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Abstract of the transactions of the Bureau of the City Chamberlain for the week ending August 24, 1889.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN,  
NEW YORK, August 29, 1889.

Very respectfully,  
RICHARD CROKER, Chamberlain.

Dr. THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, *in account with* RICHARD CROKER, *Chamberlain, during the week ending August 24, 1889.* Cr.

1889.			1889.			1889.			1889.
Aug. 24	To Additional Water Fund.....		Aug. 17	By Balance.....					
	American Museum of Natural History—Enlarging Building.....	\$7,622 41	" 24	Arrears of Taxes.....					\$1,632,047 51
	Armory Fund.....	18,402 50		Interest on Taxes.....		Cady.....	\$31,788 41		
	Central Park, Construction of—Approaches to Museum of Art.....	10 22		Fund for Street and Park Openings.....		".....	4,529 46		
	Charges on Arrears of Taxes.....	625 05		Street Improvement Fund—June 15, 1886.....		".....	1,987 34		
	Commissioners of Excise Fund.....	252 00		Interest on Assessments.....		".....	17,289 83		
	Croton Water Fund.....	112 77		Charges on Arrears of Taxes.....		".....	2,664 17		
	Croton Water Rent—Refunding Account.....	112 50		Charges on Arrears of Assessments.....		".....	40 00		
	Dog License Fund.....	300 00		Lands Purchased for Taxes and Assessments—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....		".....	6 00		
	Dock Fund.....	15,006 36		Interest on Lands Purchased for Taxes and Assessments—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....		".....	112 81		
	Excise Licenses.....	16,845 65		Water Meter Fund No. 2.....		".....	130 68		
	Fund for Local Improvements.....	150 07		Licenses.....		Engelhard.....	86 11		
	Fund for Street and Park Openings.....	1,103 03		Dog License Fund.....		".....	543 75		
	Refunding Taxes Paid in Error.....	67 12		Tapping Pipes.....		".....	50 00		
	Restoring and Repaving—Department of Public Parks.....	18 10		Water Meter Fund No. 2.....		Riley.....	366 00		
	Riverside Park, Construction of.....	20 64		Restoring and Repaving.....		".....	441 29		
	Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	2,820 60		Theatre and Concert Licenses.....		Department of Public Works.....	670 00		
	School-house Fund.....	15,788 10		Unclaimed Salaries and Wages.....		Mayor.....	150 00		
	Street Improvement Fund—June 15, 1886.....	13,647 83		Additional Water Fund.....		Van Valkenburgh.....	81 68		
	Unclaimed Salaries and Wages.....	14 08		General Fund.....		Sheshan.....	105 00		
	Water Meter Fund No. 2.....	13 08		".....		Comptroller.....	1 90		
			96,344 66	".....		Britton.....	134 70		
	New Park Fund.....		4,221 00	".....		Gilroy.....	1,115 11		
	Advertising.....	1889.		".....		Hahn.....	129 65		
	Aqueduct—Repairs, Maintenance and Strengthening.....	\$187 25		".....		Coleman.....	1,016 30		
	Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of.....	418 75		".....		Burns.....	890 00		
	Bureau of Licenses.....	7,436 91		".....		Daly.....	251 00		
	Burial of Honorably Discharged Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.....	94 75		Restoring and Repaving		Department of Public Parks.....	70 00		
	Bronx River Bridges—Repairs and Maintenance.....	175 00		3 per cent. Revenue Bond—1889.....		N. Y. Savings Bank.....	50,000 00		
	Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning—Administration.....	17 44							114,613 19
	Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning—Carting.....	614 00							
	Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning—Contracts below Fourteenth Street.....	18,762 62							
	Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning—Final Disposition of Material.....	442 86							
	Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning—Sweeping ..	4,352 35							
	College of the City of New York.....	12,970 97							
	Contingencies—Comptroller's Office.....	130 94							
	Contingencies—Department of Public Works.....	246 95							
	Contingencies—Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	30 11							
	Contingencies—District Attorney's Office.....	10 50							
	Contingencies—Law Department.....	186 05							
	Cromwell's Creek Bridges, etc.....	524 80							
	Disbursements and Fees of County Officers and Witnesses, exclusive of Sheriff's Fees.....	21 37							
	To Defray the Expenses of Proceedings in Street Openings.....	277 00							
	Fire Department Fund—Apparatus.....	500 00							
	Flagging Sidewalks, etc.....	8,523 07							
	Health Fund.....	50 00							
	Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance.....	6 25							
	Hospital Fund.....	1,324 29							
	Interest on the City Debt—After January 1, 1889.....	561 95							
	Judgments.....	10,210 00							
	Laying Croton Pipes.....	610 85							
	Lamps and Gas and Electric Lighting.....	499 75							
	Lamps and Gas and Electric Lighting.....	1888.							
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Seventy-second Street.....	1889.							
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—General Maintenance.....	289 44							
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—General Maintenance.....	1888.							
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Tompkins Square.....	244 50							
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Police.....	1889.							
	Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places—Zoological Department.....	12,702 91							
	Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	8 22							
	Music—Central and City Parks.....	210 95							
	New Parks North of Harlem River—Care and Maintenance.....	510 72							
	New York Catholic Protectory.....	19,068 12							
	Normal College.....	510 00							
	Police Station-houses—Rents.....	2,393 66							
	Printing, Stationery and Blank Books.....	20,243 33							
	Public Charities and Correction—Insane.....	22 60							
	Public Charities and Correction—New Buildings.....	500 00							
	Public Charities and Correction—Insane.....	5,226 71							
	Public Charities and Correction—Supplies.....	17 68							
	Public Charities and Correction—Alterations, etc.....	1887.							
	Public Charities and Correction—New Buildings.....	1888.							
	Public Charities and Correction—Transportation of Paupers, etc.....	9,402 12							
	Public Charities and Correction—Supplies.....	243 34							
	Public Instruction—Buildings Contingent Fund.....	45 08							
	Public Instruction—Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools.....	1889.							
	Public Instruction—Heating Apparatus.....	765 65							
	Public Instruction—Rents.....	666 58							
	Public Instruction—Repairs to Buildings.....	96 63							
	Public Instruction—Salaries of Clerks to Boards of Trustees.....	24,780 63							
	Public Instruction—Salaries of Janitors, Grammar and Primary Schools.....	457 03							
	Public Instruction—Sanitary Work, etc.....	576 79							
	Public Instruction—Supplies.....	2,500 00							
	Publication of the CITY RECORD.....	2,308 33							
	Public Drinking-hydrants.....	5,200 00							
	Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs.....	42 72							
	Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues.....								
	Riverside Park and Avenue.....	377 00							
	Rents.....	4,000 00							
		126 80							
		5,183 34							
		256 60							
		1,044 30							
		1,994 40							
		1,237 76							
		23,500 00							
	Carried forward.....	\$220,078 82							
		\$156,539 49							
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1889. Aug. 24	Brought forward.....	\$220,078 82	1889. Aug. 24	Brought forward.....	\$1,746,660 70
	Repairs and Renewal of Pavements and Regrading.....	12,382 56			
	Repairs and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc.....	5,795 18			
	Repaving Streets and Avenues.....	377 10			
	Roads, Streets and Avenues—Unpaved—Maintenance of and Sprinkling.....	791 75			
	Sheriff's Fees.....	2,442 40			
	Sewers and Drains—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	945 54			
	Sprinkling—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	84 69			
	Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	45 76			
	Surveys, Maps and Plans.....	69 52			
	Sewers—Repairing and Cleaning.....	948 35			
	Salaries—Commissioners of Accounts.....	10 90			
	Salaries—Judiciary.....	540 00			
	Salaries—Secretary of Board of Street Openings.....	120 00			
	Balance.....	244,632 57			
		1,345,488 64			
		\$1,746,660 70			\$1,746,660 70

E. &amp; O. E.

NEW YORK, August 24, 1889.

1889.

Aug. 24. By Balance..... \$1,345,488 64

RICHARD CROKER, Chamberlain.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, in account with RICHARD CROKER, Chamberlain, for and during the week ending August 24, 1889.

1889. Aug. 17	By Balance, as per last account current.....			SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE CITY DEBT.		SINKING FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE CITY DEBT.	
				DR.	CR.	DR.	CR.
	Assessment Fund.....	Cady.....	\$268 00		\$1,994,010 03		\$961,777 79
	Street Improvement Fund.....	Daly.....	1,353 62				
	Market Rent and Fees.....	Engelhard.....	4,722 69				
	Licenses.....	Matthews.....	1,044 00				
	Dock and Slip Rent.....	Gilroy.....	4,449 58				
	Street Vaults.....		3,145 13				
	Croton Water Rent and Penalties.....	Riley.....	\$33,418 93		14,983 02		
	Croton Water Arrears and Interest.....	Cady.....	1,845 63				
	Fines.....	Engelhard.....	5 00				
	House Rent.....	Daly.....	139 00				
	Ferry Rent.....		947 04				
	Ground Rent.....		707 00				
	Balance.....			\$2,008,993 05		\$998,840 39	37,062 60
				\$2,008,993 05	\$2,008,993 05	\$998,840 39	\$998,840 39

Aug. 24, 1889. By Balances.....

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NEW YORK, August 24, 1889.

RICHARD CROKER, Chamberlain.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK.*Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at a Meeting held at the Mayor's Office at 2 o'clock P. M., on Monday, September 9, 1889.*

Present—Hugh J. Grant, Mayor; Theodore W. Myers, Comptroller; Richard Croker, Chamberlain, and Walton Storm, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Board of Aldermen.

Absent—Frederick Smyth, Recorder.

The minutes of the meeting held July 30, 1889, were read and approved.

A petition of property-owners and residents on Washington Heights, asking for a reduction of the area of High Bridge Park, was presented, as follows:

*The Honorable the Sinking Fund Commissioners:*

The undersigned property-owners and residents on Washington Heights respectfully ask that the area of High Bridge Park be reduced, for the following reasons:

The proposed park should not begin below One Hundred and Seventieth street, as all the land in the vicinity of the end of the Eighth avenue and Harlem Ship Canal will be required for commercial and business purposes, and the Dock Department has already made plans to conform to the Harlem Ship Canal which will take in some of the land in the park below One Hundred and Seventieth street. The Board of Street Opening in 1887 recognized these facts, as will be seen by the resolutions adopted December 30, 1888, a copy of which is appended. We call special attention to the following paragraph:

"The ground when filled in at the foot of the steep declivity north of One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street being for the most part suitable for business purposes, the greater portion of it may be properly excluded from the proposed park reservation."

At some subsequent meeting of the Board the map was again changed to its present condition. High Bridge Park is not needed, and the less ground taken the better.

No dense population will ever crowd the banks of the Harlem river to the prejudice of health. The river running between high banks will always secure a free current of fresh air. And as for adornment, there is no part of the one hundred and fifty acres, or more, condemned as a park, excepting its extreme northern end, which can lay any claim to beauty.

Besides, the City acquired many years ago about thirty acres adjoining the Reservoir, for a park, and for it, all the property at this end of the island was assessed. No use as yet has been made of any of this land. Why then add over one hundred acres to it now?

The City also owns land at the approach to Washington Bridge and there the New Aqueduct is built. It may be deemed advisable that the City acquire the title to the intermediate land and so have a continuous plot from One Hundred and Eighty-second street on the north to One Hundred and Seventieth street on the south.

This, certainly, is the extent of the area which should be acquired by the City at this point.

It may be said that this park will afford a place of resort for the masses of poor people from the lower wards of the city, who can gain access to it by the elevated railroad at the expense of only five cents.

In answer we beg to state that even if taken now it will be years before this piece of property can be made useful for such a purpose, and, like Morningside Park, the first cost will be many millions of dollars and be but a small item of its final expense.

Even after all this money has been expended upon it what have we but a steep hillside? Not adapted for any roads, there can be no driving there; only foot-paths can be constructed in the lower part of it, and those maintained only at great expense. And only a little more than a mile, and equally accessible by rail and by Harlem river, lies Van Cortlandt Park, a beautiful and extensive pleasure ground and breathing place, and no one on pleasure bent, or seeking fresh air for himself, his wife and children, would stop at Harlem river, when Van Cortlandt lay within such easy distance.

In case the City acquires the land for the park the whole cost should fall upon the city at large, just as in the case of the New Parks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, or if that cannot be done, then the assessment should be placed one-half upon the city at large (which would add greatly to the amount to be raised by taxation this and next year) and the other half upon the property directly opposite the park, on the east side of the Harlem river, the only property from which the park could be seen and enjoyed, as there is only the Harlem river or "Ship Canal" between the park and the land on the east bank; for why should land one thousand, two thousand or more feet away from the park on its west side and entirely out of sight of it, be assessed for it, as if benefited by it, and land within four hundred feet of its east side and from every foot of which it always will be visible, not be assessed at all?

NEW YORK, August 7, 1889.

L. P. Morton, owner of about 250 lots.  
George Bliss, owner of about 250 lots.  
Isaac P. Martin, owner of 29 acres.  
William A. Wheelock, owner of 7 acres.  
Robert C. Rathbone, owner of 60 lots.  
Estate of John A. Haven, owner of 30 acres.  
Richard Deeves, owner of 39 lots.  
Juliet Rathbone, owner of 55 lots.  
George S. Lespinasse (agent), owner of 30 lots.  
R. Bleecker Rathbone, owner of 16 lots.

James C. Carter and John Haven, owners of over 100 lots.  
Eliza M. Sloane, owner of 10 acres.  
Woodbury Langdon and John Haven, owners of about 100 lots.  
John Haven, owner of about 43 lots.  
Charles Mali, owner of about 3 acres.  
New York Institution for Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, owner of about 400 lots.

State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

I, Franklin A. Stemmler, a Notary Public in and for said county, duly commissioned and sworn, and dwelling in said City of New York, do certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of an original petition.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of August, 1889.

FRANKLIN A. STEMMLER, Notary Public, New York Co.

Mr. George S. Lespinasse appeared in behalf of the petitioners, and desired that action be taken in the matter by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to accomplish the object of the petitioners, as one of great importance to the interests of the city at large, as well as to the owners of property and residents on Washington Heights.

After discussion of the subject by the members of the Board, with reference particularly to the question of authority to act upon it, the petition was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, to report as early as practicable, what is the existing status of the High Bridge Park under the proceedings heretofore taken by the Department of Public Parks and the Board of Street Opening for the opening of the park, and defining its boundaries, and whether any power now exists in the city authorities or any board to reduce the area within the prescribed boundaries, and if it exist at all, where the power is lodged and how the object of the petitioners can be accomplished.

The following communication was presented, containing a resolution of the Board of Parks, requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to authorize the issue of bonds for the sum of \$10,000, in addition to the sum of \$12,000 authorized on December 27, 1888, to be applied to the expense of constructing a street railway in the Transverse Road No. 3, Central Park, at Eighty-fifth street, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 407, Laws of 1888:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, NOS. 49 AND 51 CHAMBERS STREET,  
June 15, 1889.

*To the Sinking Fund Commission:*

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Parks, held on 5th instant, it was

Resolved, That the Sinking Fund Commission be respectfully requested to authorize and direct the issue of bonds or stock to the amount of ten thousand dollars in addition to the sum authorized by said Commission, by resolution passed 27th December, 1888, to be applied to the expense of constructing railways in Transverse Road No. 3, Central Park, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 407 of the Laws of 1888."

In explanation of the foregoing request, I am directed to state that the sum now provided has been found to be insufficient for doing the work in the manner thought to be the most desirable.

The additional sum asked for is estimated as follows:

For concrete foundation.....	\$5,000 00
For heavier rails, laying same on concrete, pockets filled with concrete and connecting track, etc.....	4,000 00
Contingent expenses, say.....	1,000 00

Very respectfully,

CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary, D. P. P.

The Hon. J. Hampden Robb, President of the Department of Public Parks, Mr. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer and Mr. Cyrus Clark, appeared before the Board in support of the construction of the railroad and the issue of bonds to complete it at an early day.

After a general discussion of the subject of constructing and operating the railroad, the matter was laid over.

The Comptroller presented the following communication from the Department of Docks, and submitted a report and resolution approving of a change in the width of the pier at the foot of West Fifty-sixth street, North river, as requested:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,  
NEW YORK, August 1, 1889.

*Hon. HUGH J. GRANT, Mayor and Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

SIR—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this date, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That this Board deems it advisable to change the width of the new pier at the foot of West Fifty-sixth street, North river, to be known as Pier, new 86, North river, from the width therefor as laid down on the plans determined by this Board, April 13, 1871, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, April 27, 1871, as follows:

"The width of the pier to be sixty feet instead of eighty feet, as shown on the plans aforesaid, the centre line of the pier remaining as shown on the plans aforesaid; all as shown on a plan submitted in duplicate by the Engineer-in-Chief and hereby approved by this Board.

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they hereby are requested to consent to and approve the change in the width of the new pier to be built at the foot of West Fifty-sixth street, North river."

Yours, respectfully,

EDWIN A. POST, President.



CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
September 9, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present a resolution of the Commissioners of Docks, requesting this Board to consent to and approve of a change in the width of pier foot of West Fifty-sixth street, and submit a resolution for that purpose.

Respectfully,  
THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby consent to and approve of the change in the width of the pier at the foot of West Fifty-sixth street, North river, to be known as Pier, new 86, from the width therefor, as laid down on the plans determined by the Commissioners of Docks, April 13, 1871, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund April 27, 1871, as follows, to wit: The width of the pier to be sixty feet instead of eighty feet, as shown on the plans aforesaid, the centre line of the pier remaining as shown on said plans; and all as shown upon a plan submitted in duplicate, which is hereby approved by this Board.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following communication from the Department of Docks, and submitted a report and resolution approving of a change in the location of a new pier, No. 29, at the foot of Vestry street, as requested:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,  
NEW YORK, August 8, 1889.

Hon. HUGH J. GRANT, Mayor and Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this date, the following resolutions were adopted:

“Resolved, That this Board deems it advisable to change the location of the new pier at the foot of Vestry street, North river, from the location therefor as laid down on the plans determined by this Board April 13, 1871, and adopted and certified to by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, April 27, 1871, as follows:

The southerly line of Pier, new 29, to be one hundred and forty-two feet distant from the northerly side line of Pier, new 28, as now built, instead of about one hundred feet distant therefrom, as shown on the plans aforesaid, and the side lines of Pier, new 29, to be parallel to the side lines of Pier, new 28, as now built; all as shown on a plan submitted in duplicate by the Engineer-in-Chief and hereby approved by this Board.”

“Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they hereby are requested to consent to and approve the change in the location of the new pier at the foot of Vestry street.”

Yours, respectfully,  
EDWIN A. POST, President.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
September 9, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present a communication from the Department of Docks requesting this Board to consent to and approve of a change in the location of the new pier at foot of Vestry street, North river, according to the plan determined on under a resolution of the Board of Dock Commissioners, adopted August 8, 1889.

An examination has been made by Eugene E. McLean, Engineer of this Department, who reports favorably upon the proposed change of location of the pier, and I submit a resolution of consent and approval thereof.

Respectfully,  
THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby consent to and approve of the change in the location of the new pier at the foot of Vestry street, North river, from the location as laid down on the plans determined by the Department of Docks, April 13, 1871, and adopted and certified by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, April 27, 1871, as follows:

The southerly line of Pier, new 29, to be one hundred and forty-two feet distant from the northerly side line of Pier, new 28, as now built, instead of about one hundred feet distant therefrom, as shown on the plans aforesaid, and the side lines of Pier, new 29, to be parallel to the side lines of Pier, new 28, as now built; all as shown on a plan submitted in duplicate and approved by the Board of Commissioners of Docks, adopted August 8, 1889.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following preamble and resolution, appropriating \$500 additional for driving test piles on the site of the building for criminal courts, etc.:

Whereas, The sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars was appropriated by this Board on July 30, 1889, to pay for the expense of driving five test piles on the site of the building to be erected for criminal courts and other purposes; and

Whereas, This sum has been found to be insufficient for the purpose, and it is necessary to drive more piles to determine what is required to secure a firm foundation for the proposed building; therefore

Resolved, That the further sum of five hundred dollars, or as much thereof as may be found necessary for the purpose, be and is hereby appropriated to pay for the expense of driving additional test piles, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, at such points on the site of the building to be erected for criminal courts and other purposes as may be designated by Messrs. Thom, Wilson & Schaarschmidt, architects of the building.

Which were unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, and submitted a report and resolution to authorize a lease of offices at Williamsbridge, as requested:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK, August 12, 1889.

Hon. HUGH J. GRANT, Mayor and Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—The lease of the premises at Williamsbridge, heretofore occupied by the Engineers employed by this Department on the construction of the Williamsbridge Reservoir, will expire on the 20th of September, 1889, and I respectfully ask that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorize a renewal of the lease from Susan Valentine, lessor, for the period of six months, from September 20, 1889, at the present rental of \$15 per month, at the end of which period the work of constructing the reservoir will be completed.

Very respectfully,  
THOS. F. GILROY, Commissioner of Public Works.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
September 9, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present an application of the Commissioner of Public Works for the renewal of a lease of premises at Williamsbridge, for the use of his Department, for the term of six months, at the present rental, and submit a resolution to authorize the renewal.

Respectfully,  
THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease to the City of premises at Williamsbridge from Susan Valentine, now occupied as offices by the Engineer in charge of the construction of the reservoir, at a rental of fifteen dollars (\$15) per month, for the term of six months from September 20, 1889, upon the terms and conditions of the old lease, the Commissioners

of the Sinking Fund deeming the rent fair and reasonable, and that it would be for the interest of the City that such lease should be made; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to execute such lease when prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, as provided by sections 123 and 181 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following resolution of the Armory Board, and submitted a resolution concurring therein, for the payment on account of \$2,500 to John P. Leo, Architect of the Twenty-second Regiment Armory:

ARMORY BOARD, CITY HALL, CITY OF NEW YORK,  
August 13, 1889.

To Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Armory Board, held at the office of his Honor the Mayor, in the City Hall, at 1.30 P.M., August 9, the following business was enacted:

An application was received from John P. Leo, the Architect of the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, for a payment to himself of \$2,500 on account for services.

Commissioner Coleman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to pay to John P. Leo, the Architect of the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, twenty-five hundred dollars, on account of his services; that a voucher for that amount be forwarded and that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to concur in the same.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote:  
The Mayor, aye; the Commissioner of Taxes and Assessments, aye, and Brigadier-General Louis Fitzgerald, aye.

The Architect's application and the voucher are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,  
M. COLEMAN, Secretary.

Resolved, That this Board hereby concurs in a resolution adopted by the Armory Board on August 9, 1889, authorizing and directing the payment of two thousand five hundred dollars to John P. Leo, Architect of the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, on account of services rendered, as per voucher certified by the Armory Board.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report of sale at public auction of Essex Market cellars, with a resolution approving and confirming a lease of Cellar No. 9 to Isaac Levy:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
September 9, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In pursuance of a resolution adopted June 21, 1889, and after advertisement, as provided by law, leases of Essex Market cellars were sold at public auction on July 11, 1889, for the term of four years and nine months, from August 1, 1889, as follows:

MARKET CELLARS.	PURCHASERS.	UPSET PRICES.	RENTS PER ANNUM.
No. 1.....	Joseph Cornell.....	\$60 00	\$70 00
" 2.....	Henry Weil.....	420 00	420 00
" 3.....	".....	240 00	240 00
" 4.....	Bernard Quillen.....	240 00	240 00
" 5.....	".....	240 00	240 00
" 6.....	M. Trueman.....	175 00	175 00
" 7.....	Henry Adler.....	175 00	180 00
" 8.....	Isaac Levy.....	420 00	420 00
" 9.....	".....	375 00	.....
" 10.....	Brian G. Hughes.....	175 00	175 00

The upset price of Cellar No. 9 was erroneously appraised at \$375, instead of \$275 per annum, which was the old rental, and it was not sold at that price, but the old lessee took it at \$275 per annum, and a resolution is submitted confirming the sale and lease at that rental to Isaac Levy, the old tenant, to whom the adjoining cellar (No. 8) was sold.

Respectfully submitted,  
THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the lease of Essex Market Cellar No. 9, to Isaac Levy at the yearly rental of two hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$275), upon the terms and conditions of sale of the leases of the other cellars in that market, sold at auction on July 11, 1889, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report and resolution upon the petition of Edward Harbison for a reduction of Croton water rent:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
September 9, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—On June 21, 1889, the petition of Edward Harbison for a reduction of charges for Croton water, on premises Nos. 377 and 379 Broadway, in the years 1884 and 1885, now remaining unpaid, was referred to the Comptroller.

This petition was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works for examination and report upon the charges complained of, and he reports fully upon the case, and advising that, "Under all the circumstances I can find no ground for the claim for rebate."

It is doubtful whether the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have any authority over the matter of the petition, but a resolution to deny it is submitted for the action of the Board.

Respectfully,  
THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the petition of Edward Harbison for a reduction of charges for Croton water rates on the premises Nos. 377 and 379 Broadway, be and is hereby denied.

The report was accepted and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report of sale of School-house Bonds, July 25, 1889:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
September 9, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—After due advertisement, in pursuance of law, sealed proposals were received from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and publicly opened by the Comptroller, at his office, on the 25th day of July, 1889, at 2 o'clock P.M., in the presence of the Chamberlain, for one hundred and twelve thousand five hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents (\$122,537.63) of 2½ per cent. Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, known as School-house Bonds, payable November 1, 1897, and the whole amount was awarded to them at par.

Respectfully,  
THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Which was accepted and ordered on file.



The Comptroller presented the following report of sale of School-house Bonds, September 3, 1889:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
September 9, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—On the third day of September, 1889, at 2 o'clock P. M., sealed proposals, after due advertisement, in pursuance of law, were received by the Comptroller for \$162,510.48, Consolidated Stock of the City of New York, known as School-house Bonds, payable on the first day of November, 1908, bearing interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum, and were opened in the presence of his Honor the Mayor, which stock was awarded to the highest bidders, with the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund present at the opening of said proposals, as follows:

Awarded to.	Amount.	Rate per \$100.
Blake Brothers & Co.	\$50,000 00	100.836
E. Morrison	100,000 00	101.0627
"	12,510 48	100.75
Total	\$162,510 48	

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Comptroller presented the following report of sale of stocks and bonds, August 7, 1889:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
September 9, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—After due advertisement, as provided by law, sealed proposals were received and publicly opened by Richard A. Storrs, Deputy Comptroller, at the Comptroller's office, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the 7th day of August, 1889, of \$1,400,000 stocks and bonds of the City of New York, bearing interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum, exempt from local taxation, in the presence of J. H. V. Arnold, Acting Mayor, and Richard Croker, Chamberlain, as follows, to wit:

BIDDERS.	ADDITIONAL WATER STOCK OF 1907.		DOCK BONDS OF 1919.		CONSOLIDATED STOCK, SCHOOL-HOUSE BONDS OF 1908.	
	Amount of Bid.	Rate per \$100.	Amount of Bid.	Rate per \$100.	Amount of Bid.	Rate per \$100.
Blake Brothers & Co.	\$100,000 00	\$101 13	\$100,000 00	\$101 72	\$100,000 00	\$101 21
"	100,000 00	101 24	100,000 00	101 88	100,000 00	101 46
"	100,000 00	101 44	100,000 00	102 02	100,000 00	101 69
"	100,000 00	101 63	100,000 00	102 24	100,000 00	101 97
"	100,000 00	101 83	100,000 00	102 53	.....	.....
Daniel A. Moran & Co.	500,000 00	101 00	500,000 00	101 50	400,000 00	101 12½
George K. Sistare	500,000 00	102 83	.....	.....	.....	.....
E. Morrison	* 100,000 00	101 12½	100,000 00	102 12½	.....	.....
Moller & Co.	500,000 00	100 25	500,000 00	100 25	400,000 00	100 25
Roosevelt & Son	.....	.....	250,000 00	101 10	.....	.....
Totals	\$2,100,000 00	.....	\$1,850,000 00	.....	\$1,200,000 00	.....

\* Or School-house Bonds of 1908.

The whole amount of said stock and bonds was awarded to the highest bidders, with the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund present at the opening of the proposals, as follows:

AWARDED TO.	STOCK OR BONDS.	AMOUNT.	RATE PER \$100.
Blake Brothers & Co.	Consolidated Stock (School-house Bonds of 1908)	\$100,000 00	\$101 97
"	"	100,000 00	101 69
"	"	100,000 00	101 46
"	"	100,000 00	101 21
"	Dock Bonds of 1919	100,000 00	102 53
"	"	100,000 00	102 24
"	"	100,000 00	102 02
"	"	100,000 00	101 88
E. Morrison	"	100,000 00	102 12½
George K. Sistare	Additional Water Stock of 1907	500,000 00	102 83
Total		\$1,400,000 00	

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Which was accepted and ordered on file.

The Comptroller presented the following communication from the Counsel to the Corporation, informing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that the land in the Twelfth Ward known as the Harlem Market property is now in possession of the City, after long protracted litigation, subject to the disposition of the proper city authorities:

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,  
NEW YORK, August 7, 1889.

RICHARD A. STORRS, Esq., Secretary to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—I beg to call the attention of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to the tract of land in the Twelfth Ward known as the Harlem Market property. The land in question was originally bounded by Third avenue, One Hundred and Twenty-first street, Sylvan place and One Hundred and Twentieth street. It was taken for the purposes of a market pursuant to the act of the Legislature known as chapter 246 of the Laws of 1839, and was used by the City for that and other purposes down to about the year 1867.

In October of that year the property was sold at auction, and conveyances were made of two parcels, to wit, one on the northwesterly corner of Third avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-first street, measuring 75 feet and 8 inches on the avenue and 100 feet on One Hundred and Twenty-first street; the other on the northeasterly corner of Sylvan place and One Hundred and Twenty-first street, measuring 100 feet and 11 inches on Sylvan place and 75 feet on One Hundred and Twenty-first street.

No conveyances of the remainder of the block were made, and the title still remained in the City.

Long litigation followed with parties who disputed the City's title.

The main suits were tried in November, 1885, and resulted in judgments in favor of the City, under which the Sheriff put the City in possession of the property involved, on December 31, 1885.

The principal contestant, David C. Carleton, however, carried the cases to the Court of Appeals. That court handed down a decision in April, 1889, holding that the City's title was good. I transmit a copy of the opinion herewith.

Two small parcels of the land belonging to the City were, however, omitted from the pleadings in the main suits. One of these was a lot about sixteen feet wide, on Third avenue, and thirty feet deep, beginning about thirty feet southerly from the corner of One Hundred and Twenty-first street. The City has been in possession of this lot since December 31, 1885, and its title thereto is the same as to the rest of the tract, and equally good. The remaining parcel was a strip of land five feet wide and one hundred feet and eleven inches deep, beginning one hundred and twenty feet westerly from the northwesterly corner of One Hundred and Twentieth street and Third avenue.

A separate suit was brought for this tract, which resulted in a verdict in favor of the City. Judgment was entered on the 19th day of June, 1889; on the 27th, the City was put in possession by the Sheriff, and on July 11, the execution was returned accordingly.

As to the parcel above mentioned on Third avenue, Mr. Carleton attempted to get possession thereof in 1887, by filing a petition in the Ninth District Court against the tenants for a forcible holding him out of possession. A dispossess warrant was issued purporting to give authority to remove all persons from the property. A suit was thereupon brought against Mr. Carleton and the Marshal to restrain them from taking possession of the property. An injunction was granted in that suit. I do not think that the City's ownership of this parcel can ever be seriously disputed under the decision of the Court of Appeals in the other suits.

I think, therefore, that your Honorable Body may assume that the City is now in possession, and the undisputed owner of all the land it claims in the block in question, and as such entitled to make whatever disposition thereof the proper authorities may approve.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. CLARK, Counsel to the Corporation.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The following communication from the Department of Docks was presented with a plan for the laying out of an exterior wharf, street or place along the westerly shore of the East river, between East Forty-ninth and Fifty-third streets, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 286 of the Laws of 1889:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,  
NEW YORK, August 8, 1889.

Hon. HUGH J. GRANT, Mayor and Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—We transmit herewith a plan which has been prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief of this Department, and determined upon by the Board of Docks at a meeting held on the 8th of August, 1889, for the laying out of an exterior wharf, street or place along the westerly shore of the East river, from the northerly line of East Forty-ninth street to a point south of the southerly line of East Fifty-third street, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 286 of the Laws of 1889, passed May 15, 1889, which directs this Department to prepare and submit said plan to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund within three months from the date of its passage.

Very respectfully,

EDWIN A. POST,  
JAMES MATTHEWS,  
J. SERGEANT CRAM, } Commissioners.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller presented a petition of Henry V. Donnelly and Thomas F. Donnelly, executors of the estate of Sarah Donnelly, deceased, for a release from the City of its interest in a portion of the "Old Fitzroy road," between Forty-first and Forty-second streets and Eighth and Ninth avenues, which was referred to him for examination and report thereon.

The Comptroller presented reports and resolutions on the petitions of Joseph Kahn and Isidor Lewkowitz for releases of the City's interest in portions of a certain road, now discontinued, known as the "Old Harlem road," on Lexington avenue, between One Hundred and Eighteenth and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889, as follows:

REPORT ON PETITION OF JOSEPH KAHN.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
June 7, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—A petition of Joseph Kahn, for a release of the City's interest in a portion of the Old Harlem road, was presented on May 16 and referred to the Comptroller for investigation and report.

The petitioner claims to be the owner of a certain lot situated on the northwest corner of One Hundred and Eighteenth street and Lexington avenue, on the easterly side of which, extending about ninety feet on the avenue, is a strip from six to eight feet wide, which was originally embraced within the lines of the old Harlem road, and a release of the City's interest therein is prayed for by the petitioner, as provided by chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889, which authorizes and empowers the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to sell or release at private sale, for a price or sum to be fixed by them, all the right, title, estate and interest of the City of New York in and to the land embraced within the lines of the Old Harlem road, whenever a petition in writing, verified by the oath of the petitioner, shall be made to them, setting forth:

1. That the said sale or release is shown by said petition to be necessary, in order to quiet the title of the petitioner to the premises for which said release is asked.
2. That the said petitioner, his ancestors or grantors, have had possession of, under claim of title, or have paid taxes and assessments upon, the portion of said discontinued road for which the release is asked, for a continuous period of not less than twenty years next preceding the date of the application for such release.

In the case of another petition for a release of a part of the Old Harlem road, in which I consulted the Counsel to the Corporation, and under date of May 6, 1889, he states that, "The extent of the rights of the City in the Old Harlem road is a matter of very great uncertainty. If the road was laid out during the supremacy of the Dutch Government on Manhattan Island, and before the conquest by the English in 1664, the title to the bed of the road is in the City as the successor to the rights of the Dutch Government. While, on the other hand, if it was laid out subsequent to 1664, the fee of the roadbed remained in the adjacent owners, and the City's right therein entirely ceased upon the discontinuance of the road as a public highway."

"I am of the opinion and therefore advise you that it would be proper for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make the release asked for to the petitioner at a price or sum to be fixed by them as the value of the interest of the City in the premises to be released; but before such release is delivered all arrears of taxes and assessments and Croton water rents upon the premises should be paid."

The Old Harlem road appears to have been a branch of a main road through the centre of the island, which diverged at about Ninety-first street and Fifth avenue, and ran from that point to the Harlem river at or near the intersection of Third avenue, as shown upon a map of the City of New York prepared by the Commission appointed by an act of the Legislature to lay out the upper part of the city, passed April 3, 1807, and on the official tax maps of the Twelfth Ward; and the road has been abandoned for a long period.

I recommend that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as the price which shall be paid by the petitioner for all the right, title, estate and interest of the City of New York in and to the land in question, pursuant to said act and the advice of the Counsel to the Corporation.

A resolution to grant a release to the petitioner is accordingly submitted.

Respectfully,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York to release, at private sale, the right, title, estate and interest of the City of New York in the Old Harlem road," the petition is hereby granted, of Joseph Kahn, for a release of the interest of said city in and to a strip or gore of land lying within the lines of said road,



being about ninety feet long on the westerly side of Lexington avenue, and about six feet wide on the northerly side of One Hundred and Eighteenth street, and about eight feet wide at the rear of and forming a part of a lot or parcel of land owned or claimed to be owned by said Kahn, situated on the northwesterly corner of One Hundred and Eighteenth street and Lexington avenue, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, as shown upon a diagram attached to said petition; and the price or sum to be paid by said petitioner for said release is hereby fixed at two hundred and fifty dollars. The Counsel to the Corporation is requested to prepare a proper release to said petitioner, and the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council are authorized to execute the same when approved by the Counsel to the Corporation; provided that before such release is delivered all arrears of taxes, assessments and Croton water rents upon the premises shall be paid.

REPORT ON PETITION OF I. LEWKOWITZ.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
June 7, 1889.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present a petition of I. Lewkowitz for the release of the City's interest in a part of the Old Harlem road, at "private sale," as provided by chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889.

The petitioner claims to be the owner of a certain plot or parcel of land situated on the southwesterly corner of One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Lexington avenue, which includes a strip or gore of land lying within the lines of the "Old Harlem road," extending about one hundred and ten feet ten inches on the westerly side of Lexington avenue, being about twelve feet wide on the southerly side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, and eight feet wide at the rear or other end of the said gore, at the rear of said plot or parcel of land, as shown on a diagram attached to said petition.

The said act authorizes and empowers the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to grant a release of land embraced within the lines of the Old Harlem road whenever a petition therefor in writing, certified by the oath of the petitioner, shall be made to them, setting forth certain facts, which in the present case has been done.

The Counsel to the Corporation has advised, under date of May 6, 1889, in the case of a petition of William C. Traphagen for a release of a portion of the Old Harlem road, that, "The extent of the rights of the City in the Old Harlem road is a matter of very great uncertainty. If the road was laid out during the supremacy of the Dutch Government on Manhattan Island, and before the conquest by the English in 1664, the title to the bed of the road is in the City as the successor to the rights of the Dutch Government. While, on the other hand, if it was laid out subsequent to 1664, the fee of the roadbed remained in the adjacent owners, and the City's right therein entirely ceased upon the discontinuance of the road as a public highway."

"I am of the opinion and therefore advise you that it would be proper for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make the release asked for to the petitioner at a price or sum to be fixed by them as the value of the interest of the City in the premises to be released, but before such release is delivered all arrears of taxes and assessments and Croton water rents upon the premises should be paid."

Pursuant to the provisions of said act authorizing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to grant a release at private sale of land lying within the lines of the Old Harlem road, I recommend that the price fixed by them to be paid by the said petitioner for all the right, title, estate and interest of the City of New York in and to the land referred to in said petition, shall be the sum of \$300, and submit a resolution to grant a release accordingly.

Respectfully,

THEO. W. MYERS, Comptroller.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York to release at private sale the right, title, estate and interest of the City of New York in the Old Harlem road," the petition is hereby granted to Isidor Lewkowitz, for a release of the interest of said city in and to a strip or gore of land lying within the lines of said road, being about one hundred and ten feet ten inches long on the westerly side of Lexington avenue, and about twelve feet wide on the southerly side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, and about eight feet wide at the rear of and forming a part of a lot or parcel of land owned or claimed to be owned by said Lewkowitz, situated on the southwesterly corner of One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Lexington avenue, in the Twelfth Ward of said city, as shown upon a diagram attached to said petition; and the price or sum to be paid by said petitioner for said release is hereby fixed at three hundred dollars (\$300). The Counsel to the Corporation is requested to prepare a proper release to said petitioner, and the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council are authorized to execute the same when approved by the Counsel to the Corporation—provided that before such release is delivered all arrears of taxes, assessments and Croton water rents upon the premises shall be paid.

Which reports and resolutions were laid over and ordered to be printed in the minutes, together with the petitions referred to and the following opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation thereon, and also upon the petitions of William C. Traphagen and Lelia S. Scrymser, for releases of the City's interest in the same road of portions of lots between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, west of Madison avenue, previously presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and referred to the Comptroller for examination and report, which petitions, however, of Traphagen and Scrymser have not yet been reported on, by request of the counsel of the petitioners.

PETITION OF JOSEPH KAHN.

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—The petitioner herein respectfully represents:

That he is the owner of a parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, in the City of New York situated on the northwest corner of One Hundred and Eighteenth (118th) street and Lexington avenue, fronting ninety (90) feet on Lexington avenue, and forty (40) feet on One Hundred and Eighteenth (118th) street, being more particularly shown and designated on the annexed diagram, and bounded and described as follows, viz.:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the northerly side of One Hundred and Eighteenth (118th) street, between Lexington and Fourth (4th) avenues, in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of One Hundred and Eighteenth (118th) street, distant three hundred and sixty-five (365) feet easterly from the easterly side of Fourth (4th) avenue, as widened; running thence northerly and parallel with Fourth (4th) avenue ninety (90) feet; thence easterly and parallel with One Hundred and Eighteenth (118th) street, forty (40) feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Lexington avenue; thence southerly along the westerly side of Lexington avenue ninety (90) feet to the point formed by the intersection of the said westerly side of Lexington avenue with the northerly side of One Hundred and Eighteenth (118th) street, and thence westerly along the said northerly side of One Hundred and Eighteenth (118th) street forty (40) feet, more or less, to the point or place of beginning.

That a certain road, long since discontinued, known as the "Old Harlem road," used to run past the easterly side of said parcel of land, at or about where Lexington avenue now lies, and according to a certain map called the "Randall Map," covered a small strip of said parcel, from about six (6) to eight (8) feet in width, as nearly as can be estimated, of the easterly portion of said parcel, which, by reference to the diagram hereto annexed and said "Randall Map," will more fully appear.

That a certain act was passed by the Legislature of the State of New York, known as chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889, whereby your Honorable Body is authorized to release, at private sale, all title that the City of New York may have in this "Old Harlem road." Said act provides that this release can only be given at private sale, when certain facts, in said act enumerated, shall appear by a verified petition for such release. In accordance with the requirements of this act, your petitioner states as follows, viz.:

First—That the said sale or release is necessary in order to quiet the title of the petitioner to the premises for which such release is asked.

Second—That the said petitioner and his grantors have had possession of, under claim of title, and have paid taxes and assessments upon the portion of said discontinued road for which the

release is asked, for a continuous period of not less than twenty (20) years next preceding the date of this application for such release.

That on or about the second (2d) day of August, in the year 1886, the petitioner became the owner of the above-described premises, shown on the aforesaid diagram, by deed from Agnes Mayer, said deed being dated August 2, 1886, and recorded in the Register's Office of the City and County of New York, in Liber 1996 of Conveyances, page 8, the eleventh day of August, 1886.

That, to the best knowledge, information and belief of your petitioner, the city authorities have never claimed any title to this road; that substantial awards were made to the petitioner's grantors when the part of this road, lying in Lexington avenue, was taken for the opening of Lexington avenue; that no proof at the present time exists, tending to show that the City ever had, or ever claimed, any title in the fee of this road; and that your petitioner is advised by his counsel, and he verily believes, that even if the City ever had any title in the fee of this road (which is not admitted), the City must have lost such title by reason of adverse possession.

That the quieting of title by the release herein asked, would greatly conduce to the financial benefit and foster the material development of the city, inasmuch as the cheap wooden buildings which now occupy your petitioner's land would, in all probability, be soon removed, and substantial structures erected in their place; thus adding greatly to the taxable value of the City's real estate, as well as enhancing the amount of yearly taxes to be derived from this property.

That your petitioner is willing and ready to present such facts as will be sufficient in law to constitute an adverse possession of the holding by your petitioner of the part of the road for which this release is asked, and to show that the City has charged and received taxes on the same for at least twenty (20) years last past.

Your petitioner is desirous to afford every available evidence whereby your Honorable Body may be aided in determining what amount would, under all the circumstances, be a fair and proper consideration to be paid to the City for the release herein applied for.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that the said release may be granted to him in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889 of the State of New York.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc., etc.

Dated, New York, April 23, 1889.

JOSEPH KAHN.

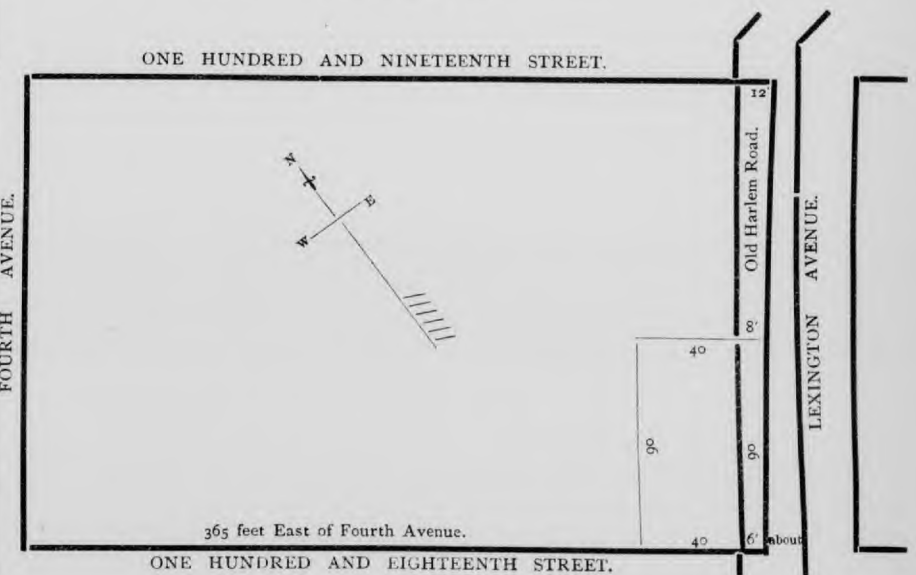
State of New York, City and County of New York:

Joseph Kahn, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner herein, that the said petition is true to his own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

JOSEPH KAHN.

Sworn to before me this 23d day of April, 1889.

LOUIS HURST, Notary Public, Kings Co., N. Y.  
Cert. filed, N. Y. Co.



PETITION OF ISIDOR LEWKOWITZ.

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—The petitioner herein respectfully represents:

That he is the owner of a parcel of land with the buildings thereon, in the City of New York, situated on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Lexington avenue, fronting 110 feet and 10 inches on Lexington avenue and 70 feet on One Hundred and Nineteenth street, being more particularly shown and designated on the annexed diagram and by a description hereto attached.

That a certain road, now discontinued, known as the "Old Harlem road," used to run past the easterly side of said parcel of land, and, according to a certain map called the "Randall map," covered a small strip of said parcel, from about 8 to 13 feet in width on the easterly side of said lot, which, by reference to said diagram and said map, will more fully appear.

That a certain act was passed by the Legislature of the State of New York, known as chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889, whereby your Honorable Body is authorized to release at private sale all title that the City of New York may have in this "Old Harlem road." Said act provides that this release can only be given at private sale, when certain facts, in said act enumerated, shall appear by a verified petition for such release.

In accordance with the requirements of this act, your petitioner states as follows, viz.:

1. That the said sale or lease is necessary in order to quiet the title of the petitioner to the premises for which such release is asked.

2. That the said petitioner and his grantors have had possession of, under claim of title and have paid taxes and assessments upon the portion of said discontinued road for which the release is asked, for a continuous period of not less than twenty years, next preceding the date of this application for such release.

That at or about the 18th day of April, in the year 1887, the petitioner became the owner of the property shown on the aforesaid diagram, by deed from Adolph F. Bendheim, said deed being recorded in the Register's Office of the City and County of New York, in Liber 2041 of Conveyances, page 309.

That to the best information and belief of your petitioner, the city authorities have never claimed any title to this road; that substantial awards were made to the petitioner's grantors when a part of this road was taken for the opening of Lexington avenue; that no proof at the present time exists, tending to show that the City ever had or ever claimed any title in the fee of this road; and that your petitioner is advised by his counsel and he verily believes, that if the City ever had any title in the fee of this road (which is not admitted) the City must have lost such title by reason of adverse possession.

That the quieting of title by the release herein asked would greatly conduce to the financial benefit and foster the material development of the city, inasmuch as the cheap wooden buildings which now occupy your petitioner's land, would in all probably be soon removed and substantial structures erected in their place, thus adding greatly to the taxable value of the City's real estate as well as enhancing the amount of the yearly taxes to be derived from this property.

That your petitioner is ready and willing to prove that buildings have been erected on said property for over twenty years and to present such facts as will be sufficient in law to constitute an adverse possession of the holding by your petitioner of the part of the road for which this release is asked.

Your petitioner is desirous to afford every available evidence whereby your Honorable Body may be aided in determining what amount would, under all the circumstances, be a fair and proper consideration to be paid to the City for the release herein applied for.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that the said release may be granted to him in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc., etc.

ISIDOR LEWKOWITZ.

Dated New York, April 8, 1889, {  
No. 290 GRAND STREET. }

State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

Isidor Lewkowitz, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the petitioner herein; that the said petition is true to his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

ISIDOR LEWKOWITZ.

Sworn to before me, this 8th day of April, 1889,

HENRY MEYER, Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

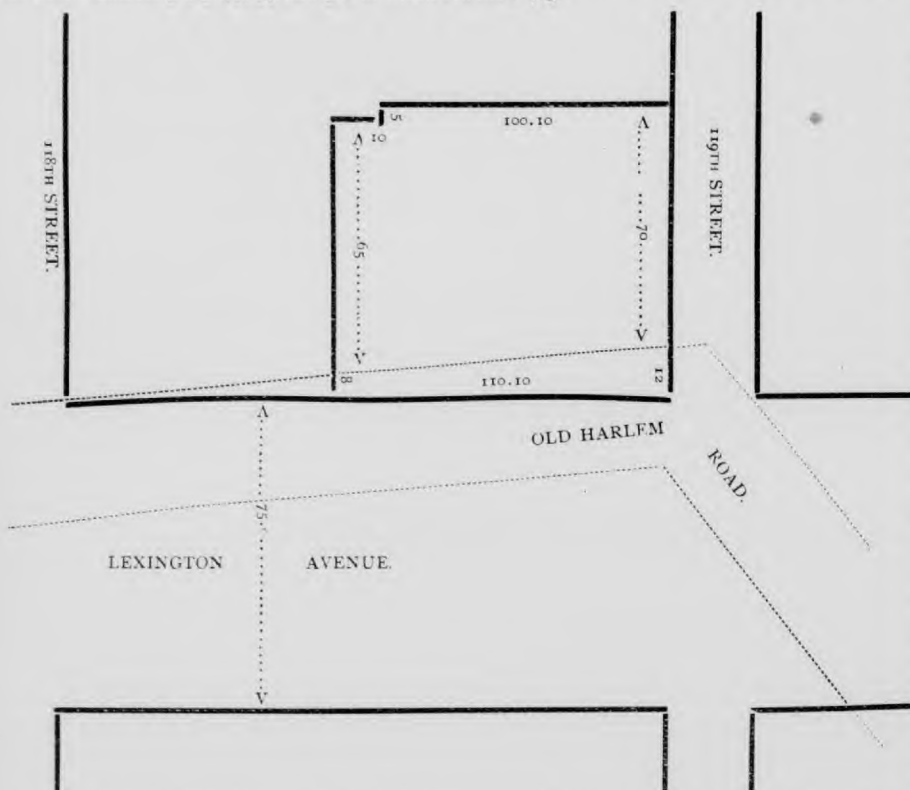


## DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY SOUGHT TO BE RELEASED.

All the right, title, estate and interest of the City of New York, in and to the land embraced within the lines of the road, now discontinued, and formerly known as "The Old Harlem road" or "Harlem road" or "The old road to Harlem," which is included in the following-described property:

All those certain lots, pieces and parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, with the westerly side of Lexington avenue; running thence southerly along the westerly side of Lexington avenue 110 feet and 10 inches; thence westerly, parallel with One Hundred and Nineteenth street, 65 feet; thence northerly, parallel with Lexington avenue, 10 feet; thence westerly, parallel with One Hundred and Nineteenth street, 5 feet; thence northerly, parallel with Lexington avenue, 100 feet and 10 inches to the southerly side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street; and thence easterly along the southerly side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street 70 feet to the place of beginning. Said lots being designated on the Tax maps of the City of New York as Lots Numbers 56, 56½, 57 and 58, in Block Number 409.



## OPINION OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION ON THE PETITION OF WILLIAM C. TRAPHAGEN.

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,  
NEW YORK, May 6, 1889.

Hon. THEODORE W. MYERS, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in due receipt of your communication of the 4th instant, inclosing a petition of William C. Traphagen for a release, at private sale, of all the right, title and interest of the City in and to certain premises lying within the easterly half of the Old Harlem road, now situated on the southerly side of One Hundred and Twelfth street, between Madison and Fifth avenues, under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889.

You ask me to advise you what are the rights and interest of the City in the said lands, and what course shall be taken by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund with reference to a release thereof to the petitioner.

The act in question requires that, in order to entitle the petitioner to a release at private sale of any right or interest of the City in premises embraced within the lines of the road in question, it shall appear by the petition presented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

1. That a sale or release of such rights is necessary in order to quiet the title of the petitioner to the premises for which such release is asked; and,
2. That the petitioner, his ancestors or grantors, has had possession of, under claim of title, or has paid taxes and assessments upon the portion of the said road for which the release is asked, for a continuous period of not less than twenty years next preceding the date of the application for such release.

The petitioner alleges in his petition that the release asked for is necessary to quiet his title to the premises in question, and that he and his grantors have had possession, under claim of title, of the portion of said Old Harlem road for which such release is asked, for a continuous period of twenty years next preceding the date of the application; but he also states that there are arrears of taxes and assessments unpaid on the premises to the amount of about \$3,800.

While the allegations of the petition conform to the requirements of the statute, and are practically stated in the language of the act itself, I have required affidavits to be furnished me by the counsel for the petitioner showing the facts upon which the possession alleged in the petition for twenty years last past is founded; and in these affidavits, and the petition, sufficient facts are stated to bring the petitioner within the language of the statute authorizing the making of the release asked for.

The extent of the rights of the City in the Old Harlem road is a matter of very great uncertainty. If the road was laid out during the supremacy of the Dutch Government on Manhattan Island, and before the conquest by the English in 1664, the title to the bed of the road is in the City as the successor to the rights of the Dutch Government. While, on the other hand, if it was laid out subsequent to 1664, the fee of the road bed remained in the adjacent owners, and the City's right therein entirely ceased upon the discontinuance of the road as a public highway.

If the City is to assert any title to the roadbed, it must prove as a fact that the road in question was laid out under the Dutch Government, and I am not aware of any evidence by which such fact can be established; while, on the other hand, in the absence of such evidence the presumption is that the title to the road was in the owner of the adjacent lands.

It may be said in addition to this that the City authorities have almost uniformly treated the road as being an English road, the title to the bed of which is in the adjoining owners, in that they have assessed and taxed such premises to adjoining owners, and have also made compensation to them for portions of it taken in opening Lexington avenue. But while these acts of the City authorities do not of themselves necessarily preclude the City from claiming title to the premises, the absence of any evidence to prove the main fact upon which such title must depend makes any possible interest of the City of but slight value.

The counsel for the applicant has also submitted to me abstracts of the title to the premises in question whereby it appears that, while he claims title thereto by adverse possession and ownership of the lands adjoining the road on the east, there is an apparent paper title in one Catharine L. Catlin, to the premises in the road for which he asks a release.

I am of the opinion and therefore advise you that it would be proper for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make the release asked for to the petitioner at a price or sum to be fixed by them as the value of the interest of the City in the premises to be released; but before such release is delivered all arrears of taxes and assessments and Croton water rents upon the premises should be paid and a release or quit-claim to the petitioner from Catharine L. Catlin, approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, properly executed and covering the premises to be released by the city should be exhibited to you, or the officer making delivery of the City's deed.

I return the petition inclosed to me.

Very respectfully,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

## OPINION OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION ON THE PETITION OF ISIDOR LEWKOWITZ.

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,  
NEW YORK, May 18, 1889.

Hon. THEODORE W. MYERS, Comptroller:

SIR—I am in due respect of your communication of April 9, 1889, inclosing a petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for a release, to Isidor Lewkowicz, of the interest of the City in certain premises located on the southwest corner of Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Nineteenth street, being 110 feet on the avenue by 70 feet on One Hundred and Nineteenth street, a portion of which was formerly within the westerly half of the Old Harlem road.

You refer to the petitions of L. S. Scrymser and William C. Traphagen, transmitted to me on the 4th ultimo, and request advice upon the same questions presented in your communication inclosing the latter petitions.

The act known as chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889 authorizes the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to release, at private sale, the interest of the City in lands within the lines of the Old Harlem road, when it shall appear by petition presented to them that the petitioner, his ancestors or grantors, have had possession of, under claim of title, or have paid taxes and assessments upon the portion of such road for which the release is asked, for a continuous period of not less than twenty years next preceding the date of such application, and that such release is necessary in order to quiet the title of the petitioner to the said premises.

The petition under consideration alleges all the facts required to be stated by the act in question, and the petitioner has submitted to me, in addition thereto, affidavits stating certain facts in reference to the possession by himself and his grantors of the premises in question, which I inclose herewith.

In these affidavits, and in the petition, sufficient facts are stated to warrant the conclusion that the petitioner and his grantors have had possession of the premises for the period required by the statutes.

I have already advised you as to the extent of the right or interest of the City in lands lying within the lines of this road, in my communication, under date of May 6 instant, in the matter of the petition of William C. Traphagen, and the views expressed in that communication are applicable to the portion of the road for which this petitioner asks a release.

I have examined an abstract of the title of the petitioner to the premises in question which was submitted to me by his counsel, and I find from such examination that he has an apparent title of record to the land for which he asks a release.

I am of the opinion, and advise you that it would be proper for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make the release asked for to the petitioner, at a price or sum to be fixed by them as the value of the interest of the City in the premises to be released, but before such release is delivered all arrears of taxes and assessments and Croton water rents upon the premises should be paid.

I return the petition inclosed to me.

Very respectfully,

HENRY R. BEEKMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

## OPINION OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION ON THE PETITION OF L. S. SCRYMSER.

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,  
NEW YORK, August 6, 1889.

Hon. THEODORE W. MYERS, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of April 4 last, inclosing a petition addressed to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by Leila S. Scrymser, for a release of the City's interest in land within the lines of the Old Harlem road now situated on the northerly side of One Hundred and Eleventh street, between Madison and Fifth avenues, pursuant to chapter 60 of the Laws of 1889.

You request advice as to the rights and interest of the City in the premises referred to, and as to the course to be taken by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in making a release thereof to the petitioner.

The act in question requires that, in order to entitle a petitioner to a release from the City of lands within the lines of the Old Harlem road, it shall appear by the petition that the petitioner, his ancestors or grantors, have had possession of, under claim of title, or have paid taxes and assessments, upon the portion of such discontinued road for which the release is asked, for a continuous period of not less than twenty years next preceding the date of such application, and that such release is necessary in order to quiet the title of the petitioner to the said premises. The petition in question shows all of these facts, and that the City has previously made a release to one Robert Smith, one of the petitioner's grantors, of premises within the lines of the road lying to the north and west of the premises described in the petition.

I have required from the petitioner affidavits stating the facts in reference to the possession by herself and her grantors, of the premises in question, which I inclose herewith.

From these affidavits, and from the petition, it appears that the petitioner or her grantors have been in possession of the premises for the period required by the statute.

The extent of the right or interest of the City in lands lying within the lines of this road is fully discussed in a communication to you from my predecessor, dated May 6, 1889, in the matter of the petition of William C. Traphagen, and the opinion therein expressed applies as well to the portion of the road embraced in the present petition.

I have examined an abstract of the title of the petitioner to the premises in question, which was submitted to me by her counsel, and I find therefrom that she has an apparent title of record to these lands.

I am of the opinion and advise you that it would be proper for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make the release asked for, to the petitioner, at a price or sum to be fixed by them as the value of the City's interest in the premises to be released; but such release should not be made until all arrears of taxes, assessments and Croton water rents upon the premises, if any, are paid.

I return the petition inclosed to me.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. CLARK, Counsel to the Corporation.

Adjourned.

RICHARD A. STORRS, Secretary.

## LAW DEPARTMENT.

LAW DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,  
NEW YORK, September 11, 1889.

The Counsel to the Corporation has made the following appointment:

Michael I. Cline, Process Server, in the office of Public Administrator, at the yearly salary of \$200.

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, February 1, 1889.

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

HUGH J. GRANT, Mayor.

## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 10 A. M. to 12 M.  
HUGH J. GRANT, Mayor. THOMAS C. T. CRAIN, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

## Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
DANIEL ENGELHARD, First Marshal.  
FRANK FOX, Second Marshal.

## COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Rooms 114 and 115, Stewart Building, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
MAURICE F. HOLAHAN, EDWARD P. BARKER.

## AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.

Room 209, Stewart Building, 5th floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
JAMES C. DUANE, President; JOHN C. SHEEHAN, Secretary; A. FTELEY, Chief Engineer; J. C. LULLEY, Auditor.

## BOARD OF ARMORY COMMISSIONERS.

THE MAYOR, Chairman; PRESIDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, Secretary.  
Address M. COLEMAN, Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row. Office hours, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 12 M.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

## Office of Clerk of Common Council.

No. 8 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN H. V. ARNOLD, President Board of Aldermen.  
FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

## City Library.

No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WILLIAM H. RURODE, City Librarian.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

## Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
THOMAS F. GILROY, Commissioner; BERNARD F. MARTIN, Deputy Commissioner.

## Bureau of Chief Engineer.

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

## Bureau of Water Register.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JOSEPH RILEY, Register.

## Bureau of Street Improvements.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WM. M. DEAN, Superintendent.

## Engineer-in-Charge of Sewers.

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

## Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WILLIAM G. BERGEN, Superintendent.

## Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WM. H. BURKE, Water Purveyor.

## Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

## Bureau of Streets and Roads.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JOHN B. SHEA, Superintendent.







Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an es-



time for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the VERIFICATION be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, 1880, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of this security shall, in addition to the justification and acknowledgment, be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept, but do not execute the contract and provide such proper security as has been heretofore stated to be requisite, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation; and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimates in addition to inserting the same in figures. Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine. The form of the contract, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department; and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities and Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated New York, September 7, 1889.

HENRY H. PORTER, President,  
CHARLES E. SIMMONS, M. D., Commissioner,  
EDWARD C. SHEEHY, Commissioner,  
Public Charities and Correction.

### TO CONTRACTORS.

#### MATERIALS AND WORK REQUIRED FOR PAINTING OF THE STEAMER "THOMAS S. BRENNAN."

**SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE** aforesaid work and materials, in accordance with the specifications and plans, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9.30 A. M. Friday, September 20, 1889. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed, "Bid or Estimate for Painting Steamer 'Thomas S. Brennan,'" and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

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

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids. Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of **EIGHT HUNDRED (\$800) DOLLARS.**

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the VERIFICATION be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting;

the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, 1880, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of this security shall, in addition to the justification and acknowledgment, be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept, but do not execute the contract and provide such proper security as has been heretofore stated to be requisite, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

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Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time as the Commissioners may determine. The form of the contract, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities and Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated New York, September 7, 1889.  
HENRY H. PORTER, President,  
CHARLES E. SIMMONS, M. D., Commissioner,  
EDWARD C. SHEEHY, Commissioner,  
Public Charities and Correction.

### TO CONTRACTORS.

#### MATERIALS AND WORK REQUIRED IN THE STEAM-HEATING, PLUMBING, ETC., OF NEW PAVILIONS OF ALMS HOUSE, INCLUDING BOILER-HOUSE, SETTING OF BOILERS, ETC., BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

**SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE** aforesaid work and materials, in accordance with the specifications and plans, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9.30 A. M. Friday, September 13, 1889. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed, "Bid or Estimate for Plumbing, etc., New Pavilions, Alms House, Blackwell's Island," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

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

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids. Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect, and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of **SEVEN THOUSAND (\$7,000) DOLLARS.**

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the VERIFICATION be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above-mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, 1880, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of this security shall, in addition to the justification and acknowledgment, be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract.

Such check or money must NOT be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and provide such proper security as has been heretofore stated to be requisite, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department, and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities and Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated New York, August 31, 1889.  
HENRY H. PORTER, President,  
CHARLES E. SIMMONS, M. D., Commissioner,  
EDWARD C. SHEEHY, Commissioner,  
Public Charities and Correction.

### TO CONTRACTORS.

#### MATERIALS AND WORK REQUIRED FOR REPAIRS TO DRYING-ROOM AND DRYERS, ETC., IN WASH-HOUSE, N. Y. CITY ASYLUM FOR INSANE, WARD'S ISLAND, NEW YORK.

**SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE** aforesaid work and materials, in accordance with the specifications and plans, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M. of Friday, September 13, 1889. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Repairs to Drying Room, etc., Ward's Island, N. Y.," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

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

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

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, each in the penal amount of **ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS.**

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with him or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the VERIFICATION be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 12 of chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, 1880, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of this security shall, in addition to the justification and acknowledgment, be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

No bid or estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must NOT be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or

they accept, but do not execute, the contract and provide such proper security as has been heretofore stated to be requisite, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation; and the contract will be readvertised and relet as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

The form of the contract, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department; and bidders are cautioned to examine each and all of its provisions carefully, as the Board of Public Charities and Correction will insist upon its absolute enforcement in every particular.

Dated New York, August 31, 1889.

HENRY H. PORTER, President,  
CHARLES E. SIMMONS, M. D., Commissioner,  
EDWARD C. SHEEHY, Commissioner,  
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, September 5, 1889.

**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 Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island—Sarah Moore, alias McKelvey, aged 50 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; brown hair, gray eyes. Had on when admitted dark skirt, calico wrapper and waist, shawl, chemise, check apron, shoes, stockings.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—John Douglass, aged 52 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; blue eyes, dark brown hair. Had on when admitted brown sack coat, brown vest and pants, laced shoes, black derby hat.

John Mullen, aged 58 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Had on when admitted blue flannel coat and vest, black pants, gaiters, black derby hat. Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order,  
G. F. BRITTON,  
Secretary.

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

#### REAL ESTATE RECORDS.

**THE ATTENTION OF LAWYERS, REAL** Estate Owners, Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, and all who are interested in providing themselves with facilities for reducing the cost of examinations and searches, is invited to these Official Indices of Records, containing all recorded transfers of real estate in the City of New York from 1753 to 1887, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

Grantors, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriff's sales in 61 volumes, full bound, price ..... \$100 00  
The same in 25 volumes, half bound ..... 50 00  
Complete sets, folded, ready for binding ..... 15 00  
Records of Judgments, 25 volumes, bound ..... 10 00  
Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Room 23, Stewart Building."

THEODORE W. MYERS,  
Comptroller.

### DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,  
PIER "A," BATTERY PLACE, NORTH RIVER,  
NEW YORK, September 5, 1889.

#### NOTICE.

**VAN TASSELL & KEARNEY, AUCTIONEERS,** will sell at public auction in the Board Room at Pier "A," Battery place, in the City of New York, on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1889,

at 12 o'clock noon, the right to collect and retain all wharfage which may accrue for the use and occupation by vessels of more than five tons burden, of the following-named wharf property:

ON THE EAST RIVER.

Pier 48, foot of Clinton street, reserving and excepting therefrom a berth 125 feet long at the outer end of the westerly or lower side of the Pier, and one-half of the surface of the Pier next adjacent and contiguous thereto, together with the outer end of said Pier, for a term of five years, commencing October 1, 1889.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

The premises must be taken in the condition in which they may be at the commencement of the term of the lease, and no claim or demand that the premises or property are not in suitable and tenable condition at the commencement of the term will be allowed by this Department.

All repairs, maintaining or rebuilding required or necessary to be done to or upon the premises, or any part thereof, during the continuance of the term of the lease, shall be done by and at the cost and expense of the lessee or purchaser.

No claim or demand will be considered or allowed by the Department for any loss or deprivation of wharfage or otherwise, resulting from or occasioned by any delay on account or by reason of the premises or any part thereof being occupied for or on account of any repairs, rebuilding or dredging.

The up-set price of the parcels or premises exposed or offered for sale will be announced by the Auctioneer at the time of sale.

The Department will do all dredging whenever it shall deem it necessary or advisable so to do.

The term for which leases are sold will commence at the date mentioned in the advertisement, and the rents accruing therefor will be payable from that date in each case.

Each purchaser of a lease will be required, at the time of the sale, to pay, in addition to the auctioneer's fees, to the Department of Docks, twenty-five per cent (25%) of the amount of annual rent bid, as security for the execution of the lease, which twenty-five per cent (25%) will be applied to the payment of the rent first accruing under the lease when executed, or will be forfeited to the Department if the purchaser neglects or refuses to execute the lease, with good and sufficient surety or sureties, to be approved by the Department, within ten days after being notified that the lease is prepared and ready for execution at the office of the Department of Docks, Pier "A," North river, Battery place.

The Department expressly reserves the right to resell the lease or premises bid off, by those failing, refusing or neglecting to comply with these terms and conditions, the party so failing, refusing or neglecting, to be liable to the Corporation of the City of New York for any deficiency resulting from or occasioned by such resale.

Lessees will be required to pay their rent quarterly in advance, in compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease prepared and adopted by the Department.

In all cases where it is mentioned in the advertisement of sale, the purchaser shall be entitled to the privilege of occupying any shed upon the pier or bulkhead at the commencement of the term or that may thereafter be permitted or licensed by the Department, and to the rights attached to such permission or license, but subject to the conditions thereof, such purchaser being engaged in the business of steam transportation and using and employing the same for the purpose of regularly receiving and discharging cargo thereat.



The work to be done under the contract is to be com-



mened within five days after the date of the contract, and the entire work is to be fully completed on or before the first day of November, 1889, and the damages to be paid by the Contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for the fulfillment has expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

All the material excavated is to be removed by the Contractor, and deposited in all respects, according to law.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price per cubic yard, for doing such dredging in conformity with the approved form of agreement and the specifications therein set forth, by which price the bids will be tested. This price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the fulfillment of the contract, including any claim that may arise through delay, from any cause, in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will distinctly write out, both in words and in figures, the amount of their estimates for doing this work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residence; the names of all persons interested with them therein; and if no other person be so interested, the estimate shall distinctly state the fact; also, that the estimate is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and that it is in all respects fair, and without collusion or fraud; and also, that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof, or Clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof; which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. *Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed to by all the parties interested.*

Each estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation of the City of New York any difference between the sum to which said person or persons would be entitled upon its completion, and that which said Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount, in each case, to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work to be done by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered will be subject to approval by the Comptroller of the City of New York after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be included in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instructions of the Engineer-in-Chief.

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

The right to decline all the estimates is reserved, if deemed for the interest of the Corporation of the City of New York.

Bidders are requested, in making their bids or estimates, to use the blank prepared for that purpose by the Department, a copy of which, together with the form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, can be obtained upon application therefor at the office of the Department.

EDWIN A. POST,  
JAMES MATTHEWS,  
J. SERGEANT CRAM,  
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.  
Dated New York, August 30, 1889.

### MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

#### PLANS FOR A MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

##### NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS of chapter 81 of the Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the erection of a building for certain purposes relating to the public interests in the City of New York," passed March 27, 1889, the Board of Commissioners hereby constituted will, until the first day of August, 1889, receive plans and specifications for a New Municipal Building, provided for in said statute, to be erected in the City Hall Park, upon the plot of ground east of the City Hall and the New County Court-house.

A diagram showing the ground plan of the proposed building, and instructions to architects, enumerating the requirements in the submission of plans, can be obtained on application at the Comptroller's office.

Four premiums will be awarded, as follows: For the plans adjudged to be the best, a premium of \$1,500 will be paid; and, in the event of their adoption by the Board of Commissioners, the author will be appointed to the superintendence of the construction of the building, with the fees prescribed by the American Institute of Architects, provided his standing is such as to guarantee a faithful discharge of his duties.

For the plans adjudged to be the second best, a premium of \$1,500 will be paid, and for the plans adjudged to be the third and fourth best, premiums of \$500 each will be paid.

In the examination and judgment of plans the Board will be assisted by a Committee to be appointed by the Mayor, consisting of not more than three competent architects and a civil engineer.

All plans submitted for competition, for which pre-

miums are awarded, shall become the property of the city, and all plans must be filed with the Comptroller on or before the date mentioned. Each plan submitted shall be marked with such assumed designation as the architect may select, provided there shall be filed with the Mayor a sealed envelope, giving the real name of the author of the plans so designated, which shall be opened by the Mayor in the presence of the Board, after the premiums shall have been awarded.

THEO. W. MYERS,  
Comptroller,  
RICHARD CROKER,  
Chamberlain,  
WALTON STORM,  
Chairman Finance Committee,  
Board of Aldermen,  
NEW YORK, May 9, 1889.

##### POSTPONEMENT.

By a resolution adopted July 30, 1889, by the Board of Commissioners in the above matter, the time for receiving plans of a Municipal Building was extended to October 1, 1889, as follows:

Resolved, That the time for the reception of plans, specifications and estimates, for the erection of a New Municipal Building in the City Hall Park, fixed for the 1st day of August, 1889, under a resolution adopted by this Board on April 22, 1889, be and hereby is postponed until Tuesday, October 1, 1889.

NEW YORK, August 1, 1889.  
RICHARD A. STORRS,  
Secretary.

### SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that part of EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND STREET (although not yet named by proper authority) extending from Railroad avenue, East, to Third avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by the Department of Public Parks.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of the costs, charges and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 17th day of September, 1889, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon; and that the said bill of costs, charges and expenses has been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, there to remain for and during the space of ten days.

Dated NEW YORK, September 4, 1889.  
MICHAEL J. MCKENNA,  
J. FAIRFAX MCLAUGHLIN,  
THOMAS O'CALLAGHAN, Jr.,  
Commissioners.

Carroll Berry, Clerk.  
In the matter of the application of the Board of Education by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, to certain lands on the northerly side of Fifty-first street, near Lexington avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, duly selected and approved by said Board as a site for school purposes, under and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, COMMISSIONERS of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, appointed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, lessee or lessees, parties and persons, respectively entitled to or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises, title to which is sought to be acquired in this proceeding, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

First.—That we have completed our estimate of the loss and damage to the respective owners, lessees, parties and persons interested in the lands or premises affected by this proceeding, or having any interest therein, and have filed a true report or transcript of such estimate in the office of the Board of Education for the inspection of whomsoever it may concern.

Second.—That all parties or persons whose rights may be affected by the said estimate and who may object to the same or any part thereof, may, within thirty days after the first publication of this notice file their objections to such estimate in writing with us at our office, Room No. 17, on the second floor of No. 45 William street, in the said city, as provided by section 4 of chapter 191 of the Laws of 1888, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting at our said office on the eighteenth day of September, 1889, at 2 o'clock P. M., and upon such subsequent days as may be found necessary.

Third.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 2d day of October, 1889, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, August 8, 1889.  
PETER B. OLNEY,  
JAMES M. VARNUM,  
MATTHEW CHALMERS,  
Commissioners.

LAMONT McLOUGHLIN, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired to that part of EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), extending from Railroad avenue, East, to Third avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by the Department of Public Parks.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 200 Broadway (fifth floor), in the said city, on or before the 14th day of September, 1889, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 14th day of September, 1889, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 o'clock P. M.

Second.—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited with the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, at his office, No. 31 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 14th day of September, 1889.

Third.—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate,

lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northerly by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street; easterly by the westerly side of Third avenue; southerly by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street and East One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street; and westerly by the easterly side of Railroad avenue, East; excepting from said area all the streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, and all the unimproved land included within the lines of streets, avenues, roads, public squares and places shown and laid out upon any map or maps filed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and the Laws amendatory thereof, or of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the twenty-seventh day of September, 1889, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, July 29, 1889.  
J. FAIRFAX MCLAUGHLIN, Chairman,  
MICHAEL J. MCKENNA,  
THOMAS O'CALLAGHAN, Jr.,  
Commissioners.

Carroll Berry, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that part of EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), extending from Railroad avenue East to Third avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by the Department of Public Parks.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and having objections thereto, do present their said objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 200 Broadway (fifth floor), in the said city, on or before the 7th day of September, 1889, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 7th day of September, 1889, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Second.—That the abstract of our said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents used by us in making our report, have been deposited with the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York, at his office, No. 31 Chambers street, in the said city, there to remain until the 7th day of September, 1889.

Third.—That the limits of our assessment for benefit include all those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which taken together are bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northerly by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street; easterly by the westerly side of Third avenue; southerly by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street and East One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street; and westerly by the easterly side of Railroad avenue, East; excepting from said area all the streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, and all the unimproved land included within the lines of streets, avenues, roads, public squares and places shown and laid out upon any map or maps filed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and the Laws amendatory thereof, or of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, as such area is shown upon our benefit maps deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the twentieth day of September, 1889, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, July 17, 1889.  
EDWARD McCUE, Chairman,  
GILBERT M. SPEIR, Jr.,  
JOHN H. KITCHEN,  
Commissioners.

Carroll Berry, Clerk.  
In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to that part of EAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), extending from Railroad avenue, East, to Third avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by the Department of Public Parks.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in this proceeding, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 200 Broadway (fifth floor), in the said city, on or before the 28th day of August 1889, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 28th day of August, 1889, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 o'clock P. M.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 28th day of August, 1889.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northerly by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-second street and East One Hundred and Fifty-third street; easterly by the westerly side of Third avenue; southerly by the centre line of the blocks between East One Hundred and Fifty-first street and East One Hundred and Fifty-second street, and westerly by the easterly side of Railroad avenue, East; excepting from said area all the streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, and all the unimproved land included within the lines of streets, avenues, roads, public squares and places shown and laid out upon any map or maps filed by the Commissioners of

the Department of Public Parks, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and the Laws amendatory thereof, or of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the thirtieth day of September, 1889, at the opening of the court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, July 12, 1889.  
MICHAEL J. MCKENNA,  
J. FAIRFAX MCLAUGHLIN,  
THOMAS O'CALLAGHAN, Jr.,  
Commissioners.

Carroll Berry, Clerk.

In the matter of the application of the Board of Street Opening and Improvement of the City of New York, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonality of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title, wherever the same has not been heretofore acquired, to ROSE STREET (although not yet named by proper authority), extending from Third avenue to Bergen avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, as the same has been heretofore laid out and designated as a first-class street or road by the Department of Public Parks.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to us at our office, No. 200 Broadway (fifth floor), in the said city, on or before the 7th day of September, 1889, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 7th day of September, 1889, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 2 o'clock P. M.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 7th day of September, 1889.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows, viz.: Northerly by the centre line of the block between Grove street and Rose street; easterly by the westerly side of Bergen avenue; southerly by the centre line of the block between Westchester avenue and Rose street, and westerly by the easterly side of Third avenue; excepting from said area all the streets, avenues and roads, or portions thereof, heretofore legally opened, and all the unimproved land included within the lines of streets, avenues, roads, public squares and places shown and laid out upon any map or maps filed by the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks pursuant to the provisions of chapter 604 of the Laws of 1874, and the Laws amendatory thereof, or of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882, as such area is shown upon our benefit map deposited as aforesaid.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the twentieth day of September, 1889, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated NEW YORK, July 3, 1889.  
EDWARD L. PARRIS,  
THOMAS DUNLAP,  
HIRAM D. INGERSOLL,  
Commissioners.

Carroll Berry, Clerk.

### JURORS.

#### NOTICE

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

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,  
ROOM 127, STEWART BUILDING,  
CHAMBERS STREET AND BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK, June 1, 1888.

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, 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 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.

CHARLES REILLY,  
Commissioner of Jurors.

#### NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER OF JURORS IN REGARD TO CLAIMS FOR EXEMPTION FROM JURY DUTY.

ROOM 127, STEWART BUILDING,  
No. 280 BROADWAY, THIRD FLOOR,  
NEW YORK, June 1, 1889.

CLAIMS FOR EXEMPTION FROM JURY duty will be heard by me daily at my office, from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M.

Those entitled to exemption are: Clergymen, lawyers, physicians, surgeons, surgeon-dentists, professors or teachers in a college, academy or public school, licensed pharmacists or pharmacists, actually engaged in their respective professions and not following any other calling; militiamen, policemen, and firemen; election officers, jury non-residents, and city employees, and United States employees; officers of vessels making regular trips; licensed pilots, actually following that calling; superintendents, conductors and engineers of a railroad company other than a street railroad company; telegraph operators actually doing duty as such;



Grand, Sheriff's, and Civil Court jurors; stationary engineers; and persons physically incapable of performing jury duty by reason of severe sickness, deafness, or other physical disorder.

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Commissioner of Jurors.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
ROOM 6, NO. 31, CHAMBERS ST.,  
NEW YORK, September 7, 1889.

### TO CONTRACTORS.

**BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A SEALED envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder endorsed thereon, also the number of the work as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. Tuesday, September 24, 1889, at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department.**

No. 1. FOR LAYING CROSSWALKS ON LENOX AVENUE, AT THE FOLLOWING STREET INTERSECTIONS, VIZ.: ON THE NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY SIDES OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH, ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH STREETS.

No. 2. FOR SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD STREET, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

No. 3. FOR SEWER IN ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH STREET, between Tenth avenue and summit east.

No. 4. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF EIGHTY-SEVENTH STREET, from the Boulevard to West End avenue.

No. 5. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF NINETEENTH STREET, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive.

No. 6. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF NINETY-FIFTH STREET, from Lexington to Madison avenue.

No. 7. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND STREET, from Mr. Morris to Lenox avenue.

No. 8. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF TENTH AVENUE, from One Hundred and Fortieth to One Hundred and Fifty-first street.

No. 9. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF NINETY-FOURTH STREET, from Madison to Fifth avenue.

No. 10. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF SIXTY-SIXTH STREET, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue.

No. 11. FOR REGULATING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF EIGHTY-EIGHTH STREET, from Eighth to Ninth avenue.

No. 12. FOR REGULATING, SETTING CURB-STONES, FLAGGING AND PAVING WITH GRANITE-BLOCK PAVEMENT THE ROADWAY OF SEVENTY-NINTH STREET, from the easterly side of Twelfth avenue, to the bulkhead line of Hudson river.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the persons making the same, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact. That it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate, or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise, and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the State or National banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of the deposit will be returned to him.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR ANY PARTICULAR WORK IF HE DEEMS IT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any further information desired, can be obtained at Rooms 1, 9 and 11, No. 31 Chambers street.

THOS. F. GILROY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK, August 14, 1889.

### TO OWNERS OF LANDS ORIGINALLY ACQUIRED BY WATER GRANTS.

**ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE RECENT act of the Legislature (chapter 449, Laws of 1889), which provides that whenever any streets or avenues in the city, described in any grant of land under water, from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, containing covenants requiring the grantees and their successors to pave, repave, keep in repair or maintain such streets, shall be in need of repairs, pavement or repavement, the Common Council may, by ordinance, require the same to be paved, repaved or repaired, and the expense thereof to be assessed on the property benefited; and whenever the owner of a lot so assessed shall have paid the assessment levied for such paving, repaving or repairing, such payment shall release and discharge such owner from any and every covenant and obligation as to paving, repaving and repairing, contained in the water grant under which the premises are held, and no further assessment shall be imposed on such lot for paving, repaving or repairing such street or avenue, unless it shall be petitioned for by a majority of the owners of the property (who shall also be the owners of a majority of the property in frontage) on the line of the proposed improvement.**

The act further provides that the owner of any such lot may notify the Commissioner of Public Works, in writing, specifying the ward number and street number of the lot, that he desires, for himself, his heirs and assigns, to be released from the obligation of such covenants, and elects and agrees that said lot shall be thereafter liable to be assessed as above provided, and thereupon the owner of such lot, his heirs and assigns shall thenceforth be relieved from any obligation to pave, repair, uphold or maintain said street, and the lot in respect of which such notice was given shall be liable to assessment accordingly.

The Commissioner of Public Works desires to give the following explanation of the operation of this act: When notice, as above described, is given to the Commissioner of Public Works, the owner of the lot or lots therein described, and his heirs and assigns, are forever released from all obligation under the grant in respect to paving, repaving or repairing the street in front of or adjacent to said lot or lots, except one assessment for such paving, repaving or repairs, as the Common Council may, by ordinance, direct to be made thereafter.

No street or avenue within the limits of such grants can be paved, repaved or repaired until said work is authorized by ordinance of the Common Council, and when the owners of such lots desire their streets to be paved, repaved or repaired, they should state their desire and make their application to the Board of Aldermen and not to the Commissioner of Public Works, who has no authority in the matter until directed by ordinance of the Common Council to proceed with the pavement, repavement or repairs.

THOS. F. GILROY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK, June 1st, 1889.

### PUBLIC NOTICE AS TO WATER RATES.

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in compliance with the provisions of chapter 359, Laws of 1887, amending sections 350 and 321 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, passed June 9, 1887, the following changes are made in charging and collecting water rents:**

1st. All extra charges for water incurred from and after June 9, 1887, shall be treated, collected and returned in arrears in the same manner as regular rents have heretofore been treated.

2d. In every building where a water meter or meters are now or shall hereafter be in use, the charge for water by meter measurement shall be the only charge against such building, or such part thereof as is supplied through meter.

3d. The returns of arrears of water rents, including the year 1887, shall be made as heretofore on the confirmation of the tax levy by the Board of Aldermen, and shall include all charges and penalties of every nature.

4th. A penalty of five dollars (\$5) is hereby established, and will be imposed in each and every case where the rules and regulations of the Department prohibiting the use of water through hose, or in any other wasteful manner, are violated, and such penalties will be entered on the books of the Bureau against the respective buildings or property, and, if not collected, be returned in arrears in like manner as other charges for water.

5th. Charges for so-called extra water rents of every nature, imposed or incurred prior to June 9, 1881, will be canceled of record on the books of the Department.

THOMAS F. GILROY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

### REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A SCALE OF WATER RENTS AND RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF WATER, FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BY ORDER OF THOMAS F. GILROY, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

**UNDER CHAPTER 410, LAWS 1882, SECTIONS 350, 351, 352 and 353, and as amended by chapter 359, Laws 1887, as follows:**

"The commissioner of public works shall, from time to time, establish scales of rents for the supplying of water, which rents shall be collected in the manner now provided by law, and which shall be apportioned to different classes of buildings in said city in reference to their dimensions, values, exposure to fires, ordinary uses for dwellings, stores, shops, private stables and other common purposes, number of families or occupants, or consumption of water, as near as may be practicable, and modify, alter, amend and increase such scale from time to

time, and extend it to other descriptions of buildings and establishments. All extra charges for water shall be deemed to be included in the regular rents, and shall become a charge and lien upon the buildings upon which they are respectively imposed, and, if not paid, shall be returned as arrears to the clerk of arrears. Such regular rents, including the extra charges above mentioned, shall be collected from the owners or occupants of all such buildings respectively, which shall be situated upon lots adjoining any street or avenue in said city in which the distributing water-pipes are or may be laid, and from which they can be supplied with water. Said rents, including the extra charges aforesaid, shall become a charge and lien upon such houses and lots, respectively, as herein provided, but no charge whatever shall be made against any building in which a water-meter may have been, or shall be placed as provided in this act. In all such cases the charge for water shall be determined only by the quantity of water actually used as shown by said meters. \* \* \* \* \*

The said commissioner of public works is hereby authorized to prescribe a penalty not exceeding the sum of five dollars for each offense, for permitting water to be wasted, and for any violation of such reasonable rules as he may, from time to time, prescribe for the prevention of the waste of water; such fines shall be added to the regular water rents."

The regular annual rents to be collected by the Department of Public Works shall be as follows, to wit:

**Croton Water Rates for Buildings from 16 to 50 feet, all others not specified subject to Special Rates**

FRONT WIDTH.	1 Story.	2 Stories.	3 Stories.	4 Stories.	5 Stories.
16 feet and under.	\$4 00	\$5 00	\$6 00	\$7 00	\$8 00
16 to 18 feet....	5 00	6 00	7 00	8 00	9 00
18 to 20 feet....	6 00	7 00	8 00	9 00	10 00
20 to 22½ feet....	7 00	8 00	9 00	10 00	11 00
22½ to 25 feet....	8 00	9 00	10 00	11 00	12 00
25 to 30 feet....	10 00	11 00	12 00	13 00	14 00
30 to 37½ feet....	12 00	13 00	14 00	15 00	16 00
37½ to 50 feet....	14 00	15 00	16 00	17 00	18 00

The rent of all tenements which shall exceed in width fifty feet shall be the subject of special contract with the Commissioner of Public Works.

The apportionment of the regular rents upon dwelling-houses are on the basis that but one family is to occupy the same, and for each additional family, one dollar per year shall be charged.

METERS will be placed on all houses where waste of water is found, and they will be charged at rates fixed by the Department for all the water passing through them.

The extra and miscellaneous rates shall be as follows, to wit:

**BAKESIES.**—For the average daily use of flour, for each barrel, three dollars per annum.

**BARBER SHOPS.** shall be charged from five to twenty dollars per annum each in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works; an additional charge of five dollars per annum shall be made for each bathtub therein.

**BATHING TUBS** in private houses, beyond one, shall be charged at three dollars per annum each, and five dollars per annum each in public houses, boarding-houses, and bathing establishments. Combination stationary wash-tubs, having a movable division in the centre and capable of use for bathing, shall be charged the same as bathing tubs.

**BUILDING PURPOSES.**—For each one thousand bricks laid, or for stone-work—to be measured as brick—ten cents per thousand. For plastering, forty cents per hundred yards.

**COWS.**—For each and every cow, one dollar per annum.

**DINING SALOONS** shall be charged an annual rate of from five to twenty dollars, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

**FISH STANDS** (retail) shall be charged five dollars per annum each.

For all stables not metered, the rates shall be as follows: **HORSES, PRIVATE.**—For two horses there shall be charged six dollars per annum; and for each additional horse, two dollars.

**HORSES, LIVERY.**—For each horse up to and not exceeding thirty in number, one dollar and fifty cents each per annum; and for each additional horse, one dollar.

**HORSES, OMNIBUS AND CART.**—For each horse, one dollar per annum.

**HORSE TROUGHS.**—For each trough, and for each half barrel or tub on sidewalk or street, twenty dollars per annum; each trough is to be fitted with a proper ball-cock to prevent waste.

**HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES** shall, in addition to the regular rate for private families, be charged for each lodging room, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

**LAUNDRIES** shall be charged from eight to twenty dollars per annum, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

**LIQUOR AND LAGER BEER SALOONS** shall be charged an annual rate of ten dollars each. An additional charge of five dollars per annum shall be made for each tap or wash-box.

**PHOTOGRAPH GALLERIES** shall be charged an annual rate of from five to twenty dollars, in the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.

**PRINTING OFFICES**, when not metered, shall be charged at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works.

**SODA, MINERAL WATER AND ROOT BEER FOUNTAINS** shall be charged five dollars per annum each.

**STEAM ENGINES**, where not metered, shall be charged by the horse-power, as follows: For each horse-power up to and not exceeding ten, the sum of ten dollars per annum; for each exceeding ten, and not over fifteen, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents each and for each horse-power over fifteen, the sum of five dollars.

**WATER-CLOSETS AND URINALS.**—To each building on a lot one water-closet having sewer connection is allowed without charge; each additional water-closet or urinal will be charged as hereinafter stated. All closets connected in any manner with sewer shall be charged two dollars for each seat per annum, whether in a building or on any other portion of the premises. Urinals shall be charged two dollars per annum each.

**WATER-CLOSET RATES.**—For hoppers of any form, when water is supplied direct from the Croton supply, through any form of the so-called single or double valves, hopper-cocks, stop-cocks, self-closing cocks, or any valve or cock of any description attached to the closet, each, per year, twenty dollars.

For any pan closet, or any of the forms of valve, plunger, or other water-closet not before mentioned, supplied with water as above described, per year, ten dollars.

For any form of hopper or water-closet, supplied from the ordinary style of cistern filled with ball-cock, and overflow pipe that communicates with the pipe to the water-closet, so that overflow will run into the hopper or water-closet, when ball-cock is defective, or from which an unlimited amount of water can be drawn by holding up the handle, per year, each, five dollars.

For any form of hopper or water-closet, supplied from any of the forms of waste-preventing cisterns, that are approved by the Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct, which are so constructed that not more than three gallons of water can be drawn at each lift of the handle, or depression of the seat, if such cisterns are provided with an overflow pipe, such overflow pipe must not connect with the water-closet, but be carried like a safe-waste, as provided by the Board of Health regulations, per year, two dollars.

Cistern answering this description can be seen at this Department.

#### METERS.

Under the provisions of section 352, Consolidated Act 1882, water-meters, of approved pattern, shall be hereafter placed on the pipes supplying all stores, workshops

hotels, manufactories, public edifices, at wharves, ferry-houses, stables, and in all places where water is furnished for business consumption, except private dwellings.

It is provided by section 352, Laws of 1882, that "all expenses of meters, their connections and setting, water rates, and other lawful charges for the supply of Croton water, shall be a lien upon the premises where such water is supplied, as now provided by law." \* \* \*

All manufacturing and other business requiring a large supply of water will be fitted with a meter.

Water measured by meter, ten cents per one hundred cubic feet.

#### Rate Without Meters.

PER DAY, GALLONS.	PER 100 GALLONS, RATE.	PER ANNUM, AMOUNT.
25	05	\$3 75
50	05	7 50
60	05	9 00
70	05	10 50
80	05	12 00
90	05	13 50
100	05	15 00
150	05	22 50
200	05	30 00
250	04½	33 75
300	04	36 00
350	03½	36 75
400	03½	42 00
500	03½	52 50
600	03½	63 00
700	03½	73 50
800	03½	82 00
900	03½	94 50
1,000	03	105 00
1,500	03	135 00
2,000	02½	150 00
2,500	02½	180 00
3,000	02½	225 00
4,000	02½	280 00
4,500	02½	303 75
5,000	02½	333 50
6,000	02	360 00
7,000	02	420 00
8,000	02	480 00
9,000	02	540 00
10,000	02	600 00

The rate charged for steam-vessels taking water daily or belonging to daily lines, is one-half cent. per ton (Custom House measurement) for each time they take water.

Steamers taking water other than daily, one cent per ton (Custom House measurement).

Water supplied to sailing vessels and put on board, twenty-five cents per hundred gallons.

All matters not hereinbefore embraced are reserved for special contract by and with the Commissioner of Public Works.

HYDRANTS, HOSE, TROUGHS, FOUNTAINS, ETC., ETC.

No owner or tenant will be allowed to supply water to another person or persons.

All persons taking water from the City must keep their own service-pipes, street tap, and all fixtures connected therewith, in good repair, protected from frost, at their own risk and expense, and shall prevent all waste of water.

The use of hose to wash coaches, omnibuses, wagons, railway cars or other vehicles or horses, cannot be permitted.

No horse-troughs or horse-watering fixtures will be permitted in the street or on the sidewalk, except upon a license or permit taken out for that purpose. All licenses or permits must be annually renewed on the first of May. Such fixtures must be kept in good order and the water not allowed to drip or waste by overrunning the sidewalk or street, or to become dangerous in winter by freezing in and about such troughs or fixtures.

No hydrant will be permitted on the sidewalk or in the front area, and any hydrant standing in a yard or alley, attached to any dwelling or building, must not be left running when not in actual use, and if the drip or waste from such hydrant freezes and becomes dangerous in winter, the supply will be shut off in addition to the penalty of five dollars imposed.

Taps at wash-basins, water-closets, baths and urinals must not be left running, under the penalty of five dollars for each offense, which will be strictly enforced.

Fountains or jets in hotels, porter-houses, eating-saloons, confectioneries or other buildings are strictly prohibited.

The use of hose for washing sidewalks, stoops, areas, house-fronts, yards, court-yards, gardens, and about stables, is prohibited. Where premises are provided with wells, special permits will be issued for the use of hose, in order that the police or inspectors of this department may understand that the permission is not for the use of Croton water.

Opening fire-hydrants to fill hand sprinklers or other vessels will not be allowed.

The penalty for a violation of any of the preceding rules and regulations will be five dollars for each offense, and if not paid when imposed will become a lien on the premises in like manner as all other charges for unpaid water rates.

By order,  
THOMAS F. GILROY,  
Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
NO. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,  
NEW YORK, June 1st,

### NOTICE TO CROTON WATER CONSUMERS.

**NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN made to this Department by citizens claiming reductions or rebates on bills for water supplied through meters, on the alleged ground of leakage caused by defective plumbing and worn-out service pipes, or by willful waste of water by tenants allowing the faucets to be turned on in full force in water-closets, sinks, etc., without the knowledge or consent of the owners of the premises.**

The main object of the use of water-meters is to enable this Department to detect and check the useless and unwarrantable waste of an element so valuable and essential to the health and comfort of all the citizens, and this object can only be accomplished by enforcing payment for the water wasted.

Under the law all charges for water supplied through meters are a lien against the respective premises, and the law therefore holds the owner of the premises responsible for the amount of water used or wasted.

Notice is therefore given to all householders that, in all further applications for reduction of water rents, no allowance will be made on account of waste of water occurring through leaks from defective service pipes or plumbing, or wasteful use of water by tenants or occupants of buildings, though such leakage or waste may have occurred without the knowledge or consent of the owners of the buildings.

House-owners are further notified that whenever their premises become vacant, and are likely to remain vacant, they must notify this Department in writing, and that unless this requirement is complied with no deductions in extra water rents will be allowed for any portion of one year.

THOMAS F. GILROY,  
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