

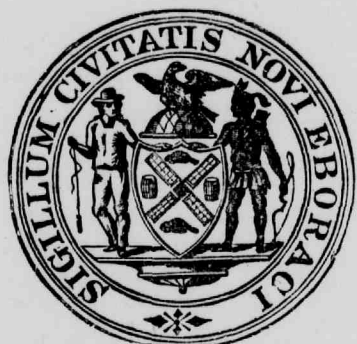
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### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

WEDNESDAY, April 6, 1881.

Regular meeting, 9.30 A. M.  
Present—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe.  
On motion of Commissioner Wales, Commissioner MacLean was called to the chair.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.  
The following communications were received:  
From the Comptroller, inclosing a copy of an opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the claim of William Van Valkenburgh for his salary.  
Ordered filed.  
From C. H. Marshall, desiring, on behalf of the Committee having in charge the erection and unveiling of the Farragut monument, permission to place a board fence around the base of said monument in Madison square, to facilitate in dressing stone for the pedestal of the statue.  
On motion of Commissioner Olliffe, the said permission was granted.  
From E. A. Barton, in relation to protecting the obelisk from the severity of the weather.  
Ordered filed.  
From Edward Baker, James S. Bryant, and other property-owners, making application for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, between Third and Brook avenues, in the Twenty-third Ward.  
Commissioner Olliffe offered the following:  
Resolved, That the Engineer of Construction be directed to prepare and submit to this Board, as soon as possible, plans, specifications, and forms of contracts for constructing—  
A sewer and necessary appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, from Third avenue to Brook avenue, with branches in Willis avenue.  
A sewer and necessary appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, from Third avenue to Brook avenue, with continuation in Courtland avenue, from Third avenue to One Hundred and Fifty-first street, and with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.  
A sewer and necessary appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Third avenue to Brook avenue, with branches in Willis avenue, from One Hundred and Forty-third street to One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.  
A sewer and necessary appurtenances in One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Alexander and Brook avenues, with branches in Willis avenue, between One Hundred and Forty-second and One Hundred and Forty-third streets, and in Alexander avenue, from Third avenue south to connect with the branch of the sewer now in course of construction in One Hundred and Forty-second street.  
A sewer and necessary appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Third avenue and College avenue.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.  
From Captain Beatty, in relation to roller skating in the Central and city parks, and desiring to be instructed respecting the same.  
Referred to Commissioner Wales to report upon at the next meeting of the Board.  
From the Police Department, inclosing a communication from Dr. Mittendorf, relative to additional police protection for nurses and children in Madison square.  
Ordered filed.  
From Theo. F. Tone, in relation to the damage done his property by the drainage from Riverside Drive.  
Referred to the Engineer of Construction to report upon.  
From the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, recommending the employment of Alfred M. Ga. Nun as a mechanical assistant.  
Commissioner Wales offered the following:  
Resolved, That Alfred M. Ga. Nun be and he is hereby appointed a mechanical assistant to the Director of the Meteorological Observatory, at the rate of \$2.00 per day.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.  
From Peter Carroll, Tobias Lyness, and John F. Maher, steam engineers, asking for an increase of compensation.  
Ordered filed.  
From James Quinn, desiring to be employed to take charge of a gentlemen's cottage.  
Ordered filed.  
From Henry H. Derr, asking to be allowed pay for the 26th ult., absent on account of sickness.  
Commissioner Wales moved that Henry H. Derr be allowed pay for the 26th ult.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, and Olliffe—3.  
No—Commissioner MacLean—1.  
From Edward A. Miller, desiring to be allowed pay for time lost during sickness.  
Commissioner Olliffe moved that Edward A. Miller be allowed pay for time lost on account of sickness.  
The Chairman put the question whether the board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Aye—Commissioner Olliffe—1.  
Noes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, and MacLean—3.  
From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, inclosing a petition of the carpenters of the Department for an increase of compensation.  
Ordered filed.  
From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, inclosing a restoration ticket for Richard Parrell, laborer.  
Commissioner Wales moved that Richard Parrell, laborer, be and he is hereby restored to duty.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.  
From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, relative to the damage done the twelve-inch drainage pipe caused by the washing away of earth on Riverside avenue.  
Commissioner Wales offered the following:  
Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of Parks be directed to make the necessary repairs to the drain pipe on the Riverside avenue at an expense not to exceed \$400.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, recommending the restoration of William Fitzgerald, laborer, detailed to assist Engineers, having been absent on account of sickness.  
Commissioner Olliffe moved that William Fitzgerald be and he is hereby restored to duty.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.  
From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, presenting a statement showing the disposition of the working force of the Department during the two weeks ending March 26, 1881.  
Ordered filed.  
From the Superintending Architect, recommending the appointment of an Inspector on the construction of Fourth avenue parks.  
On motion of Commissioner Olliffe, referred to Commissioners Wales and MacLean to select such Inspector and report thereon to the Board.  
From the Superintending Architect, reporting the estimated cost of a light iron fence to be erected between the bridge path and the ground occupied by seals, etc., in the Central Park.  
Commissioner Wales offered the following:  
Resolved, That a light iron fence be erected on the Central Park between the bridge path and ground occupied by the seals, etc., at an expense not to exceed \$110.00.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.  
From Leonard Jerome, desiring permission to remove a quantity of earth from the road-side opposite the Van Courtlandt estate.  
Referred to Commissioner Olliffe to report upon.  
From the Superintending Architect, reporting upon the expediency of allowing C. Ryan to place a skylight in the Casino, at his own expense.  
Commissioner MacLean offered the following:  
Resolved, That C. Ryan be allowed to place a skylight in the Casino building, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Superintending Architect.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.  
From the Topographical Engineer, stating that the order of the Board relative to the encroachment of a building on the line of Third avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets, belonging to a Mrs. Hall, has been complied with, by the removal of the building.  
Ordered filed.  
From the Topographical Engineer, reporting, in compliance with an order of the Board, upon the desirability of the present plans for the Spuyten Duyvil parkway and intersecting streets.  
On motion, said report was received and ordered filed, and a copy of the same transmitted to Mr. Edsall.  
From the Topographical Engineer, reporting in relation to the Sanitary report of the Health Department, respecting the condition of lands between One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets, east of the channel of Mill Brook.  
Ordered filed.  
From Francis McKenna, George C. Glacius and others, calling attention to the impassable condition of One Hundred and Forty-seventh street, opposite Concord avenue.  
Referred to the Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.  
From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the temporary suspension of men and teams employed in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.  
Ordered filed.  
From the Acting Superintendent, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, relative to the removal of the office of that department to the corner of Third and Courtland avenues.  
Ordered filed.  
From the Acting Superintendent of Parks, reporting relative to the improvement of Christopher Street Park.  
Laid over.  
From A. P. Boller, submitting a plan and estimate for the building of bridges over the Bronx river at Williams Bridge, Boston road, Fordham and Pelham avenues.  
Laid over.  
On motion of Commissioner Wales, it was  
Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it do adjourn to meet on Saturday next, at ten o'clock A. M.  
Commissioner Lane offered the following:  
Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of four thousand and thirteen dollars and eighty cents (\$4,013.80) from the appropriation for "Bronx River Bridges, Repairs, and Maintenance of," for 1880, for the purpose of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Rebuilding, Repairing, and Maintenance of Bridges over the Bronx river within the city limits," for 1881, which is insufficient.  
The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:  
Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.  
Petitions were received from the painters, mechanics, and laborers employed by the Department, asking for an increase of compensation, and referred to Commissioner Wales to report upon.  
From E. P. Eaton, Thomas Murphy, and other property-owners, applying for the constructing of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, between St. Ann's and Brook avenues.  
Referred to the Engineer of Construction to report upon.  
From Charles Van Riper, H. S. Baker, and other property-owners, applying for the construction of a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-third street, between Third and Brook avenues.  
Ordered filed.  
From Michael Lennon, presenting bill for storage of gravel, amounting to \$250.  
Referred to the Auditing Committee.  
From Mrs. C. W. Griswold, Mrs. Samuel R. Tilley, and others, recommending Mrs. Emeline Boyden for the position of Ladies' Maid at Tompkins square cottage.  
Referred to the Committee on Personnel.  
From C. Manks, Edward Deicke, and other property-owners, protesting against the proposed closing of Railroad avenue, and the opening of a new avenue between One Hundred and Fifty-third street and One Hundred and Sixty-first street, in the Twenty-third Ward.  
Laid over.  
From the Topographical Engineer, reporting an approximate of the cost of extending the walks and rides, and of changing the drive in the Central Park.  
Referred to the Special Committee having that subject in charge.  
From the Counsel to the Corporation, submitting his opinion respecting the liability of the Department under the proposal of A. J. Howell to furnish gravel.  
Ordered filed.  
From the Acting Engineer of Construction, reporting upon the communication of Henry Lewis Morris, relative to the drainage of the region lying west of the Harlem Railroad, south of Fleetwood Park, and north of One Hundred and Fifty-third street.  
Laid over.  
On motion of Commissioner Lane, permission was granted to the Model Yacht Club to sail miniature yachts on the Harlem meer.  
From the Acting Engineer of Construction, submitting a plan and specifications for the improvement of Sedgwick avenue.  
Laid over.  
Commissioner Lane, from the Auditing Committee, presented the following report:  
The Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following bills, and submit the same to the Board for approval:

American District Telegraph Co., rent and services ....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies, 1880....	.....	\$9 55
Arnold, David P., meat and vegetables.....	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	.....	256 75
Benoit, A. V., tape and paint.....	Morningside Park, Imp. of.....	\$1 92	
	Const. Br. over Harlem R.....	3 20	5 12



Bertine, Edwin R., flag .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	\$7 00
Bremner & Fitzgerald, coal .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	275 00
Christern, F. W., subscription to Zoological Garden .....	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	.....	3 00
Candee & Smith, cement .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	15 00
Crombie, Thos. J., boards, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$45 43	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	8 40	
			53 83
Coffin, P. C., sundries.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	188 23
Coffin, P. C., sundries.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$53 20	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	1 25	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., I., & M.....	4 13	
			58 58
Davis, John W., coal .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$262 50	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	157 50	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	10 50	
	Making maps 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. T. & A. ....	15 75	
			446 25
Dodd, Mead & Co., subscription to periodicals, etc.....	Maint. Zoolg. Dept., 1880.....	.....	32 70
Dunham, Thos. C., paints, oils, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	52 50
Hawley, Jas. E., petty disbursements.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$110 33	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	6 94	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	3 37	
	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	25	
			120 89
Halsey, Geo. W., oats.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	.....	37 50
Harmer, Hays & Co., blankets, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$8 00	
	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	18 00	
			26 00
Hoyt, J. B. & Co., leather and sheepskin.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	33 94
Henderson, Peter & Co., plants .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	42 58
Knapp, A. & W., timber .....	Harlem R. B., Reps., I., & M.....	.....	291 22
Knapp, A. & W., lumber .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	93 75
Leonard & McCoy, parts Baxter engine .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	16 55
Mallen, Owen, blacksmithing .....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	.....	2 85
Morgan, J. Pierpont, Treas., expenses Mus. Nat. Hist.....	Maint. Museum.....	.....	1,343 30
Mott, J. L., iron works, plumbing materials, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	175 50
Raynolds, C. T. & Co., sponges, paints, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$73 83	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	2 67	
			76 50
Reeves, Robert C., bird seed.....	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	.....	10 00
Rhineland, F. W., Treas., expenses Mus. Art.....	Maint. Museum.....	.....	2,285 66
Stewart, A. T. & Co., muslin, sewing silk, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	\$17 14	
	Police Supplies .....	17 10	
			34 24
Seymour, W. M. & Co., locks and bolts.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies.....	.....	34 12
Seymour, W. M. & Co., shovels.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards.....	.....	23 18
Seaman, John A., brass canopies, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies .....	.....	95 00
Schmidt, A. & Bro., repairs to steam gauge.....	Sedgwick av., Maint. of, 1880.....	.....	3 00
Skidmore, Jeremiah Sons, coal .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies .....	.....	12 50
Tatham Bros., lead and pipe.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies .....	.....	54 55
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements .....	Const. Bridges over H. R. ....	.....	4 02
Van Winkle, E. B., petty disbursements.....	Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	\$80 90	
	Making Maps 23d and 24th Wards, Dept. Taxes, etc.....	8 86	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., I., & M.....	3 14	
	Sedgwick av., Maint. of.....	1 48	
	Bronx River Bridges .....	6 04	
			100 42
Walton, Joseph J., sundries.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies .....	\$55 77	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	4 98	
	Harlem R. B., Reps., I., & M.....	6 40	
			67 15
Walton, Joseph J., crowbars.....	Maint. 23d and 24th Wards .....	.....	9 30
Wright, R. J., oats, corn, etc.....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies .....	\$526 97	
	Maint. Zoolg. Dept.....	183 68	
			710 65
Wilson, W. C., plants .....	Labor, Maint., and Supplies .....	.....	67 90
			\$7,175 84

## RECAPITULATION.

Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	\$2,217 29
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	735 17
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance.....	304 89
Maintenance 23d and 24th Wards.....	94 20
Sedgwick Avenue, Maintenance of .....	1 48
Bronx River Bridges—Repairs and Maintenance.....	6 04
Maintenance—Museums .....	3,628 96
Surveying, Laying out, etc., 23d and 24th Wards.....	91 65
Making Maps, 23d and 24th Wards, Department Taxes and Assessments.....	24 61
Police—Supplies.....	17 10
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies, 1880.....	9 55
Maintenance Zoological Department, 1880.....	32 70
Sedgwick Avenue, Maintenance of, 1880.....	3 00
Morningside Park, Improvement of .....	1 92
Construction Bridges over Harlem River .....	7 22
	\$7,175 84

Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of seventy-one hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-four cents.

(Signed)

SMITH E. LANE,

Auditing Committee.

NEW YORK, April 5, 1881.

The above-mentioned bills having been read and passed on separately, the Chairman moved that the Board do now approve them and that the Secretary be directed to transmit them to the Finance Department for payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and hereby is requested to transfer the sum of eighty-two hundred and thirty-three dollars and forty-three cents (\$8,233.43) from the appropriation for "Manhattan Square, Improvement of," for 1880, for the purpose of which it is not required, to the appropriation for "Manhattan Square, Improvement of," for 1881, which is insufficient.

Commissioner MacLean moved that said resolution be laid over.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales and MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Lane and Olliffe—2.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane and Olliffe—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales and MacLean—2.

Commissioner Lane presented a statement in relation to the condition and affairs of the Department, and moved that it be entered at length upon the minutes.

Commissioner Wales moved as an amendment that said statement be laid over until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said amendment, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Wales—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion of Commissioner Lane, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

## STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER SMITH E. LANE.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, }  
January 13, 1881. }

To the Board of Commissioners:

The opening of a new year is a proper occasion for the surveying of the works of the Department, and adjusting it to the appropriations of the coming year. As appears by the following table, these are larger than those for 1880. They amount in the aggregate to \$641,500, which can be increased by transfers of unexpended balances of prior years by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment \$29,993 68-100, making in all \$671,493 68-100, for various purposes.

In addition to this there are unexpended balances for construction work, money provided under acts of the Legislature, amounting in the aggregate to \$200,318 21-100.

The retirement from office at the close of the year 1880 of Commissioners Conover, Wenman, and Green will enable the Department to prosecute its work without partisan obstruction, and to remedy the abuses which have been fastened upon the Department.

## Annual Appropriations for Maintenance.

	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	Balances from 1880, available on transfer by Board of Estimate and Apportionment.
Salaries.....	\$45,000 00	\$35,000 00	\$35,000 00	\$35,000 00	\$27,000 00	\$1,069 60
Police.....	90,000 00	75,000 00	95,000 00	95,000 00	6,000 00	3,219 44
Labor, Maintenance, and Supplies.....	175,000 00	140,000 00	156,000 00	200,000 00	250,000 00	2,945 75
Maintenance Zoological Department.....	.....	.....	.....	15,000 00	18,000 00	.....
Maintenance Museums.....	30,000 00	20,000 00	25,000 00	25,000 00	30,000 00	.....
Music—Central Park and Battery.....	4,000 00	4,000 00	4,000 00	6,000 00	5,000 00	1,430 00
Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, Improvements, and Maintenance.....	7,000 00	7,000 00	10,000 00	15,000 00	20,000 00	2,915 98
Maintenance Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	26,000 00	25,000 00	25,000 00	35,000 00	35,000 00	81 26
Southern Boulevard, Maintenance of.....	.....	.....	.....	7,500 00	15,000 00	2 71
Sedgwick Avenue, Maintenance of.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000 00	15,000 00	174 91
Broadway (Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards), Maintenance and Improvement of.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,000 00	.....
Bronx Bridges—Repairs, Improvement, and Maintenance.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000 00	20,000 00	4,013 80
Sewers and Drains—Cleaning and Repairing.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000 00	.....
Surveys, Maps, and Plans, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000 00	.....
Surveying, Laying-out, etc., Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	10,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	1 33
Making Maps, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Department of Taxes, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laying New and Repairing Old Walks, Central Park.....	.....	.....	10,000 00	10,000 00	7,000 00	248 19
Laying New and Repairing Old Walks, City Parks.....	.....	.....	.....	30,000 00	20,000 00	5,703 61
Manhattan Square, Improvement of.....	.....	.....	50,000 00	25,000 00	20,000 00	53 67
Metropolitan Museum of Art, Equipment of.....	.....	.....	20,000 00	20,000 00	35,000 00	8,133 43
Battery—Repairs to Walks and Sea Wall.....	.....	.....	30,000 00	30,000 00	.....	.....
	.....	.....	3,000 00	.....	.....	.....
	\$357,000 00	\$316,000 00	\$488,000 00	\$568,500 00	\$641,500 00	\$29,993 68

## Construction Moneys under Acts of Legislature

				Balances.	
Morningside Park, Improvement of.....	.....	.....	\$150,000 00	\$149,388 87	
Fourth Avenue, Improvement of.....	\$25,000 00	.....	50,000 00	49,818 85	
Tompkins Square, Restoration of.....	50,000 00	\$25,000 00	25,000 00	1,110 49	
	.....	.....	.....	\$200,318 21	

## I.—SALARIES.

These must be reduced from \$35,000 down to \$27,000.

This reduction is to be accomplished by abolishing all sinecure offices, and by securing a higher degree of efficiency and professional skill in the persons employed in the Department.

## II.—POLICE.

This appropriation is reduced from \$95,000 to \$88,500. The police force should be filled up with new men of more vigor and endurance in place of those who are incapable. The number cannot be reduced, because the occupation of Morningside Park and Riverside Park requires, for the protection of the city property, an increased instead of a reduced force.

The police regulations need revision.

## III.—LABOR, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPLIES.

This appropriation is increased from \$200,000 to \$250,000. This is the expenditure which has the most beneficial results, and there are many items that need immediate attention.

1. Artesian wells for an independent supply of water for the turf and trees, and for filling the lakes. This supply cannot be obtained from the Croton reservoirs; the lakes become stagnant and unhealthy, the trees suffer for want of water, and in a hot, dry season the turf is burned out by the roots, and the labor of years is lost. It is impracticable to keep the Central Park in order without an independent and abundant supply of water.

2. An entire revision of the landscape of Central Park, to carry out the original design upon which it was planted. Except in a few places, the Central Park is now a thick undergrowth of trees and shrubs. These should be thinned out. Individual trees should be free from encroachment, and vistas should be opened to realize the beautiful results which were contemplated, and can now be



obtained. This should be done under the superintendence of Mr. Frederic Law Olmsted, the Consulting Landscape Architect.

3. The drives through the Central Park should be put in thorough order with Roa Hook gravel, and no other. Poor gravel, by reason of the expense in laying it and in keeping it watered, is very wasteful, and the roads are never of fine quality.

4. The bridle paths should be cleared of stones and covered with good, loose Roa Hook gravel.

5. Fire hydrants of sufficient capacity should be placed adjacent to every building in the Central Park.

6. A chemical analysis should be made of the earth, air, and water in the Central Park to determine the extent and causes of malaria, with a view to appropriate remedies.

7. The complete repair and cleaning of all the architectural stone work in the Central Park; that is, the bridges, walls, and work in and about the Terrace and the Belvedere.

8. The rebuilding of a place at Mount St. Vincent, recently destroyed by fire, for a resting-place and restaurant for visitors to the Central Park.

This should be done with the present lessee, Columbus Ryan, who has for many years managed the building with unquestioned ability and success, and who has proposed, on a new license, to advance the money requisite to rebuild it, on account of his license fees, the building to be the property of the Department.

9. Renewing and repairing the wood work in the Central Park; that is, the wooden flooring of the bridges, and the rustic work in the Children's Play Ground, and the various arbors, seats, and benches throughout the Park.

10. The introduction of the electric light in the various entrances to the Central Park, and at the points of principal resort within it; also, upon some of the lower city parks.

11. The continuance of the present license system, with an improvement in the carriage service.

12. The laying out of the grounds around the Alexandrian obelisk, and constructing new walks to lead to the best points of view.

13. Improving the park surface around the Museum of Art building, and constructing an entrance and foot path from the Fifth avenue.

14. Improvement and repair of the buildings for the Zoological collection.

15. Provision for a new skate house, the present one being inadequate for the purpose.

16. The walks through the Mall and about the Music Stand should be reconstructed of the best material. Money for this was provided for the year 1880. The contract was awarded, but the contractors became insolvent, and have failed to perform their contract within the time limited. A new contract must be made, and an application made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for a transfer of the unexpended balance of 1880 for that work.

17. A small proportion of the walks in the Central Park are in very good order. The increasing number of visitors extending their rambles through all parts of the park, requires the same treatment to the rest of the walks. An estimate has been made of the amount required for completing the walks in the first division, which is below Seventy-second street, with Trinidad asphalt pavement. It will take, including the work on the Mall and Concert Grounds, about \$36,000. This work must be prosecuted at once, and there is money enough to accomplish it, with a surplus to finish some more walks above Seventy-second street. The exterior walks along the Fifth and Eighth avenues, and Fifty-ninth and One Hundred and Tenth streets should be finished in the same way, as the money can be obtained. The cost has been estimated at \$154,000. The Fifty-ninth street walk and that along Fifth avenue should be done as soon as the money can be obtained.

18. New trees should be set out in place of those that have died, or broken down in the lines planted along Fifty-ninth street, Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street.

19. The urinals and closets in the Arsenal building and all the other buildings in the Central and other parks, and particularly the plumbing work and drainage, need thorough repairs, and the buildings which contain them should be repaired and painted.

20. The transverse roads, Nos. 2 and 4, located respectively at Seventy-ninth and Ninety-seventh streets, should be graded and paved, and the curb and gutter and sidewalks laid.

The condition of the Central Park depends upon the amount appropriated for its maintenance, and

Secondly, upon the discretion and economy with which the expenditure is made. For several years back the appropriations have been inadequately small, and there has been great misdirection and wastefulness in the expenditure. The minutes of the Board are full of resolutions and propositions in this direction, which have been introduced by the undersigned, and which were rejected by his former associates. The result now appears in the general dilapidated condition of the parks, particularly in the walks, the neglected foliage, and in the general want of attention which has followed loose supervision. These are apparent to a casual observer, and excite great complaints. If the suggestions made in this statement are diligently followed up, many improvements can be made with the money available for the present year.

#### IV.—MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUMS.

The sum of \$30,000 is appropriated for this purpose, and the Department divides it equally between them, and pays each its amount on proper vouchers.

#### V.—MUSIC.

The appropriation is for \$5,000 on the Central Park and Battery Park. This has proved to be a very popular attraction and may be advantageously continued on contracts and arrangements similar to those of the year 1880.

#### VI.—HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES.

Twenty thousand dollars has been appropriated for maintenance. There are six bridges.

##### *The Third Avenue Bridge*

needs constant repairs. The great weight of the draw requires constant renewal of the running gear and machinery. The great travel requires constant renewal of the plank surface of the roadway. This latter, the Harlem Bridge, Fordham and Morrisania Railroad Company have agreed to do for the permission given them by the Department to cross the bridge. They have failed to do it, and their covenants should be enforced against them.

##### *The McComb's Dam Bridge.*

The draw of this bridge is only in fair order. The shore ends on each side are held up by trusses, and the trusses are held up by posts and other props. It is liable to fall at any time. It is not worth any extended repair, but should be kept simply as it is. As stated below, a new bridge should be constructed.

##### *The Farmer's Bridge.*

This is an old causeway and wooden bridge, and can be kept in fair condition at a moderate outlay.

##### *The King's Bridge.*

This an old wooden bridge which can be kept in its present condition at a moderate outlay.

##### *The two Bridges over Cromwell's Creek.*

These are old wooden structures, past repair and liable to fall at any moment.

A large amount of the maintenance appropriation must be kept in reserve, because if any sudden accident should happen, the Department might be obliged to incur great expense for immediate repair, or for some temporary expedient to accommodate the very great travel.

#### VII.—WALKS IN THE CITY PARKS, OTHER THAN CENTRAL PARK.

The appropriation is sufficient to lay about 20,000 square yards of Trinidad asphalt pavement of the best quality. The walks in and around Union square, and some few that are out of repair in Madison square, should receive the first attention, and the residue should be distributed in work upon each of the other city parks.

#### VIII.—IMPROVEMENT OF MANHATTAN SQUARE.

The appropriation of \$35,000 is not proportioned to the magnitude of the work. There is an unexpended balance of \$8,133.43 of the year 1880, which can be added to it. The square, in the first place, should have a substantial, and in portions of it, a permanent enclosure. It will ultimately be occupied in great part by buildings, and the improvement of the portions that are now rough should be made with a view to this occupation. With this in view, an undulating surface can be given to it by moderate filling, which can be planted, and covered with turf, and thus present an agreeable aspect; but the main point is the connection of this square with the Central Park, where a great deal of work must be done on the Central Park surface. Plans for this work were adopted several years ago, and the excavations necessary for the outlet of the transverse road were completed. This with its outlet at Eighty-first street should be finished, and the rest of the surface properly graded and planted, and the inclosing wall along the east side of the Eighth avenue completed. The connection between the Central Park and Manhattan square must be made on the surface of the Eighth avenue. The connection by a tunnel under the Eighth avenue, which has often been talked of, is impracticable, because of the large-sized water pipes laid under that avenue in the rock.

The west drive in the Central Park, opposite Seventy-seventh street, must be turned towards the Eighth avenue, and the deep waterway in the park spanned by a bridge which will accommodate both carriage-roads and foot-paths. This drive must be brought out to a point and a gate on the Eighth avenue, that will be opposite to Seventy-first street, as the west entrance to the Manhattan square. The plans already spoken of should be taken up and completed, and then the work should be proceeded with, with the present or any future appropriations, in such a way as to conform to the entire plan.

#### IX.—MAINTENANCE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

##### *Maintenance of Roads and Avenues.*

The appropriation of \$35,000 goes for materials and labor in keeping the roads in good order, except the three avenues mentioned below, for which special appropriations are made. The work must be distributed over the whole district, with regard to the roads that have been put in order, and

to others that need it most. The main point here, is the vigilant supervision of the Superintendent and the economical purchase of material.

#### X.—BROADWAY, FROM SPUYTEN DUYVIL CREEK TO YONKERS. SEDGWICK AVENUE AND SOUTHERN BOULEVARD.

Appropriations have been made of \$15,000 for each of these avenues, which is not sufficient to finish the whole length of either of them. In this work the best material should be used, as most economical in the end.

#### XI.—BRONX RIVER BRIDGES.

The appropriation of \$20,000 for 1881 may be increased by the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by adding to it the unexpended balance of \$4,013.80 of the year 1880. The construction of the iron bridge at Woodlawn last year, demonstrates that the true policy is to construct new iron bridges, rather than waste money in repairing the dilapidated old wooden ones. The money available will be sufficient to meet the expense of the Department for one-half of the five new bridges, the county of Westchester paying the other one-half. Plans should at once be prepared for the work, and the construction completed during the ensuing summer. These five bridges are very important to travel, and are located as follows:

Westchester avenue.  
Samuel street.  
Boston road.  
Fordham and Pelham avenues.  
Williams Bridge.

#### XII.—SURVEYING, LAYING OUT, AND MONUMENTING IN THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS.

The appropriation of \$10,000 is inadequate to the importance of this work. All the public interests will be benefited by the settlement of this region. The rapid transit roads to and across the Harlem river furnish the facilities for a great influx of population; but before houses can be erected the streets and avenues must be surveyed on the ground, laid out on maps and the maps filed, and monuments set, so that the owner can see on his ground where the streets and corners are. There is now and has been for years a great public demand for this work, for everywhere the owners are now ready to sell lots and build houses for the incoming population. Great progress has been made in this work in the last few years, and if a larger appropriation had been made, the work could have been kept up to the demands of the property owners.

A very valuable report, including a comprehensive system of drainage for the whole district, has been prepared by Mr. E. B. Van Winkle, the Topographical Engineer. It should be printed, and its recommendations carried out.

#### XIII.—MAPS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

This is a work for the benefit of another Department, imposed by law upon this Department because this Department has the best facilities for making these maps at the lowest cost. The benefit will be that by reason of precise measurements of areas and exact lines, property will be subjected to a more just taxation, and much will be included that is now omitted. This work is now well under way, and should be continued on the same system.

#### XIV.—SEWERS AND DRAINS IN THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS—CLEANING AND REPAIRING.

This is an incidental work of the Department, but one of great importance. The cost of these sewers and most of the drains when first built is assessed upon the property owners. The duty of keeping them in repair and unobstructed for the health and comfort of the people falls upon this Department.

#### XV.—SURVEYS, ETC., OF TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS FOR STREET OPENINGS, ETC.

This is a duty imposed upon this Department by law, because it has the best facilities for doing the work. In making maps for street opening cases for the use of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, it saves the expense of surveys and maps by outside surveyors, which have heretofore greatly increased the expense of such proceedings. The plans for drains and for acquiring the right of way of building them is also under provisions of law. These appropriations enable this Department to perform this work when it is called upon to do so.

#### XVI.—CONSTRUCTION WORK.

The foregoing observations apply to the work done with the money appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the year 1881. There are, besides, balances of appropriations made for construction work. These stood on January 1, 1881, as follows:

Morningside Park	\$149,388 87
Fourth Avenue Park	49,818 85
Tompkins Square	1,110 49
General account, various items	2,176 14

##### *Morningside Park.*

The act of 1880 requires that plans for this work shall be first adopted with the concurrence of the Department of Public Works, and then that the work bordering on the Morningside avenue should be undertaken first. It was not until late in the year that Mr. Mould was appointed to prepare these plans. The work is an important one, and should be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

##### *Fourth Avenue Parks.*

Of the small parks on the line of the Fourth avenue some of them have been completed. The improvement consists of an enclosure by a coping and an iron railing, and the planting of grass, trees, and shrubbery. The plan is well adapted, and the work is under contract for those which are not already finished.

##### *Tompkins Square.*

This work has been in progress for the last two years, and is completed with the exception of the Ladies' Cottage, which is now under contract.

There are other parks that need improvement, but for which there is no construction money available at present, yet some work should be done upon them out of the present appropriation for maintenance.

##### *East River Park.*

This is a place of popular resort, and can be made very attractive. A moderate expenditure will tend to keep it in order.

##### *High Bridge Park.*

If this were improved by being inclosed with a fence, and by laying out walks and paths, and clearing the undergrowth, trimming trees, and opening vistas to command the extended prospect, great improvements could be made at a comparatively slight expense.

##### *Riverside Park.*

The contractors have ceased work on the avenue, but three blocks between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-seventh streets must be finished under a new contract. Plans for this have been prepared by Mr. McAlpine, the Superintending Engineer. They should be revised and adopted, and the contract given out at once, so that the work can be commenced early in the spring.

There are various other improvements which should be made in this park. The northerly end should be remodeled, and the road making the circuit around the Claremont summit should be completed. Trees should be planted along the lines of the avenue, in the plots reserved for that purpose. For the entire three miles length of this park, along the river, a foot-path should be laid out, and rustic seats and arbors placed on the various points where the river views are finest.

#### XVII.—HARLEM RIVER BRIDGES.

Money is available, by consent of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the construction of bridges across the Harlem river.

##### *Madison Avenue Bridge.*

Piers for this bridge are built. A contract for the iron bridge upon them should have been given out a year ago, but it was neglected by the Board. Plans for it were prepared by General Greene, Engineer of Construction, several years ago, and the contract should be awarded at once, so that the bridge may be ready for travel in the summer of 1881.

##### *Seventh Avenue Bridge and Suspension Bridge, north of the High Bridge.*

The construction of these two bridges will be a great public convenience, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment can appropriate the money for them. At the end of the Seventh avenue a new bridge could be constructed to connect with the land laid out on the north side of the river as an approach to the bridge, the title to which has been acquired by the city for that purpose. The structure should be similar to the Madison avenue bridge now under construction, and when it is completed the old McComb's Dam bridge, at the end of McComb's lane, should be taken down.

#### XVIII.—CONCLUSION.

In concluding this statement, there are two matters which should be mentioned.

##### *Statutes.*

All the statutes respecting the Department should be compiled and printed. The old compilation, made in 1870, was incomplete, and many statutes have been passed since then. The recent compilation, made by a Commission in the year 1880, is of very little service in the practical administration of this Department, because of its errors and omissions. What is needed is, first, a compilation of all the statutes from the beginning, with references to all the alterations, repeals, and



amendments; second, a digest or treatise under the various headings or topics of the business of the Department, which shall exhibit the powers of the Department, the decisions of the Courts bearing upon them, the opinions of the Counsel to the Corporation, and the various points in which the business of this Department is brought in connection with the other Departments of the city. To consult such a book as this is a daily necessity; great embarrassment results from want of it, and if it were done by a competent person, it would greatly promote economy and efficiency.

#### Ordinances.

The ordinances of the Department, and including the police regulations, should be carefully revised, so as to bring them down to the present modes of administration.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH E. LANE.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That a top wagon be purchased for the use of the Commissioners, and that the wagon now in use be given in exchange for part payment.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Lane—1.

Noes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That a top wagon be purchased for the use of the Commissioners, and that the wagon now in use be sold.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, and MacLean—3.

No—Commissioner Olliffe—1.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That Julius Munckwitz be continued as Acting Superintendent of Parks until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That until the next regular meeting of the Board, either one of the Commissioners be and he is hereby invested with power to approve of all requisitions and orders for supplies, and to sign all permits issued by the Department.

Commissioner MacLean offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That all requisitions and permits be submitted for approval to Commissioner Wales, to whom authority is given hereby to approve and sign the same, and that all orders for supplies be signed and issued by Commissioner Olliffe.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Lane—1.

Commissioner MacLean offered the following:

Resolved, That Commissioner Wales be and he is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Department, the telephone exchange subscription for the service of two telephone instruments at 36 Union square.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

A report was received from the Acting Superintendent Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, in relation to improving the streets, roads, and avenues in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, and referred to Commissioners Lane and Wales, to report upon at the next meeting of the Board.

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That an application be made to the Legislature authorizing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to insert in the tax levies for the years 1882, '83, '84, '85 and '86, a sum not to exceed \$100,000 in any one of the years herein mentioned, and in the aggregate not to exceed \$500,000, the amount to be so appropriated to be expended in completing the enclosing wall, drainage, unfinished landscape, and other works of construction of the Central Park.

Laid over.

Commissioner Wales presented the following proposals for building a drain in One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Railroad avenue to Mill brook:

#### BOX DRAIN.

John Kirby.....	\$666 00
P. V. Clark.....	550 00
William Coogan.....	510 00
B. C. Murray.....	450 00
Duggan & Mulvey.....	480 00
Peter Handibode.....	470 00
E. C. Morrison.....	430 00
J. B. Devlin.....	400 00

#### STONE DRAIN.

William Coogan.....	\$800 00
E. C. Morrison.....	750 00
P. V. Clark.....	660 00
J. B. Devlin.....	600 00
Peter Handibode.....	590 00
Duggan & Mulvey.....	570 00
B. C. Murray.....	560 00

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That an order be issued to John B. Devlin to construct a box drain in One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, from Railroad avenue to Mill brook, at an expense not to exceed \$400.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That the amount of \$30 be paid to the estate of George Roahr, in full payment of claim for storage of boat belonging to the Department.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

A communication was received from Captain Beaty, recommending that lights be placed in the summer-houses, and under the arches and bridges in the Central Park.

Commissioner Wales moved that lamps be provided, and that they be placed in the summer-houses and under the arches and bridges in accordance with the recommendation of the Captain of Police.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Wales offered the following:

Resolved, That Manus O'Connor be employed as a painter, at \$2.50 per day.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Aye—Commissioner Wales—1.

Noes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

A communication was received from P. J. Burke, resigning his position of Janitor of the Arsenal building on the Central Park.

Accepted.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That Edward J. Finaley be appointed Janitor of the Arsenal building, and that his pay be fixed at \$2 per day, for each day in the week.

Laid over.

On motion of Commissioner Olliffe, it was

Resolved, That the Acting Superintendent of Parks be directed to report to this Board what work is necessary to be done on the parks at Broadway and Sixth avenue, Thirty-second and Thirty-fourth streets, Jackson square, Five Points, and the Bowling Green, to put the same in proper condition.

On motion of Commissioner Olliffe, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the decoration of monuments on Decoration Day, as well as the use of the cottage at Union square, by the Memorial Committee, be referred to Commissioner Wales, with power.

Commissioner Olliffe offered the following:

Resolved, That the statutory and other articles preserved from the Mount St. Vincent fire, and now stored at the Arsenal, be temporarily distributed on the first floor of the Arsenal building, and that the Acting Superintendent be directed to build pedestals for placing the articles in position, convenient for public inspection, at a cost not to exceed \$300.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, MacLean, and Olliffe—3.

No—Commissioner Wales—1.

Commissioner MacLean, to whom was referred for investigation the charge of being absent at roll-call, preferred against Parkkeepers Richard M. Morgan, Michael E. Cunningham, and Adolph Klein, reported in relation to the same, and recommended that they be fined one-half day's pay each.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said recommendation, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner MacLean, to whom was referred for investigation the charges of intoxication preferred against Parkkeeper John Smith and Gatekeeper James Hannon, reported in relation to the same, and recommended for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That John Smith and James Hannon be and they are hereby dismissed from the employ of the Department.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Olliffe moved that Michael Walsh, laborer, be restored to duty.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said motion, and it was determined in the affirmative, a majority of all of the members of the Board voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane, Wales, MacLean, and Olliffe—4.

Commissioner Lane offered the following:

Resolved, That Patrick Horan be and he is hereby restored to duty as a laborer, he having been absent from duty for more than three days.

The Chairman put the question whether the Board would agree to said resolution, and it was determined in the negative, a majority of all of the members of the Board not voting in favor thereof, as follows:

Ayes—Commissioners Lane and MacLean—2.

Noes—Commissioners Wales and Olliffe—2.

On motion of Commissioner Wales, at 1 o'clock P. M., the Board adjourned.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

## COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

*Abstract of the Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at the meeting held April 6, 1881:*

Present—Hon. William R. Grace, Mayor (Chairman); Hon. Frederick Smyth, Recorder; Hon. Allan Campbell, Comptroller; J. Nelson Tappan, Esq., Chamberlain, and Joseph J. McAvoy, Esq., Chairman Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the meetings held March 17 and 30 were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the communication of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the suit of the "Mayor, etc., vs. William J. Sexton, administrator," viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 5, 1881.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—I present herewith a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation requesting to be informed whether he shall bid in certain property, to be sold under a judgment of foreclosure of a mortgage for part of the purchase money given to the city by the late John Sexton, being three lots of land on Bogart street, and asking instructions in the matter.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby authorized and directed to bid in the premises referred to in his communication, to be sold under a judgment of a foreclosure of a mortgage given to the Corporation by the late John Sexton, being three certain lots of land designated on a map entitled "Fort Gansevoort property, parcel No. 3," by the numbers 24, 25, and 26, situated on Bogart street, at a price to cover only the amount of the claim of the city against the premises.

The report was accepted and, on motion, the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller submitted the following report in relation to bonds of the city falling due May 1, 1881, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 5, 1881.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—Bonds payable from taxation under the statutes authorizing their issue fall due on May 1, 1881, as follows:

Bonds for State Sinking Fund Deficiency, bearing seven per cent. interest, authorized by chapters 147 and 304 of the Laws of 1874..... \$389,949 48

A resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was adopted October 30, 1880, certifying to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the revenues of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt for the year 1881 were estimated at \$4,350,000, and that this amount was in excess of the amount of bonds and stocks falling due in said year, payable from taxation and from the Sinking Fund.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment therefore did not make any appropriation for the payment of said bonds, and they are payable from the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt.

I present a resolution to authorize their payment from that fund accordingly, as provided by section 8 of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Whereas, Bonds of the City of New York, amounting to \$389,949.48, fall due on May 1, 1881, bearing seven per cent. interest, the redemption of which bonds has been provided for from the Sinking Fund, as stated in the report of the Comptroller, under the authority of section 8 of chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878;

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby authorize and direct the payment from the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, of Bonds for State Sinking Fund Deficiency, payable May 1, 1881, authorized by chapters 147 and 304 of the Laws of 1874, amounting to the sum of three hundred and eighty-nine thousand nine hundred and forty-nine and 48-100 dollars.

The report was accepted and, on motion, the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the communication of Fred'k Townsend, Adjutant-General, State of New York, in relation to leasing armory for the Twenty-second Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 6, 1881.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present a communication from Fred'k Townsend, Major-General and Adjutant-General, State of New York, dated April 5, 1881, informing me that on that day he had approved an application for lease of armory from the commanding officer of the Twenty-second Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y. The lease of this armory, situated on Fourteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, expires on May 1, 1881, and, as advised by the Adjutant-General, I have arranged with the agent of the owner to lease the premises for one year only from that date, at a rent of \$18,000 per annum, which is the value at which they have been appraised.

Believing that said rent for said term is fair and reasonable, I recommend that authority be given to enter into a lease accordingly.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

P. S.—A communication was also received from the Adjutant-General, dated March 28, 1881, advising that no lease of armories should be made for a longer period than one year, in view of probable disbandment and consolidation of military organizations.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease of the premises on Fourteenth street, between the Sixth and Seventh avenues, to be occupied as an armory and drill-rooms by the Twenty-second Regiment, N. G., for the term of one year from May 1, 1881, at the



yearly rent of \$18,000, with the usual covenants and conditions, the lessor to pay taxes and Croton water rents, and keep the building in repair externally, and the Comptroller is authorized to enter into and execute such lease when so prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, as provided by chapter 461, Laws of 1880, and upon compliance with all the requirements of law applicable to the leasing of property for the use of the National Guard, State of New York.

The report was accepted and, on motion, the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, on the application of Jacob Scholle and others for deeds of confirmation, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 31, 1881.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present the petitions, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, of Jacob Scholle and others, for confirmatory deeds of certain lots of land sold at public auction by the Corporation, May 21, 1866, designated as lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, of Plot K, on the map of sale. The said sale was regular, and the terms complied with by the purchasers, and the amount of the purchase money has been paid into the City Treasury, to the credit of the Sinking Fund; but, as alleged, the deeds for said lands from the Corporation were not signed by the then Mayor of the city, and confirmatory deeds are required to cure that alleged defect in the title.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the petitions, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, of Jacob Scholle and others, for confirmatory deeds of certain lots of land described therein sold at public auction by the Corporation on May 21, 1866, and referred to in the report of the Comptroller, be granted and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to prepare such deeds as the facts may warrant and require, and that the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council be authorized and directed to execute such deeds when so prepared and approved by him, and that the Comptroller be authorized to deliver the same, when duly executed and recorded in his office, to said petitioner or his attorney.

The report was accepted and, on motion, the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the application of Johanna Cohn, for a deed of confirmation, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 6, 1881.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—Herewith I present a petition of Johanna Cohn, by her attorney William H. Morrison, for a confirmatory deed of the lots of land sold at a Corporation sale of real estate, May 21, 1866, designated as lots 30, 31, and 32 in plot S, on the map of said sale. The sale was regular and the terms complied with by the purchaser of said lots; the purchase price has been paid in full and the amount deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, as shown by the books of the Finance Department.

It is alleged that the Corporation deed of said lots was not signed by the then Mayor of the City.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the petition of Johanna Cohn for a confirmatory deed of three lots of land described therein, and designated as lots Nos. 30, 31, and 32 in plot "S," on a map of a sale at public auction of real estate made by the Corporation on May 21, 1866, to Ephraim and Samuel Japha, be granted and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to prepare such a deed as the facts may warrant and require, and that the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council be authorized and directed to execute such deed when so prepared and approved by him, and that the Comptroller be authorized to deliver the same, when so executed and recorded in his office, to said petitioner or her attorney.

The report was accepted and, on motion, the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller submitted resolutions of the Board of Police, adopted April 1, 1881, in relation to leasing the (old) Dry Dock Savings Bank building for the use of the Police Department, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller submitted the following report of the sale, March 30, 1881, of ferry franchises in pursuance of resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted March 5, 1881:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 6, 1881.

*To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:*

GENTLEMEN—As authorized by a resolution of the Board adopted March 5, 1881, the leases of franchises along with the wharf property belonging to the city used or required for ferry purposes, of two ferries on the North river, were sold at public auction to the highest bidders, respectively, on March 30, 1881, as follows:

The ferry from the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, North river, to Fort Lee, New Jersey. The lease was sold to Edward H. Coffin, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1881, at the rent of eight per cent. on the gross receipts at the landing in the City of New York.

The ferry from the foot of Forty-second street, North river, to Weehawken, New Jersey. The lease was sold to C. N. Jordan, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1881, at a rent of five per cent. on the gross receipts at the landing in the City of New York.

Leases of said ferries will be made accordingly, as authorized by the resolution above referred to.

No bids were received on the ferry from the foot of Pine street to Hunter's Point, Long Island, and the ferry from Second avenue, Harlem river, to a point at or near the depot of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company offered for sale at the same time.

Respectfully,

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller.

The report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution to fix the terms and conditions of the sale of the franchises of the ferries now operated by the Union Ferry Company, and for the use of the wharf property belonging to the city required for the purposes of said ferries, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby fix the terms and conditions of sale of the franchise of the five ferries on the East river, now run by the Union Ferry Company of the city of Brooklyn, along with the wharf property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, connected with each ferry, and used and required for ferry purposes as follows, to wit:

The Fulton Ferry.—From the foot of Fulton street, New York, to Fulton street, Brooklyn, L. I.

The Wall Street Ferry.—From the foot of Wall street, New York, to Montague street, Brooklyn, L. I.

The Catharine Ferry.—From the foot of Catharine street, New York, to Main street, Brooklyn, L. I.

The South Ferry.—From the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, L. I.

The Hamilton Avenue Ferry.—From the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, L. I.

The franchise of all the above-named ferries will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction, at a percentage rate on the total gross receipts thereof, to be fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and announced at the sale, and also, at the same time, all the wharf property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, used or required for ferry purposes at the landings of said ferries on both sides of the East river, hereinafter described, at an upset price for the yearly rent thereof, to be also fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and announced at the sale.

The franchise or right to run said ferries will be sold, along with the right to the use and occupation of said wharf property, as provided by chapter 498, Laws of 1880, for the term of five years from the first of May, 1881, under one lease to the same purchaser, and upon the following

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

The highest bidder or purchaser will be required to pay, at the time of sale, to the Comptroller, in addition to the fee of the auctioneer, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, which amount shall apply to the rent first becoming due, in case he executes a lease with the covenants therein, as prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, otherwise to be forfeited to the city. He will be required also to furnish an agreement or obligation, to be entered into at the time of the sale, with two good sureties, to this effect: that he will execute a bond with two sureties to be approved by the Comptroller, for the punctual payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and for the faithful performance of the covenants of the lease. No expense whatever is to be incurred by the Corporation for or in connection with the piers, bulkheads, or premises proposed to be leased along with the franchise of said ferries. He will be entitled, together with the said wharf property belonging to the Corporation at said ferry landings, to all the fixtures thereon, including ferry-houses, floats, bridges, racks, and other appendages necessary for ferry purposes, during the time of the lease.

The wharf property belonging to the Corporation to be leased along with the franchise of the ferries, consists of all those bulkheads, slips, and piers now used or required by the Union Ferry Company for ferry purposes, the surface of the piers adjoining the slips for landings being reserved, except so far as may have been required and is now occupied by fences or guards for protection behind the racks or piles, and as shown on maps filed in the office of the Comptroller and in the Department of Docks, comprised under the following general description, namely:

1. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and adjacent Piers Nos. 21 and 22, except the surface, now used and required by the Fulton Ferry for ferry purposes, at the foot of Fulton street, in the City of New York.

2. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and adjacent piers, except the surface, now used and required by the Fulton Ferry, at the foot of Fulton street, in the city of Brooklyn.

3. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and adjacent piers Nos. 34 and 35, except the surface, now used and required for the Catharine Ferry, at the foot of Catharine street, in the City of New York.

4. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and half the adjacent pier on the westerly side of the slip, except the surface, now used and required by the Catharine Ferry, at the foot of Main street, in the city of Brooklyn.

5. All that certain wharf property consisting of one-half the bulkhead and slip, and adjacent Pier No. 15, on the southerly side thereof, except the surface, now used and required by the Wall Street Ferry, at the foot of Wall street, in the City of New York.

6. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and Pier No. 2, northerly side, except the surface and short pier, southerly side, now used and required by the South and the Hamilton avenue ferries, at the foot of Whitehall street, in the City of New York.

The lessee or lessees will be required to dredge the ferry slips and dredge under the platforms to such depth as may be necessary, under the direction of the Department of Docks; and if necessary for the improvement of the water front of the city, as provided by law, the wharf property shall be given up for that purpose, as covenanted in the lease.

The lease shall contain covenants in conformity with the requirements of existing laws relative to ferries belonging to the City of New York, and that the lessee or lessees will conduct and manage such ferries, and each of them, according to the rules, regulations, ordinances, or by-laws as are now or may hereafter be made or passed by the Common Council and the Legislature of the State.

The lease shall also contain a covenant requiring each ferry-boat to have attached to its engine a fire apparatus or force pump, with not less than four hundred feet of hose of the quality and dimensions used by the Fire Department of the City of New York, and to be used for the extinguishment of fires when required by the Chief Engineer or his assistants of the Fire Department of the City of New York, for which service the lessee shall receive \$20 per hour for each hour engaged, and no time to be counted less than one hour.

The rates of ferriage shall not exceed those now charged by the Union Ferry Company.

The right to eject any bid, if deemed to be for the interests of the City of New York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution in relation to the franchises held by the Union Ferry Company, viz.:

Whereas, By virtue of an illegal instrument purporting to be a lease, which was unlawfully entered into on the 22d day of June, 1870, against the public rights and interests, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1871, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the nominal consideration of \$1 per annum, the Union Ferry Company has held and enjoyed the valuable franchise to run five principal ferries across the East river between the City of New York and the city of Brooklyn, for the past ten years, to wit: The Catharine Ferry, the Fulton Ferry, the Wall Street Ferry, the South or Atlantic Avenue Ferry, and the Hamilton Avenue Ferry, together with the exclusive use and occupation of the valuable wharf property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, at the landings of said ferries in both the said City of New York and the city of Brooklyn. The commercial value of which wharf property is at least \$75,000 per annum; and

Whereas, The said Union Ferry Company has held and enjoyed the franchise to run the said ferries and use and occupy the said wharf property under a former lease for the term of ten years prior to May 1, 1871, the consideration of which lease was a moderate and just yearly rent of \$103,000; and

Whereas, The ostensible but wholly insufficient reason assigned for the entire remission and sacrifice of such yearly rent and the substitution thereof of the nominal sum of \$1 rent per annum, was a reduction of the ferriage of foot passengers over said ferries, for and during two hours only in the morning and two hours in the afternoon of each day, from 2 to 1 cent for every foot passenger; and

Whereas, Proceedings were commenced in the Supreme Court, in the year 1876, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, against the said Union Ferry Company, seeking relief that the said pretended lease of certain ferries and their appurtenances, unlawfully entered into in the year 1870, be canceled and the possession of the said ferries be restored to the plaintiff; and

Whereas, At Special Term, April, 1878, judgment was delivered by Judge Van Vorst, declaring that "After a consideration of the arguments and brief of the learned counsel for the defendant, I cannot conclude that the lease can be upheld upon authority. But contrariwise, I think reason, justice, and law is against its validity, and I conclude that there must be judgment for the plaintiff, as demanded in the complaint;" and

Whereas, The said Union Ferry Company has, during the whole of the past term of said lease, received large sums of money daily and yearly from ferriages on said ferries, with great profit thereon, as shown by the official statements of the receipts of the said ferry company for the term of the old lease from May 1, 1861, to May 1, 1871, at a rent of \$103,000 per annum, and for the nine years from May 1, 1871, to May 1, 1880, as follows:

Statement of gross receipts of the Union Ferry Company from May 1, 1861, to May 1, 1871. Two cents fare for foot passengers at all hours of the day.

For the year ending May 1, 1862.....	\$632,925 00
" " " 1863.....	680,783 43
" " " 1864.....	735,531 93
" " " 1865.....	760,328 60
" " " 1866.....	845,510 49
" " " 1867.....	907,407 87
" " " 1868.....	940,968 75
" " " 1869.....	937,671 00
" " " 1870.....	955,910 12
" " " 1871.....	976,218 38

Total for ten years..... \$8,373,255 57

Statement of gross receipts of the Union Ferry Company from May 1, 1871, to May 1, 1880. One cent fare for foot passengers during four hours per day.

For year ending May 1, 1872.....	\$940,871 25
" " " 1873.....	968,556 62
" " " 1874.....	995,679 25
" " " 1875.....	1,022,554 00
" " " 1876.....	994,582 00
" " " 1877.....	961,916 00
" " " 1878.....	969,742 07
" " " 1879.....	979,537 32
" " " 1880.....	1,052,896 27

Total for nine years..... \$8,886,334 78

By an official report dated November 15, 1880, filed according to law, a cash surplus is shown of \$1,025,295.33; and

Whereas, The said Union Ferry Company has heretofore unlawfully withheld from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, possession of said ferries and their appurtenances, and unjustly refused and denied the payment of a just and equitable compensation therefor, thereby inflicting great wrong upon the public rights and injury to the public interests of said city; therefore,

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be respectfully requested to take such immediate steps as may be necessary to prosecute said pending suit and institute such other suits as may be necessary in the name and behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York against said Union Ferry Company, for the restoration of the possession of said ferries and their appurtenances, and a just and equitable compensation for their enjoyment during the past ten years, in order that final judgment shall be obtained at as early a day as possible.

During the discussion of the resolution, the Counsel to the Corporation explained the condition of the suit now pending against the said ferry company.

The Comptroller stated his reasons for submitting the resolution under consideration.

The Mayor suggested that, as negotiations for a settlement with the ferry company were pending, the resolution be laid over for consideration; and that a Committee be appointed to investigate the subject and report; whereupon the Chamberlain moved that the resolution be laid over for consideration, and that the Mayor appoint a Committee to investigate the subject and report, which, on motion, was carried.

The Mayor appointed as such Committee, the Comptroller and Recorder, to confer and co-operate with the Counsel to the Corporation in the pending negotiations for a settlement with the Union Ferry Company.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Secretary.



## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

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

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

**Mayor's Office.**  
No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor; JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk; WILLIAM M. IVINS, Secretary.

## Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
CHARLES REILLY, First Marshal.

## Permit Bureau Office.

No. 13½ City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
HENRY WOLTMAN, Registrar.

## Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
WILLIAM EYLER, Sealer First District; THOMAS BRADY, Sealer Second District; JOHN MURRAY, Inspector First District; JOSEPH SHANNON, Inspector Second District.

## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

**Office of Clerk of Common Council.**  
No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
PATRICK KEENAN, President Board of Aldermen.  
FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

**Commissioner's Office.**  
No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Commissioner; FREDERICK H. HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner.

## Bureau of Water Register.

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

## Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

## Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

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

## Bureau of Streets.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JAMES J. MOONEY, Superintendent.

## Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
ISAAC NEWTON, Chief Engineer.

## Bureau of Street Improvements.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
ORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.

## Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
THOMAS KEECH, Superintendent.

## Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
DANIEL O'REILLY, Water Purveyor.

## Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

JOHN F. SLOPER, City Hall.

## Bureau of Sewers.

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

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

**Comptroller's Office.**  
Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORES, Deputy Comptroller.

## Auditing Bureau.

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

**Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.**

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

**Bureau for the Collection of City Revenues and of Markets.**

No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
THOMAS F. DEVOE, Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.

## Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

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

## Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

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

## Office of the City Paymaster.

Room 1, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
MOOR FALLS, City Paymaster.

## LAW DEPARTMENT.

**Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.**

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
Saturday, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.  
ANDREW T. CAMPBELL, Chief Clerk.

## Office of the Public Administrator.

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

## Office of the Corporation Attorney.

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

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

## Central Office.

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

## DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

## Central Office.

No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.  
JACOB HESS, President; GEORGE F. BRITTON, Secretary.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## Headquarters.

Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.  
VINCENT C. KING, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

## Bureau of Chief of Department.

ELI BATES, Chief of Department.

## Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.

PETER SEERY, Inspector of Combustibles.

## Bureau of Fire Marshal.

GEORGE H. SHELDON, Fire Marshal.

## Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.

WM. P. ESTERBROOK, Inspector of Buildings.  
Office hours, Headquarters and Bureaus, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. (Saturdays to 3 P. M.)

## Fire Alarm Telegraph.

J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph.

## Repair Shops.

Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street.  
JOHN MCCABE, Captain-in-Charge, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

## Hospital Stables.

No. 109 Christie street.  
DEREDICK G. GALE, Superintendent of Horses.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

## Civil and Topographical Office.

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

## DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 11 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

## DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; ALBERT STORER, Secretary.

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, City Hall, Room No. 11½, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
JOHN R. LYDECKER, Chairman; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

## BOARD OF EXCISE.

Corner Mulberry and Houston streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WILLIAM P. MITCHELL, President; ANTHONY HARTMAN, Chief Clerk.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
PETER BOWE, Sheriff; JOEL O. STEVENS, Under Sheriff.

## REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
AUGUSTUS T. DOCHARTY, Register; J. FAIRFAX MC LAUGHLIN, Deputy Register.

## COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

No. 1 County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WM. PITT SHEARMAN, JOHN W. BARROW.

## COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

No. 17 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
THOMAS DUNLAP, Commissioner; ALFRED J. KEEGAN, Deputy Commissioner.

## COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
WILLIAM A. BUTLER, County Clerk; J. HENRY FORD, Deputy County Clerk.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Second floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park  
9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
DANIEL G. ROLLINS, District Attorney; B. B. FOSTER, Chief Clerk.

## THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.

And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books  
No. 2 City Hall, 8 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

## JURORS.

## NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,  
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,  
NEW YORK, July 1, 1880.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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

## BERNARD KENNEY,

## JOSEPH P. STRACK,

## HENRY C. PERLEY,

## THOMAS SHELLS,

## JAMES L. WELLS,

## Committee on Public Works.

## DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,  
Nos. 117 and 119 DUANE STREET,  
NEW YORK, April 11, 1881.

## TO CONTRACTORS.

(No. 131.)

**PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES FOR PREPARING FOR AND BUILDING A NEW WOODEN PIER AT THE FOOT OF WEST FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET, NORTH RIVER.**

**ESTIMATES FOR PREPARING FOR AND** building a new Wooden Pier at the foot of West Fifty-eighth street, North river, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Docks, at the office of said Department, Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, in the City of New York, until 12 o'clock M., of

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1881,

at which time and place the estimates will be publicly opened by the head of said Department. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any person making an estimate for the work shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates. The bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantities, and extent of the work is as follows:

1. Yellow Pine Timber—	
12" x 12", ... 78,378 feet, B. M., measured in the work.	
8" x 12", ... 448 "	
8" plank, ... 528 "	
6" x 12", ... 4,932 "	
6" plank, ... 4,320 "	
8" x 8", ... 5,696 "	
7" x 8", ... 210 "	
5" plank, ... 116,775 "	
5" x 10", ... 13,230 "	
4" x 10", ... 667 "	
Total, ... 225,184 "	

2. White Oak Timber—  
8" x 12", ... 7,952 feet, B. M., measured in the work.

NOTE.—The above quantities are exclusive of extra lengths required for scarps, laps, etc., and of waste.

3. White Pine, Yellow Pine, Cypress or Spruce Piles. 414  
(It is expected that the vertical piles will be from 55 to 75 feet in length, and the bracing piles from 70 to 85 feet in length, but all of them must be of sufficient length to comply with the specifications for the work, as set forth in the approved form of contract.)

4. Yellow or White Pine mooring posts, ... 14

5. 7/8" x 22", 3/4" x 12", 3/4" x 18", 3/4" x 16", 3/4" x 12", and 1/2" x 10" square, and 3/4" x 12", 5/8" x 15", 5/8" x 14", round wrought-iron spike-pointed bolts, about, ... 17,475 pounds.

6. Boiler-plate armatures and wrought-iron corner bands, about, ... 7,214 "

7. 1 1/2", 1", and 3/4" wrought-iron screw bolts, about, ... 5,464 "

8. Cast-iron washers for 1 1/2", 1", and 3/4" screw bolts, about, ... 3,685 "

9. Labor of framing and carpentry, including all moving of timber, jointing, planing, bolting, spiking, painting, oiling or tarring, and furnishing the materials for painting, oiling or tarring, and labor of every description, for an area of about 18,390 square feet of pier.

N. B.—As the above-mentioned quantities, though stated with as much accuracy as is possible, in advance, are approximate only, bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves, by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not, at any time after the submission of an estimate, dispute or complain of the above statement of quantities, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Docks, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract and the plans therein referred to. No extra compensation beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed, at the price therefor to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work to be done under the contract is to be commenced within five days after the date of the contract, and the entire work is to be fully completed on or before the 1st day of August, 1881, 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 thereof has expired, Sundays and holidays not to be excepted, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at Fifty Dollars per day.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price for the whole of the work to be done in conformity with the approved form of contract 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. Should the lowest bidder or bidders neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice the same has been awarded to his or their bid or estimate, or if, after acceptance, he or they shall refuse or neglect to execute the contract and give the proper security for forty-eight (48) hours after notice that the same is ready for execution, 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 is 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 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, on 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 on 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 is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York, after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

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.

HENRY F. DIMOCK,

JACOB VANDERPOEL,

WILLIAM LAMBEER,

Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

Dated New York, April 11, 1881.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

## TO CONTRACTORS.

## PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

**ESTIMATES FOR THE FOLLOWING-NAMED** Works, viz:

1. The work and material required in the erection of a one-story quarantine pavilion on Randall's Island.  
2. The slating and tinning required for the one-story quarantine pavilion on Randall's Island.  
3. The mason work and material required in the erection of the east wing for Insane Asylum on Ward's Island.  
4. The cut stone and setting required in the erection of east wing for Insane Asylum on Ward's Island.  
5. The carpenter work and materials required in the erection of the east wing for Insane Asylum on Ward's Island.

6. The iron and wire work required in the erection of east wing for Insane Asylum on Ward's Island.

7. The slating and tinning required in the erection of east wing for Insane Asylum on Ward's Island.

8. The work and material required in the erection of a one-story pavilion at Alms-house on Blackwell's Island.

9. The slating and tinning required for the one-story pavilion at Alms-house, Blackwell's Island.

10. The mason work, iron work, carpenter work, and materials required in the alterations and additions to be made to engine-house, kitchen, and laundry at Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island.

11. The slating and tinning required for the alterations and additions to be made to engine-house, kitchen, and laundry at Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island;

—will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, at the office of said Department, No. 66 Third avenue, in the City of New York, until 5:30 o'clock, A. M., of Thursday, the 21st day of April, 1881, at which place and time the bids will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read. The award of the contracts, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any person making an estimate for the works shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates. The amount of security required in each of the above-named works is as follows, viz:

1. Of the work and material required in the erection of a one-story quarantine pavilion on Randall's Island, six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00).

2. Of slating and tinning required for the one-story quarantine pavilion on Randall's Island, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).

3. Of the mason work and material required in the erection of the east wing for Insane Asylum on Ward's Island, fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).

4. Of the cut stone and setting required in the erection of east wing for Insane Asylum on Ward's Island, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).







## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
36 UNION SQUARE,  
March 11, 1881.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAP or plan showing a revised system of streets and avenues in that portion of West Morrisania included within the Morrisania District, and bounded by the New York & Harlem and Spuyten Duyvil & Port Morris Railroads, One Hundred and Sixty-first street and Cromwell avenue, will be on exhibition at the office of the Topographical Engineer of the Department of Public Parks, at the Arsenal building in the Central Park, for two weeks from and after this date, for the purpose of allowing persons interested to examine the same and file their objections in writing before it is finally acted upon by the Department of Public Parks.

By order of the Department of Public Parks.

E. P. BARKER,  
Secretary.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,  
NEW YORK, April 12, 1881.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the following described property of this Department will be sold at public auction by Van Tassel & Kearney, auctioneers, at the stables of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, foot of East Seventeenth street, E. R., on Saturday, April 23, 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M., viz:

Twenty-five Horses.  
Lot of Rope.  
Lot of Scrap Iron.  
By order of the Board.

S. C. HAWLEY,  
Chief Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,  
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,  
(Room No. 39), No. 300 MULBERRY STREET,  
NEW YORK, April 8, 1881.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York (Room No. 39), 300 Mulberry street, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Revolvers, clothing (male and female), watches, bags, mineral water, shoes, cloth, blankets, trunks and contents, carpet, hand-carts, wire, tomatoes, Anis oil, locket and chain, lot silver-plated ware, etc.; also small amount of money taken from prisoners and found by Patrolmen of the Department.

C. A. ST. JOHN,  
Property Clerk.

## THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICE OF THE CITY RECORD,  
No. 2 CITY HALL.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE BUSINESS OF THE CITY RECORD office will be transacted at Room No. 4, City Hall, northeast corner.

THOMAS COSTIGAN,  
Supervisor.

## ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT A MEETING of the Commissioners under the act, chapter 550 of the Laws of 1880, entitled "An act relating to certain assessments for local improvements in the City of New York," passed June 9, 1880, will be held at their office, No. 27 Chambers street, on Tuesday, April 12, 1881, at 2 o'clock P. M.

EDWARD COOPER,  
JOHN KELLY,  
ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
GEORGE H. ANDREWS,  
DANIEL LORD, JR.,  
Commissioners under the Act.

JAMES J. MARTIN,  
Clerk.

THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY CHAPTER 550 of the Laws of 1880, to revise, vacate, or modify assessments for local improvements in the City of New York, give notice to all persons affected thereby that the notices required by the said act must be filed with the Comptroller of said city and a duplicate thereof with the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows:

First. As to all assessments confirmed subsequent to June 9, 1880, for local improvements theretofore completed, and as to any assessment for local improvements known as Morningstar avenues, notices must be filed within two months after the dates upon which such assessments may be respectively confirmed.

Second. In cases in which proceedings or actions have been commenced to vacate or set aside any assessment confirmed prior to June 9, 1880, or any assessment confirmed subsequent to June 9, 1880, for a local improvement theretofore completed, notices must be filed on or before May 1, 1881.

The notice must specify the particular assessment complained of, the date of the confirmation of the same, the property affected thereby, and in a brief and concise manner the objections thereto, showing, or tending to show, that the assessment was unfair or unjust in respect to said real estate.

Dated, No. 27 CHAMBERS STREET, March 24, 1881.

EDWARD COOPER,  
JOHN KELLY,  
ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
GEORGE H. ANDREWS,  
DANIEL LORD, JR.,  
Commissioners under the Act.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

SALE OF THE FRANCHISE OF THE FULTON AND OTHER FERRIES FROM NEW YORK TO BROOKLYN, LONG ISLAND.

THE FRANCHISE TO RUN THE FOLLOWING Ferries from the City of New York to the City of Brooklyn, along with a lease of the wharf property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, used or required for the purposes of such ferries, on both sides of the East river, will be sold to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the office of the Comptroller, on Thursday, April 14, 1881, for the term of five years from the first day of May, 1881, and on such terms and conditions as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall hereafter determine and prescribe, to be published on or before March 31, 1881, as follows:

The Fulton Ferry.—From the foot of Fulton street, New York, to Fulton street, Brooklyn, L. I.  
The Wall Street Ferry.—From the foot of Wall street, New York, to Montague street, Brooklyn, L. I.  
The Catharine Ferry.—From the foot of Catharine street, New York, to Main street, Brooklyn, L. I.  
The South Ferry.—From the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, L. I.

The Hamilton Avenue Ferry.—From the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, L. I.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.  
ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 19, 1881.

The terms and conditions of sale were fixed by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted April 6, 1881, as follows:

The franchise of all the above-named ferries will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction, at a percentage rate on the total gross receipts thereof, to be fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and announced at the sale, and also, at the same time, all the wharf property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, used or required for ferry purposes, at the landings of said ferries on both sides of the East river, hereinafter described, at an upset price for the yearly rent thereof, to be also fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and announced at the sale.

The franchise or right to run said ferries will be sold, along with the right to the use and occupation of said wharf property, as provided by chapter 498, Laws of 1880, for the term of five years from the first day of May, 1881, under one lease to the same purchaser, and upon the following

## CONDITIONS OF SALE.

The highest bidder or purchaser will be required to pay, at the time of sale, to the Comptroller, in addition to the fee of the auctioneer, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, which amount shall apply to the rent first becoming due, in case he executes a lease with the covenants therein, as prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, otherwise to be forfeited to the city. He will be required also to furnish an agreement, or obligation, to be entered into at the time of the sale, with two good sureties, to this effect: that he will execute a bond with two sureties to be approved by the Comptroller, for the punctual payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and for the faithful performance of the covenants of the lease. No expense whatever is to be incurred by the Corporation for or in connection with the piers, bulkheads, or premises proposed to be leased along with the franchise of said ferries. He will be entitled, together with the said wharf property belonging to the Corporation at said ferry landings, to all the fixtures thereon, including ferry-houses, floats, bridges, racks, and other appendages necessary for ferry purposes, during the time of the lease.

The wharf property belonging to the Corporation to be leased along with the franchise of the ferries, consists of all those bulkheads, slips, and piers now used or required by the Union Ferry Company for ferry purposes, the surface of the piers adjoining the slips for landings being reserved, except so far as may have been required and is now occupied by fences or guards for protection behind the racks or piles, and as shown on maps filed in the office of the Comptroller, and in the Department of Docks, comprised under the following general description, namely:

1. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and adjacent piers Nos. 21 and 22, except the surface, now used and required by the Fulton Ferry for ferry purposes, at the foot of Fulton street, in the City of New York.
2. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and adjacent piers Nos. 24 and 25, except the surface, now used and required for the Catharine Ferry, at the foot of Catharine street, in the City of New York.
3. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and half the adjacent pier on the westerly side of the slip, except the surface, now used and required by the Catharine Ferry, at the foot of Main street, in the City of Brooklyn.
4. All that certain wharf property consisting of one-half the bulkhead and slip, and adjacent pier No. 15, on the southerly side thereof, except the surface, now used and required by the Wall Street Ferry, at the foot of Wall street, in the City of New York.
5. All that certain wharf property consisting of bulkheads, slips, and pier No. 2, northerly side, except the surface and short pier, southerly side, now used and required by the South and the Hamilton Avenue Ferries, at the foot of Whitehall street, in the City of New York.

The lessee or lessees will be required to dredge the ferry slips and dredge under the platforms to such depth as may be necessary, under the direction of the Department of Docks; and if necessary for the improvement of the water front of the city, as provided by law, the wharf property shall be given up for that purpose, as covenanted in the lease.

The lease shall contain covenants in conformity with the requirements of existing laws relative to ferries belonging to the City of New York, and that the lessee or lessees will conduct and manage such ferries, and each of them, according to the rules, regulations, ordinances, or by-laws as are now or may hereafter be made or passed by the Common Council and the Legislature of the State.

The lease shall also contain a covenant requiring each ferry-boat to have attached to its engine a fire apparatus of the quality and dimensions used by the Fire Department of the City of New York, and to be used for the extinguishment of fires when required by the Chief Engineer or his assistants of the Fire Department of the City of New York, for which service the lessee shall receive \$20 per hour for each hour engaged, and no time to be counted less than one hour.

The rates of ferriage shall not exceed those now charged by the Union Ferry Company.

The right to reject any bid, if deemed to be for the interests of the City of New York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Comptroller.  
CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 8, 1881.

## INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City and County of New York, due May 1, 1881, will be paid on Monday, May 2, 1881, by the Comptroller, at his office in the New Court-house.

The transfer-books will be closed from March 31, 1881, to May 2, 1881.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, March 23, 1881.

## WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

CORPORATION SALE OF LEASES OF MARKET CELLARS AND OTHER PREMISES AT PUBLIC AUCTION, TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1881.

THE LEASES OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED property, belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller, New County Court-house, on the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed, at 11 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, April 12, 1881, viz:

LEASES FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS FROM MAY 1, 1881.

Centre Market.—Cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.  
Essex Market.—Cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.  
Old Catharine Fish Market.  
Governor's Market.—Building and cellar.

LEASES FOR THE TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM MAY 1, 1881.

Franklin Market.—Cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Front part of first floor.

Centre part of first floor.

Balance of first floor.

Second floor.

Building and lot No. 1146 Third avenue, corner of Sixty-seventh street.

Building and lot, south half of No. 1148 Third avenue.

Building and lot, north half of No. 1148 Third avenue.

Building and lot, No. 1150 Third avenue.

Building and lot, south half of No. 1152 Third avenue.

Building and lot, north half of No. 1152 Third avenue.

Building and lot, north half of No. 1154 Third avenue.

Building and lot, south half of No. 1154 Third avenue.

Building and lot, north half of No. 1156 Third avenue.

Building and lot, No. 1158 Third avenue.

Building and lot, No. 1160 Third avenue, corner Sixty-eighth street.

Two upper floors of building No. 5 Duane street.

Building and lots Nos. 186 and 188 South Fifth avenue.

Vacant lot, northwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Twelfth avenue.

—in accordance with the following

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel, to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale, and the successful bidder will be required at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent; or the same will be forfeited, if the said successful bidder does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by any person failing to comply with the terms of sale; and the person so failing to comply shall be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person shall be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation, as provided by section 99 of the Charter of 1873.

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the city during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarterly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 19, 1881.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF UNPAID TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, AND CROTON WATER RENTS.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK hereby gives notice to owners of real and personal estate in this city, that all unpaid taxes, assessments, and Croton water rents may now be paid with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, as provided by chapter 33 of the Laws of 1881, which is as follows:

## CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT relative to the collection of taxes and assessments, and of arrears of taxes and assessments, and Croton water rents, in the City of New York.

(Passed March 16, 1881; three-fifths being present.)

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

Section 1. If any taxes of any year shall remain unpaid on the first day of November, after the assessment-rolls and the warrants to collect such taxes have been delivered to the Receiver of Taxes in the City of New York, it shall be the duty of said Receiver to give public notice, by advertisement for at least ten days in two of the daily newspapers, and in the CITY RECORD, printed and published in said city, respectively, that unless the same shall be paid to him at his office on or before the first day of December, in any such year, he will immediately thereafter proceed to collect such unpaid taxes, as provided in the following section of this act:

Section 2. If any such tax shall remain unpaid on the said first day of December, it shall be the duty of the said Receiver of Taxes in said city to charge, receive, and collect upon such tax so remaining unpaid on that day, in addition to the amount of such tax, one per cent. on the amount thereof; and to charge, receive, and collect upon such tax so remaining unpaid on the first day of January thereafter, interest upon the amount thereof at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from the day on which said assessment-rolls and warrants shall have been delivered to the said Receiver of Taxes to the date of payment.

The same rate of interest shall be so charged and collected upon any tax levied in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, remaining unpaid at the date of the passage of this act.

Section 3. All existing provisions of law which impose a charge and require the collection of interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum upon arrears of taxes on real and personal estate within the City of New York, upon arrears of assessments for local improvements and street openings in said city, and upon arrears of Croton water rents in said city, are hereby repealed; and in lieu of such charge of interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, there shall be charged and collected by the officer authorized to collect and receive any such arrears of taxes and assessments and Croton water rents, interest upon the amount thereof at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated for the same period as interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum is now required by law to be calculated thereon. This provision shall apply to taxes, assessments, or Croton water rents remaining unpaid and due, for the non-payment of which the lands and tenements liable therefor shall be hereafter sold at public auction as now provided by law; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the rights of purchasers at sales for taxes, assessments, or Croton water rents, heretofore made, or to authorize the redemption of lands and tenements from sales heretofore made for any lesser sums than the sums collectible for such redemption under the provisions of existing laws.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the City of New York to give public notice, by advertisement, for at least ten days, in the CITY RECORD, printed and published in said city, immediately after the confirmation of any assessment for a local improvement or street opening in said city, that the same has been confirmed specifying the title of such assessment and the date of its confirmation by the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments in proceedings for local improvements, and by the Supreme Court in proceedings for street openings, and also the date of entry in the record of titles of assessments kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Croton water rents, notifying all persons, owners of property affected by any such assessment, that, unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of any such assessment, interest shall thereafter be collected thereon as provided in the following section of this act, and all provisions of law or ordinance requiring any other or different notice of assessments and interest thereon are hereby repealed.

Section 5. If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof

in the said record of titles of assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive legal interest thereon, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment.

Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 18, 1881.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
AND OF ARREARS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, AND OF WATER RENTS,  
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,  
NEW YORK, February 1, 1881.

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment list was received by the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, January 29, 1881, for collection:

CONFIRMED JANUARY 25, 1881, AND ENTERED JANUARY 29, 1881, NAMELY:

153d street, opening, from the easterly line of the New Avenue lying between 8th and 9th avenues, to the Harlem river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before March 30, 1881, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

The above assessments are payable at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M.

A. S. CADY,  
Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

ORDER OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CONSOLIDATING CERTAIN BUREAUX IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 3 OF CHAPTER 521 OF THE LAWS OF 1880, requires that heads of departments shall reduce the aggregate expenses of their respective departments by a reduction of salaries, and confers upon them authority to consolidate bureaux and offices for that purpose, as follows, to wit:

"In making the reduction herein required, every head of department may abolish and consolidate offices and 'bureaux,' and discharge subordinates in the same 'department.'"

The Comptroller of the City of New York, in pursuance of the duty imposed and the authority thus conferred upon him, hereby orders and directs that the following Bureaux in the Finance Department shall be consolidated, the consolidation thereof to take effect on the first day of January, 1881, viz:

First—"The Bureau or the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," shall be consolidated as one bureau, and on and after January 1, 1881, shall be known as "The Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," and possess all the power conferred and perform all the duties imposed by law and ordinance upon both of said bureaux, and the officers thereof, the chief officer of which consolidated bureau shall be called "Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears."

Second—"The Bureau for the Collection of the Revenue accruing from rents, and interest on bonds and mortgages, revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the city," and "the Bureau of Markets," shall be consolidated as one Bureau, and on and after January 1, 1881, shall be known as "The Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets," and possess all the powers conferred and perform all the duties imposed by law and ordinance upon both of said bureaux, and the officers thereof; the chief officer of which said consolidated Bureau shall be called "Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets."

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 31, 1880.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, January 22, 1880.

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

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

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

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

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Comptroller.

## REAL ESTATE RECORDS.

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

Grantors, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriffs' sales, in 6v 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, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house."

ALLAN CAMPBELL,  
Comptroller.

## CORPORATION NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES to property by reason of closing the Kingsbridge road are requested to present their claims, with their title deeds, at the earliest possible day, as the Board of Assessors are engaged in the consideration of all claims of damage by closing said road.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,  
EDWARD NORTH,  
DANIEL STANBURY,  
SAMUEL CONOVER,  
Board of Assessors

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
No. 11½ CITY HALL,  
NEW YORK, April 1, 1881.