

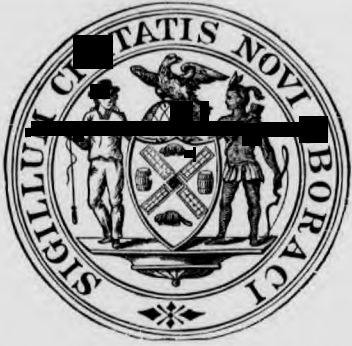
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## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

#### STATED SESSION.

THURSDAY, December 21, 1876, }  
2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their Chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

#### PRESENT:

Hon. Samuel A. Lewis, President;

#### ALDERMEN

Oliver P. C. Billings,  
William L. Cole,  
Joseph Cudlipp,  
Magnus Gross,  
John W. Guntzer,  
Jacob Hess,  
Henry E. Howland,

Patrick Keenan,  
William H. McCarthy,  
John J. Morris,  
Joseph C. Pinckney,  
Henry D. Purroy,  
John Reilly,  
Bryan Reilly,

William Sauer,  
Peter Seery,  
Thomas Sheils,  
James J. Slevin,  
Michael Tuomey,  
William Wade.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

#### PETITIONS.

By Alderman Purroy—

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York:

The undersigned, "The Municipal Gas-light Company," a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, and having a place of business in the City of New York, shows to your Honorable Body that they are the owners of certain gas-works, situated at Forty-first street and Eleventh avenue, and also at Forty-sixth street and Twelfth avenue; that the capacity of said gas-works is 600,000 cubic feet per day, which can be increased to any required amount as necessity therefor may demand, and respectfully asks the permission and authority of your Honorable Body to lay mains and pipes in the streets and avenues of the City of New York, for the purpose of supplying gas to the said city and its inhabitants.

#### MUNICIPAL GAS-LIGHT CO.

GEO. W. GILBERT, President.

Dated New York, December 20, 1876.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

In connection with the above petition, Alderman Purroy offered the following:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the Municipal Gas-light Company to lay gas-mains and pipes in the streets, avenues, and public places in this city for the purpose of supplying gas to the city and its inhabitants, upon such conditions as may be both prescribed and approved of by his Honor the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Commissioner of Public Works, who are now by law authorized to make provision for lighting the streets of the city.

Alderman J. Reilly moved that the resolution be laid over.

As an amendment, Alderman Sauer moved to refer to the Committee on Police and Health Departments.

Whereupon Alderman J. Reilly withdrew his motion.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Sauer.

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Hess, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Cole, Gross, Guntzer, Keenan, Pinckney, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, and Seery—9.  
Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cudlipp, Howland, McCarthy, Morris, Purroy, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—11.

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

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Morris, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cudlipp, Gross, Hess, Howland, McCarthy, Purroy, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—10.  
Negative—Aldermen Billings, Cole, Guntzer, Keenan, Morris, Pinckney, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, and Seery—10.

(G. O. 476.)

By Alderman Gross—

Whereas, At the present moment the constituted authorities for the letting of contracts for lighting street lamps and public offices as well as the public at large, are greatly concerned about what they believe to be exorbitant prices demanded by the gas companies of this city; and

Whereas, These prices are defended by said companies notwithstanding the known fact that coal is cheaper at present, by several dollars per ton, than what it was a year or two years past, and the wages of skilled and unskilled laborers are likewise greatly reduced—it seems to be appropriate and is certainly a matter of general interest, to make some inquiries into the condition of the complaining gas companies, in order to ascertain whether they really are in such a sorry plight as they represent themselves to be, with prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas. And as it cannot be doubted, however, that any statements advanced by an ignorant intruder would be roughly treated and find no mercy at the hands of the expert figurers of the companies in question, the seeming indiscretion to cast for once a searching look into their inner workings must be pardoned. Be it therefore supposed, that an inquisitive spirit has from time to time invisibly made his weird appearance among the lords of yonder mysterious and fiery retorts, and now betrays some of their well kept secrets. The following, namely, is part of a voluminous and interesting correspondence carried on for some time between the leaders of a gas ring, consisting of letters and reports of presidents, vice-presidents, and engineers of various gas-works, and treating of a new process for making illuminating gas. A few samples of said letters and reports will answer to shed some light on this absorbing question of gas.

(Letter from one President to another.)

DEAR SIR—In answer to the inquiries regarding the adoption of the new process at these works, you can make the following statements:

That I have watched for years the various experiments made with naphtha and petroleum for making and enriching gas, feeling, from its great economy, it must come into general use, and after a long and thorough investigation I have adopted the new process. We have been running two months without any trouble and difficulty. It has saved us money since the day it was put up, and I am more convinced than ever that the whole city must adopt it as a protection against competition, etc.

(Letter from an Engineer to a President.)

MY DEAR SIR—In reply to your request for information as to the advantage resulting from the manufacture of gas from naphtha at these works under the new process, I have the pleasure of certifying to our entire satisfaction therewith. After sixteen months' of trial we have found the gas to be less liable to condensation at low temperatures, and more easily maintained at a given illuminating power than is coal gas.

Under no exposure or circumstances has our gas shown any evidences of stratification. Its manufacture requires no specially skilled labor, the ordinary gas-works employee being competent to attend the new process. As to economy in manufacture our records show a reduction in labor of nearly one half our force. A large saving in coal and a liberal reduction in wear and tear of apparatus, and in use of purifying agents—all of which contribute to make the oil-gas much cheaper placed in the "holders" than coal-gas, which our experience proves it to be acceptable to the consumers.

(Confidential reports from the Engineer to a President.)

Comparison of two days running on the old and new process.

#### Report A (old process).

Caking coal, at \$8 per ton.....	51,860 pounds.
Ritchie coal, at \$24 per ton.....	790 "
Total of coal.....	52,650 "
Cubic feet of gas made in 24 hours.....	262,100 feet.
" " to ton.....	11,150 "
" " to pound.....	4.79 "
Retorts in action.....	45
Cost per 1,000 cubic feet.....	75 cents.
Candle power.....	15

#### Report B (new process).

Caking coal, at \$8 per ton.....	36,000 pounds.
Gallons of naphtha, at 3½ cents per gallon.....	480
Cubic feet of gas in 24 hours.....	268,400 feet.
" " per ton.....	16,700 "
" " per pound.....	7.45 "
Retorts in action.....	40
Cost of gas for 1,000 cubic feet.....	55 cents.
Candle power.....	19
Percentage in favor of new process, 36 36-100 per cent. on material alone; the saving in labor will bring it down to 50 per cent.	

(Confidential reports of Engineer on four months running on new process.)

	Coal.	Naphtha.	Cubic feet of Gas.	Men employed.
1 month.....	305½ tons.	22,000 gallons.	7,025,000 feet.	20
2 ".....	293½ "	21,500 "	6,858,000 "	20
3 ".....	287 "	29,400 "	7,464,000 "	20
4 ".....	425 "	35,800 "	10,040,000 "	24
	1,311 "	108,700 "	31,387,000 "	Av. of men, 21
Cost of coal.....	\$7.70 per ton.			
Cost of naphtha.....	4½ cents per gallon.			
Cost of gas in the holder.....	75 cents per 1,000 cubic feet.			

(Another Report from an Engineer.)

OLD PROCESS—Carbonized, 428¾ tons of coal produced 4,496,500 feet of gas; average yield per pound of coal, 4.68 feet; illuminating power, 16.61 candles.  
NEW PROCESS—Carbonized, 192½ tons of coal, naphtha, — gallons, produced 4,369,500 feet of gas; average yield per pound of coal, 10.12 feet; illuminating power, 18.59 candles.

(Another Report from an Engineer.)

The following shows the daily yield, with cost, on new process, for a number of days:

	Coal used.	Oil used.	Gas made.	Yield to pound.	Cost per 1,000 cubic feet.
1.....	15,300 pounds.	454 gallons.	146,900 feet.	9.60	42½ cents.
2.....	15,400 "	474 "	162,300 "	10.53	39 "
3.....	19,440 "	517 "	200,500 "	10.31	39½ "
4.....	17,450 "	510 "	183,200 "	10.49	39 "
5.....	19,000 "	517 "	193,600 "	10.18	39½ "
6.....	17,100 "	517 "	178,000 "	10.40	39½ "
7.....	17,100 "	517 "	182,700 "	10.68	38 "
8.....	14,250 "	625 "	153,800 "	10.79	41 "
9.....	17,100 "	559 "	187,500 "	10.96	38 "
10.....	13,900 "	602 "	151,700 "	10.91	40 "
11.....	14,700 "	517 "	149,400 "	10.16	41 "
12.....	15,300 "	473 "	154,700 "	10.11	41 "
13.....	18,000 "	473 "	180,800 "	10.04	40 "

In the foregoing operations the coal-gas and oil-gas were produced on separate benches, and the product mixed in the holders. Adding the cost of labor, the price of the gas per 1,000 cubic feet will be fifty odd cents, showing conclusively that by means of the oil process alone, gas for less than one dollar per 1,000 feet—every expense included—may be made.

We shall endeavor now to find what, on the basis of the foregoing four months' result by an improved process in gas-making, the financial condition of a company working on that plan ought to be.

The cost of 1,000 cubic feet of gas, inclusive of labor and material, is 75 cents; adding for wear and tear, office expense, construction, incidentals, and loss, the liberal allowance of fifty per cent., the 1,000 feet will cost, all in all, \$1.12½.

If a company manufactures 500,000,000 cubic feet of gas per annum, the cost of the whole of it in the holders would be \$375,000, and the total cost \$562,500. For this volume of gas the company charges its customers at the rate of \$2.50 per 1,000 feet—\$1,250,000—being equivalent to a clear profit of \$687,000. Considering that the total consumption of gas in the City of New York may reach five times five hundred, if not 3,000,000,000 of cubic feet per annum, an idea of the profits of the five companies can be formed even if allowing a deduction of forty per cent. from the above net proceeds on account of their still continuing to make the costlier and poorer coal-gas, instead of the oil-gas. Their joint annual profits must nevertheless be upwards of \$2,000,000.

If the foregoing experiments with an approved process of gas-making would have been carried one step further, namely, to dispense with coal entirely, gas of a better quality than is now consumed could be furnished for one-half its present price, and yet the manufacturers might grow rich on it.

If from the preceding evidence it is sufficiently apparent, that with every increase of the proportion of naphtha and a corresponding reduction of the quantity of coal, the volume of gas became larger and its quality better, it can no longer be doubted that the manufacture of coal-gas at an early day will be superseded and oil-gas substituted for it.

Be it therefore resolved, That the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works is called to the foregoing interesting facts with a view of examining the question: whether the city would not do better to make its own gas according to the improved process and save thereby to the tax-payers in the neighborhood of half a million dollars annually.

Which was laid over.

Alderman Seery here moved that the vote taken on the adoption of the resolution permitting the Municipal Gas-light Company to lay mains in the streets of this city be reconsidered and laid over, in connection with G. O. No. 476.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Whereupon Alderman Purroy called up the above resolution and moved its adoption.

Alderman J. Reilly moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "Municipal" and inserting the word "all" before the words "Gas-light," and by striking out the word "Company" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Companies."

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 J. Reilly, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cudlipp, Gross, Hess, Keenan, McCarthy, Morris, Purroy, J. Reilly, Seery, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—13.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Cole, Guntzer, Howland, Pinckney, B. Reilly, and Sauer—7.

Alderman Purroy moved further to amend by inserting the word "incorporated" after the word "all."

Which was accepted by Alderman J. Reilly.



Alderman Purroy moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Alderman Seery moved that the resolution be laid over in connection with G. O. No. 476.

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

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Purroy, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cole, Howland, Keenan, Morris, Pinckney, B. Reilly, Sauer, and Seery—9.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Hess, McCarthy, Purroy, J. Reilly, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—11.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Purroy, to adopt the resolution as amended.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Hess, Howland, McCarthy, Morris, Purroy, J. Reilly, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—14.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Keenan, Pinckney, B. Reilly, Sauer, and Seery—6.

(G. O. 476½.)

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State, at its next session, be requested to enact such laws as will enable the corporate authorities of the City of New York to provide for the laying of gas-mains in the streets, avenues, and public places of this city, in the same manner as Croton-mains are now laid; and be it further

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation prepare a draft of an act relating to the above subject, and transmit the same to the presiding officers of the State Legislature at its session commencing January, 1877.

Alderman Pinckney moved to amend by inserting the words "manufacture of gas and" before the words "the laying."

Which was accepted by Alderman Sheils.

Alderman Morris moved that the resolution be laid over.

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 Sheils, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings, Cudlipp, Howland, Keenan, Morris, Pinckney, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, and Wade—11.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Cole, Gross, Guntzer, McCarthy, Purroy, Sheils, and Tuomey—8.

By Alderman Seery—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to L. V. Conover & Co. to place a platform scale on the sidewalk in front of their premises Nos. 336, 338, 340 East Twenty-ninth street, 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 President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cole—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to take such measures as he may find necessary to compel the several city railroad companies to adopt some method for heating their passenger cars during the cold weather: the method or system for so heating the cars to be such as the Commissioner shall approve, or as he shall direct to be used.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That George Richards be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Purroy—

Resolved, That Alberto W. F. D'Aguiar be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Tuomey, and Wade—18.

(G. O. 477.)

By Alderman Cole—

Resolved, That the sunken lots bounded by Seventy-fifth and Seventy-eighth streets and Fourth and Lexington avenues, and Fourth to Madison avenue, be filled in where necessary, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to report to the Board, at its earliest convenience:

First—The number and location of street-lamps ordered to be lighted in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, from the date of their annexation to the present time.

Second—The name of the company or companies that supplies that portion of the city with gas.

Third—The amount paid for lighting each lamp, and the authority or agreement under which said company or companies furnishes gas for the public; and

Fourth—The number of lamps ordered to be lighted in said wards (if any) not yet erected.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Purroy—

Resolved, That the name of James A. Smith, recently appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, be corrected so as to read James H. Smith.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cole—

Resolved, That Arthur W. Leroy be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

#### REPORTS.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices respectfully submit the following

#### REPORT:

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby respectively appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York:

William C. Emmett, instead of.....	George W. Carpenter, whose term of office has expired.
Samson Lachman, ".....	J. Edward De Laney, ".....
John J. Lynch, ".....	Moor Falls, ".....
Thomas J. Gaytee, ".....	James Kearney, ".....
Jacob A. Weil, ".....	John P. Kane, ".....
William H. Tone, ".....	William J. Lacey, ".....
Charles J. Taylor, ".....	James Steers, ".....
Joseph J. Kelly, ".....	George W. Nash, ".....
John F. Cullen, ".....	John Lovelock, ".....
Chris. M. Buckman, ".....	John G. Boyd, ".....

WM. L. COLE, } Committee on  
THOMAS SHEILS, } Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, Tuomey, and Wade—18.

(G. O. 478.)

The Committee on County Affairs, to whom was referred the application of Companies A, G, and K of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., for an armory, respectfully

#### REPORT:

That your Committee find that the companies above mentioned are located in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of this city; that they now occupy their separate rooms; that your Committee believe that it would be better to furnish the said companies with one large room; that they have examined the premises on the second story of the building known as Morrisania Hall, situated on Railroad avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-sixth and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh streets, and find them very well adapted for armory purposes to be used by the above three companies, and as the same can be leased for a very reasonable amount, they are in favor of leasing the same.

The following resolution is offered for adoption:

Resolved, That the leasing of premises for an armory and drill-room for the use and occupation for military purposes of Companies A, K, and G of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., in the City and County of New York, be and the same is hereby authorized, and the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and to affix the seal of said Corporation thereto, of the hall and rooms on the second floor of the building known as Morrisania Hall, situated

on Railroad avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-sixth and One Hundred and Sixty-seventh streets, for the term of two (2) years from the first day of January, 1877, at the yearly rental of seven hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarterly, to be used and occupied by Companies A, G, and K of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., for an armory; that the said lease shall provide that no alterations of or additions to the said premises shall be made by the said Corporation or the said companies without the previous written consent of the owners; also, that the superstructure shall be kept in good repair during the term of said lease by and at the expense of the owners of said property, and that there be inserted in said lease the usual fire clause; and that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to pay the said rent quarterly.

PETER SEERY,  
PATRICK KEENAN,  
JOHN W. GUNTZER,  
HENRY E. HOWLAND, } Committee on  
County Affairs.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 479.)

Alderman B. Reilly moved that the Committee on Streets be discharged from the consideration of the following:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Jane P. Emmons to erect a pie and coffee stand of iron and glass within the stoop lines on the westerly side of Church street, between Corlandt and Liberty streets, the same to stand during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The resolution was then laid over.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICES.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Attorney to the Corporation transmitting his annual statement.

Which was ordered to be printed in the CITY RECORD and in Document form. [See CITY RECORD of subsequent date.]

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Public Administrator transmitting his annual report.

Which was ordered to be printed in the CITY RECORD and in Document form. [See CITY RECORD of subsequent date.]

Alderman McCarthy moved to suspend the present order of business, and that the Board take up for consideration Unfinished Business.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Seery called up G. O. 438, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the following-named persons for the sums respectively set opposite their names for services rendered to the Board of County Canvassers, and charge the same to the appropriation for "Election Expenses":

Joseph B. Adamson, Assistant Clerk.....	\$150 00
Wm. H. McCabe, ".....	150 00
George S. Thompson, ".....	150 00
Edwin Madan, ".....	100 00
Jno. A. Boyle, ".....	150 00
Albert G. Sauer, ".....	150 00
Wm. B. Sudlow, ".....	150 00
Joseph A. Becker, ".....	100 00
Alfred O. Brooks, ".....	100 00
Geo. Lambrecht, ".....	100 00
Jas. A. Hennessy, ".....	100 00
Joseph P. Sullivan, ".....	100 00
Anthony T. Gallagher, ".....	150 00
Frank Webb, ".....	100 00
Rody Kennedy, ".....	100 00
Jas. M. Miller, ".....	150 00
John N. Outwater, Accountant.....	200 00
Patrick Byrnes, Sergeant-at-Arms.....	150 00
Andrew Fitzsimons, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.....	100 00
John Hill, Jr., Messenger.....	100 00
James Dooley, Doorkeeper.....	100 00
Henry Peters, ".....	100 00

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, McCarthy, Pinckney, Purroy, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Sheils, Slevin, and Tuomey—17.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Morris, and Wade—3.

Alderman Gross moved that the Board do now resume the consideration of the regular order of business.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICES.

(G. O. 480.)

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Public Parks:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
36 UNION SQUARE (EAST),  
NEW YORK, December 20, 1876. }

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—Your attention is respectfully called to the following facts in relation to the bridge known as the Central or Macomb's Dam Bridge over the Harlem river:

On July 1, 1875, a communication was forwarded his Honor the Mayor by the Hon. Henry G. Stebbins, then President of this Department, stating the condition of the bridge, its need of repairs, etc., etc., and submitting a form of resolution for adoption by the Common Council to authorize the execution of repairs by this Department, to an amount exceeding \$1,000, by day's work.

This communication was afterwards forwarded to your Board (Proceedings, Board of Aldermen, vol. 139, p. 40), and on July 15, 1875, the proposed resolution was adopted (Proceedings, etc., p. 364.) It was supposed that this resolution would cover the execution of such repairs as might from time to time be necessary to keep the bridge in proper condition.

Immediately upon the passage of this resolution, the repairs which were then most urgent were performed by day's work.

But further repairs have now become absolutely necessary. The main spans need strengthening immediately—the Engineer has reported the bridge to be in dangerous condition.

In the opinion of this Department, such repairs as are now and may hereafter from time to time become necessary cannot be well executed under the contract system.

The reasons are obvious:

First—The work of repairing must be begun immediately—if done by contract, in the usual form, several weeks' delay must necessarily ensue.

Second—If done by contract, much greater inconvenience must result to the traveling public.

Third—It is impossible to specify the precise nature and extent of the repairs which are now, or may become, necessary. This can only be determined as the work proceeds. For example, the condition of the under-planking cannot be ascertained without removing the entire upper floor.

Fourth—It is not unlikely that, if the work be done by the Department, as suggested, that much of the old material can be used to advantage, in various parts of the work. This saving would be altogether lost should the contract system be adhered to.

Fifth—The experiment has been once tried, unsuccessfully, as will appear by reference to the communication above referred to.

The Counsel to the Corporation, by an opinion rendered this Department on December 14th, instant, has decided that the power given the Department by the resolution of July 15, 1875, to make repairs, etc., by day's work, became exhausted upon the execution of the repairs made immediately after the date of its passage.

I therefore, on behalf of the Department, beg leave to submit for adoption a form of resolution, which will obviate the difficulty at present existing, and enable the bridge to be put and kept in proper condition.

Respectfully,  
WM. R. MARTIN,  
President Department Public Parks.

(Proposed resolution.)

Resolved, That it is hereby ordered that the Department of Public Parks shall have all repairs to the Central or Macomb's Dam Bridge, over the Harlem river, as are now, or may from time to time become necessary, executed and done in such manner—by day's work or otherwise—as it shall seem best for the interest of the city, without entering into a contract therefor, as provided by section 91, chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

Which was laid over.



UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Seery called up G. O. 465, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :  
 Resolved, That the premises situated on the corner of Hall place and Seventh street, lately occupied by the Fifty-fifth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., recently disbanded, be and they are hereby assigned for the use and occupation of the First Troop Washington Greys Cavalry, Captain Lorenzo Boker ; and the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to remove the furniture and other property belonging to the city now in the armory occupied by said troop, corner Broadway and Forty-fourth street, to said premises, corner of Hall place and Seventh street.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :  
 Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, McCarthy, Morris, Purroy, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Seery, Slevin, Tuomey, and Wade—17.  
 Negative—Alderman Pinckney—1.

Alderman Guntzer called up G. O. 462, being a resolution, as follows :  
 Resolved, That the leasing of premises for an armory and drill-room for the use and occupation for military purposes of the First Troop Cavalry, Karl Klein commanding, N. G. S. N. Y., in the City and County of New York, be and the same is hereby authorized, and that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and to affix the seal of said Corporation thereto, of the premises situated at Nos. 7, 9, and 11 West Thirteenth street, being the same premises now occupied by Major-General Shaler and staff for an armory, for the use and occupation of the First Troop Cavalry, Karl Klein, commander, for the term of five years from the first day of January, 1877, at the yearly rental of six thousand dollars, payable quarterly ; that the said lease shall provide that no alterations of or additions to the said premises shall be made by the said Corporation or the said troop without the previous written consent of the owners. Also, that the superstructure shall be kept in good repair during the term of said lease, by and at the expense of the owners of said property, and that there be inserted in said lease the usual fire clause. And that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to pay said rent quarterly.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :  
 Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, Morris, Purroy, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Slevin, Tuomey, and Wade—17.  
 Negative—Aldermen McCarthy and Pinckney—2.  
 Alderman B. Reilly moved that the above vote be reconsidered.  
 The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.  
 Which was decided in the negative.

Alderman Cole called up G. O. 420, being a resolution as follows :  
 Resolved, That a gas-lamp be placed and lighted at the corner of Twelfth avenue and Manhattan street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the negative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected not voting in favor thereof) :  
 Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Keenan, McCarthy, Purroy, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Slevin, Tuomey, and Wade—16.  
 Negative—Aldermen Howland, Morris, and Pinckney—3.  
 On motion of Alderman Keenan, the above vote was reconsidered, and the resolution again laid over.

Alderman Cole called up G. O. 472, being an ordinance, as follows :  
 AN ORDINANCE to amend an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend section 9 of chapter XIII. of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, entitled 'Of firing of firearms, cannons, and fireworks,' passed May 17, 1876."

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows :  
 Section 1. Section 1 of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended by omitting therefrom the words "Sulzer's East River Park," and by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following :  
 "Brien's Undercliff Park, Highbridge,"—so that said section 9 of chapter XIII. of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, when so amended, shall read as follows :

"Sec. 9. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol, fowling-piece, or other firearm in the City of New York, under the penalty of ten dollars for each offense. The provisions of this section shall not apply to Jones' Wood Coliseum, Washington Park, Hamilton Park, Bender's Schutzen Park, Bellevue Garden, Harlem River Park, Lion Park, Christ's Park, Kuntz Elm Park, National Park, Karl Park, Jerome Park, Fleetwood Park, Hudson River Park, and Brien's Undercliff Park, Highbridge."

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.  
 The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said ordinance.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :  
 Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, McCarthy, Morris, Pinckney, Purroy, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Slevin, Tuomey, and Wade—19.

Alderman McCarthy called up G. O. 470, being a resolution, as follows :  
 Resolved, That the Boulevard, from Fifty-ninth street northwardly, be hereafter known and designated as Broadway, and the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and requested to carry the provisions of this resolution into effect.  
 The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :  
 Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cole, Cudlipp, Cross, Guntzer, Howland, Keenan, McCarthy, Pinckney, Purroy, J. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Slevin, Tuomey, and Wade—17.  
 Negative—Alderman Morris—1.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Purroy—  
 Resolved, That the resolution approved March 15, 1870, authorizing the Justices of the several Police and Civil Courts to appoint janitors, be and is hereby annulled, rescinded, and repealed.  
 The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Morris, viz. :  
 Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cole, Cudlipp, Gross, Guntzer, Keenan, McCarthy, Purroy, J. Reilly, B. Reilly, Sauer, Seery, Slevin, and Tuomey—14.  
 Negative—Aldermen Billings, Howland, Morris, Pinckney, and Wade—5.

(G. O. 481.)

By Alderman Howland—  
 Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to remove the property of the city now in the armory occupied by the Separate Troop Cavalry, Karl Klein commanding, N. G. S. N. Y., in Broadway, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, to the premises 7, 9, and 11 West Thirteenth street, leased by the city for said regiment.  
 Which was laid over.

Alderman Morris moved that the Board do now adjourn.  
 The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative.  
 And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the 28th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT,  
 CITY OF NEW YORK,  
 MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,  
 Wednesday, December 20, 1876—1:30 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of a call issued under the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, and section 1 of chapter 779, Laws of 1873, and chapters 303, 304, and 308, Laws of 1874, and indorsed by the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

Present—All the members, viz. :  
 William H. Wickham, the Mayor of the City of New York ; John Kelly, the Comptroller of the City of New York ; Samuel A. Lewis, the President of the Board of Aldermen ; John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held December 13, 1876, were read and approved.

The Chairman presented a communication from Mr. D. R. Hasbrouck, Chief of Bureau of Elections, asking for an appropriation.  
 Which was received and ordered on file.

The Chairman presented a communication from the Department of Public Works, asking for an additional appropriation for fitting up and furnishing the Third Judicial District Court-house and the Second District Police Court-house.  
 Which was laid over.

The Chairman presented a communication from the "Guild of St. Ignatius," asking for an appropriation from the Excise Fund.  
 Which was referred to and original sent to the Comptroller.

The Chairman presented a communication from the Common Council in relation to an appropriation to the Department of Public Charities and Correction, for the Out-door Poor.  
 And offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Board, no moneys from the public treasury other than the Excise moneys (amounting now to the sum of \$292,700.23) should be used for distribution to the poor, and that there should be no addition to the tax levy for that purpose ;

Resolved, That it is a wise provision of the law which requires that, to make them really available for the objects for which they are intended, the Excise moneys, appropriated from time to time for the poor, should be distributed and applied, not through any Department of the city government, but through the several benevolent and charitable associations, by which the work can be done most effectually and without deduction for useless salaries.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :  
 Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Chairman offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and ninety-three dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation "Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning—Department of Public Works," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Salaries—Public Administrator," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

And put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :  
 Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Chairman presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,  
 NEW YORK, December 19, 1876.

Unexpended balances of appropriations for the Department of Public Works for 1876, which may be transferred to other appropriations :

From "Lamps and Gas".....	\$1,500 00
" "Flagging and Fencing in front of City Property".....	925 00
" "Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning".....	3,575 00
Total.....	\$6,000 00

The Department of Public Works hereby consents to the transfer of the above balances to such appropriations as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may direct.

HENRY A. GUMBLETON,  
 Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :  
 Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation "Sewers, Repairing and Cleaning—Department Public Works," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation for "Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books" for 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

And put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :  
 Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Chairman offered for adoption the following resolution :  
 Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas—Department of Public Works," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Contingencies—Law Department," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

And put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :  
 Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Chairman offered for adoption the following resolution :  
 Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation for "Lamps and Gas—Department of Public Works," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Salaries—Counsel to the Corporation," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

And put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :  
 Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Chairman offered for adoption the following resolution :  
 Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation "Contingencies, Bureau of Permits—Mayor's Office," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriation "Salaries—Bureau of Permits," 1876, the amount of said appropriation being insufficient.

And put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :  
 Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Chairman presented the following communication :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,  
 NEW YORK, December 14, 1876.

Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM,  
 Mayor, and Chairman Board of Estimate and Apportionment :  
 SIR—In order to provide for unavoidable expenditures for the maintenance of the structures and machinery connected with the Croton water supply, I have the honor to request that the following amounts be transferred from the appropriations for "Lamps and Gas," for 1876, for which they are not required, viz. :

To the appropriation for "Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance," for 1876, the sum of \$3,500.  
 To the appropriation for "Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.," for 1876, the sum of \$1,000.

Your early action will oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,  
 ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
 Commissioner of Public Works.

And offered for adoption the following resolution :  
 Resolved, That the sum of four thousand and five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the appropriation "Lamps and Gas," 1876, the same being in excess of the amount required for the purposes and objects thereof, to the appropriations, viz. :  
 "Aqueduct—Repairs and Maintenance," 1876, \$3,500.  
 "Repairing and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.," 1876, \$1,000.  
 The amount of said appropriations being insufficient.

And put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.  
 Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :  
 Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.



The Chairman presented the following communication :

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,  
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,  
December 19, 1876.

Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM,

Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment :

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Police held this day, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby respectfully requested to transfer the sum of (\$10,000) ten thousand dollars, being a portion of the unexpended balance for the year 1874, account of the "Bureau of Street Cleaning," to like account for the year 1876.

WM. H. KIPP, First Deputy Clerk.

Which, on motion of the Comptroller, was laid over.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1874, relating to calls of meetings, was suspended in order to act upon the issue of "New York City Bonds for the Liquidation of Claims and Judgments."

Whereupon the Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds of the City of New York, as provided by chapter 756, Laws of 1873, for the purpose of providing moneys for the payment of judgments which have been or may be obtained against said city; the amount of said bonds not to exceed the sum of \$26,825, said bonds to be designated "New York City Bonds for the Liquidation of Claims and Judgments," and bear interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, and payable at such time within three years from the date thereof as the Comptroller may determine.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

Affirmative—The Mayor of the City of New York (Chairman), the Comptroller of the City of New York, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments—4.

The Comptroller presented a communication from the Judges of the General Sessions of the Peace, asking for an appropriation for salaries of attendants for November and December, 1876.

Which was referred to and original sent to the Comptroller.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN WHEELER, Secretary.

THURSDAY, December 21, 1876—1:30 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in pursuance of a call issued under the authority contained in the 112th section of chapter 335, and section 1 of chapter 779, Laws of 1873, and chapters 303, 304, and 308, Laws of 1874, and indorsed by the Mayor, Comptroller, and President of the Board of Aldermen, and in pursuance of a requisition from the Comptroller, as follows :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
December 21, 1876.

Hon. Wm. H. WICKHAM, Mayor :

SIR—You are hereby requested to call a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to be held this day (Thursday), for the purpose of authorizing the issue of \$25,000 "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said Board.

Very respectfully,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

Present—The following members, viz. :

William H. Wickham, the Mayor of the City of New York; John Kelly, the Comptroller of the City of New York; Samuel A. Lewis, the President of the Board of Aldermen.

Absent—John Wheeler, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The Chairman moved that the President of the Board of Aldermen act as Secretary pro tem.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the meeting held December 20, 1876, was dispensed with.

By unanimous consent, the rule adopted at meeting of June 23, 1876, relating to the calls of meetings, was suspended, in order to act upon the issue of "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock."

Whereupon the Comptroller offered for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time as may be required, and at such rates of interest as he may determine, not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, "City Parks Improvement Fund Stock," as authorized by chapter 608, Laws of 1875, on account of a requisition of the Department of Public Parks, dated December 8, 1876, twenty-five thousand dollars.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote :

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

On motion, the Board adjourned.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS,  
Secretary pro tem.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 15th day of December, 1876.

Present—Messrs. Smith, Wheeler, Erhardt, and Nichols, Commissioners.

Leave of Absence was Granted to

Patrolman James A. Ten Eyck, Eighth Precinct, 1½ days, without pay.

" Louis F. Hess, Nineteenth Precinct, 1 day, without pay.

Resolved, That the "Lyric Coterie" be granted permission to hold a masked ball at Tammany Hall, February 26, 1877, subject to the conditions of Rule 841.

Communication from Rev. C. R. Duffie, asking leave to withdraw his application for telegraphic connection with the Twenty-first Precinct Station-house, was granted.

Deaths Reported.

Patrolman Robert D. Reed, Twenty-fifth Precinct, at 9 A. M., 13th inst.

" Thomas Levins, Nineteenth Precinct, at 3:50 A. M., 15th inst.

Resolved, That Patrolman Declan Kennedy, Sixth Precinct, be granted permission to receive a reward of \$10—subject to the deduction under the Rule—from the commanding officer of the U. S. Steamer Franklin, for the arrest of a deserter.

The following applications for promotion were referred to the Superintendent to cite for examination, if they have not been examined within six months :

Patrolman Bernard F. McEnroe, Thirtieth Precinct.

" Patrick Byrne, Twenty-ninth Precinct.

Communication from "Justice," Jeffersonville, N. Y., relative to the character of John Lebert, an applicant for appointment as Patrolman, was ordered on file.

The following applications for detail were referred to the Committee on Rules and Discipline :

Patrolman Henry McArdle, Twenty-second Precinct.

" Joseph Cottrell, Twenty-second Precinct.

Communication from the Property Clerk, relative to return of property of Charles Lovell, was referred to the Counsel to the Board for opinion.

Resignations Accepted.

Patrolman James Timmons, Twenty-second Precinct.

" Francis McGann, Twenty-ninth Precinct.

Resolved, That Patrolman George H. Dilks, Twenty-fifth Precinct, be and is hereby transferred to the office of the First Inspection District for special duty.

The Treasurer submitted statements in response to Circular No. 12, Finance Department, showing amount to the credit of the several accounts, and estimated liabilities, for the weeks ending December 2 and 9, which were ordered on file, and copies directed to be forwarded to the Comptroller.

Resolved, That the resolution passed December 5, 1876, relating to legislative documents, be amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay to Eugene S. Wood, \$50, for furnishing legislative documents for the use of this department during the session of 1876.

Resolved, That until further orders, the premises east side of Eighth avenue, 20 feet south of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, shall be the Inspector's office of the Fourth Inspection District; and that Inspector Speight immediately take possession of and establish his office in said premises.

Resolved, That Rule 732 be and is hereby amended by striking out the words "with suitable rooms at the Central Department."

Resolved, That Rule 130 be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Rule 130. Trials of members of the force will be held at such times as shall from time to time be ordered by the Board, and shall be had before one or more Commissioners, based upon written charges and specifications. All complaints by citizens will be referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Discipline for approval, before being heard by the Board.

Resolved, That Rule 339 be abolished, and Rule 632 amended so as to read as follows :

Rule 632. There shall be a squad to be known and called the "Special Service Squad," which shall consist of such members of the force as are detailed to special duty by the Board, and shall be under the command of the officer commanding the Detective Force, and report to him at his office in the Central Department, at such hours of each day as he shall order.

The officer commanding the Detective Force shall keep a blotter and record of all the Police transactions of the Squad, with the lost time of the members thereof, and make a morning return to the Superintendent under the rules and regulations applicable to Precincts; and make out and attend to the settlement of the pay-roll, and pay off the members of the Squad; and shall possess the same powers, and perform the same duties, relating to the discipline of the Squad, as are conferred and enjoined on the Captains of Precincts.

Each member of the Special Service Squad who is detailed for duty for any corporation, firm, or private person, shall, on the first day of each month, procure a certificate in writing, signed by his employer, stating whether said member has been present on duty, to the satisfaction of his employer, each day during the preceding month, and if the member has been absent, stating the time of such absence. The member shall cause such certificate to be delivered at the office of the Chief Clerk, on the said first day of the month.

Resolved, That there shall be two squads of the Police force, to be designated and known as "Eastern Steamboat Squad" and "Western Steamboat Squad."

The Eastern Steamboat Squad shall consist of a Sergeant in command, two Roundsmen, and such number of Patrolmen as shall be, from time to time, assigned to duty therein. Eastern Steamboat Squad shall do duty in the First Inspection District, and constitute a portion of the police force of said Inspection District.

Western Steamboat Squad shall consist of three Sergeants (one of whom will be Sergeant in command), three Roundsmen, and such number of Patrolmen as shall be, from time to time, assigned to duty therein. Western Steamboat Squad shall do duty in the Second Inspection District, and shall constitute a portion of the police force of such District.

Reports, returns, and communications from and to said Squad shall be made in the manner provided in relation to Precincts.

Pay-rolls shall be made by the Sergeants in command of the Squads, respectively, and settled and certified in the same manner as Pay-rolls of Precincts, and paid by the Inspector to whose District the Squads respectively belong.

Until further orders, the office of the Eastern Steamboat Squad shall be at the premises occupied by the Bureau of Street Cleaning, and persons arrested shall be detained, if detention is required, in the prison of the Eighteenth Precinct.

Until further orders the office of the Western Steamboat Squad shall be in the Central Department, and persons arrested shall be detained, if detention is required, in the prison of the Central Department.

Resolved, That the above resolution shall take effect on the 1st day of January next, and the existing Steamboat Squad be abolished, to take effect at the same date.

The following were offered, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Discipline :

Resolved, That the following members of the Force be and are transferred from the existing Steamboat Squad to Eastern Steamboat Squad, to take effect on the day of 187

Resolved, That the following members of the Force be and are transferred from the existing Steamboat Squad to Western Steamboat Squad, to take effect on the day of 187

Whereas, Application has been made to this Board, on behalf of the following theatres: Union Square Theatre, Booth's Theatre, Wallack's Theatre, the Academy of Music, and Eagle Theatre, for the aid of the members of the Police Force in the sale of tickets to a "Grand Union Dramatic Benefit," to be given by the theatres above named, on the afternoon of Thursday, December 21st instant, in aid of a charity fund for the relief of the sufferers by the late disastrous burning of the theatre in Brooklyn; and

Whereas, The Board, in view of the extraordinary character and extent of the disaster, and the extreme suffering certain to result therefrom, are desirous to aid the efforts of the charitable parties in their laudable undertaking; it is therefore

Resolved, That Rule 598 be suspended, and the application be granted, on conditions following: The tickets to be sold to be delivered by the theatres to the Superintendent, and by him distributed to Captains, through the Inspectors, and by Captains to members of the force. The members of the force to make returns of tickets and proceeds of sale of tickets to their Captains, and Captains, through the Inspectors, to the Superintendent, who shall account to the officers of the theatres. The members of the force to sell tickets only when off post duty and in citizen's dress.

On reading an opinion of the Counsel to the Board, it was

Resolved, That the application of Frances Ann Walker for the transfer of certain moneys, now in the custody of the Board of Police, as Trustees to Henry Roberts, be and is hereby denied.

On reading an opinion of the Counsel to the Board, it was

Resolved, That the application of Patrolman Francis McKenna, Thirty-first Precinct, for a reduction of fine, be and is hereby denied.

On reading an opinion of the Counsel to the Board, it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent be directed to prefer charges against Patrolman Herbert R. Sage.

Communication from James Crowley, Superintendent of Telegraph, asking detail of Sergeant Charles U. Coombs, Jr., for duty at the Street Cleaning Stables, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Discipline.

N. Y. SUPREME COURT,

THE PEOPLE, on petition of JAMES S. KAHAN, }  
against } Writ of certiorari.  
THE BOARD OF POLICE. }

Resolved, That the papers in the above-entitled case be referred to the Counsel to the Board, for defense.

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and are hereby appointed Patrolmen, subject to re-examination by the Surgeons, and assigned to duty in the Precincts designated :

Precinct.	Precinct
John Hanrahan..... 20	Van Sandford Roosa..... 16
Joseph A. Saul..... 11	Edward Galligan..... 14
Orville A. Todd..... 9	John Kiernan..... 9
Edward Kelly..... 16	James Abercrombie..... 29

Judgments—Dismissals.

Patrolman William H. Duncan, Eighteenth Precinct.

Roundsman John H. Smith, Thirtieth Precinct.

Patrolman William Barry, Mounted Squad.

Fines Imposed.

Patrolman James Donahue, Fifth Precinct, one-half day's pay.

" John S. Patterson, Seventh Precinct, five days' pay.

" Andrew H. Rowley, Eighth Precinct, one day's pay.

" Warren Harrington, Eighth Precinct, one day's pay.

" Peter Kain, Twelfth Precinct, ten days' pay.

" George H. Covert, Sixteenth Precinct, ten days' pay.

" Nathaniel B. Abbott, Jr., Nineteenth Precinct, five days' pay.

" John Magher, Twenty-first Precinct, three days' pay.

" Philip Meaney, Twenty-third Precinct, ten days' pay.

" Judson Golden, Twenty-seventh Precinct, three days' pay.

" Martin Larkin, Thirtieth Precinct, one day's pay.

" " " fifteen days' pay.

" Patrick Barry, Thirty-second Precinct, one day's pay.

" Stephen F. Redgate, Thirty-third Precinct, five days' pay.

Reprimands by Inspector.

Patrolman George W. Gibson, Fourth Precinct.

Complaints Dismissed.

Precinct.	Precinct
Patrolman James Quinn..... 6	Patrolman Nathaniel Gibson..... 7
" John S. Patterson..... 7	" John T. Disbrow..... 26
" John Mohr..... 7	" Bernard Falconer..... 30
" Michael Martin..... 7	" Samuel W. Kinriard..... 31

Adjourned.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.



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Patrolman Michael Tully, Thirtieth Precinct, 1 day without pay.

John Gilmore, Sixth Precinct, one-half day's pay.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

For paving Seventy-fifth street, between First and Third avenues, amounting to.....	\$7,311 49
For paving One Hundred and Eighteenth street, between Third avenue and Harlem river, amounting to.....	12,801 76



For receiving-basin southwest corner Fifty-fourth street and Eleventh avenue, amounting to .....	349 50
For curb, gutter, and flagging in West street and Tenth avenue, from Gansevoort to Little Twelfth street, amounting to .....	794 04
Total .....	\$21,346 79

*Permits Issued.*

1 permit for street vault.	8 permits for repairing sidewalks.
10 permits for making sewer connections.	18 permits for placing building material on streets.
15 permits for repairing sewer connections.	

*Obstructions Removed.*

One sign, from No. 419 Third avenue.  
One lot boxes, from No. 564 Third avenue.  
One lot boots and shoes, from No. 574 Third avenue.  
One lot dry goods, from No. 616 Third avenue.  
One lot dry goods, from No. 626 Third avenue.  
One stand, from southeast corner Bowery and Fifth street.  
One lot signs, from northwest corner Broadway and Spring street.  
One stand, from northwest corner Broadway and Grand street.

*Replacing Pavements over Croton Pipes.*

In Broadway, between Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets.  
In Forty-eighth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.  
In Forty-eighth street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues.  
In Thirtieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.  
In Third avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets.

*Repairing Stone Pavements.*

In Sixty-first street, between First avenue and Avenue A.  
In Thirty-third street, between Second and Third avenues.  
In Madison avenue, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets.  
In Madison avenue, at Thirty-fourth street.  
In Third avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets.  
In First avenue, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets.  
In Twentieth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.  
In West Third street, between Sixth avenue and Macdougall street.  
In Leroy street, between Bedford and Hudson streets.  
In Henry street, between Market and Catharine streets.  
In First street, between First and Second avenues.  
In Washington street, at Dey street.  
In Greenwich street, between Warren and Chambers streets.  
In John street, between Nassau street and Broadway.  
In Water street, between John street and Maiden lane.  
In Vesey street, at Broadway.  
In Centre Market place, between Broome and Grand streets.

*Repairing Wooden Pavements.*

In Fifty-seventh street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.  
In Lexington avenue, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets.  
In Seventh avenue, at Thirty-third street.  
In Washington place, between Mercer and Greene streets.  
In Murray street, between Church and Greenwich streets.  
In Maiden lane, between Water and South streets.

*Cleaning Sewers.*

110 receiving-basins cleaned.  
350 lineal feet of sewers cleaned.

*Repairing Sewers.*

6 lineal feet brick sewer rebuilt.  
3 receiving-basins repaired.  
1 man-hole repaired.  
10 sewers and 4 receiving-basins examined.

*Appointments.*

Norman McLeod, Inspector on Regulating and Grading.

*Transfers and Promotions.*

S. S. Schofield, from Inspector on Regulating and Grading to Clerk on Roads and Avenues.  
Frederick Ogden, from Clerk on Roads and Avenues to Clerk in Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

STATEMENT of Laboring Force employed in the Department of Public Works during the week ending December 16, 1876.

NATURE OF WORK.	MECHANICS.	LABORERS.	TEAMS.	CARTS.
Alterations of Aqueduct on Tenth avenue.....	1	..	..	..
Maintenance of Aqueduct and Reservoirs.....	1	41	6	..
In Pipe Yard, foot of East Twenty-fourth street.....	2	14	2	1
Laying and repairing Croton pipes .....	30	91	..	21
Repairing pavements.....	41	124	..	40
Construction and maintenance of roads and avenues.....	3	24	2	7
Repairing roads.....	..	9	4	1
Total.....	78	303	14	70
Increase over previous week.....	..	..	..	..
Decrease from previous week.....	1	9	..	5

*Requisitions on the Comptroller.*

The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department upon the Comptroller during the week is \$40,655.37.

HENRY A. GUMBLETON,  
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

## APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Koster & Green for the sum of forty dollars, for draping the chamber of the Board of Assistant Aldermen in mourning, on the occasion of the death of Assistant Alderman Henry A. Linden, the payment to be made from an unexpended balance of the City Contingencies for the year 1875.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 7, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, December 13, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to pay the bill of Mrs. Rosanna Reynolds, amounting to two hundred and sixty-two dollars, for services rendered as Cleaner of the Sixth District Civil Court, and charge the same to the appropriation for "Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 7, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, December 13, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William Masterson to retain a stand for the sale of newspapers on the northeast corner of Twentieth street and Fourth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 7, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, December 13, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the Managers of the Fair in aid of the United Hebrew Charities to place a banner sign across Broadway opposite Wallack's Theatre; the permission hereby given to continue only until December 31, 1876.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 7, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, December 13, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That Jacob D. Costa be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Henry L. Velas, who has failed to qualify.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 11, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 13, 1876.

Resolved that the grade of Fifty-ninth street, between the Eleventh avenue and the Hudson river, be and is hereby fixed in accordance with the red lines in the accompanying diagram; and that permission be and the same is hereby granted to the owners of property on said Fifty-ninth street, between the Eleventh avenue and the Hudson river, to change the grade of said street to the grade hereby established, the work to be done at the expense of the said owners, and under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 14, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 16, 1876.

Resolved, That the grade of Sixtieth street, between the Eleventh avenue and Hudson river, be and is hereby fixed in accordance with the red lines on the accompanying diagram; and that permission be and the same is hereby granted to the owners of property on said Sixtieth street, between the Eleventh avenue and Hudson river, to change the grade of said street to the grade hereby established; the work to be done at the expense of the said owners, and under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 14, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 16, 1876.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the east side of West street, between Horatio and Gansevoort streets, be flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 27, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 6, 1876.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the owner of premises No. 1 East Twenty-sixth street, to erect a storm-door on his premises, the same to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; this permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and Boulevard lamps lighted on the south side of One Hundred and Sixteenth street, from Fourth to Seventh avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

In Board of Aldermen, November 9, 1876, taken up and considered, as provided in section 13, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, and adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to have a crosswalk laid across Chatham street, opposite the walk in the City Hall Park in front of the Hall of Records, the expense thereof to be paid from the appropriation for "Repairs of Stone Pavements."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 7, 1876.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, December 13, 1876, without his approval or objections thereto; therefore, as provided in section 11, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the same became adopted.

Resolved, That the sidewalks on the east side of Fifth avenue, from Fifty-eighth to Sixty-fourth street, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 27, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 6, 1876.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Lawrence R. Kerr to retain storm-doors now in front of entrances to his premises Nos. 367, 369, and 371 Fourth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 27, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 6, 1876.

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the American District Telegraph Company to erect ornamental illuminated clocks at the following places:

62 Broadway.	812 Sixth avenue.
68 Fulton street.	1000 Sixth avenue.
254 Broadway.	554 Third avenue.
407 Broadway.	Corner 14th street and 8th avenue.
516 Broadway.	Corner 23d street and 8th avenue.
689 Broadway.	Corner 34th street and 8th avenue.
791 Broadway.	Corner 14th street and 3d avenue.
946 Broadway.	Corner 124th street and 3d avenue, Harlem.
1205 Broadway.	Chatham square.
637 Sixth avenue.	Corner of Ridge and Grand streets.

—the standard not to be more than eighteen inches in diameter, the same to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 27, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 6, 1876.

Resolved, That the curb and gutter stones be set on both sides of Sixty-fourth street, from the Eighth to the Ninth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 20, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, November 29, 1876.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Samuel E. Warren for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for engraving and framing the preamble and resolutions passed by the Common Council in relation to the death of Alderman Patrick Lysaght, and charge the same amount to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 27, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, November 29, 1876.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board, October 27, 1876, and approved by the Mayor, November 2, 1876, to lay Croton water-mains in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, from Willis avenue four hundred and eighty feet east, be and the same is hereby amended by substituting the words and figures "chapter 477 of the Laws of 1875," in place of the words and figures "chapter 432, Laws of 1876."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 27, 1876.

Approved by the Mayor, December 6, 1876.







DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, December 14, 1876.

### PROPOSALS FOR FRESH FISH.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 10 o'clock A. M., of Thursday, the 28th day of December, 1876, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering, from the first day of January, 1877, up to and including the thirty-first day of December, 1877, at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, and at such other places as may be required, free of all expense—  
Fresh Cod, Porgies, and Blue Fish.

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

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

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, 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 defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,  
ISAAC H. BAILEY,  
TOWNSEND COX,  
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, December 18, 1876.

### PROPOSALS FOR LUMBER, ETC., FOR TWO PAVILIONS ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 10 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1876, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering on Blackwell's Island, and such other places as may be required—

- 20 spruce girders, 7 x 9 in., 11 ft. long.
- 4 spruce girders, 7 x 9 in., 12 ft. long.
- 124 spruce beams, 3 x 9 in., 25 ft. long.
- 68 spruce beams, 3 x 9 in., 32 ft. long.
- 750 spruce sills, 8 x 10 in.
- 246 spruce posts, 4 x 6 in., 16 ft. long.
- 550 lineal ft. spruce sills, 4 x 6 in.
- 1,150 lineal ft. spruce plates, 4 x 6 in.
- 520 spruce joists, 3 x 4 in., 16 ft. long.
- 16 spruce tie beams, 4 x 10 in., 25 ft. long.
- 152 spruce rafters, 4 x 9 in., 18 ft. long.
- 32 spruce king posts, 4 x 8 in., 8 ft. long.
- 64 spruce struts, 4 x 8 in., 7 ft. long.
- 44 spruce rafters, 4 x 9 in., 21 ft. long.
- 8 spruce tie beams, 4 x 10 in., 32 ft. long.
- 48 spruce rafters, 4 x 9 in., 14 ft. long.
- 12 spruce ridge pieces, 3 x 10 in., 21 ft. long.
- 4 spruce ridge pieces, 3 x 10 in., 24 ft. long.
- 12,400 lineal ft. spruce joists, 2 x 3 in.
- 19,000 lineal ft. spruce furring strips, 1 1/4 x 2 in.
- 20,000 lineal ft. hemlock boards, 1 in.
- 7,000 ft. board measure, clear, well seasoned, Georgia yellow pine flooring, 1 1/4 in. x 2 in.
- 24,000 ft. board measure, clear, well seasoned, Georgia yellow pine ceiling boards, 7/8 in. x 2 in.
- 2,000 ft. board measure, clear, well seasoned, Georgia yellow pine boards, 1 in. x 12 in.
- 11,900 ft. board measure, clear, well seasoned white pine roofing plank, planed, 1 1/4 in. x 10 in.
- 20 white pine beams, 4 x 8 in., 7 ft. long.
- 24 white pine beams, 3 x 8 in., 21 ft. long.
- 44 white pine posts, 6 x 6 in., 12 ft. long.
- 32 white pine posts, 4 x 4 in., 12 ft. long.
- 400 lineal ft. white pine plates, 6 x 6 in.
- 80 white pine beams, 4 x 6 in., 10 ft. long.
- 330 lineal ft. white pine strings, 3 x 8 in.
- 11,500 ft. board measure, white pine siding, rabbited, 7 in. wide.
- 1,150 ft. board measure, white pine boards, tongued and grooved, 7/8 x 5 in.
- 3,300 lineal ft. white pine plank, planed, 2 1/2 x 12 in.
- 1,300 ft. board measure, white pine flooring, 1 1/4 x 4 in.
- 1,400 ft. board measure, white pine flooring, 1 1/4 x 3 in.
- 4 white pine tie beams, 4 x 10 in., 25 ft. long.
- 4 white pine tie beams, 4 x 10 in., 32 ft. long.
- 8 white pine rafters, 4 x 9 in., 18 ft. long.
- 8 white pine rafters, 4 x 9 in., 21 ft. long.
- 8 white pine king posts, 4 x 8 in., 8 ft. long.
- 16 white pine queen posts, 4 x 8 in., 6 ft. long.
- 16 white pine struts, 4 x 8 in., 8 ft. long.
- 700 lineal ft. white pine joists, 4 x 6 in.
- 2 window sashes, 3 x 6 ft., 8 lights 15 x 18 in.
- 4 window sashes, 2 ft. 6 in. x 4 ft. 6 in., 8 lights 14 x 24 in.
- 52 window sashes, 3 ft. x 6 ft. 3 in., 8 lights 15 x 18 in.
- 24 French casement sashes, 3 ft. x 8 ft. 7 in., 10 lights 14 x 24 in.
- 76 transom sashes, 22 x 36 in., 2 lights 17 x 18 in.
- 2 window sashes, 24 x 36 in., 5 lights 12 x 18 in.

All the above to be glazed with French sheet glass, double thick.

- 100 squares 10 x 14 in. best selected dark blue Pennsylvania slate.
- 100 squares Martin's slating felt.
- 40 boxes tern plate charcoal roofing tin.
- 500 ft. No. 24 galvanized iron, 24 in. wide.
- 600 ft. No. 22 galvanized iron, 14 in. wide.
- 4 kegs galvanized slating nails.
- 5 kegs cut nails, each 6d., 8d.
- 10 kegs cut nails, 10d.
- 3 kegs cut nails, 12d.
- 5 kegs cut nails, 6d.

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

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

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, 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 defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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THOMAS S. BRENNAN,  
ISAAC H. BAILEY,  
TOWNSEND COX,  
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, December 15, 1876.

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 Homoeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island, December 13, 1876—Charles Weiskoff; age 55 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; blue eyes; gray hair. Had on when admitted, brown overcoat, black coat, dark striped pants and vest, white hat, gaiter shoes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, December 16, 1876.

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 Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, December 14, 1876—John Barry; age 38 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; brown hair, moustache, and beard; gray eyes. Had on when admitted, gray pants, mixed brown vest, black coat, cotton drawers, white shirt, brogan shoes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

Henry Walters; age 53 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; flaxen hair and moustache; blue eyes. Had on when admitted, black pants, white shirt. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS WILL meet every Wednesday, at 1 o'clock P. M.

WM. H. MCCARTHY,  
JACOB HESS,  
HENRY D. PURROY,  
Committee on Public Works

F. J. TWOMEY,  
Clerk

THE COMMITTEE ON FERRIES AND DOCK Department will meet every Wednesday, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall.

MAGNUS GROSS,  
MICHAEL TUOMEY,  
WILLIAM WADE,  
Committee on Ferries and Dock Department.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,  
Clerk.

THE COMMITTEE ON STREET PAVEMENTS will meet every Tuesday, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall.

JOHN W. GUNTZER,  
WILLIAM H. MCCARTHY,  
JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,  
Committee on Street Pavements

F. J. TWOMEY,  
Clerk.

THE COMMITTEE ON ARTS AND SCIENCES will meet every Friday, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall.

MAGNUS GROSS,  
MICHAEL TUOMEY,  
JOHN J. MORRIS,  
Committee on Arts and Sciences.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY,  
Clerk.

THE COMMITTEE ON SALARIES AND OFFICES will meet every Tuesday, at 3 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall.

WILLIAM L. COLE,  
THOMAS SHELLS,  
JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,  
Committee on Salaries and Offices.

F. J. TWOMEY,  
Clerk.

THE COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS WILL meet every Monday, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 9, City Hall.

PETER SEERY,  
PATRICK KEENAN,  
J. W. GUNTZER,  
O. P. C. BILLINGS,  
HENRY E. HOWLAND,  
Committee on County Affairs

### JURORS.

### NOTICE IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,  
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,  
NEW YORK, June 1, 1876.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CORPORATION NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner 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, viz.: For—

- No. 1. Outlet sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second street, between the Boulevard and Hudson river.
- No. 2. Sewer in Eighth avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Ninety-second streets, with branches.
- No. 3. Paving with Telford-macadamized pavement in One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
- No. 4. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Thirty-first street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.
- No. 5. Belgian pavement in Twenty-first street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.
- No. 6. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones and flagging Ninety-second street, from Broadway to the Boulevard.
- No. 7. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue.
- No. 8. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging Seventy-seventh street, between First avenue and East river.
- No. 9. Laying crosswalks across Lexington avenue, at Seventy-ninth, Eightieth, and Eighty-second streets.
- No. 10. Paving with Belgian pavement in Eighty-second street, from Madison to Fifth avenue.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on—

- No. 1. All the property situated between One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-first streets, Boulevard and North river; also the property between One Hundred and Forty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth streets, St. Nicholas avenue and North river.
- No. 2. Both sides of Eighth avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Ninety-second streets; also blocks bounded by Eighty-eighth and Ninety-second streets, Eighth and Ninth avenues.
- No. 3. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.
- No. 4. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.
- No. 5. Both sides of Twenty-first street, from Tenth to Thirteenth avenue, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.
- No. 6. Both sides of Ninety-second street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard.
- No. 7. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
- No. 8. Both sides of Seventy-seventh street, between First avenue and East river, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.
- No. 9. Both sides of Lexington avenue, between Seventy-eighth and Eighty-third streets, and to the extent of half the block at the intersection of Seventy-ninth, Eightieth, and Eighty-second streets.
- No. 10. Both sides of Eighty-second street, between Madison and Fifth avenues, and to the extent of half the block at the intersecting avenues.

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 in writing to the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,  
JOHN MULLALY,  
EDWARD NORTH,  
WILLIAM L. WILEY,  
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
NEW YORK, November 27, 1876.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following Assessment Lists have been received by the Board of Assessors, from the Commissioner of Public Works, for—

- No. 1. Sewers in Fourth avenue, east side, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-eighth streets.
- No. 2. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging Seventy-ninth street, from the (Public Drive) Boulevard to the Hudson river.
- No. 3. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging Seventy-seventh street, between First avenue and East river.
- No. 4. Belgian pavement in Twenty-third street, from Avenue A to East river.
- No. 5. Basin on northeast corner of Birmingham and Madison streets.
- No. 6. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Fourth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.
- No. 7. Belgian pavement in Ninety-second street, between Eighth avenue and the Boulevard.
- No. 8. Belgian pavement in One Hundred and Ninth street, between Second and Third avenues.
- No. 9. Belgian pavement in Bloomfield street, between West street and Thirteenth avenue.
- No. 10. Regulating, grading setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard.
- No. 11. Sewer in Madison avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-seventh and One Hundred and Twenty-eighth streets.
- No. 12. Extension of sewer in Thirty-fifth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, westerly to within 70 feet west of Tenth avenue.
- No. 13. Receiving-basins on northeast corner of Twenty-second street and Thirteenth avenue, and northeast corner of Twenty-fourth street and Thirteenth avenue.
- No. 14. Regulating and grading One Hundred and Sixteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
- No. 15. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and superstructure, Eastern Boulevard, One Hundred and Sixteenth street, from Avenue A to Sixth avenue.
- No. 16. Belgian pavement in Eighth avenue, from the Circle, Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.
- No. 17. Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging Seventy-sixth street, between Eighth avenue and Hudson river.
- No. 18. Flagging both sides, 4 feet wide, One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Third and Fifth avenues.
- No. 19. Receiving-basin in East Third street, in front of Nos. 395 and 397.
- No. 20. Receiving-basins and culverts on southeast corner of Seventieth street and Fourth avenue, the southwest corner of Seventy-first street and Fourth avenue, the northwest corner of Seventy-second street and Fourth avenue, the northeast corner of Seventy-third street and Fourth avenue, and north and south side of Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, and Seventy-seventh streets, and north side of Seventy-eighth street, west of Fourth avenue (excepting on southwest corner of Seventy-first street and Fourth avenue, which was built in Fourth avenue improvement).
- No. 21. Receiving-basins and culverts on northeast corner of Madison avenue and Sixty-fifth street, at southwest corner Fourth avenue and Sixty-fifth street, and south side Sixty-second street, west of Fourth avenue, and on south side of Sixty-third street, east of Fourth avenue, the south side of Sixty-fourth street, east and west of Fourth avenue, and the southeast and southwest corners of Sixty-sixth and Sixty-ninth streets and Fourth avenue.
- No. 22. Regulating and paving with Belgian pavement, Third avenue, from northerly side of One Hundred and Sixty-third street to northern boundary of Twenty-third Ward.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
No. 19 CHATHAM STREET,  
NEW YORK, November 27, 1876.

JOHN R. MUMFORD,  
Secretary.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
ROTUNDA, NEW COURT-HOUSE,  
NEW YORK, November 16, 1876.

### NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED NOVEMBER 14, 1876.

Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter-stones, and flagging One Hundred and Fourth street, from Fifth avenue to Harlem river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before January 16, 1877, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation. The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

NICHOLAS F. BUTENSCHON,  
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
ROTUNDA, NEW COURT-HOUSE,  
NEW YORK, November 4, 1876.

### NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 21, 1876.

Outlet sewer in One Hundred and Sixth street, between Harlem river and Fifth avenue, with branches in First, Second, Third, and Fourth avenues, and in One Hundred and Third street.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before January 5, 1877, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

NICHOLAS F. BUTENSCHON,  
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
ROTUNDA, NEW COURT-HOUSE,  
NEW YORK, November 10, 1876.

### NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED OCTOBER 21, 1876.

Regulating and grading Fifth avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Mount Morris square.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before January 10, 1877, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

NICHOLAS F. BUTENSCHON,  
Collector of Assessments.

### GAS COMMISSION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
ROOM NO. 19, CITY HALL,  
NEW YORK, December 15, 1876.

PROPOSALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC. 73, chap. 335 of the Laws of 1873, and Revised Ordinances of 1859, chapter 8, article 2, addressed to the undersigned, inclosed in a sealed envelope, and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, will be received at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works until Thursday, December 28, 1876, at 12 o'clock, noon (at which hour they will be publicly opened and read), for furnishing the gas for and lighting and extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, and maintaining (and supplying gas, etc., for new lamps where required) the public lamps on the streets, avenues, and places in the City of New York, for the period of three months, from January 1, 1877, to March 31, 1877, both days inclusive.

Each proposition must contain a fixed and definite price for one or more of each of the following duties to be performed:

- A price for furnishing the gas (of sixteen-candle power) for each lamp, including the lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, repairing, reglazing, and painting lamp-posts and lamps, replacing cocks, tubes, burners, cross-heads, lamp-irons, and lanterns thereto, for the period of three months.
- For each lamp-post straightened, the sum of
- For each column releaded, the sum of
- For each column refitted, the sum of
- For each lamp-post removed, the sum of
- For each lamp-post reset, the sum of
- For each new lamp fitted up, the sum of

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications, and agreements, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the bids, and any further information desired can be obtained on application at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The right to decline any or all proposals is reserved, if deemed for the best interests of the Corporation.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.  
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.  
ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
300 MULBERRY STREET,  
December 21, 1876.

### PUBLIC NOTICE.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Central Department of Police, until 10 o'clock A. M., of Friday, January 5, 1877, at which time and place proposals will be publicly opened and read, for printing, binding, and furnishing to the Board of Police, five thousand copies of the "Manual" of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Police Department and Force of the City of New York.

Proposals will state a price for each printed page of one copy, and a price for the binding of each copy.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Board of Police, be indorsed "Proposals for furnishing 'Manual,' and must contain the name and address of the parties making the same.

Two responsible sureties, freeholders in this city, will be required with each proposal, who must justify in the sum of three thousand dollars each.

By order of the Board,

S. C. HAWLEY,  
Chief Clerk.