police Department and force and of the Central Department for the month of December, 1886, when properly audited and approved, be and are hereby ordered to be paid by the Treasurer—all aye.

On recommendation of the Committee on Repairs and Supplies, it was

Resolved, That the following bills be approved and the Treasurer authorized to pay the same—all aye:

Martin B. Brown, books	\$14 00	Hugh Martin, painting	\$150 30
" " "	13 50	J. L. Mott Iron Works, stoves, cast-ings, etc.	623 38
" " "	15 00	Moore & Co., printing	9 00
" " "	6 00	J. J. Murray, veterinary services	10 00
" " "	5 25	William Murray, expenses	30 00
" " printing	66 40	James Neely, rent	46 00
" " "	71 50	" " "	46 00
" " "	42 50	Hugh Nesbitt, painting	705 00
" " stationery	33 25	" " "	10 00
" " "	10 00	" " "	225 00
" " "	9 10	Richard O'Connor, detective expenses	101 00
Cassidy & Son, gas-fitting	15 52	Patterson Brothers, lanterns	4 00
" " "	34 05	Pearce & Jones, telegraph wire	36 75
Clark & Wilkins, wood	10 00	" " repairing instruments	30 33
Colwell Lead Co., plumbing materials	64 76	Pollock & Van Wageningen, oil, etc.	23 10
John Dalley, lumber	96 62	J. E. Quackenbush & Son, speaking tube	10 00
James Doyle, expenses	10 80	H. M. Smith & Son, repairs	71 98
T. C. Dunham, glass	31 60	T. & W. Thorn & Co., horsefeed	193 87
" " paints	28 35	C. M. Ward, desk	89 50
Frazee & Co., horsefeed	237 98	Winant & Terhune, coal	135 00
" " "	224 96	George W. Winant, " contract	6,560 00
" " "	201 93		
Fr k A. Hall, iron bedsteads	31 80		
Isaa A. Hopper, repairs	63 25		
" " "	336 25		
John J. McNally, expenses	10 90		

Judgments—Complaints Dismissed.

Precinct.		Precinct.
Sergeant Theron T. Thompson.....	13	Patrolman John Brady..... 18

Report of the Treasurer's Bookkeeper, in reply to a report of the Commissioners of Accounts in regard to the Police Pension Fund, was ordered to be entered in the minutes (as follows) and published in the CITY RECORD:

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
November 15, 1886.

To the Board of Police:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Police held on the 26th day of October last, the letter received from J. B. Adamson, Commissioner of Accounts, and accompanying said letter, a report made by Mr. J. A. Taylor, Clerk in the office of said Commissioner, which refers to an examination of the Police Pension Fund, covering the years 1883, 1884 and 1885. These documents at said meeting were referred to the Treasurer's Bookkeeper for report.

In reply to said letter and the report of Mr. Taylor, I observe in the first sentence of his report these words: "being thorough in every detail;" which words mean, being correct in every respect. I have analyzed said report, and will be able to show, before I arrive at the end of my journey, that it is not what he claims it to be.

It is true, as Mr. Taylor says in his report, discrepancies do exist between the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund and the books of the Treasurer; and he states, according to his view, the reasons why the various discrepancies exist. Mr. Taylor does not find fault with the minutes of the Board of Police, he is careful to make the distinction as to the suggestion in his report that the minutes of the Pension Fund be kept in the Treasurer's office, I leave with the Board of Trustees to decide.

The system of paying pensions on a power of attorney, Mr. Taylor says, is liable to abuse, and thinks it would be a better guarantee to require a new power of attorney for each payment. In reply to this, beg to say, show me a system devised by man, no matter how good, it can be abused. The many years I have been connected with the financial affairs of this department, there has never occurred the first case of abuse by those holding a power of attorney; as a rule those holding a power of attorney, the person is a member of the family. Well, now state where the system has been abused, it is all on the widow side of the fence.

Two cases of recent date have been brought to my notice: two widows, who have always presented themselves in person to collect the quarterly pension, who have deliberately sworn and signed an affidavit to this effect: that she remains at the date hereof, as at the time her name was placed on the Pension roll of the Police Life Insurance Fund or the Police Pension Fund, the widow of —, who was a policeman in the — Precinct of the City of New York, and has not since been married. It is now almost one year ago an officer was detailed to this office for the purpose of investigating the social condition of the widows and those holding a power of attorney; all were found to be in a healthy condition.

Statement "A"—Attention is directed to the errors enumerated in said statement, which Mr. Taylor says are due, not only to careless calculation, but to the erratic way in which the calculations were made; that is, no settled basis was adopted.

It is true that no settled basis of calculation has been adopted. In the year 1882 (think it was) Mr. John W. Barrow, deceased, who was at that time one of the Commissioners of Accounts, questioned me upon this very subject; explained to him my method of calculation; he made no comments. I must frankly admit the method suggested by taking the actual number of days in each quarter the most satisfactory way of making the calculation. An illustration of the errors incidental to an irregular method of calculation is given:

Check No. 16871 is mentioned by Mr. Taylor.

Mary A. Doyle pensioned November 29, 1885, on \$300 per annum.

Example of the two systems:

Taylor's system, \$75.00 per quarter.

32

15000

22500

92)240000(26.08

184

560

552

800

736

64

My system, $\frac{1}{4}$ of \$300 per annum \$0 82

For month of December 25 00

\$25 82

Mrs. Doyle was paid \$25.82 according to my system, according to the other system Mrs. Doyle would be entitled to receive twenty-six cents more.

My eyes have just dropped upon the name of James A. McPherson, check, No. 13414. McPherson was retired March 9, 1880, on \$500 per annum, died April 11, 1884.

I again submit Mr. Taylor's system, $\frac{1}{4}$ of \$125 per quarter.

125.00

11

12500

12500

91)137500(15.11

91

465

455

100

91

90

McPherson was paid \$15.27

Overpaid according to report of Mr. Taylor 16 cents.

I now submit my calculations upon his system of calculation—take notice, 1880 was leap year.

Retired March 9, 1880, first quarter of the year contains ninety-one days.

12500

22

25000

25000

91)275000(30.21

273

200

182

180

McPherson was paid \$30.05

underpaid 16 cents.

Mr. Taylor says in his report to his superior officer, that he has examined the accounts of 1883, 1884 and 1885 only. If his system is to be applied to those three years only, of course he must make many differences. I submit that it is unfair. In case of death, as in the case of McPherson, the date of retirement should be considered as well. This has not been done in the McPherson case. This is one of the many enumerated in Statement "A" by Mr. Taylor.

McPherson, after his retirement, called to get his check; he found no fault being underpaid; he departed four years ago from this and fled to some other world, where, it is difficult to say. He has never appeared in spirit to claim the underpayment or to return the overpayment, he no doubt was well satisfied with the treatment he received; he knew his account was evenly balanced, and I hope he found his account evenly balanced in the other world.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that the pensioners named therein were paid at the increased rate for the whole quarter ending June 30, 1885, whereas, according to the resolution as copied in the statement, the increased rate could not take effect until June 23, 1885.

Meeting of the Board of Police, June 23, 1885:

Resolved, That the pensions of the following-named pensioners be and are hereby increased as respectively designated, from and after April 1, 1885, provided they file releases of all demands and claims against the Police Department and Police Pension Fund. Fifty-six names are appended to this resolution. The name of Maurice Stack is included in the list. When Stack came for his check on or after the 2d day of July, 1885, he refused to comply with the terms of said resolution, hence he was not, and has not been, paid at the increased rate.

Statement "C."—I quote from report. The errors will be found to be similar to those in

Statement "B"—that is, pensioners were paid at the readjusted rate for the whole quarter ending December 31, 1885, whereas, according to the resolution, the readjusted rate did not go into effect until October 13, 1885, the date of the resolution.

I now direct your attention to the fact that the pensioners covered by the resolution of the Board of Police October 13, 1885, were paid from July 1, 1885, to December 31, 1885, at the readjusted rate; they were paid for two quarters and not for one, as shown in Statement "C," by Mr. Taylor.

I submit a copy of the resolution of the Board of Police:

Resolved, That pursuant to authority of chapter 180, Laws of 1884, the pensions of the following pensioners be and are hereby readjusted, equalized and fixed at the sums per annum, respectively, designated:

William E. Brush, Sergeant.....	16 years on force, pension to be \$640 00	
William Delamater, ".....	" " " " 600 00	
William W. Dilks, ".....	" " " " 600 00	
Edgar Davis, ".....	" " " " 680 00	
Henry Horr, Patrolman.....	17 " " " " 480 00	
Thomas Murray, Patrolman.....	8 " " " " 300 00	
William McClary, Captain.....	14 " " " " 700 00	
John Nelson, Patrolman.....	15 " " " " 450 00	
Levi W. Pierce, ".....	11 " " " " 330 00	
Joseph H. Petty, Captain.....	14 " " " " 700 00	
Abraham Stran, Patrolman.....	13 " " " " 390 00	
John E. Sparrow, ".....	17 " " " " 510 00	
James Todd, Captain.....	14 " " " " 800 00	
Francis S. Wemyss, Sergeant.....	15 " " " " 600 00	
* Arthur B. Simonson, Patrolman.....	3 " " " " 400 00	
* Jasper G. Terry ".....	2 " " " " 600 00	

* Incapacitated while on duty.

Shortly after the 1st of July, 1885, I was requested to make a list of all pensioners whose pensions were increased under the resolution of the Board at a meeting held 23d day of June, 1885, stating the number of years' service on the force and the pro rata sum each was entitled to receive; the above list was the result. Was informed that a resolution would be introduced adopting the schedule, and the reduced rate to begin July 1, 1885. It appears the resolution was not introduced until October 13, 1885. As the resolution stands in the minute-book of the Board of Police, and is to stand as introduced October 13, 1885, the above list of pensioners are entitled to receive the increased rate from July 1, 1885, to the 12th day of October (inclusive), 1885, except the following: William W. Dilks, William Delamater, Edgar Davis and John W. Williams, who were paid at the increased rate in pursuance of an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, upon the ground of having performed service prior to the year 1857.

The following will be the amounts that will be due and payable from the 1st day of July (inclusive) to the 12th day of October (inclusive), 1885:

	ORIGINAL PENSION.	INCREASED TO—	READJUSTED TO—	DIFFERENCE.	
William E. Brush.....	\$300 00	\$800 00	\$640 00	\$460 00	\$43 22
Henry Horr.....	200 00	650 00	480 00	120 00	33 97
Thomas Murray.....	300 00	600 00	300 00	300 00	84 78
William McClary.....	500 00	1,000 00	700 00	300 00	84 78
John Nelson.....	250 00	600 00	450 00	150 00	47 39
Joseph H. Petty.....	500 00	1,000 00	700 00	300 00	84 78
Levi W. Pierce.....	300 00	600 00	330 00	270 00	76 30
Arthur B. Simonson.....	250 00	600 00	400 00	200 00	56 58
John E. Sparrow.....	400 00	600 00	510 00	90 00	25 43
Abraham Stran.....	300 00	600 00	390 00	210 00	59 34
James Todd.....	800 00	1,000 00	800 00	200 00	56 58
Francis S. Wemyss.....	200 00	600 00	600 00	200 00	56 58
					\$706 49

Mr. Taylor, please note the name of William McClary is missing in your list; see Statement "C."

Statement "D."—In the case of Caroline Banta, the minutes of the Board of Police were corrected by the Chief Clerk before the report of the Commissioners of Accounts was received.

Statement "E."—Dyruiff was pensioned by the Board of Police, and was so entered at \$456 per annum.

Statement "F."—The Banta calculation was made by me for 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ of \$16.88 per month. Chulkowski is recorded in the book as died May 29, 1884; in this case calculation made for 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ of \$25 per month; in both cases, upon this system, the calculations are correct.

Statement "G."—The case of these widows showing difference in dates as to the time when pension should commence.

There are documents on file in this office showing that Jennie Hinds was pensioned by the Board December 15, 1883, to take effect from date of her husband's death, September 2, 1883.

Ellen O'Hara was pensioned by the Board September 19, 1884, to take effect from August 4, 1884, and Margaret Rogers, pensioned from March 19, 1885.

Statement "H."—Refers to two men who have been paid pensions while there is no resolution authorizing the same. I find upon investigation the two names alluded to recorded in the minutes of the Board of Police, being retired per dates as recorded in said statement.

Statement "I."—There is a resolution of the Board of Police, September 30, 1885, suspending payment of pension to Charity Tompkins and to all widows of pensioners who were not members of the force prior to June 4, 1878, be and is hereby rescinded.

The resolution was improperly worded. The husband of Charity Tompkins and Caroline Banta were members of the force prior to June 7, 1878. The resolution of the Board, October 13, 1885, was also improperly worded. If the resolution holds good to cover the case of Charity Tompkins, it certainly covers the case of Caroline Banta.

Statement "J."—The minutes of the Board of Police show that a pension was awarded to Mary Slater, widow of Lemuel S. Slater (pensioner), from April 27, 1884.

Recapitulation.

Statement "A."—The overpayments as shown by report of Mr. Taylor amounts to.....	\$144 82
Less correction made July 1 last.....	\$37 61
Less amount entered opposite the name of John Kirdan; the amount was not paid but placed to the credit of the account.....	9 76
	47 37
Total overpayments.....	\$97 45
The underpayments as shown by said report amount to.....	102 40
Difference in favor of the fund.....	\$4 95

Statement "B."—Report of Mr. Taylor shows the overpayment for quarter ending June 30, 1885, to be \$2,375.26.

A myth, as shown by a copy of the resolution of the Board of Police June 23, 1885.

Statement "C."—Report of Mr. Taylor shows the total amount of the underpayment to be \$73.30.

My account under Statement "C" shows the underpayments to be (if the Board of Police allow the resolution to stand dated October 13, 1885, the date of its introduction) \$706.49.

Statements "D," "E," "F," "G," "H," "I" and "J."—It is not necessary for me to recapitulate; all are fully explained in my report.

Chapter 180 of the Laws of 1884 delegates to the Board of Police the power to retire a policeman, also the power to pension the widows of deceased policemen. There is no authority of law that requires the Chief Clerk to enter the proceedings of the Board of Police in a book other than the book of minutes of the Board of Police. If the Trustees of the Pension Fund hold a meeting, then it is necessary only for the transaction of financial business.

I understand it is the desire of the Trustees of the Police Pension Fund and the Chief Clerk of this Department that the minutes of the Trustees shall be kept in the Treasury Department. If this is their desire, the following resolution must be passed by the Trustees:

Resolved, That George P. Gott, in pursuance of chapter 180, Laws of 1884, be and is hereby appointed Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund.

It was not my intention when that voluminous report was sent to me for report to have made any extended remarks. When I found that it was published in the CITY RECORD Friday last,

I thought I would (to use the language of a miner) prospect a little, satisfy myself if it was what the author claimed correct in every respect. I leave it for you to judge. The suggestion, the system of making the calculations, I approve, and would advise that it be adopted, carried into effect, to continue in force until otherwise ordered by the unknown.

I have one request to make, that is, that this report be published in the CITY RECORD. I would not ask this, but the Commissioners of Accounts have seen fit to publish Mr. Taylor's; hence, I think, I have a right to make and ask its publication.

Respectfully,

GEORGE P. GOTT, Treasurer's Bookkeeper.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their Office, No. 209 Stewart Building, Wednesday, December 22, 1886, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Spencer, Dowd, the Commissioner of Public Works, and Commissioners Baldwin, Barnes, Ridgway and Fish.

Also, Chief Engineer Church, and Chief Engineer Birdsell of the Department of Public Works.

The minutes of the stated meeting of the 15th instant were read, amended and approved. The Committee of Finance and Audit reported their examination and audit of Bills contained in Vouchers Nos. 2256 to 2270 inclusive, and on motion of Commissioner Dowd the same were approved and ordered certified to the Comptroller for payment.

The Special Committee appointed on December 15, to confer with the Civil Service Supervisory Board, made the following report, out of its regular order:

The Committee appointed on December 15, to confer with the Civil Service Supervisory Board in regard to the proposed Civil Service examinations for chainmen, desire to report.

That they and Chief Engineer Church held a meeting at the Mayor's Office on December 18, with the Civil Service Supervisory Board, and after a friendly and free interchange of views it was the opinion of all present that the position of Chairman, under the Aqueduct Commissioners, was not of a high order, and the duties quite similar to those performed by Axemen in the Department of Public Works; and that for the present the duties of Chairman can be performed by Axemen; we, therefore, recommend that the position of Axemen be established, and it is desirable that this Commission shall establish the grade of Axemen in the service who will not be subject to Civil Service Rules; and when the force of Chainmen requires additions, that they be subject to Civil Service rules, the grade of Chainmen in all departments of City and State being subject to said rules.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the action of the Commissioners on December 1, as to the appointment of Richard A. Reinsch, Edward A. Byrne, W. Mitchell, John E. Hayes, George J. Dietz, H. Brown Alderson, John R. Yale, William Horton and Henry Cantor, as Chainmen, be revoked.

In connection therewith Commissioner Barnes offer the following resolution: Resolved, That the recommendation of the Civil Service Committee be approved, and the position of Axemen be and it is hereby established. Adopted.

The Committee on Construction submitted the following report:

The Committee on Construction having had under consideration the communication of the Chief Engineer, dated December 15, hereto attached, on the subject of the necessity of appointing two additional Assistant Engineers, two Rodmen and one Topographical Draughtsman, report their approval of the requisition, and recommend that the following names be transmitted to the Civil Service Commissioners for examination, viz.:

E. F. Playle, to be examined for promotion to Assistant Engineer.

William J. Kelly, Jr., to be examined for Assistant Engineer.

Maurice A. Vele, now a Chainman, to be examined as to his qualifications for a Rodman.

Adopted.

Also the following report:

That at a meeting of the Committee, held on the 17th instant, a communication was received from the Chief Engineer, requesting that an appropriation be made for the purpose of constructing small shanties along the line of the aqueduct, where needed, and stoves to heat the same, to enable the Division and Assistant Engineers and Inspectors to change and dry their clothing after coming out of the shafts; and, after consideration, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of the Chief Engineer be and the same is hereby approved by this Committee, and that we recommend to the Commissioners that the expenditure be authorized for constructing said shanties, they to be built as economically as possible and at an expense not to exceed \$70 each, which shall include such stoves as may be needed. Adopted.

Also the following report:

The Committee on Construction having been notified that the Committee on Civil Service advise that the appointment of Chainmen made on December 1, 1886, be revoked, and that as the duties of Chainmen can for the present, be performed by Axemen, the Committee on Construction beg leave to report the names of the following as suitable persons for the positions of Axemen, and recommend their appointment:

Richard A. Reinsch, Edward A. Byrne,
George O. Holland, John E. Hayes,
John P. R. Taaffe, Joseph McCusker,
George J. Dietz, H. Brown Alderson,
John R. Yale, William Horton, and
John T. Ward, Henry Cantor.

Adopted.

The Committee on Real Estate submitted the following report:

The Committee on Real Estate make the following report upon matters connected with the Double Reservoirs upon the east branch of Croton river, at Sodam:

The Department of Public Works has now prepared amended maps showing the additional parcels of land to be taken for the purpose of changing certain highways bordering upon said reservoirs, and relocating said roads; also showing the additional parcels required by some modifications deemed necessary in the construction of the main reservoir, and of the outlet from the subsidiary reservoir. But before said amended maps can be approved by you, it is necessary that the Aqueduct Commissioners and the New York and New England Railroad Company shall agree upon the relocation of that part of the railroad of which the present location will be overflowed. To this end this Committee has been in conference with the representatives of the railroad company, and have come to an informal understanding with them upon said new location; the manner of constructing the railroad thereon, and the cost thereof; and upon request of this Committee, Messrs. Heman Clark and William H. Starbuck have been appointed by the Board of Directors of that company a committee with power to settle this matter with the Aqueduct Commission; and by the time of your next meeting we expect all matters of detail can be agreed upon.

The Engineers of this Commission and of the railroad company have had many conferences upon the mode of construction and cost of said new part of said railroad, and have agreed upon the sum of \$110,000 as the total cost of such construction. To this sum must be added the counsel fees, for which the company asks an allowance of \$2,500, making the total sum of \$112,500 as the cost of making the proposed change in said railroad; and which sum the railroad company ask shall be stipulated as the amount to be awarded to them by the Commissioners of Appraisal as compensation for said change of the road to be built by them.

The legal steps be taken to effect the proposed change of the right of way of the railroad company are also to be arranged by stipulation between the counsel of the respective parties, and a form thereof has been informally agreed upon by them.

We recommend that this Committee, together with the Counsel to the Corporation, be empowered to complete all the details necessary for carrying out the proposed settlement and relocating the railroad upon the plans and maps of said reservoirs.

Commissioner Barnes moved that the report be referred to a special meeting of the Commissioners, to be held on Monday next, 27th instant, when all the facts and information in the hands of said Committee relating to the subject-matter of said report shall be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners. The same was adopted, Commissioner Ridgway voting in the negative.

Also the following report:

The Aqueduct Commissioners having some time since announced their purpose to take the fee in lieu of the existing easement upon the lands of Joseph P. Disbrow in the Twenty-fourth Ward of this City, and known as "Parcels Nos. 71, 72 and 73" of the Property Maps, and said Disbrow having protested against said taking of the fee, and offered to convey to the City for a nominal consideration the right to construct and maintain the New Aqueduct through said lands upon conditions to be mutually agreed upon, negotiations were entered into with him, and as the result thereof we now submit to you for your approval the form of a conveyance to be made by said Disbrow; and also of an agreement to be made with him by the Aqueduct Commissioners for the submission to the Commissioners of Appraisal of the claims of said Disbrow for damages to his adjoining property inflicted by and during the construction of said Aqueduct; and we recommend the adoption by you of the accompanying resolution, viz.:

Whereas, The Aqueduct Commissioners contemplated taking the fee in lieu of the easement in perpetuity heretofore acquired in the lands of Joseph P. Disbrow upon the line of the New Aqueduct in the Twenty-fourth Ward of this City, and designated "Parcels Nos. 71, 72 and 73" upon the map filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on the 9th day of July, 1884, and to which taking in fee the said Disbrow objected, and offered to convey to the City for the nominal consideration of one dollar the right to construct said Aqueduct through and across his

lands in the manner approved by the said Commissioners on condition that the fee of said parcels be not taken, and that said Dishrow retain the right to occupy and use the surface of said lands under restrictions necessary for the protection and maintenance of said Aqueduct, and upon the further condition that such conveyance of said lands should in no manner prejudice the rights of said Dishrow to compensation for damages, if any, inflicted upon his adjoining lands by and during the construction of said Aqueduct; and

Whereas, Proper forms of such conveyance and of an agreement for submission to the Commissioners of Appraisal of the said claims of said Dishrow have been this day submitted to and approved by us; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this Commission are hereby authorized to accept the said conveyance from said Dishrow, and on behalf of the Aqueduct Commissioners to execute and deliver the said agreement of submission, when said conveyance and agreement shall have been duly approved by the Counsel to the Corporation. Adopted.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, addressed to the Secretary, calling attention to the fact that monuments, such as were suggested by him on the 11th of August last, had been placed at certain points on the boundary of the property required for the Sodom Dam and reservoir; and stating that it was practicable to reduce the advertisement heretofore received from the Commissioners so as to very materially reduce the length and the consequent expense of publication; and requesting that an Assistant Engineer be detailed to Mr. Dykman for the purpose of being placed in possession of data to correct and shorten the description of said property.

On motion of Commissioner Barnes the same was referred to the Committee on Real Estate.

The Chief Engineer submitted the following communication:

I hereby certify that the contracts for ironwork for waste weirs at Pocantico and Tibbett's brook made with Coldwell, Wilcox & Co., have been completed and the ironwork delivered according to contract. Also, that Coldwell, Wilcox & Co. have delivered the ironwork contracted for with them at Sawmill river.

I therefore recommend that the above-mentioned work be accepted.

In connection therewith, Commissioner Fish offered the following resolution: Whereas, the Chief Engineer of this Commission has certified, in writing, that in his opinion Coldwell, Wilcox & Co. have completely performed their agreement made with this Commission on the 14th day of August, 1886, for furnishing the ironwork and the labor and material necessary for the blow-offs and waste weirs at Pocantico and Tibbett's brook, and has stated from actual measurements the whole amount of work done and materials furnished under and according to the terms of said agreement and of the true value thereof, and said Coldwell, Wilcox & Co. having furnished to this Commission satisfactory evidence that the claims of all persons who have done work or furnished materials under said agreement have been duly paid or satisfactorily secured; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the Aqueduct Commissioners do accept the work done and materials furnished by Coldwell, Wilcox & Co., under their agreement made with this Commission on the 14th day of August, 1886, for furnishing the ironwork and the labor and material necessary for putting the same in place for the blow-offs and waste weirs at Pocantico and Tibbett's brook, and that a proper voucher for the final payment for work done and materials furnished under said agreement be approved by the Commissioners, and certified to the Comptroller for payment.

On motion of Commissioner Ridgway, the whole subject-matter was referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit.

The Comptroller, under date of the 18th instant, gave notice of the issue of warrants for vouchers not certified to by the Aqueduct Commissioners for—
Westchester County section \$4,856 83
New York County section 3,950 00
—which was ordered entered upon the books of this Commission and filed.

A communication was received from Edward L. Allen, Stenographer, asking that his salary be increased to \$1,500 per annum, such increase to take effect as of the 1st of January next, which was referred to the Committee of Finance and Audit.

Commissioner Barnes offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas, The State Civil Service Board and the Supervisory Civil Service Board of the City have decided to have a special board of examiners for the examination of applicants for employment by the Aqueduct Commission, said board to consist of two Civil Engineers to be designated by the Aqueduct Commission and approved by the Mayor, the Civil Engineer of the Examining Board and the Secretary of the Civil Service Board; therefore

Resolved, That this Commission designate Chief Engineer Church and Principal Assistant Engineer Pugsley to act as members of the Examining Board, subject to the approval of the Mayor. Adopted.

The Chief Engineer presented the following communication, out of its regular order:

I have to report that the hoist-house and Compressor-room at Shaft 21 burned on the morning of the 21st instant, badly damaging the machinery, and work is stopped there in consequence. Ordered to be filed.

Commissioner Ridgway offered the following resolution as an amendment to the By-Laws:

Amend section 2 of Article III, so as to read:

SECTION 2. A Committee on Construction consisting of five members, that shall be an Executive Committee of the Aqueduct Commissioners, with full powers of direction and supervision over the work of construction, and over the Engineers, officers and employees engaged therein, and the offices and property in their charge, subject, however, to the authority and direction of the Aqueduct Commissioners at all times.

The orders of said Committee through the Chief Engineer or a Principal Assistant Engineer, shall be observed and obeyed by the members of the Engineer Corps, and said Committee shall have the power to suspend any Engineer or employee of said corps, but such suspension and the reason therefor shall be reported to the Aqueduct Commissioners and be subject to their final direction in the premises.

Said Committee shall organize by the appointment of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary, the latter officer to be selected from the members of the Committee or from the clerical force of the Commission without extra compensation, and the adoption of necessary rules for the transaction of its business, and a clerk shall be assigned to their service. Said Committee shall examine, consider and report upon all other matters referred to it by the Commissioners, and shall report to them weekly its actions and proceedings through its Chairman. Laid over under the rule.

Mr. H. T. Dykman, representing the District Attorney of Westchester County, informed the Commissioners that contractors Brown, Howard & Co. had been indicted by the Grand Jury of said county for obstructing and endangering a highway at the Pocantico open cut, in North Tarrytown, and that unless the obstructions were removed and the highway made safe the Commissioners would also be indicted by said Grand Jury.

Commissioner Newton moved that the Chief Engineer be directed to personally examine and see that any obstruction of the highway at that point is removed at once, and to place the same in proper condition.

Commissioner Ridgway offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to report to this Commission at its next meeting, the number of special or expert commissions appointed by this Commission since its formation, stating the purpose for which each was appointed, and the items of expense incurred by each Commission so appointed. Adopted.

Commissioner Fish offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That William P. O'Mara be appointed laborer, in place of William McCormick, who has declined to serve; also that the resignation of William McCormick be accepted. Adopted.

Commissioner Fish offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Court of Appeals has held that the appointments under this Commission are subject to the Civil Service Rules, and it is the intention of the Commission to observe the Civil Service Rules; and

Whereas, It is important to fill a vacancy which has existed for several months in the office of Chief Clerk in the Chief Engineer's office; therefore

Resolved, That this Commission request the Civil Service Board to hold an examination at an early day for the purpose of filling such vacancy, a week's notice of such examination to be given to this Commission, so that any of its clerks may compete for the same, together with any others not holding positions under this Commission. Adopted.

Commissioner Fish moved to reconsider the action of the Commissioners taken at their meeting held on the 8th instant, with reference to employing a Commission of Experts to examine into and advise the Commissioners as to the feasibility of the construction of the Quaker Bridge dam.

Commissioner Spencer moved that the same lay on the table until the first stated meeting of the Commissioners to be held in January next. Carried.

Commissioner Fish offered the following resolution as an amendment to the By-Laws:

"Amend section 1 of Article II, so as to read as follows: A President and Vice-President who shall be elected from said Commissioners, the President, however, shall not serve as a member of any Standing Committee; and the official term of the President and Vice-President shall be, until the first stated meeting of the Commissioners in the January next succeeding the time of their election, and until their successors shall be elected." Laid over under the rules.

The Commissioners then adjourned to meet on Monday next, 27th instant, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN C. SHEEHAN, Secretary.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Aqueduct Commissioners, held at their office, No. 209 Stewart Building, on Monday, December 27, 1886, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Spencer, Dowd, the Commissioner of Public Works, and Commissioners Barnes, Ridgway, and Fish.
Also, Chief Engineer Church.

The reading of the minutes of the stated meeting of the 22d instant, was laid over until the next regular meeting.

The report of the Committee on Real Estate, having reference to the relocation and construction of that part of the New York and New England Railroad Company, adjoining the Sodom dam and reservoir, which was referred to a special meeting of the Commissioners to be held on this day, was then taken up and considered by the Commissioners. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Spencer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Real Estate, together with the Counsel to the Corporation, be authorized and empowered to complete all the details necessary for carrying out the proposed settlement with the New York and New England Railroad Company, as set forth in the report of the Committee on Real Estate, of December 22, 1886, in reference to the change of the location of the railroad of said company in accordance with plans and maps of this Commission; provided that in said settlement the said company shall contract and agree to the location and the plans to be annexed to and form a part of the said contract, namely: a roadbed twenty-eight feet wide at grade on embankments, all embankments to be of rock, and cuttings to be twenty-six feet wide at grade, said grade, meaning the elevation of the roadway, two feet below the bottom of the rail, this agreement not to include the cost of ties, rails, track-laying and fencing, the cost of which is to be paid by said company.

The same was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Commissioners Spencer, Dowd, the Commissioner of Public Works, and Commissioner Barnes—4.

Negative—Commissioners Ridgway and Fish—2.

Commissioner Ridgway stated that he wished to go on the record as being opposed to the report of the Committee, and to the adoption of the resolution, as he believed from the information he was able to get during the limited time the matter had been before the Commission (not having heard of it before last Wednesday), that the amount paid was excessive; and he therefore voted in the negative.

Commissioner Fish stated that he voted in the negative for the same reason.

Commissioner Barnes then moved that the action of the Secretary in advertising in the CITY RECORD, New York "World," "Star," and "Tribune," for proposals for the construction of the new gate-house at One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street (being Section 15 of the New Croton Aqueduct), be and the same is hereby approved. Carried.

Commissioner Barnes then moved that the Secretary be instructed to have published in the "Sanitary Engineer" and "The Engineering News and Contract Journal" an abbreviated form of the advertisement for proposals for the construction of the new gate-house at One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street (being Section 15 of the New Croton Aqueduct), and calling attention to the advertisement now appearing in the CITY RECORD, asking for proposals for said work.

The same was adopted, the Commissioner of Public Works voting in the negative.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

JOHN C. SHEEHAN, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING—CITY OF NEW YORK,
Nos. 31 and 32 PARK ROW,
NEW YORK, December 28, 1886.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning makes the following abstract of the transactions of the Department of Street Cleaning for the week ending December 26th instant:

Material collected—

	Loads
Ashes.....	17,406
Street dirt.....	6,261
Department of Public Works.....	141
Markets.....	138
Permits.....	3,628
Total.....	27,574

Miles of Streets Swept.

	Miles.	Feet.
By Department.....	139	318
By Contract, First District.....	106	3,917
Second District.....	168	420
Totals.....	413	4,655

Pay-rolls and Bills

—transmitted to the Finance Department, chargeable to the appropriation for "Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning," for the year 1886:

Schedule No. 92—

Pay-roll, Laborers, etc, for the first fifteen days of December \$21,718 15

Schedule No. 93—

M. Alexander.....	\$17 00
Thomas C. Avery.....	63 51
John E. Connolly.....	118 26
Joseph Cicarelli.....	41 00
".....	233 00
".....	626 00
".....	42 25
".....	44 00
".....	69 50
".....	62 25
Chapman, Derrick and Wrecking Company.....	10 00
".....	20 00
John D. Bailey.....	456 00
Propeller "Greenpoint," Empire T. & L. Co.....	25 00
Fairbanks & Co.....	375 00
G. H. Fernald.....	450 00
".....	53 00
William Hughes.....	8 00
Hayward & Duffy.....	272 50
".....	250 00
".....	250 00
".....	250 00
" assignees of M. J. O'Reilly.....	87 50
".....	125 00
".....	125 00
Hopkins & Rossell.....	11 33
".....	55 55
".....	4 89
James Hilliard.....	5 00
S. L'Hommiedieu.....	602 50
Thomas Martin.....	454 00
Patterson Bros.....	123 50
".....	26 83
".....	81
William G. Short & Co.....	4 50
The Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company.....	32 70
Vanderbilt & Hopkins.....	93 97
".....	58 75
	\$5,667 10

Appointments.

William Corcoran, Hired Cart, Nineteenth Precinct.
John King, Hired Cart, Twenty-ninth Precinct.
John Coppinger, Laborer, Thirtieth Precinct.
James McKenna, Department Cart Driver.
James Mullen, Department Cart Driver.
Thomas Carroll, Hired Cart, Twenty-second Precinct.

Transfer.

David Larken, Hired Cart, from Twenty-third to Twenty-eighth Precinct.

J. S. COLEMAN, Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground, 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS,
For the week ending December 25, 1886.

DATE. DECEMBER.	Barometer.						
	7 A.M. Reduced to Freezing.	2 P.M. Reduced to Freezing.	9 P.M. Reduced to Freezing.	MEAN FOR THE DAY. Reduced to Freezing.	MAXIMUM. Reduced to Freezing.	MINIMUM. Reduced to Freezing.	Time.
Sunday, 19	29.900	29.958	30.044	29.957	29.906	29.762	0 A.M.
Monday, 20	30.054	30.042	30.108	30.068	30.126	30.000	1 A.M.
Tuesday, 21	30.104	30.052	30.068	30.074	30.148	29.906	2 P.M.
Wednesday, 22	30.110	30.100	30.200	30.136	30.248	30.080	1 P.M.
Thursday, 23	30.342	30.300	30.300	30.312	30.472	30.148	12 P.M.
Friday, 24	30.000	29.968	29.948	29.972	30.148	29.762	11 P.M.
Saturday, 25	29.800	29.868	30.102	29.922	30.148	29.762	0 A.M.

Mean for the week 30.037 inches.
Maximum " at 9 A.M., 23d 30.372 "
Minimum " at 11 P.M., 24th 29.762 "
Range "610 "

DATE. DECEMBER.	Thermometers.						
	7 A.M. Dry Bulb.	2 P.M. Dry Bulb.	9 P.M. Dry Bulb.	MEAN.	MAXIMUM.	MINIMUM.	MAXIMUM.
Sunday, 19	34	31	36	33.6	31.0	30.0	34.0
Monday, 20	32	29	34	29.8	31.0	28.0	34.0
Tuesday, 21	32	24	33	33.0	34.0	29.0	36.0
Wednesday, 22	32	32	35	33.0	33.0	33.0	40.0
Thursday, 23	32	31	40	34.0	38.0	36.0	42.0
Friday, 24	42	40	51	44.3	46.3	45.0	55.0
Saturday, 25	31	28	38	29.0	27.0	25.0	47.0

Mean for the week 33.7 degrees.
Maximum for the week, at 10 P.M., 24th 55.0 "
Minimum " at 12 P.M., 25th 28.0 "
Range " 27.0 "

DATE. DECEMBER.	Wind.						
	DIRECTION.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.				
DATE.	DIRECTION.	VELOCITY IN MILES.			FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.		
		7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.
Sunday, 19	W	WSW	WNW	78	32	44	154
Monday, 20	WNW	NW	NW	44	50	32	126
Tuesday, 21	WSW	SW	WSW	24	75	73	172
Wednesday, 22	NW	NNW	N	51	9	3	63
Thursday, 23	NNE	NNE	ESE	23	34	22	79
Friday, 24	SE	NW	SSE	11	27	54	92
Saturday, 25	NW	NNW	N	138	111	77	326

Distance traveled during the week 1,012 miles.
Maximum force " 9 1/2 pounds.

DATE. DECEMBER.	Hygrometer.				Clouds.			Rain and Snow. Ozone.			
	FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	CLEAR.	OVERCAST.	10.	DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES.	DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES.	DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES.	DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES.
DATE.	FORCE OF VAPOR.		RELATIVE HUMIDITY.		CLOUDS.			RAIN AND SNOW.			
	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	7 A.M.	2 P.M.	9 P.M.	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.	Duration.	Amount of Water.
Sunday, 19	.139	.129	.121	71	61	3	Cir.	3	Cir.	0	0
Monday, 20	.126	.103	.106	69	52	66	Cir. Cu.	0	0	0	0
Tuesday, 21	.083	.110	.147	54	46	70	0	0	0	0	0
Wednesday, 22	.168	.149	.137	89	70	71	4	Cir.	10	10	0
Thursday, 23	.162	.181	.201	80	71	83	0	0	10	10	0
Friday, 24	.221	.206	.248	53	79	86	10	10	10	10	0
Saturday, 25	.210	.230	.085	68	78	72	1	Cir. S.	2	Cir.	0

Total amount of water for the week20 inches.
Duration for the week 12 hours, 10 minutes.

DANIEL DRAFER, PH.D., Director.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Statement of all Suits for Penalties for Violations of the Sanitary Code, finally disposed of in the Civil and Criminal Courts, for the Week ending December 18, 1886.

Number of Order.	DATE OF ISSUE OF ORDER.	DATE OF ATTORNEY'S NOTICE.	DATE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS.	DATE OF JOINING ISSUE.	LOCATION.	DEFENDANT.	ADDRESS.	OWNER, AGENT, OR LESSOR.	SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT, ORDER OR OFFENSE CHARGED.	Nature of Ac- tion, Civil or Criminal.	Section of Sani- tary Code Violated.	No. of Inspec- tions on Order.	RESULT OF TRIAL.	REASONS FOR ACQUIT- TAL OR DISCHARGE.	NAME OF COURT.	Amount of Judgment.	Amount Collected.	Dismissed by Court.	Consent of At- torney to Discontinue.	REASONS THEREFOR.	REASON WHY EXECUTION IS NOT ISSUED.	DATE OF ARREST.	REMARKS.
1181	1886, Oct. 4	1886, Oct. 12	1886, Nov. 13	Default.	129 Elizabeth st.	{ Jacob Smerth- dyke.....	870 Madison ave.	Owner.	{ Clean and whitewash rooms { etc.....	Civil	92	3	For Plaintiff.	.....	Third Dist. Court	\$9.50	None	.....	.....	.....	{ Defect { noticed.	.....	Order partly complied with.
9854	Sept. 7	Sept. 23	"	"	330 and 332 E. 17th st.	Jacob Cohen	223 E. 79th st.	"	School sink required	"	206	6	"	.....	"	\$9.50	\$9.50	.....	.....	.....	"	.....	{ These inspections made { by police.
2036	Oct. 25	Nov. 9	Dec. 4	"	502 and 504 Ninth ave.	Mary McGrane.	223 W. 39th st.	"	"	"	206	2	"	.....	"	\$9.50	\$9.50	.....	.....	.....	"	.....	Three suits on this order. Three inspections made by order party complied with.
6877	June 29	July 14	"	"	330 E. 15th st.	Michl F. O'Connor	338 E. 116th st.	"	"	"	206	6	"	.....	"	\$9.50	\$9.50	.....	.....	.....	"	.....	Three suits on this order. Three inspections made by police. One party complied with.
6877	" 29	" 14	" 4	"	"	"	338 E. 116th st.	"	{ Cellar and yard to be cleaned, { sinks to be trapped, drain to { be repaired, etc.....	Criminal.	92	6	"	.....	"	\$9.50	\$9.50	.....	.....	.....	"	.....	Discharged by Police justice at Court.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	243 E. 84th st.	William Meckens	308 W. 35d st.	.....	{ Filling privy vault without { emptying excrement.....	Criminal.	90	.....	.....	.....	{ Fourth District Police Court.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec. 15, 1886.	.....

Executions were issued in Cases Nos. 2390, 2474 and 2475, previously reported on Orders Nos. 11458 and 6877.

The judgment of \$59.50 in Case No. 2346, was paid by the defendant without execution, December 16, 1886.

The judgment of \$59.80 in Case No. 2264, was collected through the Sheriff, December 16, 1886.

Statistics in the Attorney's Weekly Report to the Board of Health not included in the above statement.

Besides the ordinary office work, there were 23 Suits begun, 129 Attorney's Notices issued, 95 Nuisances abated, Executions were issued in 3 cases, and 2 Arrests made.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. PRENTICE, Attorney and Counsel.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL,
TUESDAY, December 28, 1886—2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz.:

William R. Grace, the Mayor; Edward W. Loew, the Comptroller; Robert B. Nooney, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Michael Coleman, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held December 27, 1886, were read and approved.

On motion the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1887. Solon B. Smith and Daniel O'Reilly, Police Justices, appeared before the Board, and appealed for an appropriation for an additional stenographer.

Charles W. Dayton, representing property-owners in the Twelfth Ward, appeared and appealed for an appropriation for electric-lights to be erected in the Twelfth Ward.

The Comptroller presented the following:

OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORD, No. 2 CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to call your attention to the condition of the appropriation for "Printing and Publication of the CITY RECORD" for the year 1886.

This work is performed under contract at prices fixed by competition at public letting after advertisement and the quantities are determined by statute or by circumstances beyond the control of the Board of City Record or of the Supervisor. The publication must be continued daily, irrespective of the question whether the appropriation has been exhausted or not. (See opinion of Corporation Counsel Whitney, a copy of which is hereto annexed.)

This appropriation was exhausted in November, leaving a balance of \$1,642.05 of that month's bill and the entire December bill (estimated at \$6,000) wholly unprovided for.

The appropriation for "Printing, Stationery and Blank books" will require an addition of \$5,000 to complete the work ordered by the departments for the present year. Notwithstanding that I (in the exercise of a discretion conceded me by the Board of City Record) reduced by more than twenty per cent. the requisitions for stationery made by the several departments, courts and bureaus, yet the necessary and unavoidable supplies exceeded my expectations. Especially in record books, and in law cases, points and briefs, and in the new and additional stationery supplies for the County Clerk by reason of that officer having become in this year salaried instead of feed, the drafts on this office have been unexpectedly and exceptionally heavy.

There will be an excess of at least \$2,500 in the appropriation for "Advertising" for the present year, which may be made available in this connection.

Since the adoption of the Provisional Estimate the Register has made requisition on me for stationery and printing for the year 1887; and, on consultation with the Corporation Counsel, I am advised that the requisition must be filled, as the Register is now a salaried officer. My best information as to the cost of such supplies puts the figures between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

This additional draft on this office should, I respectfully submit, be provided for in your Final Estimate.

Very respectfully,

THOS. COSTIGAN, Supervisor City Record.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, November 21, 1879.

THOMAS COSTIGAN, Esq., Supervisor of the City Record:

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 12th instant, in which you refer to the fact that the work of printing and publishing the CITY RECORD is performed at stipulated prices, under a written contract, and that the quantity of matter inserted therein and the amount of bills therefor are not matters in any way within the control of the Supervisor. You also state that the amount appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the publication of the RECORD during the current year is nearly exhausted, and that heretofore, when a deficiency has arisen, the practice has been to permit the printer to sue at the end of the year.

You request to be advised whether it is necessary for you to take any action, and if so, what.

Under existing laws the CITY RECORD is to be published daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) under contract, to be made as provided in section 111 of the Charter of 1873, and pursuant to such laws a contract has been made for such publication, which is still in force.

The publication of the CITY RECORD cannot be lawfully discontinued, even if the appropriation therefor is exhausted, and the expense of continuing such publication during the remainder of the year will undoubtedly be a legal charge against the City.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

John Callahan appeared before the Board and appealed for an increased appropriation for the Bureau of Incumbrances, Department of Public Works.

John Reilly, Register, appeared and made a statement in explanation relative to the printing, stationery and blank books required by the Register.

The Comptroller presented the following:

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS,
ROOMS 114 AND 115, STEWART BUILDING,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—Our attention has been called to certain resolutions adopted by the Board of Health on the 16th instant, sent to your Board on the 20th, and published in the CITY RECORD on the 22d. The resolutions charge in our letter addressed to your Board on the 13th instant, numerous errors thereof. This we emphatically deny.

In order that the subject-matter may be readily and conveniently consulted, we have placed an official copy of our letter, and also of said resolutions, in parallel columns, and submit the same herewith, marked Exhibit "A."

The first specific "error" alleged by the Board of Health is, that "under the several laws governing the Health Department the expenditure for salaries was, in the years 1881, 1882 and 1883, \$142,228.43, \$162,763.07, \$168,285.35, respectively, instead of \$119,513.32, \$138,512, \$153,632, as represented by the Commissioners of Accounts."

We submit, that, inasmuch as our letter contained no statement of the "expenditures" for the years above mentioned, but dealt in plain terms with "appropriations," the conclusion drawn by said Board has no proper foundation.

In support of our figures, we respectfully refer you to the official proceedings of your Board, as follows: Proceedings of Friday, December 31, 1880, page 723; Thursday, December 29, 1881, page 524; Friday, December 29, 1882, page 551; and also to a letter addressed to us by the Comptroller, dated December 24, 1886, which is submitted herewith, marked Exhibit "B." It will be seen therefrom that the figures given by us in our said letter of the 13th instant are absolutely correct.

The Board of Health having, however, raised the question of "expenditures" as distinguished from "appropriations," let us consider whether the figures given by it are correct. The Finance Department, as is well known, audits the expenditures of the Health Department, and keeps the official accounts thereof. We assume that such accounts will not be disputed.

Comparing, therefore, the figures of the Finance Department with those contained in said resolutions of the Health Department, the following results are shown:

Health Fund for Salaries—Expenditures.

	As per records of Finance Department,	As per resolutions of the Board of Health.
1881	\$119,311 79	\$142,228 43
1882	137,704 49	162,763 07
1883	150,696 59	168,285 35

It will be noted that the amounts stated by the Finance Department approximate the amounts appropriated by your Board for the purpose mentioned. They are slightly under such appropriations, whereas, the amounts stated in the resolutions of the Board of Health are largely in excess thereof, viz.: in 1881, \$22,715.11; in 1882, \$24,251.07; and in 1883, \$14,633.35, making a total of \$61,619.53 in excess of the amount authorized by your Board to be expended for salaries.

The second "error" alleged against us by the Board of Health is, "that the balance of appropriations for the Health Department for 1886 that will be unexpended will be about \$9,000, instead of \$53,584.28, or any approximate sum, as represented by the Commissioners of Accounts." We respectfully submit that this is no answer to our statement of the balance as it stood on the 11th of December last. We did not undertake to say what the balance might be at some future time. The statement made by us indicated that there was a sufficient balance to carry the Department through the current year.

After showing by comparison of the appropriations for the years 1881, 1882, and 1883 (under the old order of things), with the appropriations for 1884 and 1885 (under the new), that the administrative expenses of the Board of Health had been largely increased, and that the reduction of the appropriations for 1886 had not resulted in an increase of the death rate, we stated as follows: "That the appropriation for the current year was sufficient is further shown by the fact that out of a total of \$319,800 appropriated for all purposes of the Department, the warrants drawn to December 11 show an expenditure of \$266,215.72, leaving an unexpended balance of \$53,584.28."

That these figures are absolutely correct is shown by the Comptroller's certified list of "Appropriations, Payments and Unexpended Balances," dated December 11, 1886, submitted herewith, marked Exhibit "C."

Bearing in mind that the point we were making, viz.: That the appropriation for 1886 was sufficient for this year and that, presumably, the like sum would be enough for the next. It will be observed that the Board of Health admits that there will be an unexpended balance of \$9,000 for 1886, thus confirming our view that the appropriation for the year was sufficient.

The third allegation in the resolutions of the Board of Health is "That the 'Additional Sanitary Inspectors' provided for by chapter 508 of the Laws of 1885, were duly examined by the Civil Service Board and were certified to the Board of Health as qualified for the work designated by law for such officers, and that no others have been appointed," etc., etc.

This is submitted as an answer to the statement contained in our letter to the effect that the said act requires that the appointees under it should be "Sanitary Engineers." We reassert the fact that the act of the Legislature in question does so require. We made no reference to the examination of applicants by the Civil Service Board, but inasmuch as that matter has been introduced by the Board of Health, we submit herewith a certified copy of a letter which appears of record in the office of the Civil Service Examining Board, addressed under date of November 16, 1885, to James Gallatin, Esq. This letter shows that the Civil Service Examiners understood it to be their duty under the law authorizing the appointment of "twenty Sanitary Inspectors who shall be Sanitary Engineers," to test the qualifications of the applicants, by putting to them certain questions touching their knowledge of sanitary engineering. That after consulting the Board of Health and getting its views upon the subject and upon advice of the Corporation Counsel, the Civil Service Examiners examined the applicants on a basis submitted by the Board of Health, but refused to give certificates to the successful applicants that they had passed as "Sanitary Engineers," and certified them simply as "Sanitary Inspectors."

It is apparent, therefore, that the applicants were not "duly" examined—that is, not examined as "Sanitary Engineers," and that for this reason they were not competent for appointment under chapter 508 of the Laws of 1885.

It is true, so far as the legal point raised by the Board of Health is concerned, that chapter 508 is an amendment to the Consolidation Act. But that is immaterial. It is the law nevertheless. Said chapter consists of a re-enactment of the whole of section 588 of the Consolidation Act, and of the addition of a new section authorizing the appointment of "twenty additional Sanitary Inspectors who shall be Sanitary Engineers," as before stated.

The fourth allegation by the Board of Health is, "that the 'emergency clause' cannot be used, as represented by the Commissioners of Accounts for any deficiency in the ordinary appropriations for or expenditures of the Health Department."

As we did not state that it could be so used, it must, on reflection, be conceded by the Board of Health that we made no "error" therein.

We simply demonstrated by a statement of the appropriations, expenditures and balances of the present year, that the proposed appropriations of like amount for the next year would be sufficient to carry on the ordinary purposes, and stated that if an emergency should arise it could be met by the emergency clause of the Consolidation Act. That is to say, there was no necessity for increasing the ordinary appropriations for an emergency that did not exist and which might not arise, because the law provides that upon the statutory proof of the presence of an actual emergency, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may make an additional appropriation to meet it. Such appropriations have been made heretofore without greatly alarming the public.

The fifth "error" alleged against the Commissioners of Accounts concerns their statement that "hardly fifty per cent. of its (the Board of Health's) primary orders are complied with."

In order to "disprove" this statement the Board of Health submits figures purporting to show the number of orders issued by the Board of Health, July 1, 1885, to July 1, 1886, and the number of said orders complied with. As such statement does not specify the number of orders complied with in the first instance, we submit that it does not "disprove" our statement.

The sixth allegation against the Commissioners of Accounts is, that their statement that "the policy now pursued (by the Board of Health) is the reverse of that which obtained in the early history of the Department in respect to the enforcement of orders, is incorrect," etc.

It was shown in our letter by an extract from the report of the Health Department of the year 1874, that the policy then was firmly to insist in the first instance upon compliance with its orders.

Statistics show that such insistence was largely sought and obtained through the courts. In the year 1874, for instance, we find that 3,483 actions were commenced, and \$104,445.95 realized from judgments and paid into the treasury. Whereas in the presentment of the Grand Jury for the month of May, 1886, of the Board of Health for certain "defects of administration," it is stated "that in the year 1884 nearly 300 judgments for penalties of \$50 each were recovered, and only three of them were paid, and that the criminal prosecutions, in addition to the fact that they are but rarely resorted to, are carried on with an equal lack of vigor on the part of the Board, and that consequently delinquent property-owners, encouraged by the non-enforcement of the law, and by the fact that they are not fined or imprisoned, pay but little or no attention to the orders served upon them." These facts certainly indicate that the policy of the Department in later years is not what it was in its early history.

The seventh and last allegation by the Board of Health against us is, that after months of minute examination of the methods of the Health Department by the Commissioners of Accounts, no substantial complaints have been presented.

If this assertion was intended to convey the impression that we have found no cause of complaint with the administration of the Health Department under its present chief executive, it is erroneous. Our report, dated April 30, 1886, published in the "City Record" May 22, 1886, upon the exposed condition of the archives of the department, contains a very grave cause of complaint. Others of a different character will in due time be reported to the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. SHEARMAN, } Commissioners of
J. B. ADAMSON, } Accounts.

EXHIBIT "A."

OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS,
ROOMS 114 AND 115, STEWART BUILDING,
NEW YORK, December 13, 1886.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
NO. 301 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, December 16, 1886.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—The annual appropriations for salaries, Health Department, for the several years 1881, 1882 and 1883, were \$119,513.32, \$138,512 and \$153,632, respectively.

On the first day of January, 1884, the Health Board, under what it termed a classification of the officers and employees, established a labyrinthian organization consisting of seven divisions, supplanting the simple system of two bureaus originally established by law.

The change thus effected multiplied, unnecessarily, the number of chief officers, swelled the number of books and book-entries, and largely augmented the expenses, without, so far as we know, any corresponding benefits. On the contrary it appears to us that the change was detrimental.

In the year 1884 the appropriation for salaries amounted to \$181,382; in 1885, \$205,258; in 1886 the Department asked for \$221,166 and got \$150,000.

This reduction by your Board was criticized at the time as being a dangerous economy in that it would operate prejudicially to the health of the City.

That it has not done so is manifest from the fact that the number of deaths during the year to October 1, the latest date to which we have the statistics was 27,706 against 28,183 for the years 1885 to October 1, and 28,222 the average for the like period covered by the five years preceding 1886.

That the appropriation for the current year was sufficient is further shown by the fact that out of a total of \$319,800 appropriated for all purposes of the Department, the warrants drawn to De-

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, At a hearing by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held December 13, upon the Final Estimate for 1887 for the Health Department, a communication of that date from the Commissioners of Accounts was received and entered upon the minutes, in which occur numerous errors, as was then shown, but which should not remain of record without a formal correction; therefore

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully called to the following:

1st. That under the several laws governing the Health Department, the expenditure for salaries was, in the years 1881, 1882 and 1883, \$142,228.43, \$162,763.07, \$168,285.35, respectively, instead of \$119,513.32, \$138,512, \$153,632, as represented by the Commissioners of Accounts.

2d. That the balance of appropriations for the Health Department for 1886 that will be unexpended will be about \$9,000, instead of \$53,584.28, or any approximate sum, as represented by the

ember 11 show an expenditure of \$266,215.72 leaving an unexpended balance of \$53,584.28.

The amount estimated by the Department for salaries for the year 1887, including twenty additional Sanitary Inspectors, is \$211,778, which sum your Board has, in the Provisional Estimate, reduced to \$170,000, which includes also a sum of \$20,000 for the additional Sanitary Inspectors, the same amount that was appropriated for the year 1886, and which, as before shown, proved to be ample.

Your appropriation for the additional inspectors reads as follows:

"For twenty additional Sanitary Inspectors, who shall be called Sanitary Engineers, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 508, Laws of 1885, \$20,000."

Your attention is called to the fact that the requirement of chapter 508 is as follows:

"Said Board, the Health Board, may appoint and commission twenty additional Sanitary Inspectors who shall be Sanitary Engineers."

Note the language, "who shall be," not who shall be "called" Sanitary Engineers. It is respectfully submitted that the language of your appropriation should be made conformable with the law. Your Board seems to have fallen into the error by following the language used by the Department of Health in its estimate for the year 1886. The point in this matter is, that while the law in terms requires that none but Sanitary Engineers shall be appointed under the act, the language of the appropriation may be taken as a warrant for the appointment of Inspectors not possessing the required qualifications. And this, in fact, has already occurred under the appropriation for the current year. Of the present appointees under the act, but a very small proportion are Sanitary Engineers, as appears from their own sworn testimony. It may be urged that the law is too strict in its requirement, and that it is not necessary that an Inspector be a Sanitary Engineer. The answer is, if the law is too severe, have it changed, but so long as it remains upon the statute book, enforce it.

In regard to the items other than salaries, embraced in the Provisional Estimate for 1887, we note as follows:

For Law Expenses, including Marshal's Fees, \$2,000. We suggest that if these fees are properly payable by the City instead of by those against whom judgments are obtained, they should come out of the amount appropriated for Law Expenses—Attorney and Counsel's Office.

For disinfection you have appropriated \$14,000, the same as the preceding year.

The amount of warrants drawn against this appropriation to December 11 is \$5,201.42, leaving a balance of \$8,698.58. An analysis of the expenditure shows that about \$3,000 was paid for labor, \$500 for corrosive sublimate, and the remainder for horse-hire, horse-feed, horseshoeing, horse doctoring, repairs to wagons, trucks, harness and so forth.

Probably \$7,000 would be sufficient for this sort of disinfection for the ensuing year.

For contingent expenses you have allowed \$7,500. The expenditures of the current year to December 11, as shown by warrants drawn, is \$5,015.44, leaving an unexpended balance of \$2,484.56. For the next year \$6,000 would seem to be enough. If any emergency should arise requiring a larger expenditure, it can be met by the emergency clause, section 580, Consolidation Act. The Department has also a balance of about \$1,000 of moneys inherited from the Metropolitan Board of Health, which is held to be subject to the absolute control of the Department.

For hospital transportation and supplies you appropriated for 1886, \$35,000. The amount drawn by warrant to December 11 is \$29,373.85, leaving a balance this year of \$5,626.15. Taking into account large expenditures made during the current year for repairs of the steamboat "Franklin Edison" charged against this appropriation, and which, presumably, will not be repeated in 1887, we think \$30,000 will be sufficient for hospital and transportation supplies for the ensuing year. The Provisional Estimate allows \$32,000. If more be needed for an emergency, resort can be had to the emergency clause before mentioned.

With these exceptions we are of opinion that the Provisional Estimate may stand without detriment to the service.

With regard to the general efficiency of the Health Department, under its present chief management, we can say little in its favor.

We have given the subject careful consideration in connection with several months' observations of its methods and results, and we propose at an early day to make a full report thereon to the Mayor.

The Department has, undoubtedly, many serious obstacles in its path, not the least of which, perhaps, are its defective laws. And yet we cannot resist the conviction that, notwithstanding the imperfections of the laws, it falls far short of what it might be under a capable, vigorous and experienced head.

Its system of business is too circumlocutory and expensive. There is too much formality and too little out door work of an aggressive and effective kind.

The lax policy which obtains in regard to the enforcement of original orders tends to bring the authority of the Department into contempt. Hardly fifty per cent. of its primary orders are complied with. Inspectors and reinspectors on a single case occur, until they are numbered by scores, and entries thereof on the books by hundreds.

Commissioners of Accounts. The balance unexpended will be mainly from the appropriation for disinfection, and has not been used because of the cool and healthful weather during the summer months.

3d. That the "Additional Sanitary Inspectors" provided for by chapter 508 of the Laws of 1885 were duly examined by the Civil Service Board, and were certified to this Board as qualified for the work designated by law for such officers, and no others have been appointed. To disprove the statement that the standard of qualifications for these officers has been lowered by the Health Department, attention is called to the following letter to the Secretary of the Civil Service Board:

"HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
No. 301 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, July 10, 1885."

"CHARLES H. WOODMAN, Esq., Secretary Civil Service Advisory and Examining Boards,
New York City:

"Sir—In reply to yours of this date, in which you desire to be informed 'what are the requirements in the judgment of the Board of Health for completely filling the new position of Sanitary Engineer,' I am directed to say:

"First—That good education, superior intelligence, correct judgment, industrious and temperate habits, physical ability and absolute integrity are preliminary requirements for the office.

"Second—That ability to inspect tenement-houses and to discover any defects in their light and ventilation, in their plumbing and drainage, or in their sanitary condition generally, which are dangerous to life or detrimental to the health of the tenants; ability to recommend the necessary alterations, repairs or new work to correct sanitary defects in tenement-houses; ability to make a concise, intelligent and correct written report in each case of such defects and of the remedies proposed, for the consideration and action of the Board of Health, are all required in a Sanitary Engineer.

"Third—That with the qualifications required for a sanitary engineer in first paragraph, such officer, under the instruction of present sanitary officers of this Board and by experience in its service, would in due time acquire the qualifications required in the second paragraph. Education as a civil engineer, as a physician or as a practical plumber would be of special service to a 'Sanitary Engineer,' provided he possessed the qualifications required in the first paragraph.

"Very respectfully, yours, etc.,
"EMMONS CLARK, Secretary."

The legal points raised by the Commissioners of Accounts in respect to the "Additional Sanitary Inspectors who shall be Sanitary Engineers," are not supported by the terms of the law of 1885, which amends section 488 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

4th. That the "emergency clause" in the Health laws cannot be used, as represented by the Commissioners of Accounts, for any deficiency in the ordinary appropriations for or expenditures of the Health Department. The section of the Consolidation Act referred to (No. 580) requires a public record and declaration of "the presence of great and imminent peril to the public health by reason of impending pestilence" before the necessary money. "In excess of the annual appropriation," can be obtained and used "for the preservation of the public health," the care of contagious diseases, the maintenance of hospitals, etc. The public alarm necessarily caused by such a record and declaration always seriously endangers the great business interests of the city and should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.

5th. The statement of the Commissioners of Accounts that "hardly fifty per cent. of its (the Board of Health's) primary orders are complied with" is disproved by the following statistics:

Number of orders issued by the Board of Health, July 1, 1885, to July 1, 1886. 19,490

Number of said orders complied with. 18,732

The orders not recorded upon the books of this Department, as complied with, include such orders as have been suspended or rescinded by the Board for good and sufficient reasons, and the cases in which judgments have been taken, and the defendants have been found to be irresponsible or non-resident.

The policy now pursued is the reverse of that which obtained in the early history of the Department.

The report of 1874, in speaking of the very successful work accomplished in the year preceding the date of the report, states "that this result has been owing in a great degree to the firm stand taken by this Department in insisting in the first instance upon compliance with its orders without favor to any one, in which it has been sustained by the courts."

The present Board of Health, as such, appears to a great extent to have outlived its usefulness. If the Department could be so reorganized as to come under the government of a single commissioner of experience, ability, firmness and unquestioned integrity of character the public service would, in our opinion, be greatly benefited.

The Health Department of the City of Brooklyn has been directed by a single commissioner for several years past with most satisfactory results, compared with the period when it was governed by a board.

No reason is known why such a change would not result equally well in this city.

Very respectfully,
W. P. SHEARMAN, } Commissioners
J. B. ADAMSON, } of Accounts.

6th. The statement that "the policy now pursued is the reverse of that which obtained in the early history of the Department," in respect to the enforcement of orders, is incorrect, and has no other foundation than the fact that in 1878 the Board of Health resolved not to exact costs when orders were complied with before the trial of cases in court and judgment obtained. Experience has proved the wisdom of such resolution.

7th. After months of minute examination, under every advantage, by the Commissioners of Accounts, of the methods of this Department, no substantial complaints have been presented.

A true copy.
EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.
Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

EXHIBIT "B."

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 24, 1886.

Messrs. W. P. SHEARMAN, Esq., and J. B. ADAMSON, Esq., Commissioners of Accounts:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with your request of yesterday the following statement of the amounts appropriated to the Health Department for salaries in the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885, respectively, and the amounts expended for salaries of that Department in the same years, respectively, have been taken from the books of this Department:

Health Fund for Salaries.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
1881.....	\$119,513 32	\$119,311 79
1882.....	\$138,512 00	\$137,704 49
1883.....	\$153,632 00	\$150,696 59
1884.....	\$181,382 00	\$180,927 23
1885.....	\$205,258 00	
Add transfer.....	2,500 00	
Expended in 1886 on account of 1885 appropriation.....	\$207,758 00	\$202,446 13 1,700 27
		\$204,146 40

Weekly statement, December 11, Health Department, is enclosed.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD V. LOEW, Comptroller.

EXHIBIT "C."

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 11, 1886.

To the Health Department:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 189, New York City Consolidation act of 1882, for carrying on the Health Department, from January 1 to December 31, 1886, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation, and the amount of unexpended balances.

TITLES OF APPROPRIATIONS.	AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS.	PAYMENTS.	AMOUNT OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES.
Health Fund—			
For Salaries.....	\$150,000 00	\$137,891 79	\$12,708 21
For Twenty Additional Sanitary Inspectors, etc.....	20,000 00	17,143 43	2,856 57
For Law Expenses, including Marshal's Fees.....	2,000 00	1,833 36	166 74
For Disinfection.....	14,000 00	5,302 42	8,698 58
For Contingent Expenses.....	7,500 00	5,015 44	2,484 56
For Payment to the Board of Police, etc.....	36,000 00	32,900 00	3,100 00
For Removal of Night soil, Offal and Dead Animals.....	36,000 00	33,000 00	3,000 00
Hospital Supplies and Transportation for Care of Contagious Diseases.....	35,000 00	29,373 85	5,626 15
Night Medical Service Fund.....	1,000 00	500 00	500 00
Hospital Fund—For Care and Maintenance of Buildings and Hospitals on North Brother Island.....	2,500 00	1,138 75	1,361 25
Hospital Fund—For Completion of Hospital Buildings and Grounds at North Brother Island.....	15,800 00	2,717 78	13,082 22
Total.....	\$319,800 00	\$266,215 72	\$53,584 28

December 24, 1886.
Correct.

R. A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

NEW YORK, November 16, 1885.

JAMES GALLATIN, Esq., No. 20 East Twentieth Street, City:

DEAR SIR—As requested by the Mayor, I have the honor to submit to you herewith the two sets of "technical questions" propounded on two separate examinations to applicants for the position of "Sanitary Engineer" in the Health Department. The questions stricken out from the printed set were not propounded, for the following reasons:

The law says "twenty Sanitary Inspectors who shall be Sanitary Engineers." I therefore directed the examiners to prepare a test that should fit the title, as generally understood. While preparing the questions, they consulted with the Health Board, and were informed by the officials that a knowledge of sanitary engineering, in its full sense, as understood by Colonel Waring and others, was not at all required in the work these men must perform. I thereupon wrote to the Health Board asking for an official statement of the requirements for competently filling the position, and I herewith quote their answer, as far as it regards technical knowledge:

"That ability to inspect tenement-houses and to discover any defects in their light and ventilation, in their plumbing and drainage, or in their sanitary condition generally, which are dangerous to life or detrimental to the health of the tenants; ability to recommend the necessary alterations, repairs or new work, to correct sanitary defects in tenement-houses; ability to make a concise, intelligent and correct written report in each case, of such defects and of the remedies proposed, for the consideration and action of the Board of Health, are all required in a Sanitary Engineer."

As these requirements did not, in my judgment, meet the test of a "Sanitary Engineer," I consulted the Corporation Counsel, and was instructed by him that the Board of Health was the proper judge of the requirements for the position, and that their statement must be the guide for the examiners.

The examination was accordingly prepared on that basis.

I refused, however, to give certificates to the successful applicants that they had passed as "Sanitary Engineers," but certified them as "Sanitary Inspectors."

Very respectfully yours,

CHARLES H. WOODMAN, Secretary, etc.

LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary and Executive Officer.

A true copy.

NEW YORK, December 27, 1886.

Which were received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

James J. Mooney, Alderman, appeared before the Board, and appealed for an additional appropriation for electric-lights for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards and the McComb's Dam Bridge.

The estimate for the Board of Education was taken up for consideration, and the various items therein were discussed and unanimously agreed upon.

Stephen B. French and John McClave, Police Commissioners, appeared before the Board and appealed for an increased appropriation for salaries of patrolmen, and presented a communication relative thereto.

Which was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller moved that when the Board adjourns, it do so to meet to-morrow, December 29, 1886, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

M. COLEMAN, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE—CITY HALL,
WEDNESDAY, December 29, 1886—2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—The following members, viz.:

William R. Grace, the Mayor; Edward V. Loew, the Comptroller; Michael Coleman, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Absent—Robert B. Nooney, the President of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the meeting held December 28, 1886, were read and approved.

Two of the lady members of the Teachers' Mutual Improvement Association appeared before the Board and appealed for an appropriation for the establishment of a high school, with industrial, art and business departments for girls, and presented a petition relative thereto.

Which was received and laid over.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1887.

The estimate for the Health Department was taken up for consideration.

Emmons Clark, Secretary of the Health Department, appeared before the Board and made a statement in explanation thereof, and appealed for appropriations for "Repair of Water-main—North Brother Island," "Furnishing and Plumbing for Pavilions—North Brother Island," and "Repairs to Seventh Regiment Armory Building."

The various items in the estimate for the Health Department were discussed and unanimously agreed upon.

The Comptroller presented the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 28, 1886.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

In pursuance of section 191 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, I submit herewith a communication addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, December 27, 1886, relating to the stocks and bonds of the City and County of New York, payable by law from taxation, which become due in the ensuing calendar year, 1887, together with a resolution adopted by said Commissioners December 28, 1886, certifying to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the amount of such stocks and bonds, originally payable from taxation; the amount of securities and cash held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on December 1, 1886, and the estimated revenues of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt in the year 1887, which may be applied to the payment of the same without impairing the preferred charges upon said Fund.

EDWARD V. LOEW, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 27, 1886.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Stocks and bonds of the City and County of New York which constitute a preferred charge upon the Sinking Fund, under section 175 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, now outstanding, amount to \$69,737,871.

The Sinking Fund is also chargeable with \$9,700,000 Funded City Debt under section 176 of the said Consolidation Act of 1882, and with \$17,048,183.43 for stocks and bonds issued since June 3, 1878, as provided by section 192 of the said act and, originally, by section 8 of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878, making a total bonded indebtedness of \$36,486,054.43, now chargeable to the Sinking Fund.

On December 1, 1886, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held City and County stocks and bonds and cash, amounting to \$40,482,742.52, as follows:

Funded Debt.....	\$31,994,190 45
Revenue Bonds, 1886 and 1887.....	5,009,267 05
Cash.....	2,879,284 43
Total.....	\$40,482,742 52

It is estimated that the revenues of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt in the year 1887 will amount to \$7,325,000, as follows:

Market Rents and Fees.....	\$275,000 00
Market Cellar Rent.....	10,000 00
Bonds and Mortgages.....	15,000 00

Licenses—	
Hackney Coach.....	\$5,000 00
Second-hand Dealers.....	5,000 00
Pawnbrokers.....	45,000 00
Junk Dealers.....	4,000 00
Stages.....	1,000 00
	\$60,000 00

Dock and Slip Rent.....	1,250,000 00
Street Vails.....	65,000 00
Revenue from Investments.....	1,700,000 00
Interest on Deposits.....	75,000 00
Assessments under chapter 550, Laws of 1880.....	575,000 00
Railroad Franchises.....	100,000 00
Surplus Revenue of Interest Fund.....	2,250,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	20,000 00
Annual Installment, raised by Taxation for Redemption of Debt.....	930,000 00

Total estimated revenue..... \$7,325,000 00

The following stocks and bonds which constitute a preferred charge upon the Sinking Fund under section 175 of the Consolidation Act of 1882, amounting to \$5,149,271, become due and payable in the year 1887:

Six per cent. Central Park Fund Stock—City of New York, issued in pursuance of chapter 616, Laws of 1853, and chapter 25, Laws of 1857, payable July 1, 1887.....	\$1,589,600 00
Six per cent. Central Park Fund Stock—City of New York, issued in pursuance of chapter 616, Laws of 1853, and chapter 25, Laws of 1857, payable November 1, 1887.....	1,476,471 00
Six per cent. Central Park Improvement Fund Stock—City of New York, issued in pursuance of chapter 771, Laws of 1857, and chapter 349, Laws of 1859, payable August 1, 1887.....	2,083,200 00
Total.....	\$5,149,271 00

Sections 176 and 177 of the Consolidation Act of 1882 authorize and empower the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to pay and redeem any portion of the bonded debt of the City, "provided such payment shall not in any way impair the preferred claims" upon the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, and "provided, also, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall deem it for the best interests of the City that such payment should be so made."

Under these provisions of law the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have authority to pay and redeem that portion of the City Debt which becomes due and payable in the years 1887, amounting to \$5,123,400, not originally payable from the Sinking Fund, but from taxation, as follows:

Seven per cent. Accumulated Debt Bonds—City of New York, issued in pursuance of section 4, chapter 876, Laws of 1869, payable November 1, 1887.....	\$1,300,000 00
Seven per cent. Accumulated Debt Bonds, County of New York, issued in pursuance of section 5, chapter 875, Laws of 1869, payable November 1, 1887.....	1,200,000 00
Six per cent. Assessment Fund Stock—County of New York, issued in pursuance of section 7, chapter 565, Laws of 1865, payable November 1, 1887.....	1,118,700 00
Seven per cent. Assessment Fund Stock—County of New York, issued in pursuance of section 7, chapter 565, Laws of 1865, payable November 1, 1887.....	60,700 00
Six per cent. New York County Court-house Stock, issued in pursuance of chapter 242, Laws of 1864, payable November 1, 1887.....	100,000 00
Seven per cent. New York County Court-house Stock (No. 3), issued in pursuance of section 4, chapter 875, Laws of 1869, payable November 1, 1887.....	120,000 00
Six per cent. New York County Repairs to Buildings Stock, issued in pursuance of section 3, chapter 875, Laws of 1869, payable November 1, 1887.....	23,000 00
Six per cent. Soldiers' Bounty Fund Bonds—County of New York, issued in pursuance of chapter 7, Laws of 1864, payable November 1, 1887.....	500,000 00
Four per cent. Assessment Fund Stock—City of New York, issued in pursuance of section 7, chapter 604, Laws of 1874, payable on or after November 1, 1887.....	164,000 00
Total.....	\$5,123,400 00

The above statement shows that the accumulations and revenues of the Sinking Fund are sufficient to pay and redeem the stocks and bonds forming that portion of the City Debt which becomes due and payable in the next following calendar year, 1887, without in any way impairing the preferred claims upon that fund, as provided by section 175 of the Consolidation Act of 1882.

Section 191 of that act also provides as follows:

"Whenever and as often as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall certify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the accumulations in the Sinking Fund will not be sufficient to meet the payment of any bonds or stocks falling due in the next following calendar year it shall be the duty of said Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and it is hereby required to include in the annual estimate for such year, to be raised by tax on the estates, real and personal, in said city, subject to taxation, such an amount to be applied to the payment of said bonds or stocks as shall be certified by said Commissioners, and the amount so included in said estimate shall be paid into said Sinking Fund and applied as in this section specified; provided, however, that the amount so to be raised by tax and paid into the Sinking Fund, as in this section provided, shall not in any one year be less than the sum of one million dollars, nor more than two million dollars."

A resolution certifying the condition of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, and the estimated revenues thereof for the year 1887, and also the amount of stocks and bonds forming that portion of the City Debt becoming due and payable in the year 1887, which was originally by law payable from taxation, is herewith submitted for such action thereon by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as may be required by the foregoing provision of the Consolidation Act.

Respectfully,

EDWARD V. LOEW, Comptroller.

Whereas, Stocks and bonds forming a portion of the City Debt, originally payable by law from taxation, become due and payable in the next calendar year, to wit, in the year 1887, amounting to five million one hundred and twenty-three thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,123,400), as stated by the Comptroller in his report presented this day; and

Whereas, It appears also by said report that the accumulations of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, and the estimated revenues thereof in the next following calendar year, 1887, are sufficient for the payment and redemption of that portion of the City Debt becoming due and payable in said year without in any way impairing the preferred charge upon said Sinking Fund; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund deem it to be for the best interests of the City that the portion of the City Debt not originally payable by law from taxation which becomes due in the year 1887, shall be paid and redeemed by said Sinking Fund; therefore

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of section 191 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby certify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that stocks and bonds constituting a portion of the City Debt originally payable by law from taxation, amounting to five million one hundred and twenty-three thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,123,400) becomes due in the next following calendar year, 1887; that the amount of stocks and bonds and cash in the said Sinking Fund on December 1, 1886, was forty million four hundred and eighty-two thousand seven hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty-three cents (\$40,482,742.52); and the estimated revenues thereof, in the said year 1887, is seven million three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$7,325,000); that the amount of stocks and bonds which constitute a preferred charge upon said Sinking Fund, under section 175 of said Consolidation Act, is nine million seven hundred and thirty-seven thousand eight hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$9,737,871), a portion of which preferred charge, amounting to five million one hundred and forty-nine thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$5,149,271), becomes due and payable in said year 1887; and that said portion of the City Debt payable by law originally from taxation can be paid and redeemed by said Sinking Fund without impairing said preferred charges thereon.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held December 28, 1886, the foregoing preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Secretary.

Which were received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Comptroller presented the following:

Statement of Bonds and Stocks of the City of New York, payable from Taxation, issued after June 3, 1878, and prior to January 1, 1887, by authority of existing Statutes, and the sums required to be included in the Annual Estimate for the year 1887, and subsequent years, which, with the accumulation of interest thereon, shall be sufficient to redeem said Bonds and Stocks by the time the same shall be payable, as provided by Section 192 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

TITLES OF BONDS AND STOCKS.	STATUTES AUTHORIZING THEIR ISSUE.	RATES OF INTEREST.	WHEN PAYABLE.	AMOUNT OF BONDS AND STOCKS ISSUED PRIOR TO 1886.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX IN 1887, FOR REDEMPTION OF BONDS AND STOCKS ISSUED PRIOR TO 1886.	AMOUNT OF BONDS AND STOCKS ISSUED IN 1886.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX IN 1887, FOR REDEMPTION OF BONDS AND STOCKS ISSUED IN 1886.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS AND STOCKS ISSUED PRIOR TO 1887.	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX IN 1887 FOR REDEMPTION OF BONDS AND STOCKS.
		Per cent.							
Dock Bonds.....	Chap. 574, Laws of 1871.....	5	1908	\$225,000 00					
		5	1909	500,000 00					
		5	1910	500,000 00					
		5	1911	101,000 00					
		4	1912	679,000 00	\$123,017 09				
		4	1913	1,000,000 00					
		4	1914	800,000 00					
		4	1915	175,000 00					
		3	1916	625,000 00					
		3 1/2	1917	1,150,000 00					
	Sec. 143, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.							\$6,458,000 00	\$133,526 72
City Improvement Stock.....	Chap. 620, Laws of 1869.....	5	1892	190,018 83	11,121 12	\$500,000 00	\$10,509 63	190,018 83	11,121 12
City Improvement Stock (Consolidated Stock).....	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	5	1900	13,616 52	506 75			13,616 52	506 75
	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	5	1901	490,000 00					
	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	5	1891	105,000 00					
	Chap. 445, Laws of 1877.....	4	1899	2,230,000 00	215,772 47			3,884,000 00	215,772 47
	Sec. 141, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.								
		3 1/2	1895	240,000 00					
		5	1900	110,000 00					
Croton Water-main Stock.....	Chap. 593, Laws of 1872.....	5	1903	581,000 00	18,589 84			710,000 00	18,589 84
	Chap. 477, Laws of 1875.....	4	1906	15,000 00					
City Parks Improvement Fund Stock.....	Chap. 608, Laws of 1875.....	5	1904	11,000 00	288 42			11,000 00	288 42
Museums of Art and Natural History Stock.....	Chap. 290, Laws of 1871.....	4	1903	310,000 00	950 06			33,000 00	950 06
New York County Court-house Stock No. 5.....	Chap. 583, Laws of 1871.....	5	1898	124,000 00	5,494 01			133,500 00	5,494 01
Assessment Fund Stock.....	Chap. 565, Laws of 1865.....	4	1893	9,500 00	13 71			500 00	13 71
	Chap. 334, Laws of 1871.....	5	1901	55,000 00					
Bonds for Construction of Bridge over Harlem River.....	Chap. 339, Laws of 1874.....	4	1901	204,500 00	56,956 37			499,500 00	56,956 37
	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	5	1906	921,900 00					
	Chap. 300, Laws of 1875.....	5	1908	300,000 00					
New York Bridge Bonds (Consolidated Stock).....	Chap. 368, Laws of 1887.....	4	1908	866,666 66	21,134 84			2,088,566 66	21,134 84
	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	5	1889	3,500 00					
	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	4	1889	47,250 00	6,844 92			51,900 00	6,844 92
	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	3	1889	14,150 00					
Consolidated Stock (K).....	Chap. 365, Laws of 1865.....	5	1899	28,173 19	1,048 49			28,173 19	1,048 49
Consolidated Stock (L).....	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	5	1899	12,235 17					
Consolidated Stock (M).....	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	4	1899	649,327 59	30,768 87			661,562 76	30,768 87
	Chap. 604, Laws of 1874.....	3	1904	302,000 00					
	Chap. 322, Laws of 1871.....	3	1895	670,000 00	86,098 57			1,172,000 00	86,098 57
Armory Bonds.....	Chap. 91, Laws of 1884.....	3	1904	200,000 00					
School-house Bonds.....	Chap. 458, Laws of 1884.....	3	1904	332,000 00	28,960 48	470,845 47	52,949 80	802,845 47	81,910 28
Consolidated Stock (Riker's Island).....	Chap. 462, Laws of 1884.....	3	1894	180,000 00	15,701 47			180,000 00	15,701 47
Consolidated Stock (Metropolitan Museum of Art).....	Chap. 447, Laws of 1884.....	3	1904	250,000 00	871 79			250,000 00	871 79
Consolidated Stock (Harlem River Bridge).....	Chap. 487, Laws of 1885.....	3	1907			50,000 00	1,860 78	150,000 00	5,347 96
Consolidated Stock—Revenue Bond (Gamevoort Market).....	Chap. 325, Laws of 1884.....	3	1907			100,000 00	3,487 18	150,000 00	5,347 96
						5,000 00	174 36	5,000 00	174 36
Totals.....				\$15,972,337 96	\$624,139 27	\$1,125,845 47	\$68,981 75	\$17,095,183 43	\$693,171 02

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Comptroller presented the following:

Statement of Stocks of the City of New York, payable from Taxation, issued after December 31, 1884, and prior to January 1, 1887, by authority of existing Statutes, and the sums required to be included in the Annual Estimate for the year 1887, and subsequent years, which, with the accumulation of interest thereon, shall be sufficient to redeem said Stocks by the time the same shall be payable, as provided by Section 11 of the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York, adopted at the General Election, held November 4, 1884.

TITLES OF STOCKS.	STATUTES AUTHORIZING THEIR ISSUE.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN PAYABLE.	AMOUNT OF STOCKS ISSUED PRIOR TO 1886.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX IN 1887, FOR REDEMPTION OF STOCKS ISSUED PRIOR TO 1886.	AMOUNT OF STOCKS ISSUED IN 1886.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX IN 1887, FOR REDEMPTION OF STOCKS ISSUED IN 1886.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF STOCKS ISSUED PRIOR TO 1887.	TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX IN 1887 FOR REDEMPTION OF STOCKS.
		Per cent.							
Additional Water Stock.....	Chapter 490, Laws of 1883.....	3	1904	\$1,000,000 00		\$2,500,000 00	\$106,771 90	\$5,000,000 00	\$206,306 48
		3 1/2	1904	1,500,000 00	\$99,534 58				
Additional Croton Water Stock.....	Section 141, New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.	3	1904	500,000 00	19,906 91	250,000 00	10,677 19	750,000 00	30,584 10
Totals.....				\$3,000,000 00	\$119,441 49	\$2,750,000 00	\$117,449 09	\$5,750,000 00	\$236,890 58

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Comptroller presented the following:

Statement of Liabilities of the Account, "Fund for Street and Park Openings," Consisting of Taxed Costs and Awards in Street and Park Opening Proceedings remaining unpaid, and of Balance in the Treasury to the Credit of said Fund.

Awards and taxed costs unpaid, December 31, 1885.....	\$354,888 84
Payments from January 1, 1886, to December 15, 1886, on account of liability existing December 31, 1885.....	213,043 33
Liability, December 15, 1886, for awards confirmed prior to 1886.....	\$141,845 51
Proceedings confirmed in 1886, taxed costs and awards.....	\$151,725 00
Payments made on account thereof to December 15, 1886.....	405 00
Liability, December 15, 1886, for awards confirmed in 1886.....	151,320 00
Total liability of the account, December 15, 1886.....	\$293,165 51
Cash balance to the credit of the account, December 15, 1886.....	145,388 99
Excess of liability over cash balance.....	\$147,776 52

NEW YORK, December 15, 1886.

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Chairman presented the following:

NEW YORK, November 26, 1886.

Hon. W. R. GRACE:
DEAR SIR—On my last visit to Florence, I met Mrs. Jackson, the widow of the sculptor, who feelingly told me of the position in which she found herself by the incomplete action of our late city authorities. Her husband, while in this country, made a design for a group of statuary to be placed on the gate-house of the large reservoir in the Park. The design was accepted, and the masonry arranged on the house for its reception. Mr. Jackson went to Italy, and to work on the order. A full-sized group was completed in plaster, ready for the foundry. The Croton Department had become merged in that of Public Works, but after a time the model was paid for with some amount for storage, but no orders were sent with regard to the disposition of the model. Mr. Jackson had died, but Mrs. Jackson, with a pious respect for his memory, and with a hope that the City would have it executed in bronze, and assume the expenses of storage, has continued to pay it, an amount that she can ill afford. With the lapse of years, this hope is fading out. She finds that she has assumed a debt, and the opportunity of having her husband's work perpetuated may never come.

On my return I investigated the story. I find the particulars well known to General Greene, G. W. Birdsall, J. Lawton Smith, and other employees of the Water Department, and I feel that, as a matter of justice, that Mrs. Jackson should be repaid for her advances, and some order given with regard to the model. It could, at small expense, be shipped to this city, and stand with the Park Department, and exhibited till the City may think proper to give a further order to have it cast and placed on the pedestal for which it was designed.

The entire expense in payment of Mrs. Jackson, and freight here, I understand, will not exceed \$1,000; and I would respectfully request that the matter be submitted to the Board of Apportionment, with such recommendation as you may deem proper.

With sentiments of respect, very sincerely and truly,

WM. H. APPLETON.

Which was received and referred to the Department of Public Works.

Various items in the Final Estimate for 1887 were discussed and unanimously agreed upon. The Comptroller moved that when the Board adjourns, it do so to meet to-morrow, December 30, 1886, at 1 o'clock P.M.

Which was agreed to.
On motion, the Board adjourned.

M. COLEMAN, Secretary.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The following schedules form a report of the transactions of the office of the Counsel to the Corporation for the week ending December 25, 1886:

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York are defendants, unless otherwise mentioned.

SCHEDULE "A."

SUITS AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED.

SUPREME COURT.

Henry W. T. Mali, Henry L. Cammann and Isabella M. Cammann an infant, by Henry W. T. Mali, her guardian ad litem, vs. George W. Birdsall—Damages for trespass and tearing down fence, etc., on plaintiffs' lands at Macomb's Dam road and Harlem river, in Twenty-fourth Ward, in August and September, 1886, \$15,000.

Charles L. Cammann, Henry J. Cammann, Susan Cammann, Oswald Cammann an infant, by Charles L. Cammann, his guardian ad litem, and Charles L. Cammann, as trustee under and by virtue of the last will and testament of Sarah B. Cammann, deceased, vs. George W. Birdsall—Damages for trespass and tearing down fence, etc., on plaintiffs' lands at Harlem river between Fordham Landing road and road leading to Macomb's Dam, in August and September, 1886, \$15,000.

Ottile Heuer vs. The Mayor, etc.—For excess of assessment paid for Fifty-first and Fifty-sixth streets sewers, between Ninth avenue and Hudson river, on Ward No. 63 in Block 188, \$109.21.

John Mullaly vs. The Mayor, etc.—For excess of assessment paid for Fifty-first and Fifty-sixth streets sewers, between Ninth avenue and Hudson river, on Ward Nos. 37 and 38, in Block 143, \$381.74.

Peo. ex rel. The Board of Education of the City of New York vs. William R. Grace, as Mayor, etc.; Edward V. Loew, as Comptroller; Robert B. Nooney, as President of the Board of Aldermen, and Michael Coleman, as President of Taxes and Assessments of the City of New York, constituting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for said City—Mandamus to compel the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to make a final estimate of the amount required to pay the expenses of Board of Education for year 1887 in one aggregate sum.

In re petition of William M. Thomas—To vacate an assessment for sewers in St. Nicholas avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-second and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, with branches.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York vs. the steamboat "Continental," her tackle, etc.—Damages by collision of libellee with steam tug "Municipal," October 6, 1886, \$3,990.72.

BEFORE THE ASSESSMENT COMMISSION, APPOINTED UNDER CHAPTER 550 OF THE LAWS OF 1880. In re application of Norman Allen—For repayment of Assessment for Ninth avenue regulating, etc. In re application of Edward C. Crane—For repayment of assessment for Ninth avenue regulating, etc.

In re petition of William B. Asten—For an award, assessment for One Hundred and Twenty-second street regulating, etc., from Ninth avenue to Mt. Morris square.

In re petition of Mary Cavanagh—For an award, assessment for Boulevard regulating, etc., from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

SCHEDULE "B."

JUDGMENTS ENTERED AND ORDERS OF THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL TERMS.

George W. McLean, as Receiver, etc., vs. The Columbia Steam Navigation Co.—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

People ex rel. Joseph Moore—Order entered denying motion for mandamus with \$10 costs. The Mayor, etc., vs. Third Avenue Railroad Co.—Order entered restoring cause to day calendar by consent.

In re William B. Whiteman et al., One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street regulating, etc.—Order entered reducing assessment.

Joseph Brennan vs. Mairs and Daly and ors.—Judgment entered dismissing the complaint against the Mayor et al without costs, pursuant to decision of Beach, J., Special Term.

A. T. H. Brower—Order entered restoring cause to day calendar by consent.

Laffin and Kaud Powder Company (Supreme)—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

John Wallace vs. Robert Nugent and another—Order entered dismissing complaint with costs and \$10 costs of motion.

In re Henry A. Cram regulating and paving Fifth avenue, One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Harlem river—Order entered dismissing petition without costs by consent.

John Standfast—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$208.33 without trial; letter to Comptroller.

James Linden—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

Arnet Seaman and another—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

The Hecla Powder Co.—Judgment decree entered in favor of plaintiff against the fund of \$1,798.16, due defendant Ames, for \$1,380.65 and \$159.32 costs, and in favor of various leasers for the balance thereof; and in favor of defendants Mairs and Daly for the balance of the general fund of \$22,067.91, with \$152.18 costs against defendant Ames after trial before Donohue J.

George W. McLean, as Receiver etc., vs. Catharine Comstock as executrix, etc. et al—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

The Broadway Tabernacle Society—Judgment entered in favor of plaintiff for \$410.13, without trial by consent.

In re Bernard Blessing, Manhattan street sewer—Order entered dismissing petition without costs upon motion made before Barrett, J.

In re William T. Ryerson, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street sewer—Order entered dismissing petition without costs upon motion made before Barrett, J.

In re Garrett D. Braisted—Order entered dismissing petition without costs upon motion made before Barrett, J.

John W. Pollock—Order entered restoring cause to calendar for January, 1887, by consent.

In re Francis Blessing, One Hundred and Sixth street outlet sewer—Order entered dismissing petition without costs upon motion made before Barrett, J.

In re Robert A. Arkenburgh, Seventy-sixth street outlet sewer—Order entered dismissing petition without costs upon motion made before Barrett, J.

John Wallace vs. Patrick Nugent and ano.—Judgment entered in favor of defendants dismissing the complaint and for \$22.10 costs, etc., after trial before Nehrbas, J.

New Aqueduct, Manhattan Island Section, Additional lands—Order entered appointing E. Ellery Anderson, Henry F. Spaulding and Robert Murray as Commissioners.

George E. Clark vs. William E. Dean et al—Order entered denying motion to interplead the Twelfth Ward Bank.

Mary Lazarus vs. Stephen McDermott—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

John R. O'Donnell vs. Thomas Maher and ano.—Order entered discontinuing action without costs after motion before Barrett, J.

Martin Frank vs. John Gunner et al.—Order entered discontinuing action without costs after motion before Barrett, J.

Dennis McGrath—Order entered discontinuing action without costs after motion before Barrett, J.

Thomas J. Allen and ors.—Order entered discontinuing action without costs after motion before Barrett, J.

People ex rel. Charles Trainor vs. John Newton, Commissioner of Public Works—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

Ellen Blattner vs. Thomas Kearney—Order entered discontinuing action without costs by consent.

SCHEDULE "C."

SUITS AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS TRIED OR ARGUED.

Lewis Samuel—Motion for security for costs argued before Barrett, J.; decision reserved; papers submitted; Wilmut T. Cox for the City.

Butler H. Bixby—Motion to dismiss action made before Barrett, J.; motion granted; C. R. Waterbury for the City.

Joseph Hall—Motion to dismiss action made before Barrett, J.; motion granted; C. R. Waterbury for the City.

Patrick H. Jones—Motion to dismiss action made before Barrett, J.; motion granted; C. R. Waterbury for the City.

George W. Mason—Motion to dismiss action made before Barrett, J.; motion granted; C. R. Waterbury for the City.

Stephen O'Brien—Motion to dismiss action made before Barrett, J.; motion granted; C. R. Waterbury for the City.

Thomas J. Ridden—Motion to dismiss action made before Barrett, J.; motion granted; C. R. Waterbury for the City.

Charles Sedgwick—Motion to dismiss action made before Barrett, J.; motion granted; C. R. Waterbury for the City.

Peo. ex rel. Central Park, N. & E. R. R. Co. vs. Tax Commissioners—Argued before Van Brunt, J.; decision reserved; G. S. Coleman for the City.

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Peo. ex rel. Central Park, N. & E. R. R. Co. vs. Tax Commissioners—Argued before Van Brunt, J.; decision reserved; G. S. Coleman for the City.

James J. Jones—Tried before Daly, J. and Jury; verdict for defendant; J. J. Townsend, Jr., for the City.

Matter New York and Harlem Railroad Co. (Appraisal of damages for land taken) a Grand Central Depot.—Hearing proceeded and adjourned to 29th at 2 P. M.

In re Bernard Blessing, Manhattan street sewer—Motion made to dismiss petition without costs before Barrett, J.

Denis Dermody—Motion made to dismiss complaint for want of prosecution before Barrett, J.; granted by default.

In re William T. Ryerson, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street sewer—Motion made to dismiss petition without costs before Barrett, J.

In re Garrett D. Braisted, Ninety-sixth street outlet sewer—Motion made to dismiss petition without costs before Barrett, J.

In re Francis Blessing, One Hundred and Sixth street outlet sewer—Motion made to dismiss petition without costs before Barrett, J.

In re Robert A. Arkenburgh, Seventy-sixth street regulating, etc.—Motion made to dismiss petition without costs before Barrett, J.

James Brady—Motion for extra allowance made before Ingraham, J.; motion denied; J. J. Townsend for the City.

E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK, December 24, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the offices of this Department, will be removed to the new Headquarters Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, on January 3, 1887.

HENRY D. PURROY,
RICHARD CROKER,
EDWARD SMITH,
Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 7, 1886.

Pursuant to section 9 of chapter 339, Laws of 1883, I hereby designate "New York Times" and the "Daily News" two of the daily newspapers printed in the City of New York, in which notice of each sale of unredeemed pawns or pledges by public auction in said city, by pawnbrokers, shall be published for at least six days previous thereto, until otherwise ordered.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 31, 1885.

In pursuance of the ordinance, approved April 30, 1877, and amended June 1, 1877, entitled, "An ordinance to prevent the danger of hydrophobia to any of the inhabitants of the City of New York," notice is hereby given that all Dogs found at large in the City of New York on and after January 1, contrary to such ordinance, will be seized and disposed of as provided therein.

The Dog Pound at the foot of Sixteenth street, East river, is hereby designated as the place where dogs so captured must be delivered to the keeper thereof. The Pound will be open from eight o'clock A. M. until five o'clock P. M. daily, Sundays excepted, on and after the first day of January, 1886.

WM. R. GRACE,
Mayor.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH 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.
WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor; WILLIAM L. TURNER, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.
No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS W. BYRNE, First Marshal.
GEORGE W. BROWN, Jr., Second Marshal.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.
Rooms 114 and 115, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. PITT SHEARMAN, J. B. ADAMS.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.
Room 209, Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
JAMES C. SPENCER, President; JOHN C. SHEEHAN, Secretary; BENJAMIN S. CHURCH, Chief Engineer; J. C. LULLEY, Auditor.

BOARD OF ARMOY COMMISSIONERS.
THE MAYOR, Chairman; PRESIDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, Secretary.
Address: M. COLEMAN, State Zoning Building, Tryon Row. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.
Office of Clerk of Common Council.
No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ROBERT B. NOONEY, President Board of Aldermen.
FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

City Library.
No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
BERNARD JACOBI, City Librarian.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN NEWTON, Commissioner; D. LOWBER SMITH Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE W. BIRDSALL, Chief Engineer.

Bureau of Water Register.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

Bureau of Street Improvements.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. M. DEAN, Superintendent.

Engineer-in-Charge of Sewers.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HORACE LOOMIS, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS H. McAVOY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALSTON CULVER, Water Purveyor.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEO. E. BARCOCK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Incumbrances.
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEO. A. McDERMOTT, Superintendent.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.
MARTIN J. KEESSE, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.
No. 15 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD V. LOEW, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STOKES, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.
Nos. 19, 21, 23 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. J. LYON, Auditor of Accounts; DAVID E. AUSTEN, Deputy Auditor.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.
Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ARTHEMUS S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets.
Nos. 1 and 3 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES J. KELSO, Collector of the City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.
First floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDENBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.
Nos. 25, 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. M. IVINS, City Chamberlain.

Office of the City Paymaster.
No. 31 Remond street, Stewart Building.
JOHN H. TIMMERMAN, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.
Staats Zoning Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
E. HENRY LACOMBE, 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.
RICHARD J. MORRISON, Public Administrator.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.
No. 100 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN B. FRENCH, President; WILLIAM H. KIPP Chief Clerk; JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Chief Bureau of Elections.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.
Room 127, Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES KELLY, Commissioner; JAMES E. CONNER, Deputy Commissioner.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.
Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES A. FLACK, County Clerk; THOMAS F. GILROY, Deputy County Clerk.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.
Second floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, District Attorney.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE,
And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.
No. 9 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., except Saturdays, on which days 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

CORONERS' OFFICE.
Nos. 13 and 15 Chatham street, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Sundays and holidays, 8 A. M. to 12-30 P. M.
MICHAEL J. B. MESSEMER, FERDINAND LEVY, FERDINAND EIDMAN, JOHN R. NUGENT, Coroners; JOHN T. TOAL, Clerk of the Board of Coroners.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.
Central Office.
No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 8-30 A. M. to 5-30 P. M.
HENRY H. PORTER, President; GEORGE F. BRITTON, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Office hours for all except where otherwise noted from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 12 P. M. to 4 P. M.

Headquarters.
Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.
HENRY D. PURROY, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

Bureau of Chief of Department.
CHARLES O. SHAY, Chief of Department.

Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.
PETER SEERY, Inspector of Combustibles.

Bureau of Fire Marshal.
GEORGE H. SHELTON, Fire Marshal.

Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.
ALBERT F. D'ONCH, Superintendent of Buildings.

Attorney to Department.
WM. L. FINDLEY, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.

Fire Alarm Telegraph.
J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.
Central Office Fire Alarm Telegraph open at all hours.

Repair Shops.
Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street.

Hospital Stables.
Ninety-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
JOSEPH SHEA, Foreman-in-Charge.
Open at all hours.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALEXANDER SHALLER, President; EDMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.
Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank Building, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
M. C. D. BORDEN, President; CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, Sixty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards
One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Third avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Battery, Pier A, North River, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
L. J. N. STARK, President; R. W. ELLISON, Secretary.
Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily, except Saturdays, on Saturdays as follows: from October 1 to June 1, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.; from June 1 to September 30, from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, 3 P. M.
MICHAEL COLEMAN, President; FLOYD T. SMITH, Secretary.
Office Bureau Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.
Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES S. BEARDSLEY, Auditor; WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

Nos. 31 and 32 Park Row, "World" Building, Rooms 8 and 9, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES S. COLEMAN, Commissioner; JACOB SEAROLD, Deputy Commissioner; R. W. HORNES, Chief Clerk.

CIVIL SERVICE SUPERVISORY AND EXAMINING BOARD.

Room No. 11, City Hall.
EVERETT P. WHEELER, Chairman of the Supervisory Board; LEE PHILLIPS, Secretary and Executive Officer.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPOINTMENT.

Office of Clerk, Staats Zeitung Building, Room 5.
THE MAYOS, Chairman; CHARLES V. ADEE, Clerk.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, City Hall, Room No. 11, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD GILSON, Chairman; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

No. 44 Bow Street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES H. WOODMAN, President; DAVID S. WHITE, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HUGH J. GRANT, Sheriff; JOHN B. SEXTON, Under Sheriff; HERBERT F. MARTIN, Order Arrest Clerk.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN KELLY, Register; JAMES A. HANLEY, Deputy Register.

SUPREME COURT.

Second floor, New County Court-house, opened 10.30 A. M.
NOAH DAVIS, Presiding Justice; JAMES A. FLACK, Clerk; THOMAS F. ELLIS, Deputy Clerk and Reporter; General Term, Room No. 9, WILLIAM LAMM, Jr., Clerk; Special Term, Part I, Room No. 10, HUGH DONNELLY, Clerk; Special Term, Part II, Room No. 18, JOSEPH P. McDONOUGH, Clerk; Chambers, Room No. 11, WALTER BRADY, Clerk; Circuit, Part I, Room No. 10, SAMUEL BARRY, Clerk; Circuit, Part II, Room No. 14, RICHARD J. SULLIVAN, Clerk; Circuit, Part III, Room No. 13, GEORGE F. LYON, Clerk; Circuit, Part IV, Room No. 15, J. LEWIS LYON, Clerk; Judges' Private Chambers, Rooms No. 12 and 20, EDWARD J. KNIGHT, Librarian.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
General Term, Room No. 35.
Special Term, Room No. 36, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Chambers, Room No. 37, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Part I, Room No. 34.
Part II, Room No. 34.
Part III, Room No. 36.
Judges' Private Chambers, Room No. 30.
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 32.
Clerk's Office, Room No. 31, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN SEDGWICK, Chief Judge; THOMAS BOESE, Chief Clerk.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
Assignment Bureau, Room No. 23, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk's Office, Room No. 22, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
General Term, Room No. 24, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Special Term, Room No. 21, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Chambers, Room No. 24, 10.30 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Part I, Room No. 25, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Part II, Room No. 25, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Part III, Room No. 27, 11 o'clock A. M. to adjournment.
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 23, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
RICHARD L. LAKEMORE, Chief Justice; NATHANIEL JAYVIS, Jr., Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
Nos. 49 and 51 CHAMBERS STREET,
December 28, 1886.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING 800 tons White Ash Coal (450 tons broken and 350 tons stove), to be of the best quality of Pitston, Scranton, or Lackawanna, weight 2,000 pounds to the ton, and to be well screened and free from slate, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street, New York, until eleven o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, January 5, 1887. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall present the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Coal," with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same and the date of presentation, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read, and the award of the contract will be made as soon thereafter as practicable.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at the office of the said Department with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or estimate, and that the sureties offered by him or them have been approved by the Comptroller; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default of the Corporation, and thereupon the contract will be re-advertised and relet, and so on until the contract be accepted and executed. The delivery to commence at such time as the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks may designate.

N. B.—The prices must be written in the estimate, and also stated in figures, and all estimates will be considered as informal which do not contain bids for all items called for in the specifications, or which contain bids for items not called for therein. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the Department of Public Parks to reject any or all estimates which may seem prejudicial to the public interest. No estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National or State Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the estimate, or the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded to him, or, if he fails to execute the same, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, he shall receive the same back.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates, under oath, their names and places of residence; the names of all persons interested in the estimate, and if no other person be so interested they shall distinctly state the fact; also, that such estimate is made without any collusion with any other person making a bid or estimate for the same purpose, and that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and also, that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or any other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any part of the profits thereof.

The estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making such estimate, that the several matters therein stated are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested in the estimate the verification must be made and subscribed by all the parties interested. Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, and stated in the proposals, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with an intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

All of the coal is to be delivered in such quantities and at such times as may be directed during the year 1887 at the several buildings, workshops and other places of the Department located in the Central Park, at the cottages in the various city parks, and at the Third Avenue, Madison Avenue and Central Bridge, and it is to be inspected and weighed under the supervision of an Inspector, to be designated by the Department.

The amount of security required is one thousand five hundred dollars. Blank forms of proposals and form of agreement, including the specifications, and showing the mode of payment to be obtained on application to the Secretary at the office of the Department, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street.

M. C. D. BORDEN,
JOHN D. CRIMMINS,
JESSE W. POWERS,
HENRY R. BEEKMAN,
Commissioners of Public Parks.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET,
December 28, 1886.

NOTICE.
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS WILL sell at public auction, by Van Ness & Kearney, Auctioneers, at Nos. 110 and 112 East Thirtieth street, on Friday, December 31, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M.,

ONE HORSE.
TERMS OF SALE.
The purchase money to be paid in bankable funds at the time of sale.
The horse to be removed immediately after the sale.
By order of the Department of Public Parks,
CHARLES DE F. BURNS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,
Nos. 49 and 51 CHAMBERS STREET,
December 28, 1886.

TO CONTRACTORS.
PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING 350,000 pounds of Hay, of the quality and standard known as best Sweet Timothy.
50,000 pounds good, clean Rye Straw.
2,500 lbs. clean No. 1 White Oats, 50 pounds to the bag.
575 bags clean, sound Yellow Corn, 50 pounds to the bag.
450 bags first quality Bran, 40 pounds to the bag.

—will be received at the Office of the Department of Public Parks, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street, New York, until eleven o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, January 5, 1887. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall present the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Coal," with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, and the date of presentation, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read, and the award of the contract will be made as soon thereafter as practicable.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at the office of the said Department with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or estimate, and that the sureties offered by him or them have been approved by the Comptroller; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default of the Corporation, and thereupon the contract will be re-advertised and relet, and so on until the contract be accepted and executed. The delivery to commence at such time as the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks may designate.

N. B.—The prices must be written in the estimate, and also stated in figures, and all estimates will be considered as informal which do not contain bids for all items called for in the specifications, or which contain bids for items not called for therein. Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or estimate, and the right is expressly reserved by the Department of Public Parks to reject any or all estimates which may seem prejudicial to the public interest. No estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National or State Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the estimate, or the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded to him, or, if he fails to execute the same, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, he shall receive the same back.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates, under oath, their names and places of residence; the names of all persons interested in the estimate, and if no other person be so interested they shall distinctly state the fact; also, that such estimate is made without any collusion with any other person making a bid or estimate for the same purpose, and that it is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and also, that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or any other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any part of the profits thereof.

The estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making such estimate, that the several matters therein stated are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested in the estimate the verification must be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, and stated in the proposals, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with an intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

All of the articles are to be delivered in such quantities, and at such times as may be directed, at the following places:

Sixty-fourth street and Fifth Avenue (Arsenal).
Sixty-fourth street and Eighth Avenue (Sheepfold).
Sixty-fourth street and Broadway (Stables).
One Hundred and Fifth street and Fifth Avenue (Stables).
One Hundred and Forty-third street and College Avenue (Stables).

N. B.—The amount of security required is two thousand dollars. Blank forms of proposals and form of agreement, including the specifications, and showing the mode of payment to be obtained on application to the Secretary at the office of the Department, Nos. 49 and 51 Chambers street.

M. C. D. BORDEN,
JOHN D. CRIMMINS,
JESSE W. POWERS,
HENRY R. BEEKMAN,
Commissioners of Public Parks.

JURORS.

NOTICE
IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
ROOM 127, STEWART BUILDING,
CHAMBERS STREET AND BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1886.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE received from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. daily, at the office of the Commissioner of Jurors, at the above address, from persons who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given. Those who have not answered as to their liability, or proven 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, 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 true name, residence, etc. No attention paid to letters.

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve who called or pay their fines. No excuse will be allowed or payment permitted. The fines if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents. All good citizens will and the course of justice, and the public interest require that every citizen should discharge his 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 thirty and seventy years of age, summer absentees, persons temporarily ill, and United States and District Court jurors are not exempt. Every man must be present or send a respectable and disinterested person to give any jury paper to another to answer. It is also punishable by fine or imprisonment to give or receive any jury paper, or to be absent from the court in relation to a jury service, or to withhold any paper or make any false statement, and every case will be fully prosecuted.

CHARLES REILLY,
Commissioner of Jurors.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 30, 1886.

PROPOSALS FOR 2,000 TONS OF FRESH MINED WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Board of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9.30 o'clock A. M., of Thursday, January 13, 1887, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the President of said Board, for 2,000 tons Fresh Mined White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; each ton to consist of two thousand pounds, to be well screened, and delivered in such quantities and in such parts of the city as may be required in specifications, and ordered from time to time, with of Eighty-fourth street, to be subject to such inspection as the Commissioners may direct, and to meet their approval as to the quality, quantity, time and manner of delivery in every respect.

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 is awarded under that proposal, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; which consent must be verified by the justification of each of the persons signing the same for doing the same amount of security required. The adequacy and sufficiency of such security to be approved by the Comptroller.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National or State banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

The Board of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to reject all bids or estimates deemed inadvisable of the city, and 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 a defaulter, as surety 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, and all information furnished.

HENRY H. PORTER, President.
THOMAS S. BRENNAN, Secretary.
CHARLES E. SIMMONS, Commissioner.
Public Charities and Correction.
NEW YORK, December 30, 1886.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.**TO CONTRACTORS.**

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH COW'S MILK, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING Fresh Cow's Milk for the year 1887, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M., of Tuesday, January 12, 1887. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall present the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Fresh Cow's Milk for the Department of Public Charities and Correction for the year 1887," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

The Board of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to reject all bids or estimates if deemed inadvisable of the city, and 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 a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids. Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect from a person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond or other satisfactory securities, each in the penal amount of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also, that the contract awarded to him or them shall be executed by him or them in connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud, and that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk therein, or any other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any part of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the same, that the several matters therein stated are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent in writing of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, and stated in the proposals, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with an intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

Dated NEW YORK, December 24, 1886.
HENRY H. PORTER, President,
THOMAS BRENNAN, Commissioner,
CHARLES E. SIMMONS, Commissioner,
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
New York, December 23, 1886.

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 Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—Nellie Ford, aged 55 years; committed October 13, 1886.
Joseph Hawley, aged 53 years; committed December 6, 1886.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Charles Eberhart, aged 43 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; blue eyes, brown hair. Had on when admitted dark striped coat, dark mixed pants and vest, black felt hat, boots.
John Goodwin, aged 37 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; had on when admitted brown mixed coat and vest, gray pants, laced shoes, black derby hat.

William F. Allen, aged 37 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; gray eyes; black hair. Had on when admitted brown mixed coat, dark pants, gray vest, laced shoes, brown derby hat.

Henry Smith, aged 58 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted gray overcoat, black coat, gray vest, dark pants, gaiters, black derby hat.

At Branch Insane Asylum, Randall's Island—John Ahern, aged 53 years; 5 feet 10 inches high; gray hair; blue eyes.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order

G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR WHISKEY, CORKS,
CHEMICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING

BOURBON WHISKEY.

About 75 barrels of two-strap copper-distilled Bourbon Whiskey, to be delivered during the year 1887, in accordance with the contract, to be not less than one year old from date of distillation stamp, with privilege to receive it directly from the U. S. Warehouse on contract of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in the United States Revenue Tax on whiskey during the year 1887 shall cancel this contract so far as the same remains unfilled.

COD LIVER OIL.

20 barrels Pure Medicinal Norwegian Cod Liver Oil, in original packages.

CARBOLIC ACID.

3,000 pounds pure white medicinal crystallized Carbolic Acid, U. S. Pharmacopoeia, in 1-lb. bottles, provided with red-lettered labels and poison labels. 25 lbs. in a box.

SUB-NITRATE OF BISMUTH.

350 pounds pure Sub-Nitrate of Bismuth, U. S. Pharmacopoeia. In 25-lb. boxes (bulk).

VASELINE.

1,300 pounds Vaseline, in 5-lb. tins.

CASTLE SOAP.

1,200 pounds pure White Castle Soap, genuine Count's 1,800 pounds pure Mottled, imported, Castle Soap, to be equal to sample exhibited at Central Office.

CASTOR OIL.

200 gallons pure, colorless Castor Oil, in 5-gallon boxes.

MORPHINE.

200 ounces pure Sulphate of Morphine, in the original one-ounce vials of the manufacturer.

CORKS.

945 gross Corks, quality XX, taper, free from admixture with lower grades, each size to be delivered in gross, lugs, properly labeled—No. 2, 200 gross; No. 3, 150 gross; No. 4, 200 gross; No. 5, 10 gross; No. 6, 10 gross; No. 7, 10 gross; No. 8, 10 gross; No. 9, 10 gross; No. 10, 10 gross; No. 11, 5 gross; No. 12, 5 gross; No. 13, 5 gross; No. 14, 5 gross; No. 15, 5 gross; No. 16, 5 gross; No. 17, 5 gross; No. 18, 5 gross; No. 19, 5 gross; No. 20, 5 gross; No. 21, 5 gross; No. 22, 5 gross; No. 23, 5 gross; No. 24, 5 gross; No. 25, 5 gross; No. 26, 5 gross; No. 27, 5 gross; No. 28, 5 gross; No. 29, 5 gross; No. 30, 5 gross; No. 31, 5 gross; No. 32, 5 gross; No. 33, 5 gross; No. 34, 5 gross; No. 35, 5 gross; No. 36, 5 gross; No. 37, 5 gross; No. 38, 5 gross; No. 39, 5 gross; No. 40, 5 gross; No. 41, 5 gross; No. 42, 5 gross; No. 43, 5 gross; No. 44, 5 gross; No. 45, 5 gross; No. 46, 5 gross; No. 47, 5 gross; No. 48, 5 gross; No. 49, 5 gross; No. 50, 5 gross; No. 51, 5 gross; No. 52, 5 gross; 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No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Controller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must be deposited in the seal envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to him or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the law will be redrafted and let as provided by law.

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares, and merchandise must conform in every respect to the samples of the same, respectively, at the office of the said Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their bids.

Bidders will state the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued on the completion of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 22, 1886.

HENRY H. PORTER,
THOMAS S. BECKMAN,
CHARLES E. SIMMONS,
Commissioners of the Department of
Public Charities and Correction.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPOINTMENT.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Estimate and Apportionment will meet on Thursday, December 9, 1886, at 2 o'clock P. M., and daily thereafter, to consider the Final Estimate for the year 1887, when an opportunity will be afforded citizens and taxpayers to be heard relative thereto.

CHAS. V. ADEE,
Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE PROPERTY CLERK (Room No. 9),
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK 1886.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY
Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 9, hereby calls the following property, now in his custody, without claimants: Boots, rope, iron, lead, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, wine, blankets, coats, hats, caps, liquors, etc., also small amount money taken from prisoners and found by patrolmen of this Department.

JOHN F. HARRIOT,
Property Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICWORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, November 10, 1886.

NOTICE TO CROTON WATER CONSUMERS.

NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN made to this Department by citizens claiming reductions or rebates on bills for water supplied through meters, on the alleged ground of leakage caused by defective plumbing and worn-out service pipes, or by willful waste of water by tenants allowing the faucets to be turned on in full force in water-closets, sinks, etc., without the knowledge or consent of the owners of the premises.

The main object of the use of water-meters is to enable this Department to detect and check the useless and unwarrantable waste of an element so valuable and essential to the health and comfort of all the citizens, and this object can only be accomplished by enforcing payment for the water wasted.

Under the law all charges for water supplied through meters are a lien against the respective premises, and the law therefore holds the owner of the premises responsible for the amount of water used or wasted.

Notice is therefore given to all householders that, in all further applications for reduction of water rents, no allowance will be made on account of waste of water occurring through leaks from defective service pipes or plumbing, or wasteful use of water by tenants or occupants of buildings, though such leakage or waste may have occurred without the knowledge or consent of the owners of the buildings.

House-owners are further notified that whenever their premises become vacant, and are likely to remain vacant, they must notify this Department in writing, and that unless this requirement is complied with no deductions in extra water rents will be allowed for any portion of one year.

JOHN NEWTON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, September 29, 1886.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PERSONS HAVING ANY BUSINESS IN THIS Department which is not assigned to or transacted by the several Bureaux in the Department, and which should come under the immediate notice of the Commissioner of Public Works, are requested to communicate directly in person, or by letter, with the Commissioner.

JOHN NEWTON,
Commissioner of Public Works.

BOARD OF STREET OPENING AND IMPROVEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of section 105 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 30, 1873, chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, chapter 360 of the Laws of 1883, and chapter 185 of the Laws of 1885, and of all other provisions of law relating thereto.

That the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York deem it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of the City of New York by laying out, opening and extending certain new streets and avenues, and establishing the grades thereof, as follows:

I. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET, FROM KINGSBRIDGE ROAD (AVENUE SIXTY-NINTH) TO EDGE-COMBE ROAD.

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Kingsbridge road, distant 1,349.75 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, measured at right angles to the same.

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 65.35 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 109° 07' 53.6" to the right for 137.75 feet to the western line of Eleventh avenue;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 102° 34' 50" to the right for 61.55 feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 77° 02' 40.4" to the right for 367.31 feet to the point of beginning.

Elevation at Avenue St. Nicholas, southeast curb intersection, 158.05 feet above high water.

Elevation at Avenue St. Nicholas, northeast curb intersection, 158.05 feet above high water.

Elevation at Edgemoor road, southwest curb intersection, 146.75 feet above high water.

Elevation at Edgemoor road, northwest curb intersection, 147.05 feet above high water.

This street is designated a street of the third class, and is 60 feet wide.

II. JUMEL TERRACE, FROM ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET TO ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND STREET.

Beginning at a point distant 375.16 feet easterly from eastern line of Tenth avenue, measured at right angles to the same from a point 1,409.31 feet northerly from the southeastern corner of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Tenth avenue;

Thence northerly along a line parallel to Tenth avenue for 359.31 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 60 feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 60 feet to the point of beginning.

Elevations of both curb intersections of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, 168.05 feet above high water;

150 feet from thence, northerly, both curbs will be 179.05 feet above high water;

133.31 feet from thence, northerly, both curbs will be 184.48 feet above high water; at southwest curb intersection of One Hundred and Sixty-second street, 167.55 feet above high water; at southeast curb intersection of One Hundred and Sixty-second street, 166.48 feet above high water.

This street is designated a street of the third class and is 60 feet wide.

III. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD STREET, FROM TENTH AVENUE TO EDGEMOOR ROAD.

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Tenth avenue, distant 2,077.64 feet northerly from the southeastern corner of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Tenth avenue;

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Tenth avenue for 80 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 51.05 feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 80° 10' 05.6" to the right for 81.10 feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 90° 49' 54.4" to the right for 539.82 feet to the point of beginning.

Elevation of Tenth avenue, southeast curb intersection, 158.32 feet.

Elevation of Tenth avenue, northeast curb intersection, 157.48 feet.

At 55.5 feet easterly of eastern curb-line of Tenth avenue, 165 feet.

Elevation at Edgemoor road, southwest curb intersection, 158.13 feet.

Elevation at Edgemoor road, northwest curb intersection, 157.84 feet.

This street is designated a street of the third class and is 80 feet wide.

IV. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIXTH STREET, FROM TENTH AVENUE TO EDGEMOOR ROAD.

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Tenth avenue, distant 303.65 feet northerly from the southeastern corner of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Tenth avenue;

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Tenth avenue for 60 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 384.92 feet;

Thence northwesterly on the arc of a circle whose radius drawn through the eastern extremity of the preceding course forms an angle of 175° 14' 54.2" to the north with the preceding course, and is 500 feet, for 60.24 feet;

Thence northwesterly on a line forming an angle of 175° 04' 48.1" to the north, with the radius drawn through the southern extremity of the preceding course for 390.18 feet to the point of beginning.

Elevation at Tenth avenue, southeast curb intersection, 148.08 feet above high water.

Elevation at Tenth avenue, northeast curb intersection, 147.84 feet above high water; elevation at Edgemoor road, southwest curb intersection, 152.62 feet above high water; elevation at Edgemoor road, northwest curb intersection, 152.43 feet above high water.

This street is designated a street of the third class and is 60 feet wide.

V. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, FROM KINGSBRIDGE ROAD TO TENTH AVENUE.

"Parcel A." Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Kingsbridge road, distant 3,234.32 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, measured at right angles to the same;

Thence northerly along eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 62.85 feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 370 feet to the point of beginning.

Centre line elevation at Kingsbridge road, 168.85 feet above high water.

Centre line elevation at Audubon avenue, 163.36 feet above high water.

Thence northwesterly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 66.36 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 109° 07' 53.6" to the right for 151.75 feet to the western line of Eleventh avenue;

Thence northwesterly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 66.36 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 137.75 feet to the point of beginning.

"Parcel B." Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Kingsbridge road, distant 4,242.5 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, measured at right angles to the same;

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 66.36 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 350 feet to the western line of Audubon avenue;

Thence northwesterly along the western line of Audubon avenue for sixty feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 350 feet to the point of beginning.

"Parcel C." Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Audubon avenue, distant 4,242.5 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, measured at right angles to the same;

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Audubon avenue for sixty feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 370 feet to the western line of Tenth avenue;

Thence northwesterly along the western line of Tenth avenue for 60 feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 370 feet to the point of beginning.

Centre line elevation at Kingsbridge road, 192.36 feet above high water.

Centre line elevation at Audubon avenue, 188 feet above high water.

Centre line elevation at Tenth avenue, 175.33 feet above high water.

This street is designated a street of the third class, and is 60 feet wide.

VII. ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SECOND STREET, FROM KINGSBRIDGE ROAD TO TENTH AVENUE.

"Parcel A." Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Kingsbridge road, distant 4,242.5 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, measured at right angles to the same;

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 66.36 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 109° 07' 53.6" to the right for 238.52 feet to the western line of Eleventh avenue;

Thence northwesterly along the western line of Eleventh avenue for 60 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 217.75 feet to the point of beginning.

"Parcel B." Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Kingsbridge road, distant 4,242.5 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, measured at right angles to the same;

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 66.36 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 350 feet to the western line of Audubon avenue;

Thence northwesterly along the western line of Audubon avenue for 60 feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 370 feet to the point of beginning.

Centre line elevation at Kingsbridge road, 201.04 feet above high water.

Centre line elevation at Audubon avenue, 203.75 feet above high water.

Centre line elevation at Tenth avenue, 184.55 feet above high water.

This street is designated a street of the third class and is 60 feet wide.

VIII. ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET, FROM KINGSBRIDGE ROAD TO TENTH AVENUE.

"Parcel A." Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Kingsbridge road, distant 5,097 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, measured at right angles to the same;

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 62.85 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 109° 07' 53.6" to the right for 471.52 feet, to the western line of Eleventh avenue;

Thence northwesterly along the western line of Eleventh avenue for 60 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 402.13 feet to the point of beginning;

"Parcel B." Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Kingsbridge road, distant 5,097 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, measured at right angles to the same;

Thence northerly along the eastern line of Kingsbridge road for 62.85 feet;

Thence southeasterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 350 feet to the western line of Audubon avenue;

Thence northwesterly along the western line of Audubon avenue for 60 feet;

Thence northwesterly, deflecting 90° to the right for 370 feet to the point of beginning.

Centre line elevation at Kingsbridge road, 244.92 feet above high water.

Centre line elevation at Audubon avenue, 250.55 feet above high water.

Centre line elevation at Tenth avenue, 177.30 feet above high water.

This street is designated a street of the third class and is 60 feet wide.

Elevation of Audubon avenue in the centre between One Hundred and Seventy-first and One Hundred and Seventy-second streets, to be 189 feet above high water. And that they propose to alter the map or plan of said city by laying out, opening and extending said streets and avenues and establishing the grades thereof as aforesaid. And that such proposed action of this Board has been duly laid before the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.

Dated October 21, 1886.

W. R. GRACE,
Mayor.

RICH. A. STORRS,
Deputy Comptroller.

HENRY R. BECKMAN,
President of the Department of Public Parks;

ROBT. B. NOONEY,
President of the Board of Aldermen;

JOHN NEWTON,
Commissioner of Public Works,

Board of Street Opening and Improvement.

CARROLL BERRY,
Secretary.

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That the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York deem it for the public interest to alter the map or plan of the City of New York by laying out, opening and extending certain new streets and avenues, and establishing the grades thereof, as follows:

Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Tenth avenue, distant 7,161 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence westerly and parallel with said street 350 feet to the easterly line of Audubon avenue; thence northerly along said line 60 feet; thence easterly 370 feet to the westerly line of Tenth avenue; thence southerly along said line 60 feet to the point of beginning.

Also beginning at a point in the westerly line of Audubon avenue, distant 7,161 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence westerly and parallel with said street 350 feet to the easterly line of Audubon avenue; thence northerly along said line 60 feet; thence easterly 370 feet to the westerly line of Tenth avenue; thence southerly along said line 60 feet to the point of beginning.

Also beginning at a point in the westerly line of Eleventh avenue, distant 7,161 feet northerly from the southern line of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; thence westerly and parallel with said street 350 feet to the easterly line of Audubon avenue; thence northerly along said line 60 feet; thence easterly 370 feet to the westerly line of Tenth avenue; thence southerly along said line 60 feet to the point of beginning.

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Said Ninety-ninth street, as laid out and extended, to be six feet wide between the lines of Third and Fourth avenues; and to alter the map or plan of said city by laying out, opening and extending said street as aforesaid.

And that such proposed action of this Board has been duly laid before the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York.

Dated October 21, 1886.

W. R. GRACE,
Mayor.
RICH A. STORRS,
Comptroller.
HENRY R. H. KEMAN,
President of the Department of Public Parks;
ROBT. B. NOONEY,
President of the Board of Aldermen;
JOHN NEWTON,
Commissioner of Public Works;
Board of Street Opening and Improvement.
CARROLL BERRY,
Secretary.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, Dec. 31, 1886.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

THE RECEIVERS OF TAXES OF THE CITY OF New York hereby give notice to all persons who have omitted to pay their taxes for the year 1886, to pay the same to him at his office on or before the first day of January, 1887, as provided by section 846 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1852.

Upon any such tax remaining unpaid on the first day of January, 1887, one per centum will be charged, received and collected in addition to the amount due, and upon such tax remaining unpaid on the first day of January, 1887, interest will be charged, received and collected upon the amount thereof at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the fourth day of October, 1886, on which day the assessment rolls and warrants for the taxes of 1886 were delivered to the said Receiver of Taxes to the date of payment, pursuant to section 843 of said act.

GEORGE W. MCLEAN,
Receiver of Taxes.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 18, 1886.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 216 OF THE "New York City Consolidation Act of 1852," the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property affected by the following assessments:

Regulating, grading and paving with macadamized pavement the avenue bounding Morrisville Park on the east, from the intersection of Third and Fourth avenues to the intersection of Third and Fourth avenues, and from the intersection of Third and Fourth avenues to the intersection of Third and Fourth avenues.

Fourth avenue paving from One Hundred and Sixty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, with granite-block pavement.

Fourth avenue paving and paving, with granite-block pavement on the west side, from One Hundred and Twenty-fourth to One Hundred and Twenty-third streets, and on the east side, from One Hundred and Twenty-fourth to One Hundred and Twenty-third streets.

One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street paving, east from North Third avenue to Alexander avenue, with trap-lime pavement.

Mission avenue regulating, grading, curbing, guttering and flagging, from Ninety-ninth to One Hundred and Fifth streets.

Morningside avenue, on the west, regulating, grading, setting curbs and flagging, from One Hundred and Tenth street to said North Third avenue.

Seventy-ninth street regulating, grading, setting curbs and gutter stones and flagging, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard.

Eighty-fifth street regulating, grading, curbing and flagging, from Ninth to Tenth avenue.

One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street regulating, grading, setting curbs and gutter stones and flagging, from Third to Alexander avenue.

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West End avenue (formerly Eleventh avenue) sewers, between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-ninth streets, and Eighty-ninth street, between Boulevard and Riverside avenue.

Third avenue sewers and appurtenances, from the Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, and in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, from East Third avenue to the summit east of Willis avenue, with branches in Lincoln, Alexander and Willis avenues.

Fourth avenue sewer, east and west sides, between Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth streets.

One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street sewer, between Willis and Brook avenues, with branch in Brown place, between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets.

One Hundred and Thirtieth street sewer, between North Third avenue to the summit between Alexander and Willis avenues, with branches in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Forty-first streets.

One Hundred and Forty-first street sewer, between North Third and Alexander avenues, with a branch in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Forty-second streets.

One Hundred and Forty-second street sewer, between Third and Brook avenues, and in One Hundred and Forty-second street, between Alexander and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, and in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-second streets.

One Hundred and Forty-third street sewer, between Third and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-third and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets, and in Alexander avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Forty-fifth streets.

Denman place, flagging and setting curb and gutter stones, between Forest (Concord) and Union avenues.

Laying crosswalks at the intersections of Denman place and Leggett avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Forty-sixth streets, between North Third and Railroad avenues, which were confirmed by the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments November 5, 1886, and entered on the same date, in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," that unless the amount assessed for benefit on any property or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said map, interest will be charged on the amount collected thereon as provided in section 843 of said "New York City Consolidation Act of 1852."

Section 843 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect the same to recover the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect and receive interest thereon, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the fourth day of October, 1886, on which day the assessment rolls and warrants for the taxes of 1886 were delivered to the said Receiver of Taxes to the date of payment, pursuant to section 843 of said act."

be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment.

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrivals at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," at the City Hall, at 10 o'clock a. m., and at 2 p. m., and all payments made thereon, on or before January 24, 1887, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

EDWARD V. LOEW,
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 1852 to 1886, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

Grants, grantees, suits in equity, incumbrances, and Sheriff's sales, in 60 volumes, full bound, price \$100 00
The same in 25 volumes, half bound, price 50 00
Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, price 15 00
Complete sets, unfolded, ready for binding, price 25 00
Orders should be sent to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Room 23, Stewart Building."

EDWARD V. LOEW,
Comptroller.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSION.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
Room 209, STEWART BUILDING, No. 250 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK, December 23, 1886.

TO CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTING SECTION NO. 13 OF THE NEW CROTON AQUEDUCT, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, will be received at this office until the 10th day of January, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m., when the lowest and best will be publicly opened and read by the Aqueduct Commissioners, and the awards of the contracts will be made by said Commissioners as soon thereafter as practicable.

The portion of the said Aqueduct for the construction of which bids are now invited is the said Gate House at One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, in the City of New York, and consists of the foundation walls for said Gate House, and the enclosed chambers for gates, screens, drainage, etc.; the necessary excavation for said foundation walls, drains, and the excavation for the vertical shaft of the Aqueduct; of the trench for receiving the water of the line of forty-eight-inch water main, and of a portion of the trench for connection with the Tenth Avenue Gate House; of the building or superstructure, including windows and doors; of all refilling, grading and hauling of materials, and of all incidental work in connection therewith.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, inclosed with the name of the person or persons making the same.

Each bid must state the name and place of residence of the person or persons making the same; and also that it is made without any connection with any other person making any bid for the same work, and is in all respects independent of any other bid; that no member of the Aqueduct Commission or of the Common Council, nor head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof or clerk thereof, or other officer of the Corporation, or any person in the employ of the Aqueduct Commissioners, is directly or indirectly interested in the bid, or in the work to be done, or in the profits thereon.

Each bid must be verified by the oath of the party making the same that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by a certified check upon a national or State bank of the City of New York for an amount not less than five per cent. of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check must not be inclosed with the bid, but must be delivered to the Aqueduct Commissioners or their Secretary for delivery to the Comptroller. All deposits except those of the successful bidder will be returned by the Comptroller to the persons making the same within three days after the contracts are awarded.

If the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse to execute the contract within ten days after notice of the award to him, the amount of his deposit will be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, pursuant to the provision of section 90 of chapter 49 of the Laws of 1882, but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

The amount of security required on the contract for this section is TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, and the surety required is that of two or more holders or resident freeholders of the City of New York (who must collectively qualify for double the amount of the contract), or approved surety company incorporated under the Laws of this State.

The name and residences of the sureties must be stated in the bid.

THE AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS FOR THE NEW CROTON AQUEDUCT.

Blank forms of bid or proposal, and proper envelopes for their enclosure, forms of contract, specifications and bonds, and all other information required, can be obtained at the above office of the Aqueduct Commissioners.

By order of the Aqueduct Commissioners,
JOHN C. SHEEHAN,
Secretary.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owners or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors, for examination by all persons interested therein, viz:

Last 2193, No. 1. Regulating and grading and setting curbs and gutters in One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from the west line of Avenue St. Nicholas to the east line of Boulevard.

Last 2210, No. 2. Laying a crosswalk across the roadway of Washington avenue at each of the intersections of East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, East One Hundred and Seventy-third street, and across the roadway of each of the above-named streets at its intersection with Washington avenue.

Last 2261, No. 3. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide and laying crosswalks in One Hundred and Forty-first street, between the westerly curb-line of Third avenue and the easterly curb-line of Rider avenue.

Last 2262, No. 4. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, flagging the sidewalks four feet wide and laying crosswalks in One Hundred and Forty-second street, between the westerly curb-line of North Third avenue and the easterly curb-line of Rider avenue.

Last 2263, No. 5. Constructing a sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Brook and Robbins avenues.

Last 2276, No. 6. Regulating and grading, curbing and flagging One Hundred and Third street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

Last 2285, No. 7. Regulating, grading, curbing and flagging a space four feet wide, where not already done, in Seventy-ninth street, from Second to Third avenue.

Last 2289, No. 8. Regulating, grading, setting curbs and gutters and flagging Madison avenue, from north curb of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street to north curb of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, commencing on northwest corner of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Madison avenue.

Last 2290, No. 9. Sewer in Eighty-fifth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

Last 2304, No. 10. Regulating, grading, curbing and flagging Ninety-first street, from Third to Fourth avenues.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

No. 1. Both sides of One Hundred and Fifty-first street, from Avenue St. Nicholas to Boulevard, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenue.

No. 2. To the extent of one-half the block at each intersection of Washington avenue, and East One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street, East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, East One Hundred and Seventy-second street, and East One Hundred and Seventy-third street.

No. 3. Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-first street, from North Third avenue to Rider avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenue.

No. 4. Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-second street, from North Third avenue to Rider avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenue.

No. 5. Both sides of One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, between Brook and Robbins avenues; also property bounded by St. Ann's avenue and Robbins avenue, Westchester avenue and One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, including north side of Robbins avenue, and both sides of Cypress avenue, extending southward 320 feet southerly from One Hundred and Forty-ninth street.

No. 6. Both sides of One Hundred and Third street, from Ninth to Tenth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenue.

No. 7. Both sides of Ninety-ninth street, from Second to Third avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenue.

No. 8. Both sides of Madison avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-fifth to One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting streets.

No. 9. Both sides of Eighty-fifth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

No. 10. Both sides of Ninety-first street, from Third to Fourth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenue.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 143 City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 143 City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

EDWARD GILON, Chairman.
PATRICK M. HAVERLY,
CHAS. E. WENDT,
CHAS. BRUGG, Board of Assessors.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
City Hall,
NEW YORK, December 30, 1886.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
112 N. 3d STREET,
NEW YORK, May 12, 1886.

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

By order of
HENRY D. PURROY, President,
RICHARD CROKER,
EDWARD SMITH, Commissioners.

CARL JESSEN,
Secretary.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND STREET, between Brook and Elton avenues, in the City of New York.

First.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz: Northerly by a line drawn at a right angle to the easterly side of Broadway and by a line drawn at a right angle to the westerly side of Bailey avenue and Seligwick avenue; westerly by the easterly side of Broadway and by the Union and United States channels of the Harlem river; southerly by a line drawn at a right angle to the westerly side of Bailey avenue and Seligwick avenue; and easterly by the westerly side of Bailey avenue and Seligwick avenue.

Second.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz: Northerly by a line drawn at a right angle to the easterly side of Broadway and by a line drawn at a right angle to the westerly side of Bailey avenue and Seligwick avenue; westerly by the easterly side of Broadway and by the Union and United States channels of the Harlem river; southerly by a line drawn at a right angle to the westerly side of Bailey avenue and Seligwick avenue; and easterly by the westerly side of Bailey avenue and Seligwick avenue.

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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 Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the twenty-first day of January, 1887, 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, November 10, 1886.

PATRICK M. HAVERLY,
WILLIAM H. RYAN,
JOHN WHALEN, Commissioners.

CARROLL BERRY, Clerk.

map or maps filed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, pursuant to the provisions of chapter six hundred and four of the Laws of 1884, and chapter four hundred and ten of the Laws of 1885, and chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the Laws of 1886, and such a map is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

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 Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the twenty-first day of January, 1887, 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, November 13, 1886.

HENRY M. WHITEHEAD,
WILLIAM H. BARKER,
GEORGE W. MCLEAN, Commissioners.

CARROLL BERRY, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND STREET, between Brook and Elton avenues, 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 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 the 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 us at our office, No. 73 William street (third floor), in the City of New York, on or before the twenty-seventh day of December, 1886, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said twenty-seventh day of December, 1886, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 10 o'clock a. 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 twenty-seventh day of December, 1886.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz: Northerly by the southerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-second street, and easterly by the westerly side of Melrose avenue; southerly by the northerly side of East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and easterly by the westerly side of North Third avenue; excepting from said area all the streets and avenues heretofore opened and all the unimproved land included within the lines of streets, avenues, roads, public squares or places shown and laid out upon any map or map filed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, pursuant to the provisions of chapter six hundred and four of the Laws of 1884, and chapter four hundred and ten of the Laws of 1885, and chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the Laws of 1886, and such a map is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

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Dated New York, November 10, 1886.

WILLIAM H. BARKER,
PATRICK M. HAVERLY,
JOHN WHALEN, Commissioners.

CARROLL BERRY, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND STREET, between Brook and Elton avenues, in the City of New York.

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Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz: Easterly by the westerly side of Railroad avenue, East: northerly by the southerly side of the blocks between East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and East One Hundred and Sixty-seventh street and East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street; westerly by the westerly side of Melrose avenue and the easterly side of Webster avenue, and southerly by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and East One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street; excepting from said area all the streets and avenues heretofore opened, and all the unimproved land included within the lines of streets, avenues, roads, public squares or places shown and laid out upon any map or map filed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, pursuant to the provisions of chapter six hundred and four of the Laws of 1884, and chapter four hundred and ten of the Laws of 1885, and chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the Laws of 1886, and such a map is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

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Dated New York, November 10, 1886.

PATRICK M. HAVERLY,
WILLIAM H. RYAN,
JOHN WHALEN, Commissioners.

CARROLL BERRY, Clerk.

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