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PROPOSALS FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING CITY RECORD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT to sections 91 and 111 of chap. 335, Laws 1873, proposals for printing and distributing THE CITY RECORD for one year, in accordance with the specifications filed in the office of the Mayor of the City of New York, in the City Hall in said city, will be received at the said office until Wednesday, June 3, prox., at 12 o'clock, M., at which hour the bids will be opened and read, and the award of the contract made as soon thereafter as practicable. Each proposal will be enclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Proposals for Printing and Distributing THE CITY RECORD," and must be made in strict conformity to the specifications aforesaid. The security required on the contract will be ten thousand dollars.

Dated New York, May 19, 1874.

WM. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.
GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Commissioner of Public Works.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING THE CITY RECORD.

1.—It must be published daily, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

2.—It must be of four or more pages, each page in size one-eighth of a sheet 33 by 46.

3.—It must be printed on clear rag paper, sized and calendered, and of a weight of seventy-five pounds to each ream of 500 sheets, 33 by 46, as per sample hereto annexed.

4.—The type used must be new, copper-faced, and of the kind known as the "modern old style," in regular sizes ranging from nonpareil to pica, inclusive, with leading and display type to correspond; the columns to be twenty-seven ems nonpareil in width, and four to each page.

5.—The paper to be issued and distributed each day before 9 o'clock, A. M., and the copies for use and sale by the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD to be delivered at his office at such hour as he may designate from time to time.

6.—Bids must specify the price per 1000 ems for ordinary composition; the price per 1000 ems for standing matter; the price per 1000 ems for tables; the price per 1000 ems for rule and figure work, and all other matter not included in ordinary column or table work; and the price per hour for alterations. Also the price per ream for all paper used, and the price for press work, per token of 250 copies of four pages to the form.

7.—In the measurement of composition and standing matter, the rules of the trade will be strictly observed.

8.—The contractor will be required to distribute, free of charge, to the several departments and officers of the City Government, and to such persons, and in such manner as the Mayor shall direct, not more than 1,000 copies; and no greater number of copies of said paper shall be printed at any time than shall be directed by the Mayor or Supervisor, and every copy printed shall be delivered to the Supervisor, excepting those delivered under the direction of the Mayor, as herein provided.

9.—All composition, press-work, make-up of forms, supply of proofs, and other work, to be done in a first-class manner, under the direction and control of the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD. The composing-room to be within a convenient distance of the City Hall. No matter of any kind whatsoever to be printed in said paper unless by order of the Mayor or of the Supervisor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Report for the week ending May 16, 1874:

Licenses granted and amounts received for licenses and fines by First Marshal:

Licenses granted..... 593
Amount received..... \$4,566 00

Permits issued for street stands, signs, show cases, deliveries, &c., and amount received for same:

Permits issued..... 141
Amount received..... \$905

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED SESSION.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

No. 15 CITY HALL,
THURSDAY, May 21, 1874, 2 o'clock P. M.

Present:—Hon. S. B. H. VANCE, President, in the chair, and the following members:

O. P. C. Billings, Patrick Lysaght,
S. V. R. Cooper, Joseph A. Monheimer,
Richard Flanagan, John J. Morris,
Edward Gilon, Oswald Ottendorfer,
Peter Kehr, John Reilly,
George Koch,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Reilly—

Resolved, That Isaac Untermyer be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of Patrick Dailey, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Alderman Billings, Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer Reilly—11.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

By Alderman Gilon—

Resolved, That a receiving basin and culvert be built on the northwest corner of Hudson and Leroy streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

Resolved, That One hundred and fifty-seventh street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged four feet wide to the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Cooper—

Resignation of J. N. Williams as a Commissioner of Deeds.

NEW YORK, May 20, 1874.

Hon. Alderman Cooper:

SIR: I hereby resign my position as Commissioner of Deeds in favor of my brother, E. Fowler Williams, and respectfully ask that he may be appointed in my place.

Respectfully,

J. NORTON WILLIAMS.

Whereupon he presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That E. Fowler Williams be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of J. Norton Williams, resigned.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Eighty-eighth street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That Eighty-seventh street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Billings—

Resolved, That Michael H. Cardozo be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to date from the expiration of his present term of office.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Alderman Billings, Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—11.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

By Alderman Koch—

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Sixty-fourth street between First and Third avenues be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-seventh street, between Third ave. and Avenue A, be paved with Belgian or Trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-seventh street, between Third ave. and Avenue A, be paved with Belgian or Trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Ninety-third street, between Second and Fourth avenue, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

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By the same—

Resolved, That Sixty-fourth street between First and Third avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioners of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-first street between Third avenue and East River, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-first street between Third avenue and the East River be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-fifth street between Fifth avenue and East River, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-fifth street between Fifth avenue and East River, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street lamps lighted, in Seventy-fifth street between Fifth avenue and East River, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-fifth street between Fifth avenue, and East River be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-sixth street, between Second and Fourth avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-sixth street, between Second and Fourth avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Seventy-seventh street, between Third avenue and Avenue A, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-seventh street, between Third ave. and Avenue A, be paved with Belgian or Trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Ninety-third street, between Second and Fourth avenue, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

ed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That Eightieth street, between Second avenue and East River, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Eightieth street, between Second avenue and East River, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 619.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of flagging south side of Fifty-seventh street, between the Second and Third avenues, commencing at No. 210 and ending at No. 220, respectively

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on south side of Fifty-seventh street, between the Second and Third avenues, commencing at No. 210 and ending at No. 220, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 520.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of curbing, guttering and flagging full width Thirteenth or Exterior avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, half the block, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That on both sides of Thirteenth or Exterior avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done (half the block), under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 521.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of flagging sidewalk both sides of Fifth avenue, between One hundred and twenty-fourth and One hundred and thirtieth streets, eight feet wide, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on both sides of Fifth avenue, between One hundred and twenty-fourth and One hundred and thirtieth streets, be flagged eight feet wide, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of repealing resolution to flag south side of Thirty-seventh street, from Lexington to Third avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed repeal to be proper. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in rescinding said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That the resolution and ordinance approved by the Mayor April 3d, 1874, providing for the flagging on the south side of Thirty-seventh street, from Lexington to Third avenues, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
Committee on Streets.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

G. O. 522.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed petition to change the grade of Fifty-seventh street, between Second and Third avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

That the petition contains the signatures of the owners of property interested sufficient to conform to the requirements of law relating to changing the grade of streets, and having been advertised the number of times and in the manner required by law, and no objections having been presented to the proposed change of grade, Your committee believe the prayers of the peti-

tions should be granted, and accordingly recommend for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the grade of Fifty-seventh street, between the Second and Third avenues, be changed so as to conform to the black lines and figures on the accompanying diagram, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby directed to give effect to the provisions of this resolution.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
ROBERT McCAFFERTY,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 523.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of curbing, guttering and flagging full width Thirteenth or Exterior avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, half the block, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution and ordinance, be concurred in.

Resolved, That on both sides of Thirteenth or Exterior avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done (half the block), under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOS. A. MONHEIMER,
O. P. C. BILLINGS,
Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 524.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of laying gas mains, &c., in Seventy-fifth street, from Second to Third avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That gas mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street lamps lighted in Seventy-fifth street, from Second to Third avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

GEO. KOCH,
EDWARD GILON,
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 525.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in favor of laying gas mains, &c., in One hundred and thirty-fourth street, from Fifth to Sixth avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That gas mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street lamps lighted in One hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

GEO. KOCH,
EDWARD GILON,
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 526.

The Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance to build sewer in One hundred and fifty seventh street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

That having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend the adoption of said resolution and ordinance.

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in One hundred and fifty-seventh street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

GEO. KOCH,
EDWARD GILON,
Committee on Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 527.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication of his Honor the Mayor, dated May 4th, 1874, to investigate and report, what action should be taken by this board in relation thereto, and in relation to the resolution adopted by this board at the meeting, 20th of April, last, in reference to the present Board of Police, beg leave to

REPORT:

The communication of the Mayor, referred to your committee, states in substance:

That he has received no official information of the proceedings of the committee of the Legislature, on the report of which the resolution of this board, asking for the reconstruction of the Board of Police, was based,

That only from the public press of this city he learned of the existence of such a committee, appointed apparently, for partisan purposes, the

proceedings of which partook too much of a political character, to command either the confidence or respect of the community,

That neither that committee, nor the Legislature considered these proceedings of such importance as to ask for any action on their, or on his (the Mayor's) part.

That he is prohibited by the charter from removing any head of any of the executive departments, without furnishing to the accused a copy of the charges made against him or them,

And that, as the resolution of this board contains no specific charges, but a mere expression of opinion, it cannot be used as a basis for the action of the Mayor, and he concludes with the assurance, that if charges are made by this board, which your body is prepared to substantiate, he shall investigate them at once, and give a decision as his judgment shall demand.

Your committee cannot suppress their astonishment, which will certainly be shared by the community, to learn from this communication, that the Mayor of the city of New York, whose duty it is made by the charter, "To keep himself informed of the doings of the several departments, and to be vigilant and active in causing the ordinances of the city and laws of the State to be executed and enforced" (Chapter 335 of Laws of 1873, Article III, § 23,) must be officially informed of the misconduct of any public officer, before he can exercise his influence and power to correct or remedy an evil complained of.

We are aware, that the power of removal of heads of the departments conferred on the Mayor by the charter, is a very grave and responsible one, which should never be exercised without strong reasons, and only for the protection of the public interest. To guard against a misuse of this power, for personal or partisan purposes, the charter provides further: That heads of all departments may be removed by the Mayor, for cause, and after opportunity to be heard, subject, however, before such removal shall take effect, to the approval of the governor, expressed in writing.

This provision clearly indicates, that, while it is intended to guard against a frivolous use of the power of removal, its true meaning is not to restrict its exercise to cases supported by charges, which are substantiated by evidence sufficient to secure the conviction of the accused parties in a competent court, otherwise our criminal tribunals would have been considered a sufficient protection, and the above mentioned provision of the charter would be superfluous.

To prevent even the suspicion that the resolution adopted by this Board, declaring the reconstruction of the Board of Police to be the indispensable duty of the Mayor, emanated from any other spirit than the desire to see the affairs of the most important department of our municipal government conducted in a satisfactory and efficient manner, and the conviction that this can only be accomplished by the removal of the Police Commissioners then in office, no notice was taken of the numerous complaints against those officials, which occupied for months the public attention, and the preamble of the resolution consisted principally in a recital of the most important points of the report of the Legislative Committee. This report was made to the Assembly on the 9th of April last, and was based on a very searching investigation, held in this city, from the 14th of February to the 21st of March, at which numerous witnesses, among them some of the accused parties appeared, and the fullest opportunity was given to them, to contradict and disprove the evidences by which they were implicated.

The press of this city published extensive reports of the proceedings of this investigation; the public opinion was deeply agitated by its results, and his Honor the Mayor is probably the only man officially connected with the administration of our municipal affairs whose attention this important occurrence escaped.

The excuse or explanation of this apathy and indifference of our chief executive, in a matter deeply concerning the welfare of our community, given in the communication referred to this committee, "that the legislative committee was appointed for partisan purposes, and that its proceedings partook too much of a political character to command either the confidence or respect of the community," seem rather to be exposed to the same insinuation which is thrown out by them.

The Legislative Investigating Committee was the committee on the affairs of Cities of the Assembly, consisting of members of both political parties, appointed at the organization of the Assembly, and certainly not selected with any reference to an investigation of the Street Cleaning Bureau of our Police Department.

No complaint was raised against the mode in which the investigation was conducted, and the report made by them to the Assembly, signed by all its members, is a moderate and dignified document, in which not all, but some of the principal results of the investigation, fully supported by the testimony, are summed up in a clear and lucid manner, and as one of the conclusions to which the committee was forced, the conviction is expressed, "that the cleaning of the public streets in the City of New York can only be thoroughly and economically accomplished by a board composed of men who recognize their first duty to be to the great mass of the people, who look at it in a sanitary and economical point of view, which position your committee are

forced to the conviction the present Police Board does not occupy, and any permanent improvement can only be expected from a reconstruction of the Board of Police.

A more direct and impressive admonition to the city authorities, who have the power to apply this remedy, can hardly be imagined, and in the face of this fact, which was stated in the preamble of the resolution adopted by this Board, it is difficult to understand what the Mayor could mean by saying in his communication that neither the committee nor the Legislature considered these proceedings to be of such importance as to call for any action on their or on his part.

It was truly and justly observed, that the Legislature at Albany "treat us as if we were a conquered province, with no rights they were bound to respect." But what reasons have we to complain about the interference of the State authorities in our municipal affairs, if our city magistrates decline to exercise the power conferred upon them for remedying the evils under which we suffer, and excuse this neglect of performing their duties with the assertion, that if a sufficient cause of action should exist, the State Legislature would certainly make use of it. Is not this inviting the evils against which we remonstrate?

It is useless to expect that the Legislature at Albany will cease to consider the functions of our municipal government as mere spoils to satiate the greediness of the followers of the temporary political majority, as long as the head of our executive declines to use the gun loaded and prepared by the Legislature for the protection of the rights and interest of the people, unless the command is given from Albany to discharge it.

As stated already, specific charges, substantiated by testimony, elicited in an official investigation, are not indispensable to enable the Mayor to exercise the power conferred upon him by the Charter, to suspend and remove heads of departments—a sufficient cause is all that is required for this purpose, and such a cause is certainly furnished by the report of the committee on the affairs of cities in regard to the management of the street cleaning bureau of the Police Board of the city of New York (a copy of which is transmitted with this report), although the testimony on which the results enumerated in the report and the conclusions drawn therefrom are based is not yet published, and is not expected, as we are informed, to appear in print before five or six weeks.

But to satisfy even those of the propriety of the resolution adopted by this Board the 20th of April last, who are of the opinion that a direct violation of the law must be shown and proved by testimony, ready to be examined and scrutinized, in order to authorize the Mayor to remove heads of departments, we present herewith a printed copy of the testimony given in an examination held on the application of John Kelly, John W. Chanler, Hugh Taylor, John Stephenson and Joseph Haigt, Jr., in the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District.

From this testimony, among others, the following facts were developed:

That Charlck and Duryee were the democratic members and Gardiner and Russell, together with Henry Smith, since deceased, the republican members of the Board of Police.

That by a combination between Charlck, Gardiner and Smith, and against the wishes of Duryee and Russell, the two former were appointed a committee "charged with all matters appertaining to the election," and that this two appointed all the inspectors throughout the city without consulting either Russell or Duryee, or informing them of the action they were taking.

See Charlck's testimony, pages 15, 21, 29, 35—Russell's testimony, page 100—Duryee's testimony, page 137.

That by an arrangement between them, Gardiner individually appointed half the inspectors on behalf of the republican party, and Charlck individually the remainder, which should have been appointed on behalf of the democratic party.

See Charlck's testimony, pages 18, 19—Russell's testimony, page 101—Duryee's testimony, page 189—Kelly's testimony, page 137—Hasbrouck's testimony, page 172.

That the action of this committee, in appointing inspectors was not reported to the Board of Police for confirmation until October 21, 1873, although the inspectors commenced their work of registration on October 6th.

Charlck's testy., pp. 31, 34, 41, 42, 43, 85.—Russell, do., 101, 102.—Duryee, do., 109, 110.—Hasbrouck, do., 174.

All of which was in violation of section thirteen of chapter 675, Laws of 1872, providing—

I. That all the Inspectors of Election shall be selected and appointed by the Board of Police, which Board is given power to make all removals and fill all vacancies.

II. That such Board shall annually, during August and September, appoint four Inspectors of Election, in each election district—two of whom, on State issues, shall be of different political faith from their opponents, and those appointed to represent the party in political minority on State issues, in said city and county, to be named solely by such of the commissioners, in said Board, as represent such political minority.

It further appears from this testimony:

tee's testimony, p. 110—Kelly's testimony 137, 138—Ackert's testimony, p. 145—Hasbrouck's testimony, p. 175.

That, inspectors were removed by Charlck upon false accusations, without the action of the Board of Police, and usually without the knowledge or approval of Duryee or Russell, when such inspectors were not on duty, and without giving them any written or other notice as prescribed by law.

Charlick's testimony, p. 49 to 71, 86—Kelly's testimony, p. 135, 136, 138—Crowley's testimony, p. 133—Hasbrouck's testimony, p. 175, 176—Hughes' testimony, 150—Sheridan's testimony, p. 154—Haggerty's testimony, p. 158—McCartney's testimony, p. 199.

These illegal removals were mostly made in the Eighteenth Assembly District, and in such a manner as to place the control of the election in certain election districts in the hands of inspectors who were guilty of frauds in the canvassing of the votes.

Thus, in the first election district, eighteen assembly, an inspector was appointed October 31st, in place of James Kellun, upon the ground that the latter had resigned, which he did not in fact do until November 3d, nor until a man was sent from Police Headquarters to demand his resignation, which was written out and dated back.

Charlick's testimony, pp. 49, 73—Kellun's testimony, p. 148.

In the Fourth Election District, 18th Assembly, J. I. Welch was removed upon the day before election upon a false charge and without investigation or notice, and his place filled by a man who acquiesced in the frauds committed.

Charlick's testimony, p. 51, 63—Swan's testimony, p. 206—Sheehan's testimony, p. 180—Croker's testimony p. 120, 121—Welch's testimony, p. 152—Sheridan's testimony, p. 156.

In the Ninth Election District, 18th Assembly, Daniel Hughes and James McCartney, the two Democratic Inspectors, were both removed, without notice, and on false charges, and their place supplied by their political opponents, who violated their duties as Inspectors.

Charlick's testimony, p. 53, 54, 66, 67—Hughes' testimony, p. 180—Stevens' testimony, p. 193—McCartney's testimony, p. 198, 199.

In the Twelfth Election District, 18th Assembly, A. J. Haggerty was arrested upon a false charge made by a fictitious person before Commissioner Davenport, and was removed.

Charlick's testimony, p. 67—Haggerty's testimony, p. 158.

In the Fourteenth Election District, 18th Assembly, I. I. Crowley, the only Democratic Inspector, was removed without notice on a false charge. His place was filled by his political opponents and the canvass by them was fraudulent.

Charlick's testimony, p. 68—Crowley's testimony, p. 130, 132.

In the Twenty-third Election District, 18th Assembly, John Sheridan was removed on a false charge and without notice.

Charlick's testimony, p. 68—Sheridan's testimony, p. 154.

The telegrams that Charlck afterwards produced to the Board of Police, to induce them to ratify his acts on election day, and the day's proceedings were not sufficient to cover the cases.

Russell's testimony, p. 106.

And there were but three removals in fact at the meeting of the Board on November 3d, although a large number appear on the minutes as having been removed on that day.

Duryee's testimony, p. 110.

Thus violating the election law, which provides that:

IV.—All removals, unless made when the inspector is *actually on duty* on a day of registration or election, and for improper conduct as an election officer, shall only be made *after notice in writing* to the officer *sought to be removed*, setting forth clearly and distinctly the reasons for his removal.

It further appears from the testimony:

That by a combination between Charlck, Smith and Gardner, and without the knowledge of Duryee and Russell, a telegram was, on the evening of election, sent to certain election districts requiring all watchers in the different polling places to remain outside the railing.

Charlick's testimony, pages 77, 90, 92, 93, 95—Russell's testimony, pages 105, 106, 107—Duryee's testimony, pages 109, 112, 113, 114.

That this order was enforced in twenty election districts in the 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 18th Assembly Districts in which the railing was so far distant from the place of the canvass of the ballot boxes as to render it impossible for the watchers to see that the canvass was proper, or the returns correct, and in many of such districts was made a cover for frauds in the canvass.

That in many districts throughout the city where it was not pre-arranged that frauds should be committed, and where the protection of this order was not required, this order was not promulgated or enforced, hereby violating the act of May 14th, 1872, the section 47th of which provides that each candidate is permitted to appoint a watcher in each election district, and it is made the duty of the police and inspectors to make a passage for such watcher, and to allow him "to be present at the canvass of the ballot boxes, and so near to them that he can see that such canvass and the returns are correct. And the police and inspectors are forbidden to allow the watchers to be molested or removed.

While the report on the investigation of the Street Cleaning Bureau shows a lamentable inefficiency and a culpable negligence of the whole Board of Police then in office, although spoliation is traced only to some of the subordinates of the Street Bureau, the investigation in the Supreme Court proved a flagrant violation of the laws by two of the police commissioners, and therefore in morals as well as in law their removal must be considered a public necessity.

It is to be feared—and numerous symptoms indicate this apprehension only to be too well founded, that the inefficiency, negligence, corruption and defiance of laws, which are proved to exist in the Street Cleaning and Election Bureaus are not restricted to these two offices, but pervade more or less every branch of the Police Department.

The idea, that the most important department of our city government, to whose care the preservation of law and order, and the safety of the lives and property of the citizens, and their protection in the exercise of their dearest right is intrusted to a great extent, is under the control of men, who neglect their duties from carelessness and inefficiency, or who use their position to satisfy partisan and personal purposes is fearful to contemplate, and to decline to use every opportunity correct this sad state of affairs involves a grave responsibility.

This Board has, in reference to the subject under consideration, no power under the *written laws* to enforce compliance with its views and resolutions; it can do nothing but to express a *mere opinion*. But when this opinion, as in this instance, is the result of an impartial and careful review, and is formed by an earnest desire for the protection and promotion of the public welfare, it becomes an *unwritten law*, more powerful than any enactment of the Legislature, the provisions of which cannot be evaded by the ingenuity of hair splitting lawyers, and the force of which, we trust, our venerable chief executive will graciously acknowledge. Your committee therefore recommend to resolve:

That in view of the facts and statements enumerated in the foregoing report, it is the imperative duty of His Honor the Mayor to suspend and remove the police commissioners, who are responsible for the demoralization existing in their department, in accordance with the provisions of the act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York, and to reconstruct the Board of Police by the nomination of gentlemen as members of that Board, whose character and standing in the community will be a guarantee of their able, faithful and honest management of the important trusts conferred by the laws on the Police Department.

Oswald Ottendorfer,
S. V. R. Cooper,
Edward Gilon,
Special Committee.

Which was laid over.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Resolution to build receiving basins and culverts northeast and southeast corners of 33d street and 1st avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to place two lamps in front of church in 17th street, between Avenue A and Avenue B.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to flag sidewalk north side 54th street, from 6th to 7th avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution to place free drinking hydrant on southeast corner of Broome and Essex streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to place street lamps in 2d avenue, from 69th to 77th streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to fence in vacant lots on east side of 2d avenue, between 82d and 83d street, and south side 83d street, between 1st and 2d avenue, and west side 1st avenue, between 82d and 83d street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to lay crosswalk at the corner formed by the intersection of Willis avenue with 135th street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution to fence vacant lots on west side 5th avenue and northwest corner of 128th street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Resolution to pave 33d street, from 1st avenue to East river.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

Resolution to permit Bond street Savings Bank to place two gas lamps on stoop of their building No. 330 Bowery.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT AND CORPORATION OFFICERS RESUMED.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 16, 1874.

To Board of Aldermen:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriation made under the authority contained in section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Legislative Department, from January 1 to December 31, 1874, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation.

Title of Appropriations.	Am't of Appropriations.	Payments.
City Contingencies.	\$7,000 00	1,294 36
Contingencies, Legislat. Dep't...	1,500 00	99 65

Salaries, Legislative Department..... 185,000 00 60,121 67

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file and printed in the minutes.

Alderman Morris moved that the call of General Orders commence where discontinued at the last meeting, viz.: Alderman Ottendorfer, and that so much of Rule XIII as relate to the call of General Orders be suspended for that purpose.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Koch called up

G. O. 473,

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That Forty-second street, from the Second avenue to the East river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Koch called up

G. O. 465,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That Twenty-ninth street, between First avenue and East river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that, at the several intersecting streets and avenues, crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Cooper called up

G. O. 477,

being a resolution and ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That the grade of Eighty-first street, from the Ninth to the Tenth avenue, be changed so as conform to the red lines and figures on the annexed diagram, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to give effect to the provisions of the resolution.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence.

Alderman Cooper called up

G. 492,

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on Fifty-seventh street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, where not already done, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Billings called up

G. O. 506,

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the south side of Thirty-fourth street, between Lexington and Fourth avenues, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance.

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, Monheimer, Morris, Ottendorfer, Reilly—12.

And the same was directed to be sent to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Alderman Billings called up

G. O. 512,

being a Report of the Joint Special Committee on extending hospitalities of the City to Sir Lambton Lorraine, &c.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the following named, viz.: Thomas S. Brennan, \$1,200 23 for entertainment; C. S. Grafula, \$140 for band of music; Benjamin F. Brady, \$166 50 for engrossing "resolutions," etc., and Joseph C. Pinckney for \$153 92 for disbursements, and charge the same to the appropriation for city contingencies.

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

Appointments.

Cowper Thorburn, axeman, at \$2 50 per day.
 Jas. Britt, inspector on sewer, at \$4 per day.
 Jas. Lunter, Mathew J. Feegan and Edward Davis, inspectors of regulating and grading, at \$3 per day.
 Geo. Davenport and Jos. H. Petty, inspectors of paving, at \$3 50 per day.

Suspended on Completion of Work.

Homer Bunnell and Thos. Hardy, inspectors of regulating and grading; Patrick J. Carney and Jas. Britt, inspectors on sewers.

Laboring Force.

There is a decrease in the laboring force of the Department of 63 workmen and 8 carts, and an increase of 3 teams.

Requisition on the Finance Department.

The total amount of requisitions drawn by the Department upon the Finance Department during the week is \$91,518 99.

GEO. M. VAN NORT,
 Commissioner of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

New York, May 18, 1874.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending May 16, 1874:

W. W. ADAMS,
 Superintendent of Buildings.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS.

Plans, Specifications and Special Applications, filed, examined and passed upon.

NEW BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined... 21
 No. of Buildings embraced in same... 29

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings.....	4
Second class Dwellings.....	5
Tenements.....	3
First class stores.....	2
Third class stores.....	1
Manufactories and Workshops.....	3
Stables.....	7
*Frame Dwellings.....	4
Total.....	29

*In Westchester districts.

Plans &c., approved, including those previously filed. 19
 " amended and approved..... 8
 " disapproved..... 4
 " pending..... 7

Total..... 38

ALTERED BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined... 34
 " Buildings embraced in same... 34

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings.....	1
Second class Dwellings.....	6
Tenements.....	12
First class Stores.....	2
Second class Stores.....	2
Manufactories and Workshops.....	2
Public Buildings.....	2
Stables.....	3
Frame Dwellings.....	4
Total.....	34

BUILDINGS EXAMINED AND PLANS RELATING THERETO
 PASSED UPON INCLUDING THOSE PREVIOUSLY FILED. 44

Approved..... 29
 Amended and approved..... 3
 Disapproved..... 3
 Pending..... 9

Total..... 44

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS.

Number filed examined and passed upon..... 35
 Approved..... 18
 Disapproved..... 7
 No. pending..... 10

Total..... 35

ROBERT MCGINNIS,
 Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF VIOLATIONS, UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND COMPLAINTS.

Abstract of operations for the week ending May 16, 1874:

Complaints received from outside sources..... 13
 Violations of the law reported..... 23
 Violations of the law removed..... 11
 Unsafe buildings reported..... 67
 Unsafe buildings made safe..... 59
 Unsafe buildings taken down..... 4
 Surveys held on unsafe buildings..... 2
 Violation cases sent to Attorney for prosecution..... 2
 Unsafe building cases sent to Attorney for prosecution..... 1
 Violation notices served..... 30
 Unsafe building notices served..... 94
 Buildings surveyed as to general condition..... 860

The classification of the unsafe buildings reported are as follows:

Unsafe walls..... 21
 " chimneys..... 30
 " piers..... 7
 " generally..... 3
 " gutters..... 1
 " floors..... 1
 " ceiling..... 1
 " stairs..... 1

Total..... 67

ANDREW OWENS,
 Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF IRON WORK.

Abstract of operations for the week ending May 16, 1874:

Buildings reported for fire-escapes..... 53
 Fire-escapes provided..... 58
 Arch girders tested (all approved)..... 12
 Iron beams tested (25 approved, 2 not)..... 27
 Iron lintels tested (5 approved, 1 not)..... 6

Notices for Fire Escapes served..... 45
 Cases sent to Attorney for prosecution..... 123

HENRY J. DUDLEY,
 Dep. Sup't and Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF THEATRES, HOTELS, SCHOOL-HOUSES, CHURCHES, FACTORIES AND SPECIAL SURVEYS.

Abstract of operations during the week ending May 16, 1874:

THEATRES.

Seventeen theatres and places of public amusement have been officially visited and inspected in reference to means of egress, fire precautions, and public safety therein, viz: Booth's, Union Square, Wallacks, Bryant's, Thomas' Central Park Garden, Metropolitan, Olympic, Germania, Academy of Music, Fox's Broadway, Tivoli, Berry's Opera House, Barnum's Hippodrome, Steinway Hall, Union League, Colosseum and the Theatre Comique, and no infraction of the Building Law noted in either.

HOTELS.

Thirteen hotels, boarding and lodging houses have been carefully examined as to the means of safety and appliances therein, severally provided, for protection, egress and escape in the event of fire, as follows, to wit: Conrad Geib House, 77 Essex street; Brennuck House, 81 Essex; Standard, 165 East Broadway; Hotel Germania, 37 and 37½ Bowery; Dalton House, 6 Rutgers; Stadt Hamburg, 50 Essex street; Oriental Hotel, 43 and 45 Lafayette Place; Cooper Union Hotel, 15 and 17 3d avenue. Boarding and lodging houses—No. 19 Great Jones street, 230 Broome street, 106 and 108 Bowery, 71 Essex street, and No. 25 Great Jones street; in 9 of the buildings so inspected, the means of egress, escape, &c., were found and reported to be sufficient; two were found and reported as requiring additional fire safe guards; the remaining two cases were re-examinations of buildings heretofore reported as requiring, and notified to provide escapes, one of which was found to have complied with the requirements of the law, and the remaining case is still pending.

FACTORIES.

Eighteen factories and buildings used for manufacturing purposes have been specially and carefully inspected as to the means and facilities therein severally provided for ready and convenient egress and escape therefrom, in the event of fire, and in all cases where reported to be insufficiently provided for in this respect, the parties in interest have been notified to forthwith provide such additional fire safe guards as were deemed requisite, and had been recommended by the Inspectors charged with the duties of such examinations.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS.

384 buildings heretofore provided with fire escapes have been officially inspected as to the condition of the escapes therein, and their being kept in proper repair, free from obstructions, and available for immediate use, in the event of fire, in 452 of the buildings so inspected, the escapes are reported to be in good condition, and in the remaining thirty-two, as being more or less obstructed, requiring repairs, or additional safe guards. 82 factories and 2 hotels, heretofore reported as requiring (and notified to provide) additional fire safe guards, have been reexamined, resulting in the retirement of 23 factory and one hotel case in which the requirements of the law were reported to have been complied with in accordance with the recommendations of the Department.

CHAS. K. HYDE,
 Chief of Bureau.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
 CITY OF NEW YORK,
 Wednesday, May 13, 1874.

The Board of Commissioners met as above. Present—President Joseph L. Perley, in the chair, and Commissioner Cornelius Van Cott.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion approved.

Communications

were received and disposed of as follows:

From—Chief of Department, report of investigation into the operations at fire Nos. 16 and 18 Jacob street, on the 28th ult.—Filed.

Inspector of Combustibles, report for the week ending 9th inst.—Filed.

Same, returning notice from Board of Health relative to repairs of sidewalk 39 Liberty street, with report that the work has been performed.

Same, returning communication from Superintendent of Telegraph, referred to him February 11, 1874, with report that the work required has been performed.—Filed.

Chief of Battalion in charge of the Repair Shops, recommending that in transfer of horses their collars be sent with them.—Filed, with directions to order compliance with recommendations.

Superintendent of Telegraph, returning request of Board of Trustees College of New York for fire alarm in the vicinity of the College, with report.—Filed, with directions to locate a key at college and give location of adjacent boxes.

Assistant Engineer of Steamer James K. Giles, Eng. Co. No. 9, applying for promotion.—Referred to the Examining Board of Engineers.

Assistant Engineer of Steamer William Dungan, Eng. Co. No. 28, applying for promotion.—Referred to the Examining Board of Engineers.

Fireman Thomas Carey, Eng. Co. No. 25, requesting transfer.—Laid over.

Fireman Thomas Coffey, Eng. Co. No. 37, requesting transfer.—Laid over.

Fireman Sidney H. Conklin, H. & L. Co. No. 16, requesting transfer.—Laid over.

Hoseman Nicholas R. Brady, Eng. Co. No. 41, applying for promotion.—Referred to the Examining Board of Engineers.

Hoseman John Q. A. Baker, Eng. Co. No. 42, applying for promotion.—Referred to the Examining Board of Engineers.

Comptroller, transmitting resolution of Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with request for a revised estimate.—Filed.

Edward Dennis, Esq., estimate for blasting for telegraph poles.—Filed.

Michael Finn, Esq., estimate for blasting for telegraph poles.—Filed.

Chairman Committee on origin of fires, Board of Underwriters, relative to delivery of Fire Marshals monthly report to them. Referred to the Fire Marshal with directions to conform thereto.

Patrick F. Ryan, late Engineer of Steamer, applying for re-appointment. Filed.

Margaret Snyder, widow of late Foreman Michael Snyder, applying for relief under the provisions of chap. 742 laws of 1871. Referred to the Trustees of the Relief Fund.

Reports received.

From the Examining Board on application for promotion of Fireman Stephen Cartwright, Eng. 35. Promotion ordered and filed.

Examining Board of Engineers on application for promotion of Fireman Charles E. Bensel, H. & L. 14. Promotion ordered, and

Fireman John McDevitt, Eng. 16.

" Thos. B. Green, H. & L. 5.

" Joseph Landers, Eng. 10.

" William H. Fleming, Eng. 25.

" John F. Beechinor, Eng. 9. Filed.

Discharge.

To take effect on 13th instant.

Michael Leonard, carpenter.

Appointments.

James H. Magee, as carpenter at \$4 per day.

To take effect on 14th inst.

Peter P. Grosjean, as climber at \$3.50 per day.

To take effect on 20th inst.

Promotions.

Fireman Stephen Cartwright, Eng. 35, to be Assistant Foreman and assigned to H. & L. 13. To take effect on 15th inst.

Fireman Charles E. Bensel, H. & L. 14, to be Assistant Engineer of Steamer, and assigned to Eng. 38.

To take effect on 15th inst.

Fines imposed.

On recommendation of the Committee on Discipline.

Assistant Engineer of Steamer John H. Dawson, Eng. 38, to forfeit 5 days pay.

Assistant Engineer of Steamer William Peto, Eng. 25, to forfeit 2 days pay.

Fireman James E. Naugle, Eng. 20, to forfeit 2 days pay.

Transfers.

Assistant Engineer of Steamer John H. Dawson, Eng. 38 to Eng. 3.

To take effect on 15th inst.

Resolution adopted.

Resolved, That the proposal of Michael Finn for blasting holes for telegraph poles in 10th Battalion district, at the rate of ten dollars for each hole five feet deep, be and the same is hereby accepted and he is hereby directed to proceed with the work under the direction and supervision of the Superintendent of Telegraph.

Adjourned.

W. B. WHITE,
 Secretary.

THE CITY RECORD.

The Board of CITY RECORD met in the Mayor's office Tuesday, May 19, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, Counsel to the Corporation and Commissioner of Public Works.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bills of B. F. Fisher for printing for Board of Aldermen, amounting to \$580 50, and Martin B. Brown for printing for Board of Assistant Aldermen, amounting to \$654, were presented and laid over.

The Commissioner of Public Works offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following bill be approved and referred to the chairman of the Board for certification and requisition upon the Comptroller for payment, to be paid for out of the appropriation specified.

PUBLICATION OF THE CITY

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Abstract of transactions of the Department of Finance for the week ending May 9, 1874.

DEPOSITS IN THE TREASURY.

On account of the Sinking Fund.....	\$65,576 20
" " " City Treasury.....	239,365 30
	\$304,941 50

BONDS AND STOCKS ISSUED.

7 per cent. Bonds.....	\$1,426,500 00
7 per cent. Stocks.....	26,000 00
	\$1,452,500 00

WARRANTS REGISTERED AND READY FOR PAYMENT.

Additional alterations of the Aqueduct.....	4,744 07
Advertising.....	21 30
Aqueduct repairs and maintenance.....	6,024 28
Avenue A Improvement Fund.....	11,777 89
Boulevards, Roads and Avenues, maintenance of.....	86 34
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	6,970 43
City Record, Salaries and Contingencies.....	791 65
Cleaning and Supplies for County Offices.....	4,995 56
Cleaning Markets.....	2,587 00
Commissioners Excise Fund.....	3,137 46
Contingencies—Comptrollers Office.....	2,883 00
" Law Department.....	777 70
Cornerers' Fees.....	291 66
Croton Water Fund.....	740 50
Croton Water Main Fund.....	3,184 08
Dock Fund.....	47,157 07
Extra Contingencies.....	102 00
Fire Department Fund.....	181 11
Free Floating Baths.....	90 00
Harlem River Bridges—Maintenance and government of.....	116 66
Health Fund.....	11,410 80
Judgment Fund.....	21,854 52
Lamps and Gas.....	349 00
Maintenance and Government of Parks and Places.....	7,297 50
Maintenance and Government of Public Places, Streets, Roads and Avenues, 23d and 24th wards.....	7,829 53
Manhattan Street Improvement Fund.....	141 46
56th street Improvement Fund.....	1,304 72
Observatory, Museum and Gallery of Art—Maintenance and government of.....	433 33
10th street Improvement Fund.....	5,326 41
11th " " "	1,158 80
12th " " "	1,749 44
Police Station Houses Rents.....	2,620 00
Printing, Stationery and Blank Books.....	3,270 15
Public Charities and Correction.....	31,980 07
Public Instruction.....	59,273 10
Refunding Taxes paid in error.....	1,285 75
Removing Offal, Night Soil and Dead Animals.....	923 08
Rents.....	7,375 00
Repairing and Preserving Records, Register's Office.....	250 00
Repairing and renewal of pipes, stop cocks, &c.....	3,098 25
Roads and Avenues and Sprinkling.....	824 75
Road or Public Drive, Boulevard Fund.....	12,050 75
Salaries, Board of Assessors.....	1,658 33
" City Courts.....	5,704 36
" Commissioners of Accounts.....	500 00
" Department of Buildings.....	10,133 24
" Department of Finance.....	12,521 84
" Department of Public Works.....	9,640 91
" Department of Taxes and Assessments.....	42,031 72
" Judiciary.....	4,224 11
" Law Department.....	2,023 87
Saint Nicholas Avenue Improvement Fund.....	3,470 82
Seventy-second Street Improvement Fund.....	6,203 57
Sewer Repair Fund.....	4,846 75
Sewers Repairing and Cleaning.....	1,000,000 00
State Sinking Fund Deficiency.....	58,453 51
Street Improvement Fund.....	2,300 00
Supplies for and Cleaning Public Offices.....	88 95
Third District Court House for building.....	2,907 99
Tenth Avenue Improvement Fund.....	

\$1,452,501 04

ORDERS OF COURT, ETC.

COURT.	PLAINTIFF OR RELATOR.	AMOUNT.	DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
Supreme..	James W. Fowler.....	\$1,333 33	Order to pay him for salary as Justice Third District.....	J. W. Fowler.
Supreme..	Jno. Murphy & Jno. Nesbit	88 75	Mandamus for payment of, on claim of \$6,132 09 for materials furnished Third District Court House in Aug., 1871.	Man & Parsons.
Supreme..	Theodore F. Cole.....	10,000 00	S. and C. for damages to his mill in Kent, Putnam Co., N. Y., by building reservoir at Boyd's Corners.....	Field & Miner.
Supreme..	Albert Strehan.....		Order restraining assessment for paving 32d st., from 2d ave. to East river, being confirmed and vacating and declaring the same null and void.....	Devlin, Miller & Trull.
Com Pleas	Geo. L. Ingraham.....	10,035 00	Peremptory mandamus directing allowance of, as receiver of Lanigan & Adams for awnings furnished County Court House in 1872.....	Burrill, Davison & Burrill.
Com Pleas	Geo. Mason.....	582 50	Application for mandamus to compel payment of claim as cleaner in Court House Sept. 1871, to April, 1872.....	E. Sandford.
Com Pleas	Wm. H. Michaels.....	10,833 45	Notice of judgment for surveyor's fees.....	J. S. Lawrence.
Marine...	Alfred W. Harcombe.....	183 77	Notice of judgment for services as stenographer Seventh District Court, March, 1873.....	J. Steinert.
Superior..	Leopold & Em'l Wertheimer	410 24	For tobacco furnished Department of Charities and Correction, Feb. 14, 1874.	S. G. Courtney.
Superior..	" " "	410 74	For tobacco furnished Department of Charities and Correction, Feb. 2, 1874.	S. G. Courtney.
Superior..	" " "	820 48	For tobacco furnished Department of Charities and Correction, Feb. 13, 1874.	S. G. Courtney.
Supreme..	Arthur Keefe vs. Thomas Murphy & Patrick Kearney — Order to examine the Comptroller.		Jas. Campbell.	
Supreme..	John H. Whitmore	423 06	Order to pay, with interest and costs....	J. W. Fowler.
Supreme..	Patrick McCabe	423 06	Order to pay, with interests and costs....	J. W. Fowler.
Superior..	James V. Schenck	522 50	Summons for.....	A. C. & W. H. Ellis.
Superior..	James V. Schenck	2,898 10	Surviving co-partner of Schenck & Ryan — summons for.....	A. C. & W. H. Ellis.

MARKET PERMITS.

MARKET.	NO. OF STAND.	FROM WHOM TRANSFERRED.	TO WHOM TRANSFERRED.
Washington.....	141	Wm. N. Ryerson & Isaac Mandeville	Jacob Puckhaber.
Washington.....	351	Frederick Mock.	Wm. N. Ryerson & Isaac Mandeville
Washington.....	67	Francis Kallenquinn.....	William S. Brown.
Fulton.....	242,243,244,216	New permit to.....	Mrs. Caroline Dorian & George H. Shaffer.
W. Washington (De Voe avenue.....	15	Max Mandie.....	Joseph Oppenheimer.
W. Washington (Broad avenue.....	55	New permit to.....	Adam Rathgeber.
W. Washington (Fulton Row.....	6	New permit to.....	Timothy Healy.
W. Washington (Centre Row).....	19 and 21	Henry S. Van Wickle.....	Henry & Wm. O. De Hart.
Washington.....	457	Thomas H. Brown.....	Hela Straus.
W. Washington (Broad avenue).....	64	Christian Bruning & Eliza. Nestlage	Christian Bruning.
W. Washington (Prospect ave.).....	4	Christian Bruning & Eliza. Nestlage	Christian Bruning.

CLAIMS FILED.

NAME OF CLAIMANT.	AMOUNT.	DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM.	ATTORNEY.
Charles E. Miller.....	\$1,820 77	For services as Counsel to Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.....	Wm. C. Trull.
Charles S. Sherman & Co.....	539 22	For fitting up armory 12th regiment in 1873.	J. H. Platt.
James Mullen.....	240 00	For services as cleaner County Court House, June, July and Aug., 1873.	Johnson & Ward.
George Kerrigan.....	306 00	For services as general inspector of street pavements in 1871.	W. J. McGrath.
Daniel Fallon.....	17,500 00	For rent of Nilsson Hall, Jan. 1, 1873, to April 1, 1874.	McKeon & Smyth.
Charles Guidet.....	46,387 89	For repaving 3d ave., from 14th to 44th st.	W. H. Field.
Charles S. Sherman & Co.....	816 56	For fitting up armory of 12th and 71st reg., in 1873.	J. H. Platt.

CONTRACTS FILED.

DEPARTMENT.	CONTRACTOR.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.
Department of Public Works..	John Slattery.....	For curb and gutter in 57th street, from the 11th avenue to the Hudson river.
Board of Education.....	National School Furniture Co..	For furniture for Model School, 68th street and Lexington avenue, \$5,947 75.
Board of Education.....	James E. Poole.....	For fitting up premises on 124th street, between 5th and 6th avenues, \$950.
Board of Education.....	Nathaniel Johnson	For fitting up and furnishing primary school building No. 6 in 3d street, 17th ward, for \$1,195.

ANDREW H. GREEN,
Comptroller.

LAWS OF THE STATE RELATING TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

CHAP. 308.

AN ACT in relation to the estimates and apportionments for the support of the government of the city of New York.

PASSED May 1, 1874; three-fifths being present.

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

SECTION 1. The board of estimate and apportionment constituted by section one hundred and twelve of chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby authorized, at any time before the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, by the concurrent vote of all the members of said board, to reconsider, revise, and re-determine the estimate for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, heretofore made under the provisions of said act, and of section twenty of chapter seven hundred and fifty-seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and the amount of the estimate so reconsidered, revised and re-determined and approved by the concurrent vote of all of the members of said board, shall thereby become appropriated as the amount of money required to defray the expenses of conducting the public business of the city of New York and of the various departments, boards and commissions thereof, whether administrative, executive or judicial, and for paying the interest on the city debt and the principal of such debt falling due in and for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and for all liabilities of the city of New York, by reason of the annexation thereto of territory lately a part of Westchester county, and for the expenses of conducting the public business of said annexed territory for and during said year, and the liabilities incurred by the board of education of said territory during the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, which are hereby made an obligation of the city of New York; and the aggregate amount of said estimate, after deducting the estimated amount of the revenues of the general fund of the city of New York, not otherwise specifically appropriated by law, including surplus revenues of the sinking fund for the payment of interest on the city debt, shall be established and be the amount to be raised for all such purposes, by tax, within the city and county of New York for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and the amount thus established shall be certified to the board of supervisors by the Comptroller; and the said board of supervisors are hereby empowered and directed to cause the amount so certified to be raised and collected in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, by tax upon the estates by law subject to taxation within the city and county of New York. But the aggregate amount of the estimates for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, to be made by the said board of estimate and apportionment, shall not exceed the amount of the estimate heretofore made by the said board, as aforesaid. In the estimate, so to be made, no sum shall be included except the same be appropriated for a specified department or purpose, and no sum shall be appropriated for special contingencies.

§ 2. The said board of estimate and apportionment shall have the power at any time to transfer any appropriation for any year which may be found, by the head of the department for which such appropriation shall have been made, to be in excess of the amount required or deemed to be necessary for the purposes or objects thereof, to such other purposes or objects for which the appropriations are insufficient, or such as may require the same; and if it is found at the time when the estimate is made of the expenses of conducting the public business of the city of New York for the next succeeding fiscal year, that there will be a surplus or balance remaining unexpended of any appropriation then existing at the end of the current fiscal year, such surplus may be applied to like purposes in the next succeeding year.

§ 3. The amount of money required by provision of section eight of chapter seven hundred and two of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to be included in the amount to be raised by tax in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, by section four of chapter ninety-five, laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, to be included in the amount to be raised by tax in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall, instead of being raised in eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be raised and included in the amount to be levied by tax in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and in anticipation of the levy and collection thereof, the Comptroller is authorized and required to issue revenue bonds for such amounts as may from time to time be required to be paid pursuant to the provisions of section seven of said chapter seven hundred and two of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, such revenue bonds to be paid from the amounts so to be raised by tax in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five. This act shall not be construed to authorize said board to reduce or transfer any appropriation heretofore or hereafter made for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the acts mentioned in this section, and except as herein modified, all the provisions of chapter seven hundred and two of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two are confirmed and continued in full force and effect.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINIONS OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

The act of the Legislature of 1874 authorizing the Mayor or alone, without confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, to fill vacancies in certain offices mentioned in the 25th section of the Charter, empowers the Mayor to supply the places of the Commissioners for the completion of public buildings in New York, who were removed from office by the act of June 13th, 1873.

Where a proper construction of legislative acts authorizes the filling of vacancies in certain public offices, the power of appointment should be exercised; and a doubtful constitutional question as to the validity of such appointments may properly be left for subsequent determination.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, May 4, 1874.

The Hon. Wm. F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the City of New York,

SIR:—Section 25 of the act of April 30, 1873, called the Charter, provides, among other things, that the Mayor shall nominate and with the consent of the Aldermen appoint all Commissioners and all members of any board or commission authorized to superintend the erection or repair of any building to be paid for by the city, whether named in any law or appointed by any local authority, and also members of any local board, and all other officers not elected by the people. The section also authorizes the Mayor to appoint officers, subject to like confirmation, for the unexpired terms of such offices as may become vacant. (Laws of 1873, chapter 335, § 25.)

Subsequently, on the 13th of June, the Legislature passed a separate act, entitled "An act to provide for the completion of county buildings in the City and County of New York," providing that the term of office of each and every commissioner appointed theretofore for the erection of buildings for county purposes should be terminated at once. This act then further provides that "the persons nominated by the Mayor, and by the consent of the Aldermen appointed, as such commissioners, pursuant to chapter 335, shall be commissioners for the purposes for which they were appointed and shall perform all the duties conferred upon the commissioners for the erection of buildings whose terms of office the act terminates. (Laws of 1873, chapter 759, § 1.)

Chapter 300 of the act of 1874, recently passed, provides that the Mayor shall thereafter appoint, without confirmation, a person or persons to fill any vacancy or vacancies, which now exist or may hereafter occur, from death, resignation, or cause other than the expiration of the full term, in any office to which by the provisions of the twenty-fifth section of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, he is empowered to appoint with the consent of the Board of Aldermen. (Laws of 1874.)

The question is submitted for my opinion whether the Mayor is now authorized to appoint commissioners for the erection of public buildings in this city and for the completion of those in course of erection. And the fact is brought to my attention that the legislature, in passing the act of 1873, chapter 759, were mistaken in their supposition that the Board of Aldermen had acted upon the names nominated by the Mayor for those places. In fact the Board of Aldermen had laid over the nominations without confirmation.

The citations which I have made above from existing provisions of law, render the answer easy and obvious. The act of 1873, chapter 759, absolutely terminated the terms of the Commissioners then in office, simply by removing them therefrom. The legislative power of removal is unquestionable. This power was exercised in and by the first clause of that act itself. The officers were removed; but the offices remained. The act thus created vacancies in the offices by removing the officers. The Mayor endeavored to fill the vacancies, but could not, because the Board of Aldermen neglected to confirm. The vacancies were not created by expiration of the terms of the Commissioners. They were created by the action of the legislature in removing the Commissioners, and the vacancies were continued and now exist by the failure of the Aldermen to act upon the new nominations. The act of 1874, chapter 300, now clearly applies. The act of 1873, chapter 759, is, in effect and law, an amendment of chapter 335, section 25. But without chapter 759 of the laws of 1873, the Mayor and Aldermen were authorized by chapter 335, section 25, to appoint the commissioners when vacancies should occur. Those vacancies are created by the first clause of the act of 1873, chapter 759. And the recent act of 1874, chapter 300, takes away the necessity of confirmation.

It is the duty of the Mayor, to fill the vacant commissionerships by new appointments.

It has been suggested that in the opinion of some persons, the act of April 30, 1873, "to re-organize the local government of the City of New York," is in conflict with the constitution of the State so far as it undertook to legislate upon county in addition to city affairs; that the building called the new court house, although used for both city and county purposes, is a county building, paid for by the county, not the city; that these commissioners, although appointed by city, not county authorities, are necessarily county, not city officers; and therefore that there is a constitutional difficulty in the way of the filling of the vacancies by the Mayor alone. In my judgment this is a question of great breadth, affecting other matters, and which in this case should be left for determination in some proper form after the appointments shall have been made and the new commissioners assume their official functions. I am not asked as to the scope of their duties or jurisdiction.

I am, sir, with great respect,
Your obedient servant,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

Opinions from the head of the Law Department can be given for public purposes only, and not to serve any private requisition or interest.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, NEW YORK, May 18, 1874.

The Honorable, the Board of Supervisors.

GENTLEMEN:—It has been publicly represented that at the last meeting of your Board Mr. Supervisor Van Schaick stated, in substance, that he had called upon me for an opinion, and that I requested him to inform me what he desired. In other words, the honorable Supervisor conveyed the impression (I hope unintentionally), that I was ready to give to him, upon a question of public law, any opinion he might require.

I am sure that few of my fellow citizens of New York, where I have labored for professional reputation and for honorable professional emolument for many years, will believe that I could ever have intended to place myself, especially to comparative strangers, in so degrading a position, or make so humiliating an avowal as the imputed remarks of the Supervisor referred to would seem to imply. Yet, as the imputation has been publicly made in an honorable Board, of which I am the legal adviser, and has been noticed by a portion of the public press, I hope I may be pardoned for obtruding upon you this communication.

I recollect that Alderman Van Schaick, accompanied, I think, by one of his associates, called upon me about a year ago. My impression is that my judgment was asked upon some question of municipal law. To the best of my recollection, I entered freely into a conversation with the Alderman, but I do not recollect what opinion I gave, nor whether anything was committed to writing. The particulars of the interview very naturally escape my memory, because since my accession to this office calls of this character have been innumerable. I presume that in this instance, as in others, I requested the views of my interrogator, in order that I might have the basis of forming my own. It may be also in this instance, as in others, that in allusion to the frequency with which such personal calls had been made upon me, I may have asked, in a jocular manner, "What opinion do you want?" Opinions had then, and have since been at times asked of me in the manner of persons making an order at a restaurant, and with the apparent expectation that the order would be fulfilled precisely as demanded. I do not mean to declare that Mr. Supervisor Van Schaick adopted this mode or manner. All I wish to say is, that to carry a humorous matter out I have sometimes indulged in intended pleasantry, without supposing that I could be misunderstood.

It only remains for me to assure your honorable Board that in responding to requests for legal opinions affecting the municipal government or any of its officers, I have in every instance strenuously endeavored to give them my best judgment as to the true construction of the law, with no motive on earth but to obey my oath of office, serve my fellow officials, and sustain my professional reputation. In this public manner I request the Supervisor referred to to recall all the circumstances of the interview of which he has spoken, and ask himself whether there is not room for misunderstanding; and from all the members of your honorable Board I ask in this matter, and in others as they arise, a considerate, just, and generous judgment.

I am, gentlemen,
With great respect,
Your obedient servant,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation, and
Legal Advisor to the Board of Supervisors.

DIRECTORY

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

BOARD ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

1. Thomas Foley, 28 West street.
2. Jeremiah Murphy, 45 Cherry street.
3. Charles M. Clancy, 167 Mott street.
4. John C. Keating, 333 Cherry street.
5. Henry Wisser, 155 Prince street.
6. Michael Healy, 19 Ridge street.
7. Thos. L. Thornell, 169 West 12th street.
8. John Theiss, 223 Bowery.
9. George F. Codington, 62 Perry street.
10. Joseph P. Strack, 179 Third street.
11. William S. Krebs, 354 West 27th street.
12. Patrick Keenan, 217 Lewis street.
13. William Wade, 144 West 21st street.
14. John J. Kehoe, 138 First avenue.
15. Edward Brucks, 428 West 39th street.
16. George Kelly, 318 East 20th street.
17. Stephen N. Simonson, 305 West 48th street.
18. Philip Cumisky, 552 First avenue.
19. Henry A. Linden, 68th st., bet. 10th and 11th avs.
20. Isaac Sommers, 165 East 62d street.
21. Benjamin Beyea, 23 East 132d street.

JOSEPH P. STRACK, President.

W. H. MOLONEY, Clerk.

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ARTS AND SCIENCES.—Assistant Aldermen Cumisky, Murphy, Codington.

DONATIONS.—Assistant Aldermen Sommers, Wisser, Wade.

FERRIES.—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Kehoe, Theiss.

FINANCE.—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Sommers, Wade.

LAMPS AND GAS.—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Beyea, Brucks.

LAW DEPARTMENT.—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Keenan, Thorne.

MARKEYS.—Assistant Aldermen Kelly, Kehoe, Keating, Foley, Beyea.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.—Assistant Aldermen Theiss, Murphy, Cumisky, Simonson, Codington.

ORDINANCES.—Assistant Aldermen Brucks, Kehoe, Sommers.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.—Assistant Aldermen Keating, Krebs, Beyea, Sommers, Theiss.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—Assistant Aldermen Keenan, Murphy, Wisser.

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RAILROADS.—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Keenan, Linden, Cumisky, Theiss.

ROADS.—Assistant Aldermen Cumisky, Thornell, Brucks.

SALARIES AND OFFICES.—Assistant Aldermen Brucks, Kehoe, Wisser.

SEWERS.—Assistant Aldermen Kelly, Wade, Wisser.

STREETS.—Assistant Aldermen Wisser, Theiss, Linden, Cumisky.

STREET PAVEMENTS.—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Sommers, Simonson.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.—Assistant Aldermen Sommers, Keenan, Linden

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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Mayor's Marshal, No. 5, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.
License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, 7 and 8, City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Clerk of Board of Assistant Aldermen, 9½ City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office, West end.

1. Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the city: Ground floor, west end.

2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park.

3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents; Ground floor, west end.

4. Auditing Bureau; Main floor, west end.

5. Bureau of Licenses; Ground floor, west end.

6. Bureau of Markets; Ground floor, west end.

7. Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, at the Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer; Main floor, west end.

8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments; Rotunda

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, Staats Zeitung Building, 3d floor; 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 8½ a. m. to 4½ p. m.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 237 Broadway, room 5, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, room 52, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN.

Central Office.

Commissioners' Office.

Superintendent's Office.

Inspectors' Office.

Chief Clerk's Office, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Property Clerk, " "

Bureau of Street Cleaning, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Bureau of Elections, " "

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CITY HALL, 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Commissioners' Office, No. 19.

Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.

Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.

Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.

Boulevards & Avenues, No. 18½.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18.

" " Lamps and Gas, No. 13.

" " Incumbencies, No. 13.

" " Street Improvements, No. 11.

" " Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct, No. 11½.

" " Water Register, No. 10.

" " Water Purveyor, No. 4.

" " Streets and Roads, No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open: entrance on 11th street.

Free Labor Bureau, 8 and 10 Clinton pl., 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, N. E. corner, always open.

Reception Hospital, 99th st. and 10th av., always open.

Belle Vue Hospital, foot of 26th street, E. R. "

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOS. 127 AND 129 MERCER ST., 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Commissioners' Office, Chief of Department.

Inspectors of Combustibles, Fire Marshal.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NO. 301 MOTT STREET.

Commissioner's Office, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Sanitary Superintendent, always open.

Register of Records, for granting burial permits, on all days of

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Sixteenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Tuesday, the second day of June, 1874, and until 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, for repairing and altering Grammar School House No. 45 on West Twenty-fourth street, near Eighth avenue.

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason Work," "Proposal for Carpenter Work," "Proposal for Painting," "Proposal for Heating," "Proposal for Furniture."

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, will be required from each successful bidder; proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The name of the party or firm submitting a proposal must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing said proposal.

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

MATTHEW BIRD,
JAMES HARRISON,
JOHN CASTREE,
OSCAR ZOLLIKOFFER,
JOHN DELAMATER.

Board of School Trustees, Sixteenth Ward.

Dated New York, May 18, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Seventh Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm street, until Monday the 1st day of June, 1874, and until 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, for enlarging and altering Grammar School House No. 2, on Henry street, near Pike street.

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason Work," "Proposal for Carpenter Work," "Proposal for Painting," "Proposal for Heating," "Proposal for Furniture."

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DAVID HAYS,
JOHN H. BOSCHEN,
GEORGE G. HALLOCK,
JAMES W. MCBARRON,
LAWRENCE G. GOLDING.

Board of School Trustees, 7th Ward.

Dated New York, May 18th, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets (and nowhere else), until Thursday, May 28th, 1874, at 4 o'clock, P.M., for supplying the Coal and Wood required for the public schools in this city, including that portion of Westchester County recently annexed thereto, for the ensuing year.

Say nine thousand (9,000) tons of coal, more or less, and two thousand five hundred (2,500) cords of oak and one thousand (1,000) cords of pine wood, more or less. The coal must be of the best quality of white ash, furnace, egg, stove and nut sizes, in good order, two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and must be delivered in the bins of the several school buildings at such times and in such quantities as required by the Committee on Supplies.

The proposals must state the mines from which it is proposed to supply the coal to be furnished from the mines named if accepted, and must state the price per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds.

The quantity of the various sizes of coal required will be about as follows, viz.: Seven thousand (7,000) tons of furnace size, one thousand (1,000) tons of stove size, five hundred and fifty (550) tons of egg size, and four hundred and fifty (450) tons of nut size.

The oak wood must be of the best quality, the stick not less than three (3) feet long.

The pine wood must be of the best quality, and not less than three (3) feet six (6) inches long. The proposal must state the price per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight cubic feet, solid measure, for both oak and pine wood, and also the price per cut for sawing and splitting per load, the quantity of oak wood to be split only as required by the Committee on Supplies. The wood will be inspected and measured under the supervision of the inspector of Fuel of the Board of Education, and must be delivered at the schools as follows:—Two-thirds of the quantity required from the 15th of July to the 15th of September, and the remainder as required by the Committee on Supplies; said wood, both oak and pine, must be piled in the yards, cellars, vaults or bins of the school buildings, as may be designated by the proper authority. The contracts for supplying said coal and wood to be binding until the first day of June, 1875. Two sureties for the faithful performance of the contract will be required, and each proposal must be accompanied by the signatures and residences of the proposed sureties. No compensation will be allowed for delivering said coal and wood at any of the schools, nor putting and piling the same in the yards, cellars, vaults or bins of said schools.

Proposals must be directed to the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education, and should be endorsed, "Proposals for Coal" or "Proposals for Wood," as the case may be.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all the proposals received.

RUFUS G. BEARDSLEE,
ANDREW J. MATTHEWSON,
JAMES M. HALSTED,
DAVID WETMORE,
ROBERT HOE,
Committee on Supplies.

NEW YORK, May 12, 1874.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2 FOURTH AVE.,
NEW YORK, Jan. 2, 1874.

WHEREAS, THE TOWNS OF MORRISANIA, West Farms and Kings Bridge, have been annexed, and are now known as the 23rd and 24th Wards of the City of New York, it becomes my duty, as Superintendent of Buildings, to extend the operation of the building laws over said territory, and to superintend the construction, alteration, repair and removal of buildings therein.

I therefore give notice to builders and property owners that plans and specifications for all new buildings, alterations, repairs and removals must be presented to this Department for examination and approval, prior to the commencement of the projected work.

All necessary blank forms, and any desired information pertaining to the building laws, will be furnished on application at this office, or to either of the inspectors, at their temporary office, Police Headquarters, Tremont.

W. W. ADAMS,
Superintendent of Buildings.

STREET OPENINGS.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the Opening and Extending of Desbrosses Street in an Easterly direction from its present termination at Hudson Street, to Varick Street in the City of New York.

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

I.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment in the above-entitled matter, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned Commissioners, at our office, No. 150 Broadway (Room 10), in the said city, on or before the 26th day of May, 1874, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 26th day of May, 1874, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 2 o'clock.

II.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City and County of New York, there to remain until the 6th day of June, 1874.

III.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate in said City and bounded by and included and contained within the centre lines of the following named streets, that is to say: Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the centre line of Hudson street with the centre line of Vestry street, and running thence westerly along the centre line of Vestry street to the centre line of West street; thence northerly along the centre line of West street to the centre line of Watts street; thence easterly along the centre line of Watts street to a point where if said Watts street were extended would intersect the centre line of Sullivan street; thence northerly along the centre line of Sullivan street to the centre line of Broome street; thence easterly along the centre line of Broadway; thence southerly along the centre line of Broadway to a point distant two hundred and forty-five feet, or thereabouts, southerly from the southerly line or side of Grand street; thence westerly along a line drawn parallel or nearly so with Grand street to the centre line of Sullivan street; thence southerly along the centre line of Sullivan street to the centre line of Canal street; thence northwesterly along the centre line of Canal street to the centre line of Vestry street; and thence westerly along the centre line of Vestry street to the point or place of beginning.

IV.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the new Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 22d day of June, 1874, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

DATED NEW YORK, April 20th, 1874.
EUGENE H. POMEROY,
CLINTON G. COLGATE,
L. L. LAMBERT,
Commissioners.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed, and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

1. For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter in 119th street, from 4th to 8th avenue.

2. For regulating, grading, setting curb and flagging in 112th street, from 2d avenue to Harlem river.

3. For laying Belgian pavement in 3d street, from 2d avenue to East river.

4. For laying Belgian pavement in 57th street, from 6th to 8th avenues.

5. For building sewers in 111th and 112th streets, between 1st avenue and Avenue A.

6. For building sewers in 1st avenue, between 3d and 6th streets, and between 6th and 10th streets.

7. For building sewer in Cannon street, between Grand and Broome streets.

8. For building sewer in Avenue A, between 110th and 123d streets, with branches in 123d street.

9. For building sewers in 6th, 7th and St. Nicholas avenues, between 110th and 116th street, with branches.

10. For building outlet sewer in 8th street, from Hudson river to road to 81st street, to 10th avenue to 83d street, to 9th avenue to 88th street, to 8th avenue, with branches in 9th avenue to 92d street.

No. 11. For regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging Lexington avenue, from 66th to 96th street.

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

1. Both sides of 119th street, from 4th to 8th avenue.

2. Both sides of 112th street, from 2d avenue to Harlem river, to the extent of one-half the block at intersection of Avenue A.

3. Both sides of 3d street, from 2d avenue to East river, to the extent of one-half the block on the intersecting streets.

4. Both sides of 57th street, from 6th to 8th avenues, to the extent of one-half the block on the intersecting streets.

5. Both sides of 111th and 112th streets; north side of 110th street, and south side of 113th street, between Avenue A and 1st avenue, and west side of Avenue A, between 110th and 113th streets.

6. Both sides of 1st avenue, between 3d and 6th streets and between 6th and 10th streets.

7. Both sides Cannon street, between Grand and Broome streets.

8. Both sides of Avenue A, between 110th and 123d streets, and both sides of 123d street, between Avenue A and 1st avenue.

9. Both sides of 6th and 7th avenues, between 110th and 116th streets; both sides of St. Nicholas avenue, between 6th and 7th avenues; east side of 8th avenue, between 110th and 116th streets, and north side of 110th street, and both sides of 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th and 115th streets, between 6th and 8th avenues.

10. The property bounded by the north side of 76th street and south side of 92d streets, from 8th avenue to Hudson river.

No. 11. Both sides of Lexington avenue, from 66th to 6th street, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to Thomas B. Asten, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19, Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,

JOHN MCHARG,

MUNSON H. TREADWELL,

VALENTINE S. WOODRUFF,

Board of Assessors.

THE CITY RECORD.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 21, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS

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

CONFIRMED APRIL 16, 1874.

Sewer in 10th avenue, between Lawrence and 130th streets.

The limits embraced by said assessments includes the following blocks and ward numbers, viz.:

Block 1170, ward numbers 36 to 40, both inclusive.

Block 1171, ward numbers 33 to 37, both inclusive.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before the 20th day of June next, will be exempt according to law, from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 7 per cent. from the date of confirmation. The Collector's Office is open daily from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. for the collection of money, and until 4 P.M. for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 10, 1874.

PROPERTY HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED MARCH 26, 1873.

First avenue—Paving from Thirty-sixth to Sixty-first streets.

One hundred and seventeenth street—Paving from Fourth avenue to Harlem river.

Underground Drains between Seventy-first and Seventy-fourth streets, and between Ninth avenue and Boulevard.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the 10th day of June next, will be exempt according to law, from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 7 per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, May 11, 1874.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS.

PROPERTY HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection.

CONFIRMED MAY 6, 1874.

Extension of sewer at foot of 54th street East River. Sewer in Broome street between Mulberry and Mott streets.

Basin at the south-west corner Elizabeth and Grand street.

Basin at the south-west corner Mott and Grand street. Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging 34th street between 10th and 11th avenues.

Regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging 67th street between 3d and 4th avenues.

Flagging 53d street from 7th avenue to Broadway. Paving with stone blocks 63d street between Lexington