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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of transactions of the Finance Department for the week ending December 9, 1882:

| <i>Deposits in the Treasury.</i> | |
|---|--------------|
| To the Credit of the Sinking Fund | \$187,798 64 |
| City Treasury | 618,143 53 |
| Total | \$805,942 17 |
| <i>Bonds Issued.</i> | |
| Four per cent. Bonds | \$50,000 00 |
| <i>Warrants Registered and Ready for Payment.</i> | |
| Aqueduct—Repairs, Maintenance, and Strengthening | 10,745 13 |
| Armories and Drill Rooms | 810 00 |
| Assessment Commission—Expenses of | 416 65 |
| Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, Maintenance of | 2,551 07 |
| Bronx River Bridges | 5 75 |
| Contingencies—Comptroller's Office | 100 49 |
| " Clerk of the Common Council | 75 00 |
| " Department of Public Works | 118 20 |
| " Department of Taxes and Assessment | 423 45 |
| " District Attorney's Office | 123 30 |
| " Law Department | 801 64 |
| " Mayor's Office | 318 32 |
| College of the City of New York | 8,734 95 |
| Central Park—Transverse Roads | 394 83 |
| Coroners' Salaries and Expenses | 1,003 00 |
| Cleaning Streets—Department of Street Cleaning | 8,676 53 |
| Cleaning Markets | 1,785 29 |
| Construction of Bridge over Harlem River | 312 17 |
| Croton Water Fund | 11,984 05 |
| Croton Water Rent—Refunding Account | 93 50 |
| Dock Fund | 6,539 00 |
| Election Expenses | 1,506 36 |
| Entrances into Central Park | 23 04 |
| Flagging Sidewalks | 65 00 |
| Foundling Asylum | 19,555 76 |
| For Laying New Walks, etc. | 160 97 |
| For Surveys, Maps, and Plans, etc. | 422 07 |
| For Test of Appliances, etc. | 1,085 60 |
| Fire Department Fund | 5,011 76 |
| Fulton Market—Alterations, etc. | 104 00 |
| Gansevoort Market | 126 00 |
| Harlem River Bridges—Repairs, etc. | 327 08 |
| Health Fund | 166 67 |
| Hospital Fund | 102 40 |
| Interest on the City Debt | 12,739 43 |
| Judgments | 1,862 87 |
| Jurors' Fees | 4,000 00 |
| Lamps and Gas, and Electric Lighting | 2,196 90 |
| Laying Croton Pipes | 12,006 40 |
| Maintenance—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards | 931 94 |
| Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places | 16,167 97 |
| Manhattan Square, Improvement of | 953 79 |
| Morningside Park Improvement Fund | 250 00 |
| New York State Homoeopathic Asylum for Insane | 544 91 |
| Prevention of Dangers, etc. | 311 16 |
| Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books | 711 99 |
| Public Buildings—Construction and Repairs | 1,278 43 |
| " Charities and Correction | 1,490 00 |
| " Drinking Hydrants | 503 03 |
| " Instruction | 253,554 52 |
| Publication of the CITY RECORD | 303 05 |
| Removing Obstructions in Streets and Avenues | 246 00 |
| Repairs and Renewal of Pavements and Regrading | 3,725 47 |
| Repairs and Renewal of Pipes, Stop-cocks, etc. | 2,735 58 |
| Refunding Taxes Paid in Error | 558 74 |
| Revenue Bonds of 1882 | 170,200 00 |
| Restoring and Repairing—Special Fund—Department of Public Works | 951 25 |
| Roads, Streets and Avenues—Unpaved | 1,350 25 |
| Riverside Park and Avenue | 688 83 |
| Salaries—City Courts | 3,084 65 |
| " Department of Public Works | 2,012 84 |
| " Finance Department | 3,027 00 |
| " Judiciary | 1,000 00 |
| Sewers and Drains | 509 99 |
| " —Repairing and Cleaning | 4,433 91 |
| Street Improvements—For Surveys, Maps, etc. | 150 00 |
| Street Improvements authorized, etc., after June 9, 1880 | 35,384 82 |
| Street Improvements above Fifty-ninth street, June 9, 1880 | 425 00 |
| Street Improvement Fund—June 9, 1880 | 292 75 |
| Street Improvement Fund—Riverside Avenue, etc. | 10,003 33 |
| Sheriff's Fees | 24 80 |
| Support of Prisoners in County Jail | 890 17 |
| Surveys, Maps, Plans, etc. | 379 10 |
| Surveying, Laying Out, etc. | 1,053 64 |
| Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices | 892 33 |
| The Association for Befriending Children and Young Girls | 711 14 |
| Third Avenue, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards | 129 84 |
| Union Home and School | 1,375 00 |
| Water Supply for Twenty-fourth Ward | 165 00 |
| Wells and Pumps—Repairs and Cleaning | 54 25 |
| Total | \$640,986 40 |

SUITS, ORDERS OF COURT, JUDGMENTS, ETC.

| COURT. | NAME OF PLAINTIFF. | AMOUNT. | NATURE OF ACTION. | ATTORNEY. |
|--------------|--|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| Com. Pleas | Wm. Langfeld | \$500 00 | For personal injuries received from being thrown from a wagon in Thirteenth street, between Avenue A and First avenue, on October 6, 1882, in consequence of obstruction in said street | H. Tompkins. |
| Supreme.. | Nicholas Langdon.... | 1,100 00 | For salary as Inspector to Board of Excise, from December 15, 1881, to June 15, 1882. | E. Sandford. |
| Com. Plea | The Mechanics and Traders' National Bank | 2,548 15 and 338 12 | Transcript of judgment | T. J. McKee. |
| " | M. Redding, ex'r, etc. | 50 00 | For payment of amount awarded for damages to property, Ward No. 21, Block 1173, by reason of change of grade of One Hundred and Thirty-first street, from Tenth avenue to Boulevard | J. Deering. |
| Supr. me.. | Gouverneur Morris.... | ..... | For payment of awards made by Nos. 51, 57, and 58, 62 to 64, 67, 68, 71, 73, and 74, and No. 80, in matter of opening Webster ave. | W. S. Smith. |
| Superior.. | Chas. W. Brandt | 404 09 | Transcript of judgment | C. P. Miller. |
| Supreme.. | Gouverneur Morris.... | 671 00 | For payment into court of awards made to unknown owners in matter of opening Boston road on Nos. 53½ and 54½, and notice of motion | W. S. Smith. |
| U. S. C. Ct. | The Manhattan Railway Co. vs. The Mayor, etc. .... | ..... | Complaint and order to show cause and injunction restraining the collection of taxes imposed upon stock and personal property of plaintiffs for 1880, 1881, and 1882, and upon structures for years 1879 to 1882, etc. | Deyo, Duer & B. |
| Com. Plea | John Vandenberg | 200 00 and 118 74 | For salary during May and June, 1879, as an employee, Department of Buildings | L. J. Morrison. |
| Supreme.. | Richard Sullivan.... | 1,099 99 | Also for balance of salary due from July 1, to December 31, 1879 | E. Sandford. |
| Com. Pleas | The Mechanics and Traders' National Bank vs. The Mayor etc. | 2,548 15 and 338 12 | Salaries as Inspector in Board of Excise, from December 15, 1880, to May 1, 1882 | T. J. McKee. |
| " | George C. Morris vs. The Mayor, etc. .... | ..... | Notices of judgment | J. A. Deering. |
| " | Thomas Brady ..... | ..... | Agreement to pay certain costs and damages | |
| " | ..... | ..... | For amount awarded by No. 48, Block 1172, in matter of regulating, etc., One Hundred and Thirty-first street, from Tenth avenue to Boulevard | |
| Ass. Com. | Chas. F. Hunter, ex'r. .... | ..... | Certificates of Commissioners reducing assessments, as follows: | |
| " | J. R. Smith ..... | ..... | For Boulevard grading, etc., and superstructure, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street | |
| " | Mary E. Dickson ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Wm. C. Hunter ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | S. L. Mayer, trustee ..... | ..... | For Sixth avenue macadamizing, from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river | |
| " | Ella Francke et al. .... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Sarah Piser ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Mary C. Farr ..... | ..... | For Seventh avenue macadamizing, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river | |
| " | Caroline C. Bishop ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | John Parr ..... | ..... | For Seventh avenue regulating, grading, etc., from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river | |
| " | John Parr ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Caroline C. Bishop ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Mary C. Farr ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | John Parr ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Ella Francke et al. .... | ..... | For Sixth avenue sewers, from One Hundred and Twenty-ninth to One Hundred and Forty-seventh street | |
| " | George Booth et al., trustees ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | John Parr ..... | ..... | For Seventh avenue sewer, One Hundred and Twenty-first to One Hundred and Thirty-seventh street | |
| " | Sarah Piser ..... | ..... | For Seventh avenue sewers, from One Hundred and Sixteenth to One Hundred and Twenty-third street | |
| " | John Townsend ..... | ..... | For Second avenue paving, Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street | |
| " | Max Weil ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | J. J. Bradley, ex'r ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | J. J. Nesmith ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Eliza M. Bailey ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Joseph P. Quinn ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Geo. W. Poillon et al. .... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Samuel Cohen ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Fanny A. Haven, guardian ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Estate Geo. H. Peck and ano ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | T. L. Chester ..... | ..... | For Boulevard regulating, grading, etc., and superstructure, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street | |
| " | E. Morrison ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | The Manhattan Savings Institution ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | J. N. Hazard, trustee ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Estate R. C. Sage ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Catharine M. Raymond ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Wm. Garrett ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Miles Beach ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | A. R. Van Nest ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Elizabeth Treacy ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | D. Campbell and ano ..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Moses Sahlein | | | |

| COURT. | NAME OF PLAINTIFF. | AMOUNT. | NATURE OF ACTION. | ATTORNEY. |
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| Ass. Com. | Mary G. Pinckney... | | | |
| " | J. M. Conway..... | | | |
| " | Elizabeth M. Dunlap..... | | | |
| " | Sarah J. Pierson..... | | | |
| " | Catharine A. Palmer..... | | | |
| " | Rachel T. Whitehead..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Henry Day, ex'r..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | John T. McGowan..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Jas. M. Varum, ex'r..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Joseph Bell..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Bank of the Metropolis..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | R. & C. Arkenburgh..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | E. C. Delavan..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | M. M. Kellogg..... | ..... | For Boulevard regulating, grading, etc., and superstructure, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street..... | |
| " | H. C. Ogden..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Samuel G. Jelliffe..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | O. B. Potter..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | H. Neustadter, ex'r..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | S. Loeb..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | German Savings Bank..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | E. H. Munson..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | H. Draper..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | George R. Foring..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | G. K. Sheridan..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Fernando Wood..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | A. H. Lowery..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Julian T. Davies..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Adam Wagner and ano..... | ..... | For Seventy-fifth street regulating, grading, etc., Fifth avenue to East river..... | |
| " | Augustus E. Isham..... | ..... | For Ninetieth street regulating, grading, etc., Eighth avenue to Tenth avenue..... | |
| " | Chester A. Arthur..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Hickson W. Field (5)..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | John McKesson and ano..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Claiborne Ferris..... | ..... | For Boulevard regulating, grading, etc., and superstructure, from Fifty-fifth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street..... | |
| " | Joseph Howland..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | George Jones..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | George W. Carleton..... | ..... |  |  |
| " | Sam'l M. Cohen, ex'r..... | ..... |  |  |

CONTRACTS REGISTERED FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 9, 1882.

| NO. | DATE OF CONTRACT. | DEPARTMENT. | NAMES OF CONTRACTORS. | DESCRIPTION OF WORK. |
|------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 5910 | Oct. 19, 1882 | Public Instruction..... | John J. Bowes & Bro..... | Iron stairs in Primary School Building No. 25, Ward 8. Total, \$800. |
| 5911 | Nov. 23, " | Public Works..... | Patrick Larney, Special..... | Flagging sidewalks on north side of Thirtieth street, from Avenue D to Avenue C. Estimate, \$573.46. |
| 5912 | " 23, " | " | " | Fencing vacant lots on the west side of Fourth avenue, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Fifth streets. Estimate, \$36.04. |
| 5913 | " 23, " | " | " | Fencing vacant lots on both sides of Eighth-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard. Estimate, \$639.20. |
| 5914 | " 27, " | " | Patrick Reilly..... | Sewer in Tenth avenue, between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets. Estimate, \$3,350. |
| 5915 | " 27, " | " | " | Receiving basins at southeast and southwest corners of One Hundred and Forty-second, One Hundred and Forty-third, and One Hundred and Forty-fourth streets and Eighth avenue. Estimate, \$695.50. |
| 5916 | " 27, " | " | " | Receiving basins in First avenue, between Ninety-ninth and One Hundred and Ninth streets. Estimate, \$3,171. |

CLAIMS FILED.

| NAME OF PLAINTIFF. | AMOUNT. | NATURE OF ACTION. | ATTORNEY. |
|--|------------|--|------------------|
| A. R. Phylle and other property owners..... | ..... | In matter of widening Broadway, from Thirty-second to Fifty-ninth street, as to settlement and adjustment of claims on account of assessment for said improvement..... | John C. Shaw. |
| Wm. M. Brower and other property owners..... | ..... | In matter of opening Riverside Park, as to the settlement and adjustment of claims on account of assessment for said improvement..... | " |
| Sam'l M. Purdy and others, executors..... | \$1,632 00 | For award made in matter of opening Boston road, Lot No. 241..... | G. D. W. Clocke. |
| C. H. Schmidt..... | 610 57 | For award made in opening Webster avenue, Map No. 34..... | W. S. Smith. |
| Andrew C. Young..... | 2,572 22 | For award made in matter of opening Webster avenue, Map No. 14..... | " |
| Patrick Singleton..... | 3,000 00 | For personal injuries received from being thrown from wagon while driving on Jerome avenue, between Bresner and Anderson avenues on November 1, 1882, caused by excavation in roadway, also for injuries to horse..... | R. H. Racey. |

Approval of Sureties.

The Comptroller approved of the adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties to the following proposals:

December 5. For constructing sewer in Thompson street, between West Third and West Fourth streets.

Cornelius Smith, Tenth avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets, Principal.

C. C. Ellis, 443 Ninth avenue, } Sureties.
Jno. Nesbit, 213 Lexington avenue, }

December 5. For constructing sewer in Seventy-third street, between First avenue and Avenue A.

J. D. Miner, 225 West Forty-second street, Principal.

Thos. Regan, 858 Third avenue, } Sureties.
Michael Finn, 2 Sutton place, }

December 5. For repairing pier and bulkhead at foot of Twenty-third street, East river.

Flaherty and O'Connell, 41 Peck Slip, Principals.

A. J. Murray, 344 West street, } Sureties.
Thos. F. White, 41 Peck Slip, }

December 5. For repairing bulkhead and platform at foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, North river.

Joseph Walsh, 114 Wall street, Principal.

Thos. Walsh, 1131 Madison avenue, } Sureties.
Augustin Walsh, 3 East Eighty-fourth street, }

Opening of Proposals.

The Comptroller attended the opening of proposals at the following Departments:

December 4. Department of Docks—For repairing pier and bulkhead at foot of Twenty-third street, East river, and for repairing bulkhead and platform at foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, North river.

December 8. Department of Public Charities and Correction—For furnishing groceries, dry goods, and sundries for the use of said Department.

Removed.

December 5. The following Temporary Clerks in the Bureau for the Collection of Taxes:

| | | |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Philip Fisher, | W. C. Bennett, | Chas. McCay, |
| Wm. Roome, | Jos. Gorman, | J. L. Mercer, |
| Wm. S. Hall, | P. J. Brady, | C. A. DuMoulin, |
| F. J. Kavanaugh, | F. O'Byrne, | Jacob Lebkuchner, Jr., |
| H. J. Cogan, | M. Hayes, | Jno. C. Keating. |
| F. D. Johnstone, | | |

Return of Proposal.

December 5. Proposal of Jas. H. Perkins for regulating, grading, etc., in One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Boston road and Union avenue; in One Hundred and Forty-third street, from Willis to Brook avenue; in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from Willis to Brook avenue, and in Alexander avenue, from Southern Boulevard to North Third avenue, returned to Department of Public Parks without approval of the adequacy, etc., of one of the sureties thereto.

Died.

December 4. John O'Brien, Assistant in Bureau for Collection of Assessments and Arrears, etc.

RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT—CITY OF NEW YORK,
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
FRIDAY, December 15, 1882—11 o'clock A.M.

The Board met in pursuance of an adjournment.

Present—All the members, viz.:

Wm. R. Grace, the Mayor; Allan Campbell, the Comptroller; Wm. Sauer, the President of the Board of Aldermen; Thos. B. Asten, the President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments.

The minutes of the meeting held December 14, 1882, were read and approved.

On motion, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the Final Estimate for the year 1883.

Alderman Levy, representing a Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen, appeared before the Board, and made a statement relative to the salaries of the Police of the Department of Public Parks.

Gen. Egbert G. Viele, representing the West Side Association, appeared before the Board and made a statement relative to the improvement of Riverside Park and avenue.

Mr. Cyrus W. Clark appeared and made a statement relative to the same.

Mr. W. D. Whiting, representing the Council of Reform, appeared and made a statement relative to the appropriations for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Department of Public Parks, and submitted the following:

A MEMORIAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL OF REFORM BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENTAL ESTIMATES, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AT A MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 27, 1882.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

The provision of law by which citizens who desire can have an opportunity to express their views to your Board in regard to the amount of the yearly appropriations for carrying on the city government, throws upon the taxpayers of the city a certain degree of responsibility in fixing the amount of taxation, and the consequences of a wrong appropriation. In meeting this responsibility, the Council of Reform begs leave to continue its custom of several years, and offer some suggestions in regard to the appropriations for certain items in the budget for the next year.

The Amount at Stake.

Whatever may have been the effects of presenting to your Board in former years the results of our inquiries into the actual requirements of the city departments, the appropriation and expenditure of several millions of dollars each year, in excess of what we believe to be a liberal allowance for the government, still continues. Independent of the evidence furnished by such investigations, this view is confirmed by the following well-known facts. The manifest surplus of officials and employees, the gross disqualification and shirking habits of great body of attaches who find a living and sometimes grow rich out of these city offices, the fierce struggle of the political parties to get possession of these offices; the notorious pre-eminence of this city as the most expensively governed city, for its population, in the world; that the per capita cost of the city government is five times as great as that of the general government, with the enormous entailments of the war, the extent of its territory, the protection of its great commerce, and the cost of its diplomatic and consular service; that while the population of the city during the last two decades increased but fifty per cent. the salaries of its officials has been increased 400 per cent., without any corresponding increase in the cost of living; that it requires one-half of the investment value of money to pay the city taxes; that it was the conclusion of the committee lately appointed by the Senate of the State to investigate the public affairs of this city, that "the city offices are filled with the retainers of political organizations, who make it their primary duty to attend to the interests of their political masters;" and that it was the testimony before this committee, of men of the most responsible character, and acknowledged to be above all others most familiar with the public affairs of this city, that from one third to one-half of the yearly expenses of this city is an unnecessary waste.

The Remedy.

In view of these facts, this Council has for some time made a special study of the question, by what means this waste of the public money can be prevented, which, while it imposes paralyzing burdens on the people and business of the city, at the same time demoralizes and disgraces its government. The conclusion to which, in every view of the case, we have been brought is, that the solution of this question rests wholly with your Board. We therefore, in behalf of the supporters of the city government, make another effort to have their interests duly considered in fixing the appropriations for another year, while at the same time ample provision is made for the public service.

A Specimen Department.

This Council varied last year in its usual course of making a general review of the estimates of the departments, by submitting to your Board documentary proof of the excessive demand and uncalled-for expenditure of the public money by a single department—the Park Department—as a type substantially of all the departments, and thus furnishing the evidence of and the methods by which the enormous tax of this city is created. Some of the special items in the estimate of this department were cut off or reduced by your Board, but the appropriations for the regular items of expenditure were a general increase over former years. We are so convinced of the correctness of the statement then presented and the soundness and importance of its conclusions that we beg leave

to reproduce it for the consideration of your Board in making your appropriations for the next year, and hereby submit it with this report.

We would call your special attention to the following items, and some additional considerations for the changes we propose, in the estimates of the Park Commissioners, viz.:

Salaries.

There are four Commissioners (but one of whom, however, receives a salary) and twenty other officers, costing \$35,000 a year, whose single business it is to superintend and record the operations of maintaining less than 100 miles of streets in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, with their bridges, and 700 acres of parks, whose construction was so exceptionally thorough as not to require the usual care and expense in maintaining. Besides which ten experts and skilled laborers are employed, at the cost of \$10,000 a year, to relieve the central management of attention to details. The duties of this maintenance are of the simplest routine character. They are among the commonest and best known in the agricultural line, and there is a large class of low-priced laborers who are experts in the highest style of this business. Little scientific knowledge, business experience, or skill are required either to manage or execute any operation connected with the maintenance of these parks. All receipts, disbursements, and auditing of accounts for this department are made at the office of the City Comptroller. There are numerous single farms in this State equal in dimensions and amount of operations, whose management does not cost one-tenth of this park establishment. No corporate or private business could stand such an expense. It will be seen by the accompanying table that the amount of salaries asked for by the Park Department of this city is more than twenty times greater than the average amount per acre paid by the other large cities of this country. It is nearly sixteen times greater than Brooklyn, thirty-one times greater than Buffalo, and fifty-three times greater than is paid by the cities of Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Police.

The appropriation asked for this item—\$116,000—is \$20,000 increase on the appropriation of last year, which was \$20,000 more than the amount which this Council named as, in its opinion, sufficient. If this increase is asked for the purpose of increasing the police force, no necessity for such an increase is known to us. No complaints are made, and no abuses exist that would be remedied by any practicable increase of the force. The area of supervision of the park police is no greater per man, and their duties are much less onerous and responsible than the city police. The care of the city parks might well be devolved on the city police without materially increasing their labors, by which means twelve men would be relieved for the business of the Central Park, much confusion and conflict of jurisdiction between the two police systems would be prevented, and better police protection given to the city parks. If the increase of appropriation for the police asked for the next year is to increase the pay of the men, we would add to the reasons given in the memorial to your Board last year for a smaller appropriation for this item, that since that statement was made, this Council has obtained reports from all the principal cities of this country in regard to the system and pay of their police, and find that this city is paying for this item 150 per cent. more than the average of other cities in this country.

As to the question of the adequacy of the present force and pay of the park police of this city, we refer also to the subjoined table of the strength and cost of the park police of other large cities of this country, which shows that the cost of the police of this city is 900 per cent. greater than the average amount paid by these other cities.

Labor, Maintenance and Supplies.

For this purpose twelve different items are enumerated by the Commissioners in their estimate, amounting in the aggregate to \$358,000. To this sum should be added at least two-thirds of the amount of salaries of the Central Office, amounting to \$23,333, since the maintenance of the parks constitutes almost the entire business of those officers, and also the cost of the police, as this item is included in the maintenance expenses of the other cities. This would make the total cost of simply maintaining these parks for the next year, \$497,333. The area of the several parks under the charge of the Department, excluding the portion belonging to the Department of Public Works and the unimproved portions of the parks, is about seven hundred acres. The cost of maintaining these parks for the next year, therefore, would be \$710.47 per acre.

Sinecures.

It appears from the reports of the City Auditor for the last year that the amount expended under this head for materials and incidentals was \$68,757, or one-quarter of the whole expenditure for maintenance. This we find to be about the proportion that supplies bear to labor in these accounts in other years. On the supposition that the expenditures for supplies, etc., will be in the same proportion for the year to come as the past year, and adding to the remainder \$23,360 for the wages of thirty-two gatekeepers and tailors (as this item is included in the labor expenses of the other cities), there remains \$292,360 as the cost of labor for maintenance alone. This will employ 664 men at \$1.76 a day (the wages paid by the Department for labor), or nearly one man for every acre of the parks for 250 days of the year, to keep in order these thoroughly constructed parks. The absurdity of such a demand is so manifest as to stamp the whole estimate with the character of inexcusable exaggeration, and destroys its value as a guide to your Board in fixing the proper appropriation for this Department.

In confirmation of the extravagance of the estimate for this item we would refer your Board to the facts given in our statement of last year, showing that the maintenance of these parks costs 500 per cent. more than the keeping per acre of country seats, private parks, and cemeteries of over five acres in the vicinity of the city, in a very much higher order of cultivation.

In addition to this we call your attention to the following table, which is made up from reports which we have obtained from the park officers of the larger cities of the country, of their several expenditures for the last year. It should be borne in mind that these cities are suffering, only to a less degree than this city, from partisan and other causes, that are wasting and perverting the public money, and that the amounts of their expenditures as here shown are not given as the proper standard of economical business expenditures.

We would also state that this table has been made up wholly from public documents and official reports; and that no error should be committed in these calculations, we have employed a professional accountant to make this tabulation, who was selected for his recognized professional experience and ability, and particularly for his familiarity with the accounts and operation of the city government.

Comparative Expenditures of the Park Departments of the following Cities for 1881.

| | Area of Improved Parks, in Acres. | Annual Cost of Maintenance of such Parks per Acre. | Salaries for Maintenance. | Salaries for Maintenance, per Acre. | Cost of Labor for Maintenance, per Acre. | Cost of Police, per Acre. |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| New York (estimate for 1883)..... | 700 | \$710.47 | \$109,052.00 | \$157.00 | \$416.94 | \$165.71 |
| Brooklyn..... | 883 | 140.33 | 8,496.00 | 10.00 | 65.87 | 33.94 |
| Albany..... | 127 | 108.34 | 2,500.00 | 19.68 | 74.26 | None. |
| Buffalo..... | 595 | 36.90 | 3,000.00 | 5.05 | 11.84 | None. |
| Philadelphia..... | 2,791 | 68.43 | 7,864.00 | 2.68 | Not sent. | 21.70 |
| St. Louis..... | 1,800 | 24.29 | 5,673.00 | 3.15 | 10.08 | 9.00 |
| Woodlawn Cemetery..... | 100 | 108.00 | 1,200.00 | 12.00 | ..... | ..... |
| New York (appropriation of 1881)..... | ..... | 656.42 | 73,000.00 | 103.33 | 420.89 | 137.14 |
| New York (expenditures of 1881)..... | ..... | 533.22 | 85,335.00 | 121.90 | 324.55 | 124.56 |
| Average of the other cities..... | ..... | 75.65 | 5,295.00 | 8.43 | 40.51 | 18.21 |
| London parks..... | 6,000 | 83.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

It will be seen from this table that the Park Department of this city is asking for the next year 940 per cent. more for maintenance for the parks, 1,860 per cent. more for salaries for their maintenance, 1,223 per cent. more for labor for the same, and 900 per cent. more for police per acre than the average amount paid the last year by the other large cities of this country for these respective items. The amount appropriated the last year for maintenance of the parks for this city was but \$8,000 less than the amount asked for the next year.

How the Great Tax is Made.

The average cost of labor per acre in the other cities, as will be seen from this table, is \$40.51. At this rate the cost of labor for this city for maintaining its parks should be \$22,540, leaving \$269,820 in excess of the average expenditures for labor of other cities for this item. If from this amount be taken \$34,472, the excess of the amount of wages paid to 131 foremen, skilled mechanics, and gatekeepers, over the wages paid to the same number of day laborers, the remainder, \$235,348 must be the amount spent for day laborers above the number required. This will pay the regular wages of 533 men for 250 days of the year, which is above the average time made by out-door laborers. If, therefore, the Park Commissioners receive and spend the appropriation for this item that they ask for, they will employ, or receive the money from the city to employ, 533 sinecures in the single department of their work of keeping the parks. If this is not the real situation, the burden is thrown on these Commissioners to explain the necessity for this amount of money, and the use that has been made of about the same amount given them for the same purpose for the present year. This labor and salary sinecure as shown in this table is undoubtedly the true explanation of the process of creating the enormous and unexampled tax of this city, and a justification of the opinion we have

expressed, that millions of dollars are each year wrung by law from its taxpayers beyond the necessities of the government. We would respectfully remind your honorable board that the only relief of these taxpayers from this imposition is at your hands.

Surveying, Monumenting, Laying out, and Mapping Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Twenty-three thousand dollars are again asked for the same work that was contracted out by the Park Commissioners, under the same specifications that the department is now working under, and paid for ten years ago on the production of the maps of the work, which are now in use in the office of the Comptroller, and are on file in the office of the Park Department, and have been since that time. Since the annexation of this district, and after the construction work of the parks had ceased, the force of engineers engaged on construction have been transferred and continued on this work of surveying and mapping out this district. With every new succession of Park Commissioners the chief engineer has usually been changed, who on the plea of improving on the work of his predecessor has repeated these surveys. In this manner \$229,000 have been spent on this work since the annexation, which, with the \$180,000 spent before the annexation, makes the whole cost of the work \$409,000. Yet no map of these surveys for the use of the city offices (for which \$59,000 have been specifically appropriated) has yet been produced. We are assured by engineers of the highest character that \$125,000 would have been an ample allowance for this work under the specifications in force. Considering the amount of time and money that has already been expended on these surveys and maps, with so little result that is known to the public, the time, we think, has come to stop further appropriations to this costly and apparently interminable business until, upon an honest investigation by proper authority, some certain light can be obtained as to the present condition of this work, and when and at what cost it can be completed. The city will probably be a gainer in time and expense by such a suspension. It can be no worse off than it has been hitherto.

Maintenance of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The amount asked for this item for the next year is \$111,000, which is an increase of \$46,000 on the appropriation of the last year. The single object of this appropriation is the maintenance of less than 100 miles of streets, much of which are paved or macadamized, and are not subjected to very severe wear. The boulevards and parkways of Brooklyn, reduced to the same width as the roads of these wards, are kept in order, under much severer usage, at a yearly cost of \$265 per mile. We have the assurance of responsible contractors that they will maintain these roads in at least as good condition as they are accustomed to be kept, or are likely to be kept, for that sum. The amount of appropriation asked for would make \$1,110 a mile for this street maintenance, which is 350 per cent. above the established price for such work.

If it be proposed to construct new streets or permanently pave or macadamize old ones with this increased appropriation, we reaffirm the position taken in our statement of the last year, that the rule and practice on which all the streets in the settled portions of the city have been constructed—that the adjacent property must first pay for the streets, and after that the city keep them in order—should not be departed from in the construction of the streets of this new district.

Great complaint, we know, is made of the bad condition of the streets in these wards. That, however, may come from the misapplication rather than the insufficiency of the money appropriated to maintain them. If so, an increase of appropriation will not relieve the difficulty.

Bronx River Bridges.

Ten thousand dollars are asked for the maintenance of these bridges over this small stream. These bridges have but just been renewed, or are in the process of reconstruction, with iron and stone material, and can require little, if any, expense to maintain. There is but one drawbridge, and that has been operated by a woman at \$125 a year. The keeping of these bridges can be contracted out at a cost of not more than \$2,000 a year, and should be.

Maintenance of the Harlem River Bridges.

There are but two of these bridges, the fixed charges on which are about \$6,000; \$2,000 more will cover all other expenses. The appropriation asked for the next year for the maintenance of these bridges is \$30,000, \$22,000 of which would be a clear waste and misapplication. The late notorious and disgraceful proceedings in the matter of the painting of the Third Avenue Bridge is a fair illustration of the style of administering this Harlem Bridge appropriation.

Maintaining Riverside Park and Avenue.

This park forms a part of the area and system of parks for the maintenance of which a general appropriation is asked of \$358,000. But as a special appropriation is asked for this park, it furnishes another illustration of the exaggerated and unreliable character of this whole estimate. This drive has but just been completed, and is comparatively little used. It makes up all of the improved portion of the park. Twenty-five thousand dollars have been appropriated for each of the two last years that it has been open to the public, for its maintenance. And \$25,000 are asked for the same purpose for the next year. It cost the Brooklyn Park Commissioners to maintain the Eastern and Ocean Parkways for 1880 at the rate of \$44 an acre. These are two of the most magnificent and best-kept boulevards in this country, have been a long time in use, and receive three times at least the wear of the Riverside drive. The Riverside avenue has cost this city \$500 an acre to maintain for each of the last two years, and the same amount is asked for the next year. This appropriation is utterly uncalled for.

Conclusion.

The conclusion, therefore, to which we are brought by the foregoing facts and comparisons is, that the amount asked by the Park Commissioners for the maintenance of the works under their charge for the next year is more than double the amount actually required. Taking into account all the peculiarities of the situation, we propose the following appropriations for the several items enumerated in this estimate, viz.:

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| Salaries..... | \$16,000 00 |
| Police..... | 70,000 00 |
| Maintenance, Labor, and Supplies, covering all the items..... | 150,000 00 |
| Maintenance of Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards..... | 45,000 00 |
| Harlem and Bronx River Bridges..... | 10,000 00 |
| Museum..... | 30,000 00 |
| Manhattan Square Improvement..... | 8,000 00 |
| Cottages in Mount Morris and Reservoir Square..... | 5,000 00 |
| | \$334,000 00 |

The sum of these appropriations is still greatly above the average amount paid for the same items by the larger cities of this country. These amounts are named, not as the smallest sums for which this Department can be maintained on economical and business principles and methods, or even on principles of strict honesty, but as the least which in the circumstances can be expected to suffice.

If any additional considerations are required to sustain the view we have taken of the economy that is practicable and called for in the management of these parks, we refer your Board to the statement of three of the Park Commissioners who were appointed under the renovated government of this city in 1873, which was presented to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in 1877 by this Council, on the occasion of a similar attempt to influence the appropriations for this Department, and was entered in the minutes of the Board. These gentlemen, after a long and active connection with the management of the parks, gave it in a joint note as their conviction that \$250,000 a year is a sufficient sum "to maintain and keep in good order the parks of this city."

Before this set of Commissioners had been superseded, and after the waste and neglect of the ring administration of the parks had nearly been repaired, the appropriations for the parks were brought down in 1877 to \$316,000 a year, which was found to be enough to keep the parks in better order than they have been for the last three years. No enlargement or change has been made since that time in the area or operations of these parks, and there is no assigned or conceivable reason why a greater appropriation is required in 1883 than was found sufficient in 1878.

It is from no failure to appreciate the great value of a well appointed and sustained park that these retrenchments are suggested. On the contrary, we regard such a pleasure-ground and rural retreat in the midst of the isolated and dense population of this city, not only as a justifiable luxury, but indispensable, as a public educator, a needed popular entertainment, for its sanitary uses, and as an attraction to this centre of business, money, and population, and that so great a boon should be liberally maintained. But this vital public necessity should not be taken advantage of to furnish harbor and supplies to the vampires which infest and consume the substance of all great cities.

We would further remind your Board that the burdens of taxation in this city, produced largely by such excessive expenditures as we have shown in the Park Department, do not affect the wealthier classes alone or chiefly. They disastrously oppress all classes, but bear with the greatest severity on the laboring classes, who in the last analysis are the real taxpayers of the city. Capitalists carry the taxes but for a short time, and then pass them over to their tenants and customers. The per-capita cost of the government of this city the last year was \$28, which is one-fifth of the average income of more than half of the population of the city.

EDWARD A. MORRISON,
W. D. WHITING,
T. F. WENTWORTH,
G. N. WILLIAMS,
G. H. BEYER,
HORACE WINANS,
J. C. SANDERS,

Committee.

NEW YORK, December, 1882.

Which was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Mr. Salem H. Wales, Commissioner of Public Parks, appeared before the Board, and made a statement in relation to the same.

E. B. Van Winkle, Topographical Engineer, and L. A. Resse, Acting Superintendent of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, Department of Public Parks, appeared before the Board and made statements relative to the streets, roads, etc., in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Mr. H. N. Beers, representing the Council of Reform, appeared before the Board, and made a statement relative to the estimate for the Department of Public Parks.

Mr. S. E. Lane, Commissioner of Public Parks, appeared before the Board and requested permission to be heard, and to present a printed statement, at some future time, relative to the estimate for the Department of Public Parks.

Mr. E. A. Morrison, representing the Council of Reform, appeared and made a statement relative to the appropriations for the Department of Public Parks.

Mr. Wm. M. Olliffe, Commissioner of Public Parks, appeared and made a statement relative to the estimate of the Department of Public Parks.

On motion, the Board took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

The Board reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—All the members.

Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, and W. R. Stewart, Commissioners of the State Board of Charities, appeared before the Board, and made statements relative to the salaries of physicians and employees in the various asylums, and presented the following:

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES,
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT—54 WILLIAM STREET,
NEW YORK, December 8, 1882.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—On December 31, 1871, there were 1,535 insane persons in the New York City Asylums. On October 1, 1879, there were 3,067, and on October 26, 1882, there were 3,283.

The buildings in which this latter number are now confined have, at most, accommodation for 2,650 patients, leaving about 600 who are not properly provided for, who are suffering themselves and injuring all the other patients, diminishing their chances of recovery, and thus constantly and unnecessarily adding to the city's expenses.

Besides the absolute and imperative need of providing decent shelter for the present surplus insane and for the sure increase of coming years, there is no doubt that the welfare and happiness and chance of recovery of all the insane patients, but especially of the men, would be greatly increased by giving them a better opportunity than they now have to work out of doors.

In speaking of the labor of the patients at the Willard Asylum, the superintendent, Dr. Chapin, says in his report for 1881:

"The habits, sleep, and physical condition are improved, life is rendered more tolerable, mental quietude is promoted, and paroxysmal excitement lessened."

At this (Willard's) asylum, during 1881, the patients performed labor in grading and beautifying the asylum grounds, which the trustees state would have cost \$10,000 if done by contract, and besides this, they did the work of the large farm belonging to the asylum, the produce of which, for 1881, was valued at \$26,885.75.

WILLIAM R. STEWART, (Commissioners of the State
JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL, Board of Charities.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES,
ALBANY, October 20, 1882.

At a meeting of the State Board of Charities held at Albany, October 11, 1882, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, The provision for the care of the insane in the County of New York is wholly inadequate, owing to want of sufficient land belonging to the city upon which to erect the requisite buildings for their accommodation; and

Whereas, The overcrowding and other evils consequent on this state of things entails great additional expense on the City of New York, by preventing the cure of cases which might otherwise be discharged from the asylums; therefore,

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of New York City be called to these facts by the New York City Commissioners of the Board."

Yours truly,

JAMES O. FANNING, Assistant Secretary.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES,
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT—54 WILLIAM STREET,
NEW YORK, December 14, 1882.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York City:

GENTLEMEN—On April 8, 1882, a letter was presented to you, signed by the New York City Commissioners of the State Board of Charities, by the late Dr. James M. Wood, then Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Insane and Lunatic Asylums of this city, asking that you would make an special appropriation for the salaries of physicians in these two asylums, and stating that it was impossible to secure and retain the services of competent assistant physicians without adequate payment.

We would now renew this request with increased emphasis.

The asylums have suffered very much, owing to the loss of physicians, who, having become valuable by experience gained in the asylums, are forced to leave to take paid positions elsewhere. During the year 1882, the Lunatic Asylum lost three physicians from this cause, and Dr. McDonald, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum, writes:

"During the current year, six (6) assistant physicians have resigned in order to accept salaried positions in other asylums. The senior in point of time of service at present in the asylum—Dr. Harrison—has been here only since April of this year; and he has an offer from a State asylum at \$1,000 a year."

To-day, the Insane Asylum contains 1,232 patients, and the appropriation asked for salaries and wages is \$46,595, or \$37.82 per capita. The Lunatic Asylum has 1,345 patients; and the estimate is only \$34,496.50, or \$25.65 per capita; while the per capita expense for salaries and wages in the Utica Asylum for the year 1881 was \$86.55, and in the Willard Asylum it was \$46.80.

The whole amount asked for by the Commissioners for the insane of the city, amounting to 3,283, is not more than \$126 a year for each one.

At the Willard Asylum, the yearly cost for each patient is \$159; and the Superintendent, in his Annual Report for 1881, says:—"Any material reduction of the yearly cost must be attended with a diminished dietary, more mechanical restraint, lower temperature in the wards, a dirty house and worse odors, dilapidated furniture, and, in time, a shabby, worn-out interior."

With some exceptions, these results are to be found in our New York City asylums at present, owing to the very small amount of money annually appropriated for their care.

WILLIAM R. STEWART,
JOSEPHINE SHAW LOWELL,
Commissioners of the State Board of Charities.

The Comptroller moved that the whole subject, together with the papers relating thereto, be referred to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, with the request that they report to this Board.

Which was agreed to.

Thomas S. Brennan, H. H. Porter and Jacob Hess, Commissioners of Charities and Correction, appeared before the Board and made statements relative to the Estimate for the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

Dr. Heath appeared before the Board and made a statement relative to the Lunatic Asylums.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments presented the following:

NEW YORK, December 15, 1882.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, Esq.:

DEAR SIR—Permit me through you, to present to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, an urgent appeal for the efficient management of the great charity hospitals of the city. The qualifications for Chief of Staff of all these great institutions should combine marked executive ability, with a high order of medical and surgical skill. No man, however able, can in a few days or weeks, master the details of management in a large institution. Efficiency comes with familiarity with the work, and a knowledge gained by experience of the requirements of the institution. Hence the necessity, not only on the score of economy, but of scientific work and the practical benefit to the poor, for which the hospitals are conducted, that but as few changes be made in the heads of the medical departments as possible. The salaries now paid to them is so low that, until they are raised to something like a fair compensation for skilled labor, the city cannot expect to retain for any length of time, competent and efficient heads of departments. As President of the Medical Board of

one of the large charity hospitals, it has been my duty to familiarize myself with the workings of the institutions.

I respectfully advise that the compensation of heads of departments be raised from their present rates to something like the following: Charity Hospital, from \$1,800 to \$2,500; Homoeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island, from \$1,350 to \$2,000; Randall's Island, from \$1,500 to \$2,000. It is only by paying something like a fair compensation for services that we can hope to retain anything like efficiency in our Hospitals. And I earnestly urge upon you the above considerations.

Very respectfully,

EGBERT GUERNSEY.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Chairman presented the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 14, 1882.

To the Honorable the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—On the first day of August, 1882, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, by resolution, requested the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer from unexpended balances of previous years, the sum of \$88,253.76 to the appropriation for supplies for the current year, inasmuch as that appropriation would fall largely short of the requirements of the Department unless necessary supplies were greatly curtailed. Since the date above mentioned, the Board has found itself compelled to strike from the requisitions many articles absolutely needed for the health and comfort of the inmates of the institutions; yet, in the face of these sweeping reductions, they find that the balance available for the month of December is but \$33,000.

The monthly expenditures for meats, fish, poultry and milk (all under contract), and the maintenance of children at private institutions, amount to the sum of \$25,000, leaving a balance for all other purposes of but \$8,000.

In view of these facts the Commissioners request that the sum of \$25,000 be transferred to Supply Account, and have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the following appropriations made to this Department during the years 1877, 1878 and 1879:

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| 1877. | |
| Salaries..... | \$2,835 49 |
| Supplies..... | 18,681 73 |
| Repairs, etc..... | 1,071 29 |
| Maternity Hospital, Blackwell's Island..... | 83 13 |
| Mansard roof, Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island..... | 35 20 |
| West wing, Insane Asylum, Ward's Island..... | 21 14 |
| New Pavilion, Hart's Island..... | 10 95 |
| 1878. | |
| Salaries..... | 21 17 |
| Supplies..... | 2 12 |
| Water-closet towers, Bellevue Hospital..... | 12 10 |
| 1879. | |
| Salaries..... | 125 57 |
| Supplies..... | 2,100 11 |
| Total..... | \$25,000 00 |

which are in excess of the amount required for the purposes thereof, to the appropriation made for the year 1882, entitled "For Supplies," which is insufficient.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS S. BRENNAN, President.

Which was referred to the Comptroller.

The President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments moved, that when the Board adjourns, it does so to meet on Monday, December 18, 1882, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

THOS. B. ASTEN, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a special meeting of the Board of Docks held December 4, 1882.

Present—The full Board and the Comptroller of the city.

The Board proceeded to open the bids advertised for to be opened this day at 12 o'clock, M.

Four estimates were received for repairing the bulkhead and platform at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, North river, as follows:

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| No. 1. | From John Gillies, with \$30 in money..... | \$3,399 00 |
| " 2. | " Joseph Walsh, with \$30 in certified check..... | 2,349 00 |
| " 3. | " Richard Cronin, with \$30 in money..... | 2,990 00 |
| " 4. | " Flaherty & O'Connell, with \$30 in money..... | 2,975 00 |

Nine estimates were received for repairing the pier and bulkhead at Twenty-third street, East river:

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| No. 1. | From John Gillies, with \$150 in money..... | \$9,737 00 |
| " 2. | " Joseph Walsh, with \$150 in certified check..... | 11,400 00 |
| " 3. | " Richard Cronin, with \$150 in money..... | 11,000 00 |
| " 4. | " Flaherty & O'Connell, with \$150 in money..... | 9,495 00 |
| " 5. | " John Monks, with \$150 in money..... | 11,667 00 |
| " 6. | " Warren Roosevelt, with \$150 in certified check..... | 10,977 00 |
| " 7. | " Frank Pidgeon, Jr., with \$150 in money..... | 24,950 00 |
| " 8. | " Moses Engle, with \$150 in money..... | 13,500 00 |
| " 9. | " James D. Leary, with \$150 in money..... | 10,989 00 |

On motion, the bids received were laid on the table for examination and the Secretary directed to transmit to the Comptroller the security deposits made by the bidders and accompanying their respective estimates.

The Board then went into executive session.

The communication from the Second Avenue Railroad Company, requesting permission to erect and construct a bridge over the Harlem river at Second avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, was taken up from the table for consideration, and,

On motion, the following preamble and resolution, offered by Commissioner Voorhis in relation thereto, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Suburban Rapid Transit Company have heretofore made application for permission to erect certain piers at Second avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, and to construct a bridge thereat across the Harlem River; and,

Whereas, The Second Avenue Railroad Company have protested against the granting of such permission, and have claimed that by their charter the said company have the absolute and sole right to construct a bridge thereat, and, in pursuance of such claim, have made application to the Board for permission to erect and construct a bridge across the Harlem river at Second avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, and have also notified this Board that proceedings are now pending before the Courts to settle and determine the respective rights of the said corporation in regard thereto, and that such question will probably be decided within a reasonable time; therefore,

Resolved, That until the question of the respective rights of the said corporations be further determined, that this board defer taking further action upon the application made by the Suburban Rapid Transit Company and the Second Avenue Railroad Company respectively.

Simon Stevens, the attorney for the various owners of the premises Nos. 40 to 48 South street, appeared before the Board and presented an agreement for the sale to the Corporation of the City of New York of the bulkheads and piers in front thereof, executed by the several parties interested, which was received and read, and the following preamble and resolutions, offered by Commissioner Voorhis, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a resolution, adopted by the Board, October 11, 1882, an agreement for the sale to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of the bulkhead, water-front, etc., in front of Nos. 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48 South street and the southerly part of Gouverneur lane, with the piers known as Nos. 12 and 13 (excepting the interest now owned by the city in said Pier No. 12 and the interest of the estate of Peter Schermerhorn, deceased, in said Pier No. 13) having been submitted to the Board by Simon Stevens, Esq., representing the owners of said bulkhead and piers, said agreement appearing to have been signed by all the parties claiming interests in said property, excepting the trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, who are understood to own the reversionary in said bulkhead, etc., opposite No. 46 South street, and a corresponding interest in Piers Nos. 12 and 13 upon the termination of

the existing lease thereof, having fifteen years and two months to run, said lease being held by the estate of William Whitlock, Jr., deceased; therefore,

Resolved, That the President, Treasurer and Secretary of this Board be and hereby are directed to sign, seal and deliver the said agreement, it being understood that the blanks representing the respective proportions of the sum of \$23,249.99, payable for the bulkhead, etc., in front of lot No. 46 South street, to be paid to the Sailors' Snug Harbor and the estate of William Whitlock, Jr., deceased, respectively, may be filled in by the authority of said parties whenever they shall have agreed between themselves as to such proportionate amounts.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and hereby is directed to have the said agreement entered in full on the minutes, and to certify to the Board of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the action of the Board in the foregoing matter, submitting therewith a duplicate of the said agreement for their consideration and approval.

The following is a copy of the agreement referred to:

AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF BULKHEAD AND PIERS 12 AND 13, EAST RIVER.

This agreement, made and entered into this twentieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, by and between Acton Civill, James B. Wilson, and Robert S. Luqueer, surviving executors of the last will and testament of John J. Taylor, deceased, William Hill, Catharine A. Taylor, executrix, and Percy R. Pyne, Moses Taylor Pyne, and Laurence Turnure, executors of the last will and testament of Moses Taylor, deceased, Hermann C. Von Post and William W. Punnett, only qualified executors of the last will and testament of William Whitlock, Jr., deceased, lessees, and the Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor in the City of New York, owners, and Mrs. Ann Caroline Dering, by Henry Lewis Morris, her attorney in fact, each for himself or herself, and not for another, parties of the first part, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the City of New York, acting by the Department of Docks of said City, parties of the second part, witnesseth:

Whereas, The said parties of the first part are the proprietors of the riparian rights, titles, easements, and privileges incident to and in front of and opposite to the respective stores and land on the westerly side of South street, northerly of Old slip, known as numbers 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48 South street, and nine feet ten and one-half inches in front of the southerly part of Gouverneur Lane, including Piers 12 and 13, East river, having a total frontage or bulkhead line on South street of two hundred and twenty-four feet and one-half of an inch (224' 1/2").

And Whereas, By subdivision 4 of section 6, chapter 574 of Laws of 1871, the Board of the Department of Docks is authorized to acquire by purchase, in the name of and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, wharf property in said city, and all rights, terms, easements, and privileges pertaining thereto, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and to pay such owners the price agreed upon, and in case of failure to agree upon a price, to initiate legal proceedings to acquire the same for the improvement of the water-front;

And Whereas, The said parties of the second part are desirous of acquiring the bulkheads, wharves, rights, terms, easements, and privileges and land under water in front of the said stores and in front of the southerly part of Gouverneur Lane hereinbefore described:

Now, therefore, this agreement witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part, each for himself or herself, and not for another, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar, lawful money of the United States of America, paid to each of the parties of the first part by the parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby severally agree to sell unto the said parties of the second part, all the riparian rights, terms, easements, and privileges on the easterly side of South street, commencing at a point on the bulkhead where the line of the northerly side of Old slip, if extended, would intersect the said easterly side of South street, and running along said bulkhead to a point on the bulkhead opposite to a point four and a half inches northerly of the centre of Gouverneur Lane, a distance of two hundred and twenty-four feet and one-half of an inch (224' 1/2"), including the bulkhead, docks, wharves, and Piers 12 and 13, in front thereof, and the land under water, and the wharves and other advantages accruing therefrom, or from the water or river opposite the said stores, and opposite the southerly part of Gouverneur Lane, and any and all existing right and rights to any and all future and further water grants in front of their several lots or stores as hereinafter mentioned, for the just and full sum of two hundred and twenty-four thousand and forty-one dollars and sixty-six cents (\$224,041.66),

| OLD SLIP. | | | |
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| | Acton Civill. | 23' | \$23,000 00 |
| | Estate John J. Taylor, deceased. | 24' | 24,000 00 |
| | William Hill. | 23' 7" | 23,583 33 |
| | Estate Moses Taylor, deceased. | 24' 1" | 24,083 33 |
| | Estate Moses Taylor, deceased. | 23' 8" | 23,666 67 |
| | Estate Moses Taylor, deceased. | 23' 8" | 23,666 66 |
| | Estate William Whitlock, Jr., deceased, and Sailors' Snug Harbor of New York. | 23' 3" | 23,249 99 |
| | Estate Moses Taylor, deceased. | 23' 11" | 23,916 67 |
| | Riparian Rights, etc., Mrs. A. C. Dering. | 25' | 34,875 00 |
| | Gouverneur Lane. | 9' 10 1/2" | \$224,041 66 |
| | | 9' 2" | |
| | Estate Peter Schermerhorn, deceased. | 24' | |

—divided as follows, to wit:

To Acton Civill for twenty-three feet of the bulkhead in front of and opposite to his store, number 40 South street, in the City of New York, together with the riparian rights, title, easements, and privileges incident thereto, and including his interest in Piers 12 and 13, East river, the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000).

To James B. Wilson and Robert S. Luqueer, surviving executors of the last will and testament of John J. Taylor, deceased, for twenty-four feet of the bulkhead in front of and opposite to their store, number 41 South street, in the City of New York, together with the riparian rights, title,

easements, and privileges incident thereto, and including their interest in Piers 12 and 13, East river, the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000).

To William Hill, for twenty-three feet and seven inches of the bulkhead in front of his store, number 42 South street, in the City of New York, together with the riparian rights, title, easements, and privileges incident thereto, and including his interest in Piers 12 and 13, East river, the sum of twenty-three thousand five hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$23,583.33).

To Catharine A. Taylor, executrix, Percy R. Pyne, Moses Taylor Pyne, and Laurence Turnure, executors of the last will and testament of Moses Taylor, deceased, for ninety-five feet and four inches of the bulkhead in front of and opposite to their stores, numbered 43, 44, 45, and 47 South street, in the City of New York, together with the riparian rights, titles, easements, and privileges incident thereto, and including their interest in Piers 12 and 13, East river, the sum of ninety-five thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$95,333.33).

To Herman C. Von Post and William W. Punnett, only qualified executors of the last will and testament of William Whitlock, Jr., deceased, lessees, and the Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, in the City of New York, owners, for twenty-three feet three inches of the bulkhead in front of and opposite to their store No. 46 South street, in said city, together with the riparian rights, title, easements, and privileges incident thereto, including their interest in Piers 12 and 13, East river, the sum of twenty-three thousand two hundred and forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$23,249.99).

To Henry Lewis Morris, as attorney in fact for Mrs. Ann Caroline Dering, for twenty-five feet of the bulkhead in front of store number 48 South street, and nine feet ten inches and a half in front of the southerly part of Gouverneur Lane, in the City of New York, together with the riparian rights, title, easements, and privileges incident thereto, and including her interest in Piers 12 and 13, East river, the sum of thirty-four thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$34,875).

It being stipulated by the parties of the first part each for himself, and not for another, and of the essence of this agreement, that the said several parties have good title to and full right to convey their several rights, titles, and interests in and to the two hundred and twenty-four feet and one-half of an inch of bulkhead with the land under water and riparian and other rights in front thereof and connected therewith, and each agrees for himself, and not for another, that each of said parties has good title to and full right to convey an interest in said piers and the wharfage and other rights connected therewith, to the extent and in the proportion that the number of feet and inches of bulkhead belonging to and agreed to be conveyed by him, bears to the total number of feet and inches, to wit, two hundred and twenty-four feet and one-half of an inch of bulkhead to be conveyed pursuant to this agreement, excepting any interest of the parties of the second part in Pier number 12, and excepting such interest as the estate of Peter Schermerhorn, deceased, may have in said Pier number 13, by virtue of said Peter Schermerhorn or his predecessors in title, or said estate having joined in the expense of constructing the same by virtue of their right as owner of the lot number 49 on the north side of Gouverneur Lane.

And said parties hereto of the second part hereby agree to pay to said parties of the first part on or before the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, said sum of two hundred and twenty-four thousand and forty-one dollars and sixty-six cents, in the manner aforesaid, and the said deeds shall be delivered and the consideration paid at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, at twelve o'clock, noon, and the consideration money may be paid in warrants of the said Comptroller, drawn in favor of the respective persons as aforesaid, for the respective amounts before mentioned; and each of the said parties of the first part on receiving such payments at the time and in the manner above mentioned, shall, each at their own proper cost and expense, execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the said parties of the second part, a proper deed, the executors to give the usual executor's deed, if sufficient for the conveying and assuring to them all and each of their said riparian rights, terms, easements, and privileges, bulkheads, docks, wharves, and piers heretofore mentioned, free from all incumbrances, and that the rights and titles therein and thereby conveyed shall be such as shall be approved by the Counsel to the Corporation of the City of New York.

And it is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the several parties hereto that this contract is made subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and further that time is of the essence of this contract, which shall be utterly void unless performed by said parties of the second part on or before the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, as before mentioned, and further that the stipulations aforesaid are to apply to and bind the successors, heirs, executors, administrators of the respective parties.

In witness whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their respective hands and seals, and the said Department of Docks has caused its seal to be affixed to these presents, and these presents to be signed by its President, Treasurer, and Secretary, for and on behalf of the said parties of the second part, the day and year first above written. And these parties hereto have executed this agreement in four parts, one of which is to remain with the executors of the estate of Moses Taylor, deceased, one with the Department of Docks, one with the Counsel to the Corporation, and one with the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

J. W. FEETER, as to Acton Civill.

ACTON CIVILL, [SEAL]

JAMES B. WILSON, [SEAL]

ROBERT S. LUQUEER, [SEAL]

Surviving Executors of the Last Will and Testament of John J. Taylor, deceased.

In the presence of J. M. ANDREINI.

WILLIAM HILL, [SEAL]

In the presence of J. M. ANDREINI.

CATHARINE A. TAYLOR, [SEAL]

Executrix,

PERCY R. PYNE, [SEAL]

M. TAYLOR PYNE, [SEAL]

LAU. TURNURE, [SEAL]

Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Moses Taylor, deceased.

In the presence of J. M. ANDREINI.

H. C. VON POST, [SEAL]

WM. W. PUNNETT, [SEAL]

Only Qualified Executors of the Last Will and Testament of William Whitlock, Jr., deceased.

In the presence of WM. M. WHITNEY.

[SEAL, S. S. H.]

President of the Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, in the City of New York.

ANN CAROLINE DERING, [SEAL]

Secretary.

By HENRY LEWIS MORRIS, her Attorney in Fact.

In the presence of J. M. ANDREINI.

WM. LAIMBEER, President,

JACOB VANDERPOEL, Treasurer,

JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary,

Officers of the Board of Docks.

In the presence of WM. M. WHITNEY.

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

On this twenty-second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, before me personally came Acton Civill, to me known to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

INGERSOLL LOCKWOOD, Notary Public, N. Y. C.

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

On this second day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, before me personally came Herman C. Von Post and Wm. W. Punnett, only qualified executors of the last will and testament of William Whitlock, Jr., deceased, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

WM. M. WHITNEY,

Notary Public, Kings Co., Certificate filed in N. Y. Co.

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

On this twenty-second day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, before me personally came James B. Wilson and Robert S. Luqueer, surviving executors of the last will and testament of John J. Taylor, deceased, William Hill, Catharine A. Taylor, executrix, Percy R. Pyne, Moses Taylor Pyne, and Laurence Turnure, executors of the last will and testament of Moses Taylor, deceased, and Henry Lewis Morris, attorney in fact of Ann Caroline Dering, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

J. M. ANDREINI, Notary Public (36), N. Y. C.

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

On this fourth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, before me personally appeared William Laimbeer, President of the Department of Docks in the City of New York, and Jacob Vanderpoel, Treasurer, and John T. Cuming, Secretary of the said Department, all to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say, that they are respectively President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Department of Docks of the City of New York, and that they have affixed their hands to the foregoing instrument as such President, Treasurer,

and Secretary, respectively, by virtue and authority of a resolution of the said Department of Docks, adopted this date, and in accordance with the said resolution have caused the seal of the said Department to be hereunto affixed.

WM. M. WHITNEY,
Notary Public, Kings Co., Certificate filed in N. Y. County.

A communication from R. J. Cortis, agent of the White Star Line, requesting that he be informed as to the specific repairs required to be made to Pier, new 45, North river, was received, read and,

On motion, placed on file, and the Engineer-in-Chief directed to examine and report as to the repairs required thereat and the estimated cost of the same.

A communication from Scott & Co., requesting that the hearing in respect to ice bridges, etc., set down for this day be adjourned for two weeks, until December 18, inst., was received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to advise that, in accordance with their request, the hearing on the matter had been adjourned until December 18, inst.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Robert Scott had left with him papers served upon John Scott on November 18, 1882, in a suit commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York by Edward Coffin, Jr., against John Scott and William Scott, for the possession of the pier on the south half of Thirty-fourth street, North river, and for accounting for the revenue derived therefrom; that he had consulted with Mr. Irish, Assistant Counsel to the Corporation in regard thereto, and that Mr. Irish had stated that the Counsel to the Corporation would appear therein and protect the interests of the city, as well as those of Scott & Co., the lessees of the pier.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to transmit the papers to the Counsel to the Corporation, and to request him to take such steps as may be proper to protect the interests of the city as well as those of Scott & Co., as the lessees of the said pier.

The Secretary stated that the five payrolls for the month of November, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$5,940.02, and the pay-rolls for the half month ending November 30, ultimo, of the general repairs and construction force, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$6,539.01, had been approved and audited, and that he had forwarded the same, together with proper requisitions for the amounts, to the Finance Department for payment.

The action of the Secretary was,

On motion, approved.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held December 6, 1882.

Present—The full Board.

The minutes of the meeting held November 29, 1882, were read and approved.

The following communications were received, read, and

On motion, laid on the table to await action, as stated, to wit:

From Common Council—Resolution requesting the Department to increase the pay of Night-watchmen.

From the Mayor—Enclosing letter from H. Meyer, attorney, etc., in reference to loss of horse, etc., at the Pier at Fifty-seventh street, North river, and as to condition of the pier thereat. Referred to the Engineer-in-Chief to examine and report thereon.

From A. C. Cheney—In reference to the damage done to the Pier at Third street, East river. Referred to the Treasurer.

From Board of Pilot Commissioners—Circular letter in reference to dumping of material, etc., in the harbor of the City of New York.

From F. P. Thompson—Requesting that the Department pay car fares expended by him in the service of the Department.

The following communications were received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, action being taken when necessary, as stated, to wit:

From Police Department—In reference to dumping clean snow and ice from the piers and bulkheads, and stating that the police force had been instructed to carry out and enforce the rules in respect thereto.

From Bogert & Morgan, lessees—Requesting permission to alter runways on Pier, old 36, North river. The Secretary stating that by direction of the Commissioners a permit therefor had been granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer-in-Chief, his action was approved.

From George F. Hastings—Application for permission to erect tally-house on the bulkhead south of Pier, old 38, North river. Application denied.

From Francis E. Moon—Requesting leave of absence for the purpose of bringing home from Europe his brother who is seriously ill. Leave of absence granted without compensation.

From James Fitzpatrick, Corporation Wharfinger—Special report in respect to horse which fell through the Pier at Twenty-eighth street, North river.

From Edward H. Coffin—Requesting that the Pier at One Hundred and Thirty-first street, North river, be extended one hundred or one hundred and fifty feet, so as to protect the boats used on his ferry from damage by ice, etc. Secretary to advise that the Board cannot at the present time comply with the request, as the revenue to be derived therefrom would not be sufficient to justify the expense incurred in doing the work.

From S. A. Frost—In reference to the dumping of snow and ice from Pier 19, East river, and complaining that by reason of such dumping the slip between Piers 19 and 20, East river, is being filled up with street dirt, ashes, etc., mixed with the snow and ice. Secretary directed to advise that by the rules adopted, nothing but clean snow and ice is permitted to be dumped, and that if any other material is deposited the parties should be at once stopped and arrested for violation of the law.

From Counsel to the Corporation:

1st. Enclosing check for \$481.25, collected in settlement of claim against estate of Frederick Habkemeier, deceased, for rent of Piers at Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, North river. Secretary to advise that credit was given therefor on the books of the Department.

2d. Returning to the Department the lease by H. P. Farrington of the Pier at Watts street, North river.

From Andrew J. White—Requesting that action in respect to the Pier at Thirty-eighth street, North river, be deferred for one week. Secretary directed to advise that the matter was laid over until December 13th, instant, in accordance with his request.

From Marshall & Wilkins—Application for permission to erect tally-house on bulkhead at foot of Wall street, East river. Application denied, as the Board cannot consistently grant the permission desired.

From Engineer-in-Chief:

1st. Reporting amount of work done during the week ending November 25, 1882.

2d. Reporting amount of work done during the week ending December 2, 1882.

3d. Reporting that the New York City and Northern Railroad Company had not made repairs to Pier 44, East river, as directed by the Board. Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to do the work and report the cost thereof.

4th. Reporting that the Iron Steamboat Company had not made repairs to Pier, new 1, North river, as ordered by the Board. Engineer-in-Chief to be directed to make the repairs and report the cost thereof.

5th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2520, that repairs were made to the west half Pier 19, East river.

6th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2587, that he had superintended the repairs made to Pier 14, East river.

7th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2622, that he had superintended the repairs made to Pier, old 42, North river.

8th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2646, in reference to repairs to Pier at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, North river.

9th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2657, that all work had been suspended between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, North river.

10th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2688, in reference to the bulkhead south of Twenty-fourth street, North river.

11th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2707, that Piers 2 and 3, East river, have been cleared of all obstructions.

12th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2739, that he had superintended the repairs made to Pier, old 33, North river.

13th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2768, that he had superintended the repairs made to the ferry racks at Desbrosses street, North river.

14th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2770, that he had superintended the placing of an engine on Pier, new 41, North river.

15th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2771, that he had superintended the repairs made to the bulkhead in front of Piers, old 18 and 19, North river.

16th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2797, that he had superintended the repairs made to Pier, old 20, North river.

17th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2793, in reference to the bulkhead between Pier 54, and Corlears street, East river.

18th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2798, that he had superintended the repairs made to Pier 16, East river.

19th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2801, that repairs had been made to the Pier at Sixty-second street, East river.

20th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2802, that the bulkhead between Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, East river, had been repaired.

21st. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2816, that the cleats on the bulkhead between Piers, new 39 and new 43, North river, had been repaired.

22d. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2813, that three piles had been driven in the south side of Pier, new 57, North river, at a cost of \$71.32.

23d. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2811, as to the condition of the approach to pier 21, East river.

24th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2808, that he had superintended the repairs made to Pier 18, North river.

25th. Report on Secretary's Order No. 2807, that the repairs to the deck of Pier, old 41, North river, had been superintended by him.

A communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, reporting on Secretary's Order No. 2795, as to the quantity of material removed by Charles M. Pratt from the slip between Piers, new 37 and new 38, North river, was received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, and the following preamble and resolution in relation thereto, offered by Commissioner Voorhis, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has been reported to the Board by the Engineer-in-Chief that a portion of the material consisting of sunken canalboat and the material therein contained removed from the slip between Piers, new 37 and new 38, North river, by Charles M. Pratt, had not been deposited in accordance with law, and the amount so unlawfully deposited amounted to about 330 cubic yards of material, which, at the usual rates paid for dredging, would amount to about the sum of \$100, therefore

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and hereby is directed to deduct from the claim and estimate of Charles M. Pratt for doing the said work the sum of \$100 on account of the deposit of such material having been made unlawfully.

A communication from the Comptroller of the city approving of the sureties respectively of Flaherty and O'Connell for repairing the Pier at Twenty-third street, East river, and of Joseph Walsh for repairing the bulkhead at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, North river, was received, read, and,

On motion, the bids received and publicly opened on the 4th instant, for doing the said work, were taken from the table, and with the communication from the Comptroller, placed on file, and the following resolutions, offered by the President, were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the contract for repairing the Pier and bulkhead at the foot of Twenty-third street, East river, be and hereby is awarded to Flaherty & O'Connell, their bid for doing said work being the lowest under estimates publicly opened the 4th instant, and the Comptroller having approved of the sureties thereto on the 5th instant.

Resolved, That the contract for repairing the bulkhead and platform at the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, North river, be and hereby is awarded to Joseph Walsh, his bid for doing said work being the lowest under estimates publicly opened the 4th instant, and the Comptroller having approved of the sureties thereto on the 5th instant.

Commissioner Vanderpoel offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the compensation of William Livingstone, Searcher of Water Grants be and hereby is increased \$25 per month, to take effect from December 1st, instant.

Commissioner Voorhis moved to amend by substituting the words "to take effect on January 1, 1883," in place of "to take effect December 1, 1882." A vote was taken on the motion to amend.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Aye—Commissioner Voorhis.

Noes—The President and Commissioner Vanderpoel.

The question was then put on the original resolution which was adopted by the affirmative votes of the President and Commissioner Vanderpoel, Commissioner Voorhis voting in the negative.

Commissioner Vanderpoel, the Treasurer of the Board, presented the monthly statement or balance sheet for the month of November, 1882, which was received and read, and the Secretary directed to transmit the same to the Comptroller.

Commissioner Vanderpoel, the Treasurer of the Board, presented his report of receipts for the week ending December 6th instant, which was received, read, and,

On motion, placed on file, and the Secretary directed to enter the same in full on the minutes, as follows:

| DATE. | FROM WHOM. | FOR WHAT. | AMOUNT. | TOTAL. | DATE DEPOSITED. |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1882. | | | | | 1882. |
| Dec. 1 | Wharfinger George W. Wanmaker | Wharfage received on account.. | \$237 24 | | |
| " 1 | " James Fitzpatrick..... | " " " " " " " " | 114 00 | | |
| " 1 | Michael Kane..... | B., 43d street, E. R..... | 50 00 | | |
| " 1 | Twenty-third Street Railroad Co.. | P. N. 23d st., N. R..... | 100 00 | | |
| " 1 | Bogert & Morgan, Agents..... | P. S. old 36, N. R..... | 62 50 | | |
| " 1 | D., L., & W. R. R. Co., assignees.. | New 41, N. R..... | 7,500 00 | | |
| " 2 | John G. Dale, Agent..... | New 36, N. R..... | 7,500 00 | | |
| " 2 | Neidlinger, Schmidt & Co..... | P., 63d st., E. R..... | 62 50 | | |
| | | | | \$15,626 24 | Dec. 2 |
| " 4 | Wharfinger George W. Wanmaker | Wharfage received, balance.... | 132 63 | | |
| " 4 | " James Fitzpatrick..... | " " " " " " " " | 73 92 | | |
| " 4 | " Wm. L. McConkey..... | " " " " " " " " | 48 36 | | |
| " 4 | " John Butler..... | " " " " " " " " | 170 09 | | |
| " 5 | Greenpoint Ferry Co..... | B. S. 24th st., E. R..... | 1,025 00 | | |
| " 5 | Counsel to the Corporation..... | Account Fred. Habkemeier..... | 481 25 | | |
| | | | | 1,931 25 | Dec. 6 |
| | | | \$17,557 49 | \$17,557 49 | |

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

JACOB VANDERPOEL, Treasurer.

Mr. John J. Crane appeared before the Board on behalf of the Suburban Rapid Transit Company and urged that action should be taken on their application for permission to erect a bridge across the Harlem river at Second avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street. The Board informed Mr. Crane of the action taken on the 4th instant, deferring consideration of the matter until the question now in litigation between the parties and before the court for adjudication should be determined; subsequently Mr. Thomas F. Wentworth, representing the Second Avenue Railroad Company, appeared before the Board and was heard respecting the same matter, and in behalf of that company claimed that the application made by it for permission to erect a bridge across the Harlem river at Second avenue, was made in good faith and in accordance with the authority given under the charter of the company, and that they desired to have a legal determination of the question arrived at as speedily as possible, so as to properly define the rights of the respective corporations in the matter.

The following requisitions were read, and, on motion, approved:

| Register No. | REQUISITION. | ESTIMATED COST. |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 3948, | for 3,000 blank reports..... | \$25 50 |
| " 3949, | for 22 pounds paint colors..... | 8 25 |
| " 3950, | for 4 pairs 7-inch, 8 inch, and 10 inch rubber boots..... | 36 00 |
| " 3951, | for 3 sashes window glass..... | 10 00 |
| " 3942, | for repairs to derrick East Seventeenth street Yard..... | 32 00 |
| " 3953, | for repairs to pile drivers 8 and 9..... | 7 50 |
| " 3954, | for 3 pieces Georgia yellow pine..... | 28 00 |
| " 3955, | for 54 half round tenders..... | 81 00 |

Requisition No. 169, labor, etc., to take down awnings, etc.

On motion, Martin Kennedy was appointed as a Rodman.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary.

Patrolman Peter Sheridan, First Precinct, two days' pay.
 " Francis Hagan, First Precinct, five days' pay.
 " Thomas S. Harper, Sixth Precinct, ten days' pay.
 " Thomas S. Harper, Sixth Precinct, five days' pay.
 " Thomas S. Harper, Sixth Precinct, three days' pay.
 " Thomas S. Harper, Sixth Precinct, three days' pay.
 " Thomas S. Harper, Sixth Precinct, two days' pay.
 " James Behan, Seventh Precinct, one day's pay.
 " Thomas Kelly, Eighth Precinct, five days' pay.
 " Thomas Kelly, Eighth Precinct, two days' pay.
 " Joseph R. Kettner, Eleventh Precinct, one day's pay.
 " Kerin J. Larkin, Thirteenth Precinct, one day's pay.
 " James H. Simington, Thirteenth Precinct, one day's pay.
 " John O'Connor, Thirteenth Precinct, one day's pay.
 " Augustus B. Palmer, Fourteenth Precinct, one day's pay.
 " Thomas Long, Fourteenth Precinct, one day's pay.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 21, 1882.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

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

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS,

For the Week ending December 9, 1882.

Barometer.

| DATE. | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. | Mean for the Day. | MAXIMUM. | MINIMUM. |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| DECEMBER. | Reduced to Freezing. | Reduced to Freezing. | Reduced to Freezing. | Reduced to Freezing. | Reduced to Freezing. | Time. |
| Sunday, 3 | 29.872 | 29.964 | 30.112 | 29.983 | 30.168 | 12 P. M. |
| Monday, 4 | 30.212 | 30.162 | 30.058 | 30.144 | 30.250 | 9 A. M. |
| Tuesday, 5 | 30.026 | 30.032 | 29.908 | 29.989 | 30.078 | 9 A. M. |
| Wednesday, 6 | 29.738 | 29.950 | 30.016 | 29.901 | 30.038 | 6 P. M. |
| Thursday, 7 | 29.806 | 29.790 | 30.010 | 29.869 | 30.042 | 12 P. M. |
| Friday, 8 | 30.202 | 30.178 | 30.208 | 30.196 | 30.222 | 12 P. M. |
| Saturday, 9 | 30.278 | 30.198 | 30.188 | 30.221 | 30.278 | 7 A. M. |

Mean for the week..... 30.043 inches.
 Maximum " at 7 A. M., December 9..... 30.278 "
 Minimum " at 6 A. M., December 3..... 29.672 "
 Range "606 "

Thermometers.

| DATE. | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. | MEAN. | MAXIMUM. | MINIMUM. | MA- IMUS. |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| DECEMBER. | Dry Bulb. | Wet Bulb. | Dry Bulb. | Wet Bulb. | Dry Bulb. | Wet Bulb. | In Sun. |
| Sunday, 3 | 24 | 20 | 23 | 20 | 16 | 14 | 21.0 |
| Monday, 4 | 10 | 10 | 23 | 20 | 32 | 28 | 21.7 |
| Tuesday, 5 | 35 | 30 | 43 | 37 | 47 | 39 | 34.7 |
| Wednesday, 6 | 47 | 41 | 48 | 39 | 40 | 34 | 45.0 |
| Thursday, 7 | 41 | 36 | 29 | 23 | 17 | 14 | 29.0 |
| Friday, 8 | 10 | 8 | 18 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 11.3 |
| Saturday, 9 | 10 | 9 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 20 | 19.3 |

Mean for the week..... 27.1 degrees.
 Maximum for the week at 4 A. M., 6th..... 51. " at 4 A. M., 6th..... 45. "
 Minimum " at 7 A. M., 8th..... 10. " at 7 A. M., 8th..... 8. "
 Range " 41. " 37. "

Wind.

| DATE. | | DIRECTION. | | | VELOCITY IN MILES. | | | | FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT | | | | | |
|------------|-------|------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|------|-------------|--|
| DECEMBER. | | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. | Distance for the Day. | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. | Max. | Time. | |
| Sunday, | 3 ... | NW | NW | NW | 37 | 123 | 88 | 258 | 10¼ | 10 | 1½ | 20 | 9.30 A. M. | |
| Monday, | 4 ... | NW | E | SSW | 35 | 23 | 65 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5¾ | 5.10 P. M. | |
| Tuesday, | 5... | SW | SSE | ESE | 64 | 57 | 20 | 141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10.50 A. M. | |
| Wednesday, | 6... | WSW | WSW | W | 129 | 84 | 56 | 269 | 8¼ | 2¼ | 0 | 12½ | 7.40 A. M. | |
| Thursday, | 7... | SSW | WNW | W | 41 | 126 | 154 | 321 | 1½ | 7 | 8¾ | 22 | 7.15 P. M. | |
| Friday, | 8... | W | W | W | 196 | 124 | 98 | 418 | 7¾ | 5½ | 2½ | 14½ | 0 A. M. | |
| Saturday, | 9... | W | WSW | WSW | 127 | 62 | 61 | 250 | 1 | 2 | ¾ | 9¾ | 0.15 A. M. | |

Distance traveled during the week..... 1,840 miles.
 Maximum force " 22 pounds.

| DATE. — DECEMBER. | Hygrometer. | | | | | | Clouds. | | | Rain and Snow. | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| | FORCE OF VAPOR. | | | RELATIVE HUMIDITY. | | | CLEAR, 0. OVERCAST, 10. | | | DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Time of Beginning. | | Time of Ending. | | Duration. | Amount of Water. | Depth of |
| | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. | 7 A. M. | 2 P. M. | 9 P. M. | | | | H. M. | | | |
| Sunday, 3 | .062 | .074 | .059 | 48 | 60 | 66 | 9 Cir. Cu. | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Monday, 4 | .068 | .074 | .108 | 100 | 60 | 59 | 1 Cir. S. | 8 Cir. Cu. | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Tuesday, 5 | .109 | .142 | .168 | 53 | 51 | 65 | 7 Cir. Cu. | 8 Cir. Cu. | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wedn'day, 6 | .179 | .121 | .118 | 55 | 36 | 47 | 9 Cir. Cu. S. | 4 Cir. Cu. | 0 | 0 A. M. | 3 A. M. | 3.00 | .06 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Thursday, 7 | .147 | .055 | .048 | 56 | 34 | 51 | 10 | 10 | 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Friday, 8 | .040 | .037 | .052 | 58 | 37 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Saturday, 9 | .054 | .074 | .050 | 79 | 60 | 38 | 0 | 8 Cir. Cu. | 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Total amount of water for the week..... .06 inch.

DANIEL DRAPER, PH. D., Director.

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; WILLIAM M. IVINS, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
 GEORGE A. McDERMOTT, First Marshal.

Permit Bureau Office.

No. 13 1/2 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
 HENRY WOLTMAN, Register.

Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.
 No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
 WILLIAM EYLER, Sealer First District; CHRISTOPHER BARRY, Sealer Second District; JOHN MURRAY, Inspector First District; JOSEPH SHANNON, Inspector Second District.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

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

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

No. 8 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 WILLIAM SAUER, President Board of Aldermen.
 FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

City Library.

No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 THOS. J. O'CONNELL, Librarian.

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.

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. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
 Saturdays, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 GEORGE P. ANDREWS, 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; JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Chief Bureau of Elections

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters.

Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.
 JOHN J. GORMAN, 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. SHELTON, 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, 3 P. M.

Attorney to Department.

WM. L. FINDLEY, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street and No. 120 Broadway.

Fire Alarm Telegraph.

J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.

Repair Shops.

Nos. 198 and 130 West Third street.
 JOHN MCCABE, Chief of Battalion-in-Charge, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Hospital Stables.

99th street, between 9th and 10th avenues (temporary).
 JAMES SHEA, 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.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, 64th street and 5th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.

146th street and 3d avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WILLIAM LAMBERT, President; JOHN T. CUMING, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; J. C. REED, Secretary.

Office Bureau Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes

No.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

51 Chambers street, Rooms 10, 11 and 12, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES S. COLEMAN, Commissioner; M. J. MORRISON, Chief Clerk.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, City Hall, Room No. 1136, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
 JOHN R. LYDECKER, Chairman; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
 155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
 NEW YORK, December 14, 1882.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THE materials and labor, and doing the work required for constructing two houses for the Fire Department—one to be erected at No. 269 Henry street, for Engine Company No. 15, and one to be erected at No. 745 Fifth street, for Hook and Ladder Company No. 11—will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, December 27, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

Separate estimates must be made and presented in separate envelopes for each house.
 No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.

For information as to the amount and kind of work to be done, bidders are referred to the specifications and drawings, which form part of these proposals.
 Each house to be completed and delivered in one hundred and fifty (150) days after the date of the contract.

The damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time specified for the completion thereof shall have expired, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at twenty-five (\$25) dollars per day.

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

Any person making an estimate for the work shall present 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 Fire Department reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance in a sum not less one-half the amount of the estimate; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of four hundred (\$400) dollars. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but, if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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

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

The form of the agreement and specifications, and drawings, and showing the manner of payment for the work, may be seen and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

JOHN J. GORMAN,
 CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
 HENRY D. PURROY,
 Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
 155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
 NEW YORK, September 23, 1881.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Commissioners of this Department will meet daily, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

By order of

JOHN J. GORMAN, President.
 CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
 HENRY D. PURROY,
 Commissioners.

CARL JUSSEN,
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING during the year 1883 the Fresh Fish for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M., of the 23d day of December, 1882. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Fresh Fish," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

The kinds of fish required are Fresh Cod, Porgies, and Blue Fish.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be from time to time directed by the said Department. The entire quantity required to be delivered during the year, will be about four hundred thousand (400,000) pounds.

The above quantity is estimated and approximated only, and bidders are notified that if the Department shall require more than that quantity, the contractor must furnish all that is required and will be paid therefor only at the rates or prices named in the contract; and that in case the above-named quantity shall not be required by the Department, no allowance will be made for any real or supposed damage or loss of profit.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

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

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

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

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

Bidders are cautioned to examine the form of contract and the specifications for particulars before making their estimates. Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued monthly.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the contract and specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 11, 1882.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
Commissioners of the Department of
Public Charities and Correction.

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING during the year 1883, the Poultry for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, (except for Christmas and Thanksgiving days), will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M., of the 23d day of December, 1882. The person or persons making

any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Poultry," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

The Poultry to be of good quality and dressed. The quantity that will be required will be about 650 pounds per week. The kind of Poultry required will be Turkeys, Ducks and Chickens; the quantities of each kind to be as required by the proper officers of the said Department from time to time, and the delivery to be at Bellevue Hospital, or on the dock at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, as shall be from time to time required by such officers.

The above quantity is estimated and approximated only, and bidders are notified that if the Department shall require more than that quantity, the contractor must furnish all that is required and will be paid therefor only at the rates or prices named in the contract; and that in case the above-named quantity shall not be required by the Department, no allowance will be made for any real or supposed damage or loss of profit.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars.

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

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

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

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

Bidders are cautioned to examine the form of contract and the specifications for particulars before making their estimates. Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued monthly.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the contract and specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated, New York, December 11, 1882.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
Commissioners of the Department of
Public Charities and Correction.

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING during the year 1883 the Fresh Meats for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M., of the 23d day of December, 1882. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Fresh Meats," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time,

at such times and in such quantities as may be from time to time directed by said Department.

The quantities and qualities of the meat that will be required are as follows:

Chunks of beef and shoulder clods,
about..... 2,000,000 pounds.
Extra diet beef, about..... 70,000 "
The above to be from cattle weighing not less than six hundred pounds dressed.

Mutton, in pieces of forequarters,
breast and shoulders, without ribs,
about..... 370,000 pounds.
Roasting pieces of beef, about..... 70,000 "
Beefsteaks, sirloin, about..... 70,000 "
Corned beef, rump and plates, or navel,
about..... 40,000 "

The above to be from cattle weighing not less than six hundred and fifty pounds, dressed.

Mutton, hind quarters, about..... 60,000 pounds.
Pork, loins, about..... 2,000 "
Veal, cutlets and loins, about..... 35,000 "

No ram mutton, nor bruised beef, bull beef or cow beef, will be received.

Reference is made to the approved form of contract and the specifications on page 8, forming a part thereof, on file in the office of the Department, for fuller and more particular information as to the kinds and sizes of the pieces of meat to be furnished.

The above quantity is estimated and approximated only, and bidders are notified that if the Department shall require more than that quantity, the contractor must furnish all that is required, and will be paid therefor only at the rates or prices named in the contract; and that in case the above-named quantity shall not be required by the Department, no allowance will be made for any real or supposed damage or loss of profit.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded, will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars.

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

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

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

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

Bidders are cautioned to examine the form of contract and the specifications for particulars before making their estimates. Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment for the meats for the officers, nurses, attendants, etc., will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued monthly; and for the other meats by a like requisition issued weekly.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the contract and the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 11, 1882.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
Commissioners of the Department of
Public Charities and Correction.

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids or estimates for furnishing during the year 1883, Condensed Cows' Milk, for the various institutions under the charge of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9.30 o'clock A. M., of the 23d day of December, 1882. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for furnishing Condensed Cows' Milk," and with his or their name or names, and the date of its presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time,

at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Department. The entire quantity required to be delivered during the year will be about two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) quarts.

The above quantity is estimated and approximated only, and bidders are notified that if the Department shall require more than that quantity, the contractor must furnish all that is required and will be paid therefor only at the rates or prices named in the contract; and that in case the above-named quantity shall not be required by the Department, no allowance will be made for any real or supposed damage or loss of profit.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract, by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

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

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

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

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

The quality of the milk must conform in every respect to the requirements of the specifications.

Bidders are cautioned to examine the form of contract and the specifications for particulars before making their estimates.

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

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued from time to time, as set forth in the proposed form of contract.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the contract and specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, showing the manner of payment, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 11, 1882.

THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
HENRY H. PORTER,
Commissioners of the Department of
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 9, 1882.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from foot of Twenty-eighth street, North river.—Unknown man; age about 40 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; brown hair and side whiskers. Had on spring overcoat, dark frock coat, black vest, dark striped pants, white shirt, gaiters.

Unknown man from Fourth Precinct Station-house; age about 25 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; dark brown hair and mustache, blue eyes. Had on gray striped coat and pants.

Unknown man from Fourth Precinct Station-house; age about 40 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; black hair and blue eyes. Had on dark frock coat, black vest, brown pants, blue flannel shirt, blue check jumper, blue socks, laced shoes.

At Charley Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Mary Donohue; age 71 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; gray hair and eyes. Had on, when admitted, dark dress, black shawl and hood.

At Almshouse, Blackwell's Island—Elizabeth Rice, aged 100 years.

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—Julia Cullen, age 33 years; committed Nov. 18, 1882.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Annie Smith, age 32 years; 4 feet 10½ inches high; brown hair, gray eyes.

Mary Hart, age 60 years; 5 feet 1½ inches high; gray hair, blue eyes.

Rachel Plum, age 61 years; 5 feet 1¼ inches high; brown hair, blue eyes.

Augusta Teneberth, age 62 years; 4 feet 11½ inches high; gray eyes and hair.

At Homoeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Ellen Bennett, age 56 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Had on when admitted brown dress, black check shawl, white hood.

At Branch Lunatic Asylum, Hart's Island—Comfort Sadler (colored), age 44 years; 5 feet 1½ inches high; black eyes and hair.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order.

G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
51 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, December 13, 1882.

The time for receiving the proposals for the herein-after mentioned work has been extended to Tuesday, December 26, 1882, at 12 o'clock M., and the date for the commencement of said work is hereby designated as February 1, 1883.

J. S. COLEMAN,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING,
51 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, December 7, 1882.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PROPOSALS INCLOSED IN SEALED ENVELOPES, and indorsed with the name of the person or persons making the same, and the date of presentation, will be received at the office of the Department of Street Cleaning, No. 51 Chambers street, in the City of New York, under and in pursuance of authority conferred by chapter 367, Laws of 1881, entitled "An act to create a Department of Street Cleaning in the City of New York, and to provide for the cleaning of the streets of said city, for the removal of snow and ice therefrom, and for the collection of ashes, garbage and street-sweepings, and the disposal of the same," passed May 26, 1881, three-fifths being present, until 12 o'clock M., of Wednesday, December 20, 1882, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read: For the final disposition of the street sweepings, ashes, and garbage, collected in the City of New York and delivered at the several dumps or dumping-places of the Department of Street Cleaning in said city, for the term of four years, from the first day of January, 1883.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to furnish suitable and sufficient scows or boats for the reception of said substances and material, when the same are delivered at said dumps or dumping-places of the Department of Street Cleaning; to defray the expense of trimming, towing, and unloading said scows or boats, and all other expenses incurred in disposing of said substances and material, and to conform to and obey all laws of the United States, of the State of New York, ordinances of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, the Sanitary Code of the Board of Health of said city, touching the removal from said city of said substances and material or dumping thereof, or any part thereof, either within the limits of said city, or in the waters of the North or East rivers, adjoining the cities of New York, Kings, Westchester, or Richmond, or in the bay of New York, or Raritan bay, within the jurisdiction of the State of New York, or in the waters of Jamaica bay, or in the waters of the Atlantic ocean, within three miles of Coney Island, or within three miles of Rockaway Beach or Far Rockaway, or within less than one mile beyond the outer bar.

If any part of said substances and material should be required by any person or persons, or department of the City of New York, for the purpose of filling in lots, or for other purposes, the Commissioner expressly reserves the right to deliver as much of said substances and material as he may deem necessary for such purposes, without invalidating the terms of the contract.

The price for which the work will be done must be written in the bid and stated in figures, and shall be at a rate per cubic yard, measurements and estimates to be made by an Engineer appointed by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, on the boats or scows of the contractor or contractors, at the several dumps or dumping-places of the Department of Street Cleaning; or if the street-sweepings, ashes and garbage are bid for at a separate price for each class of work, and the said Commissioner accepts bids in that form, the measurements and estimates may be made by said Engineer on the substances and material delivered at the dumps or dumping-places, upon the scows or boats at said dumps or dumping-places.

Bidders will be allowed, at their option, to bid a price per cubic yard upon the work, as a whole, as a mass, or a separate price for each class of the work, the bid or bids being for the performance of the whole work, as herein-after described and classified, to wit:

1st. For the final disposition of the street-sweepings, ashes and garbage collected in the City of New York, and delivered as a mass at the several dumps or dumping-places of the Department of Street Cleaning in said city.

Or, 2d. For the final disposition of the street-sweepings collected in the City of New York, and delivered at the several dumps or dumping-places of the Department of Street Cleaning in said city, said sweepings to be separated from all other substances and material only as far as may be practicable in the judgment of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

Per cubic yard.....
And for final disposition of the ashes, separated from all other substances or material only as far as may be practicable in the judgment of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, collected in the City of New York, and delivered at the several dumps or dumping-places of the Department of Street Cleaning, in said city.

Per cubic yard.....
And for the final disposition of the garbage, separated from all other substances or material only as far as may be practicable in the judgment of the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, collected in the City of New York, and delivered at the several dumps or dumping-places in said city.

Per cubic yard.....
The estimated quantities of street sweepings, ashes and garbage to be removed from the City of New York, and finally disposed of per year, are as follows:

1. Street sweepings, two hundred thousand cubic yards.

2. Ashes, seven hundred thousand cubic yards.

3. Garbage, one hundred thousand cubic yards.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and, in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation, whereupon the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may either make another selection from the proposals submitted in accordance with this public notice, or readvertise and relet the work, as he may consider best for the public interest.

If the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded, shall neglect or delay to commence the work or any portion thereof, on or after the first day of January, 1883, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning may perform the said work or any portion thereof for such period of neglect or delay, and charge the whole expense of the same against the said person or persons, and deduct the same from any amount due or to become due under the contract.

Bidders are required to state in their proposals, under oath, their names and places of residence, the names of all persons interested with them therein, and, if no other person be so interested, they shall distinctly state the fact; also, that it is made without any connection with any other person making any bid or proposal for the above 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. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested. Each proposal shall also be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that, if the contract be awarded to the person or persons making the proposal, they

will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars; and that, if he or they shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be subsequently awarded. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that each 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 as stated in the proposals, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety, and otherwise; that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith, and with an intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties offered shall be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Permission will not be given for the withdrawal of any bid or proposal, and the right is expressly reserved by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning to reject any or all bids, or to select the bid or bids the acceptance of which will, in his judgment, best secure the efficient performance of the work. No bid 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.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check on a solvent banking corporation in the City of New York payable to the order of the Comptroller of the City of New York, for five per cent. of the amount bid for the performance of all the work required by said contract to be done in any one year. On the acceptance of any bid, the checks of the unaccepted bidders will be returned to them, and upon the execution of the contract the check of the accepted bidder will be returned to him.

The contract will contain a stipulation or condition that it may be terminated on ten days' notice to the Contractor by the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, with the approval of the Mayor.

All bids must be made with reference to the form of contract and the requirements thereof on file at the Department of Street Cleaning, or they will be rejected; and the same is referred to as a part of this notice.

Blank forms of contract may be obtained at the Department of Street Cleaning, 51 Chambers street, New York City, on or after Tuesday, December 12, 1882.

JAMES S. COLEMAN,
Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Ninth Ward, at Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Wednesday, the 20th day of December, 1882, and until 9 1/2 o'clock A. M. on said day, for alterations, etc., at Primary School-house No. 24, on Horatio street near Hudson street.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and blanks for proposals and all necessary information may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 145 Grand, corner of Elm street, third floor.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

The party submitting a proposal, and the parties proposing to become sureties, must each write his name and place of residence on said proposal.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, are required in all cases.

No proposal will be considered from persons whose character and antecedent dealings with the Board of Education render their responsibility doubtful.

CHARLES S. WRIGHT,
E. DENISON, M. D.,
HENRY DAYTON,
JOHN S. SCULLY,
GEO. B. LAWTON,

Board of School Trustees, Ninth Ward.
Dated New York, December 6th, 1882.

JURORS.

NOTICE
IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, Sept. 15, 1881.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here, from 10 to 2 daily, from all persons hitherto liable or recently serving who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given.

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

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No mere excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents.

All good citizens will aid the course of justice, and secure reliable and respectable juries, and equalize their duty by serving promptly when summoned, allowing their clerks or subordinates to serve, reporting to me any attempt at bribery or evasion, and suggesting names for enrollment. Persons between sixty and seventy years of age, summer absentees, persons temporarily ill, and United States 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.

GEORGE CAULFIELD,
Commissioner of Jurors,
Room 17, New County Court-house.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 14, 1882.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 33 of the Laws of 1881, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to property-owners that the following lists of assessments for local improvements in said city were confirmed by the "Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments," on the 9th day of December, 1882, and, on the same date, were entered in the Record of Titles of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents, viz:

Front street sewer, between Old Slip and Cuyler's alley.

Broadway sewer, between Liberty street and Maiden Lane.

Cherry street sewer, between Jackson and Corlears streets.

Second avenue sewer, west side, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets, with branches.

Fifteenth street sewer, between Irving place and Fourth avenue.

Sixty-eighth street sewer, between Eighth avenue and Boulevard.

Seventieth street sewer, between Boulevard and Ninth avenue.

One Hundred and Forty-first street sewer, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

Seventy-third street basins, northwest and southwest corners of Eighth avenue.

Ninety-seventh street regulating, etc., between Eighth avenue and Boulevard.

One Hundred and Sixth street regulating, etc., between Madison and Fifth avenues.

One Hundred and Twenty-second street regulating, etc., between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street regulating, etc., between Tenth avenue and Kingsbridge road.

One Hundred and Thirtieth street regulating, etc., between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

Fifth avenue regulating and paving, between Ninth and One Hundred and Tenth streets.

Sixty-second street paving, between Boulevard and Tenth avenue.

One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street paving, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street paving, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Thirty-fourth street flagging, south side, from Eleventh to Twelfth avenues.

Fulton avenue filling in and fencing sunken lots, north-east corner One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street.

Section 5 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect and receive legal interest thereon, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, 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., and all payments made thereon, on or before February 12, 1883, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
December 11, 1882.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 33 of the Laws of 1881, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to property-owners that the assessment 1st for the opening of Webster avenue, from the eastern line of the N. Y. & Harlem Railroad at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, to the northern line of One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, was confirmed by the Supreme Court, on the 24th day of November, 1882, and entered on the 24th day of December, 1882, 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 Water Rents.

Section 5 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said record of titles of assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive legal interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, 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., and all payments made thereon, on or before February 9, 1883, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the record of titles of assessments in said Bureau.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, December 1, 1882.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS who have omitted to pay their taxes for the year 1882 to the Receiver of Taxes, to pay the same to him at his office before the first day of January, 1883.

One per cent. additional upon the amount of the tax will be collected on all taxes remaining unpaid on the first day of December, 1882; and unless the same shall be paid to him before the first day of January, 1883, interest will be charged and collected thereafter upon all such taxes so remaining unpaid on that day, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from October 23, 1882, the day on which the assessment rolls and warrants were delivered to the Receiver of Taxes.

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

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

MARTIN T. McMAHON,
Receiver of Taxes.

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.

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ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, AND OF ARREARS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
AND OF CROTON WATER RENTS,
OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF ASSESSMENTS AND CLERK OF ARREARS,
November 15, 1882.

NOTICE OF THE SALE OF LANDS AND TENEMENTS for unpaid taxes of 1877, 1878, and 1879, and Croton-water rents of 1876, 1877, and 1878, under the direction of Allan Campbell, Comptroller of the City of New York.

The undersigned hereby gives public notice, pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An act for the collection of taxes, assessments, and Croton water rents in

the City of New York, and to amend the several acts in relation thereto," passed April 8, 1871.

That the respective owners of all lands and tenements in the City of New York on which taxes have been laid and confirmed situated in the Wards Nos. 1 to 24 inclusive for the years 1877, 1878, and 1879, and now remaining due and unpaid; and also the respective owners of all lands and tenements in the City of New York, situated in the wards aforesaid, on which the regular Croton water rents have been laid for the years 1876, 1877, and 1878, and are now remaining due and unpaid, are required to pay the said taxes and Croton water rent so remaining due and unpaid to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, at his office, in the Department of Finance, in the new Court-house, with the interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, as provided by chapter 33 of the Laws of 1881, from the time when the same became due to the time of payment, together with the charges of this notice and advertisement, and if default shall be made in such payment, such lands and tenements will be sold at public auction, at the new Court-house, in the City Hall Park, in the City of New York, on Monday, March 5, 1883, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the lowest term of years at which any person shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the amount of tax or Croton water rent, as the case may be, so due and unpaid, and the interest thereon, as aforesaid, to the time of sale, together with the charges of this notice and advertisement and all other costs and charges accrued thereon, and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all the lands and tenements so advertised for sale shall be sold.

Notice is hereby further given that a detailed statement of the taxes and the Croton water rents, the ownership of the property on which taxes and Croton water rents remain unpaid, is published in a pamphlet, and that copies of the said pamphlet are deposited in the office of the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, and will be delivered to any person applying for the same.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 13, 1882.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 33 of the Laws of 1881, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to property-owners that the following lists of assessments for local improvements in said city were confirmed by the "Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments," on the 30th day of November, 1882, and, on the same date, were entered in the Record of Titles of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents, viz:

Seventy-sixth street paving, from Third to Fourth avenues.

One Hundred and Eighth street paving, from Third to Fifth avenues.

Forty-fourth street paving, between First and Second avenues.

Fifty-fifth street paving, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Seventy-fifth street paving, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Eighty-third street paving, between Eighth avenue and Boulevard.

Ninety-fourth street paving, between Third and Lexington avenues.

One Hundred and Twelfth street paving, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Seventieth street regulating, grading, etc., between Eighth and Tenth avenues.

First avenue sewer, between Twenty-first and Twenty-fourth streets.

Fourth avenue sewer, east side, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets.

Fourth avenue sewer, west side, between One Hundred and Eighth and One Hundred and Tenth streets.

Twenty-third street sewer, between Eleventh and Thirteenth avenues.

Eighty-seventh street sewer, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh street sewers, between Third and Lexington avenues.

One Hundred and Nineteenth street sewer, between Sixth avenue and summit east of Sixth avenue.

One Hundred and Twenty-third street sewer, between Fourth and Madison avenues.

One Hundred and Fifty-third street sewer, between Tenth avenue and St. Nicholas avenue.

Montgomery street sewer, between Madison and Monroe streets.

St. Nicholas avenue tree-planting, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets.

Willis avenue crosswalks, between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Thirty-ninth streets.

Avenue D flagging, east side, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.

Fifth avenue basin, west side, opposite One Hundred and Second street.

Courtland avenue crosswalks, between Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

Section 5 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said record of titles of assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive legal interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, 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., and all payments made thereon, on or before January 12, 1883, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, Nov. 1, 1882.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS who have omitted to pay their taxes for the year 1882 to the Receiver of Taxes, that unless the same shall be paid to him at his office before the first day of December next, one per cent. will be collected on all taxes remaining unpaid on that day, and unless the same shall be paid to him before the first day of January next, interest will be charged and collected upon all such taxes so remaining unpaid on that day, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, to be calculated from October 23, 1882, the day on which the assessment rolls and warrants were delivered to the Receiver of Taxes.

No money will be received after 2 o'clock P. M. Office hours from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M.

MARTIN T. McMAHON,
Receiver of Taxes.

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