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### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

THURSDAY, September 3, 1874.  
2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, No. 15 City Hall.

PRESENT :

Hon. SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President.

ALDERMEN

Oliver P. C. Billings, George Koch,  
Stephen V. R. Cooper, Patrick Lysaght,  
John Falconer, Robert McCafferty,  
Richard Flanagan, John J. Morris,  
Edward Gilon, Oswald Ottendorfer,  
Peter Kehr, John Reilly.

The minutes of July 8, 10, and 21 were read approved.

PETITIONS.

Demand of Conrad Boller for payment of rent for premises used as an armory by the Eighth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

Demand of Conrad Boller for possession of premises used as an armory by the Eighth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY HALL,  
NEW YORK, August 25, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit to your Honorable Body the quarterly report of the Comptroller ending June 30, 1874, giving a detailed statement of all accounts audited and allowed by the Department of Finance on account of the City of New York.

Very respectfully,  
W. F. HAVEMEYER,  
Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
August 22, 1874.

Hon. WILLIAM F. HAVEMEYER,  
Mayor :

SIR—I have the honor to transmit herewith a detailed statement of all accounts audited and allowed by this Department on account of the City of New York, and for which warrants have been drawn upon the Chamberlain, for the quarter ending June 30, 1874.

Very respectfully,  
AND. H. GREEN,  
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, AUDITING BUREAU,  
August 21, 1874.

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN,  
Comptroller :

SIR—Herewith is transmitted a statement of all accounts audited and allowed on City and Trust accounts, for which warrants upon the Chamberlain have been drawn during the quarter ending June 30, 1874.

Very respectfully,  
DANIEL JACKSON,  
Auditor of Accounts.

Alderman Flanagan moved that 500 copies be printed in document form.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(For which see Document No. 10.)

Also the following :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, September 3, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith a resolution passed by your Honorable Body, granting permission to the Law Telegraph Company "to place in each of the Court-houses in this city, and in the office of the Register, a telegraph instrument to occupy a space therein not exceeding four square

feet," under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The permission proposed to be given to the Law Telegraph Company is in my opinion not sufficiently definite. It does not appear whether the privilege is intended to embrace every building in the city limits where court is held, or whether only the buildings known as the County Court-houses are included in the resolutions, and I therefore return the same for such consideration as will relieve the resolution from the ambiguity which I have suggested.

W. F. HAVEMEYER,  
Mayor.

Which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Also the following :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, September 3, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without my approval, the accompanying resolution, to curb, gutter, and flag both sides of Eighty-fourth street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, for the reason that the street in question, between the avenues named, has been once curbed, guttered, and flagged, with a four-feet flag, and as there is no petition from the property-owners on the line of the proposed improvement asking to have this work done, I withhold my approval from the same.

W. F. HAVEMEYER,  
Mayor.

Alderman McCafferty moved to refer to the Committee on Law Department.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

Alderman Cooper moved that the message be received, laid on the table, printed at length in the minutes, and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
OFFICE OF DESIGN AND SUPERINTENDENCE,  
NEW YORK, September 1, 1874.

To the Hon. HENRY G. STEBBINS,  
President of the Board :

SIR—I lay before you a communication from the Engineer of Parks and Places in regard to the Battery sea-wall. The Department has an appropriation for the purpose of its repair, which will not be available after this year, and the injury to the wall is constantly, though not rapidly, increasing. It therefore appears to me desirable that the work should be begun as soon as possible. I am reluctant to advise work to be done otherwise than by contract, while the Department pays for its labor at a much higher rate than contractors find to be necessary, but this work is of such a character that it cannot be let to good advantage, and I recommend an application to the Common Council for authority to undertake it by days' work.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) FRED. LAW OLMS TED,  
Landscape Architect.

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
August 31, 1874.

FRED. LAW OLMS TED, Esq., L. A. :

SIR—Under direction of the Board, a short piece of the Battery wall (about 150 feet in length) was under-pinned, pointed, and repaired about July 1. Since that time I have made frequent examinations of the wall, and the effects of the action of the water upon it, and find that the repaired portion promises to stand fairly, although there has been no storm or other unfavorable circumstances which would be a trying test. A full test cannot be made until winter arrives, and the action of frost and high seas is observed. However, I believe that the wall can be repaired in accordance with the accompanying specifications, and that if these specifications are fully complied with, the life of the wall will be prolonged sufficiently to repay for a fair price for the repairs.

It is very difficult to estimate what such a price should be, because the amount of mortar and concrete to be used in the innumerable interstices of the wall can only be known when the work is done. If the work is done by contract, the most thorough supervision by officers of the commission must be provided. Inspection will be necessary of all the work in its progress, because the greater portion of the new work will not be visible when complete. It must be understood that, after the work embraced in these specifications is finished, additional necessities may arise for other repairs to the wall, developed by the progress of these.

Respectfully,  
JOHN BOGART,  
Engineer D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
GENERAL OFFICE,  
36 UNION SQUARE, N. Y., cor. Sixteenth st.,

September 3, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Estimate and Ap-

portionment have given to this Department the sum of \$7,500 for the repair of the Battery sea-wall, which is in a very dangerous state at present. It was originally built by contract, and the repairs now needed are the consequence of the very imperfect manner in which the work was done.

A small portion of the work has been done by this Department within the last two months, at a cost of about \$250. The result of this experiment shows, as you will see by the enclosed copies of the communications of the Landscape Architect (Mr. Olmsted) and the Engineer (Mr. Bogart), that it will not be practicable or to the interests of the city to contract the work.

I am therefore instructed by the Board governing this Department to request that your Honorable Body will adopt the necessary ordinance under section 91, Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, to enable this Department to have the work of repairing the wall executed by days' work by employees under its own supervision.

It is necessary that this ordinance should be passed as soon as possible, as the appropriation of \$7,500 will lapse at the close of the present year.

I inclose a form of resolution, which I respectfully submit to your consideration.

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours, very respectfully,

HENRY G. STEBBINS,

President Department of Public Parks.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,  
(ROOM NO. 19) CITY HALL,  
NEW YORK, July 21, 1874.

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

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt of a resolution adopted by your Honorable Body, and approved by his Honor the Mayor, on the 18th instant, directing "a permit to be issued to one Thomas W. Gager, to use the public hydrants in Grand street for the purpose of obtaining water to sprinkle the carriage-way of all that portion of Grand street east of the Bowery, upon payment of the usual fee, as provided by ordinance of the Common Council.

While desirous of complying with any request or direction of the Common Council, and without implying that due weight and consideration was not given to the subject of the resolution by your Honorable Body, it may not have occurred to you that the Commissioner of Public Works is bounden by contract, through license granted to one David Johnson, for the season of 1874, to sprinkle with Croton water said Grand street, at the section named, and that the said Johnson has complied with the rules and regulations of the Department in prepaying his license fee for the use of the water. The granting of a license to a second party will naturally and justly involve the Commissioner of Public Works in litigation, which he would trust and hope to avoid. I have at present before me a communication from the Police Department, complaining of the nuisance created in Grand street by the excess of sprinkling the street, and preventing thereby the proper cleansing of the same, as in addition to the legitimate business of sprinkling by Mr. Johnson, who pays his revenue to the city, and who should be protected in his rights, Mr. Gager draws water from the river, and thereby creates a nuisance; how much greater would this be were he allowed to open the hydrants?

I would, with great respect, refer your Honorable Body to a communication addressed to the Committee on Public Works of the Board of Aldermen, dated June 13, 1874, wherein the facts of this case are fully set forth.

If Mr. Gager has a claim to sprinkle Grand street, because he held the license in 1873, then the claim might be made by Mr. McKnight, who held the privilege in 1872, or Mr. Colton, who held it in 1871—confusion would follow, or a monopoly be established, and the control of the water be materially interfered with.

Mr. Gager has been violating the ordinances of the city for several months (section 26, Chapter 45, Revised Ordinances of 1866), and it would be questionable policy to now reward him by granting him the means of creating a nuisance, and of leading the city authorities into litigation.

With all due deference, I would suggest that the subject be reconsidered.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. VAN NORT,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Alderman Gilon moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Alderman Morris moved to amend by referring the communication to the Committee on Law Department.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Also the following :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL,  
NEW YORK, July 25, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—Upon reference to the proceedings of your Honorable Board on the 21st inst., as published in the CITY RECORD, I find that a petition was presented from "the members of the German Saloon-keepers' Association, requesting the repeal of the ordinance imposing a special tax for Croton water used at the various business places of the same," and that the petition was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

In consideration of the great importance of this subject, I have communicated with your Committee on Public Works, giving such information in relation to the same as might assist them to arrive at a proper decision in the matter, and as it will again come up in your Honorable Board for further or final disposition, I have the honor to submit herewith a statement of the facts communicated to your Committee, and to ask your earnest consideration of the same.

Under the provisions of the Law of April 11, 1849, the Revised Ordinances of the City provide as follows: "Porter-houses, taverns, and groceries shall be charged an extra rate of from three to thirty dollars, leaving it discretionary with the late Croton Aqueduct Board, or with its successor, the Commissioner of Public Works, to charge any rate within those amounts. In order to avoid the constant importunities of saloon-keepers to reduce the rates charged to them to the lowest amount fixed by the ordinance, the Commissioner of Public Works, in 1870, definitely established the two rates of ten and fifteen dollars for all saloons according to the amount and nature of the business transacted in them. It is needless for me to say that no discrimination is made for or against any "class" or "nationality" of saloon-keepers. The quantity of Croton water consumed by them is enormous, and if meters could be applied to them and they were charged by the quantity at the rates established by ordinance, they would undoubtedly have to pay a larger tax than they now pay. The revenue from this source amounts to from seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) to one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars annually, lessening to that amount the tax on real and personal property. Other kinds of business—manufactories, stables, hotels, barber shops, etc.—are charged extra water rent, amounting in the aggregate to over six hundred thousand (\$600,000) dollars annually, they could with at least equal propriety ask for a release from this tax, but the loss of it would have to be made up by direct taxation on real and personal property.

It remains for your Honorable Board to decide whether it would be prudent and proper to lessen the revenue from Croton water by releasing one class of consumers from a tax which is necessarily imposed upon others. In my opinion, the establishment of such a precedent would involve the ultimate loss of the entire revenue from Croton water rents, by the granting of similar exemptions. This revenue has nearly reached the amount \$1,500,000 annually, and is increasing; the rents have not hitherto been considered oppressive, and compare favorably with the rates charged in other large cities, where pure water is furnished with equal convenience to consumers.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

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

CITY OF NEW YORK,  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

August 22, 1874.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN—The Receiver of Taxes has made requisition for additional room in which to transact the business of his bureau, rendered necessary in the collection of the Tax of 1874, by the annexation of the adjacent towns in Westchester County.

His communication to this Department on the subject is herewith submitted in order that such action may be taken as the circumstances of the case require.

I avail myself of this opportunity to state that the collection of the Tax of 1874 will commence within a few days.

Respectfully submitted,  
ANDREW H. GREEN,  
Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES,  
Court House, Park, 32 Chambers street,  
NEW YORK, August, 1874.

HON. ANDREW H. GREEN,

Comptroller :

SIR—I respectfully request that additional room and proper facilities for the transaction of the increased business, made necessary for the annexation of the Westchester territory, be furnished for the use of this office.

taken by the proper authorities to furnish the additional space and fixtures.

The present arrangement of this building will admit of such alterations as will accomplish this purpose without depriving other departments or offices of room at any time required for the public service, or the convenience of officials while in the performance of public duty.

It is necessary that the alterations, if ordered, should be commenced at once, and completed before the opening of the tax books.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, etc.,

M. T. McMAHON,  
Receiver of Taxes.

Which was ordered on file.

Also the following:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF  
FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
August 29, 1874.

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in sec. 112, Chap. 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Common Council, 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.	Amount of Appropriations.	Payments.
City Contingencies.	\$7,000 00	\$5,747 97
Contingencies, Clerk of the Common Council.	1,500 00	515 72
Salaries, Common Council.	185,000 00	105,560 41

ABM. L. EARLE,  
Deputy Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file and to be printed in the minutes.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Sheriff:

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, {  
ALBANY, August 1, 1874.

To the Sheriff of the County of New York:

SIR—Notice is hereby given that at the general election to be held in this State on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November next (November 3) the following officers are to be elected, to wit:

A Governor in the place of John A. Dix.

A Lieutenant-Governor in the place of John C. Robinson.

A Canal Commissioner in the place of Alexander Barkley.

An Inspector of State Prisons in the place of Thomas Kirkpatrick.

An Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals (for a full term) in the place of Alexander S. Johnson, appointed by the Governor in the place of Rufus W. Peckham, deceased.

All whose terms of office will expire on the last day of December next.

A Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress of the United States for the Fifth Congressional District, composed of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Wards of the City of New York, Bedloe's Island, Ellis' Island, and Governor's Island, in the County of New York.

A Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress of the United States for the Sixth Congressional District, composed of the Seventh, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Wards of the City of New York, in the County of New York.

A Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress of the United States for the Seventh Congressional District, composed of the Tenth and Seventeenth Wards of the City of New York, in the County of New York.

A Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress of the United States for the Eighth Congressional District, composed of the Ninth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Wards, and that portion of the Eighteenth Ward lying within Fourteenth street, Twenty-sixth street, and Fourth and Sixth avenues, in the City of New York, in the County of New York.

A Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress of the United States for the Ninth Congressional District, composed of so much of the Twentieth Ward as lies within Twenty-sixth street, Forty-sixth street, Seventh avenue and the Hudson river, and so much of the Twelfth and Twenty-second Wards as lies within Forty-sixth street, Spuyten Duyvel Creek, Eighth avenue and Hudson river, in the City of New York, in the County of New York.

A Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress of the United States for the Tenth Congressional District, composed of so much of the Eighteenth Ward as is east of Fourth avenue, and so much of the Nineteenth and Twenty-first Wards of said city as is east of Third avenue and Blackwell's Island, in the City of New York, in the County of New York.

A Representative in the Forty-fourth Congress of the United States for the Eleventh Congressional District, composed of so much of the Twentieth Ward as lies within Twenty-sixth street, Forty-sixth street, Sixth and Seventh avenues, and so much of the Twelfth and Twenty-second Wards as is east of Eighth avenue, and so much of the Nineteenth and Twenty-first Wards of said city as lies west of Third avenue and Ward's and Randall's Islands, in the City of New York, in the County of New York.

Also a Representative in the Forty-third Congress of the United States, for the Ninth Congressional District, as the same was constituted by the Congressional Apportionment Act of May 6, 1872, Chapter 619, Laws of 1872, to wit: the Twentieth and Twenty-second Wards of the City of New York, in the County of New York, and as the said Congressional District existed prior to the passage of the Congressional Apportionment Act of June 18, 1873, Chapter 798, Laws

of 1873, to fill vacancy caused by the death of David B. Mellish.

OFFICERS ALSO TO BE ELECTED IN SAID COUNTY.  
Twenty-one Members of Assembly.

A Register for the City and County of New York in place of Franz Sigel.

A Mayor for the City of New York, in the County of New York, in the place of William F. Havemeyer.

A Justice of the District Court in and for the Second Judicial District of the City of New York, in the County of New York, in the place of Maunsell B. Field, appointed by the Governor in the place of Thomas Kivlin, deceased.

All whose terms of office will expire on the last day of December next.

Also, six Aldermen at Large for the City of New York, in the County of New York, whose terms of office will commence on the first Monday in January, 1875.

Also, sixteen Aldermen, to be elected by Districts (as provided in Chapter 515, Laws of 1874), three of whom to be elected in each of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Senate Districts of said State, as constituted by act, Chapter 805, Laws of 1866; and four of whom to be elected from the Eighth Senate District, as constituted by said act, together with the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, comprising territory annexed to said City and County, pursuant to Chapter 613, Laws of 1873, whose several terms of office will commence on the first Monday in January, 1875.

The attention of electors and of Town and City Election Boards, Inspectors and Canvassers of Election, is respectfully directed to Chapter 330, Laws of 1874, entitled "An act to provide for submitting amendments to the Constitution to the electors of the State," passed May 6, 1874, which act provides for submitting at the said general election, on the third day of November next, proposed amendments to articles two, three, four, seven, eight, ten, and twelve, of the Constitution of the State of New York, and adding thereto two additional articles, to be known as articles fifteen and sixteen, and prescribes the form of ballot for voting thereon, which proposed amendments of the Constitution, which said act prescribing form of ballot and manner of submission, are published as provided in said act in the newspapers designated by the Board of Supervisors of New York County to publish the Session Laws of the year 1874.

Respectfully yours, etc.,  
DIEDRICH WILLERS, JR.,  
Secretary of State.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, August 8, 1874.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Election Notice received by me this day from the Secretary of State.

WILLIAM C. CONNER,  
Sheriff of the City  
and County of New York.

Which was ordered on file and to be printed in the minutes.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Clerk of the Common Council:

OFFICE, CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,  
No. 8 CITY HALL,  
NEW YORK, August 6, 1874.

To the Hon. the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—As provided in Section 112, of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, as amended by Section 20, of Chapter 757, Laws of 1873, the following is respectfully submitted, being a duplicate of the departmental estimate, for the year 1875, this day transmitted by me to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,  
No. 8 CITY HALL,  
NEW YORK, August 6, 1874.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

GENTLEMEN—In reply to a circular addressed to me by the Comptroller, requiring me to send to your Honorable Body "an estimate in writing, herein called a departmental estimate, of the amount of expenditures, specifying in detail the objects thereof, required in their respective departments for the year 1875, including a statement of each of the salaries of their officers, clerks, employees and subordinates," the following is respectfully submitted:

For City Contingencies. \$7,000 00

For Contingencies—Clerk of Common Council. 1,500 00

For Salaries—

President Board of Aldermen. \$5,000 00

Twenty-one Aldermen, \$4,000 each. 84,000 00

Clerk of Common Council. 5,000 00

Deputy Clerk, Board of Aldermen. 4,000 00

First Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen. 2,000 00

Second Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen. 2,000 00

Third Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen. 2,000 00

Fourth Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen. 1,500 00

Fifth Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen. 1,500 00

Librarian and Engraving Clerk, Board of Aldermen. 2,000 00

Sergeant-at-arms, Board of Aldermen. 1,500 00

First Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Second Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Third Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Fourth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Fifth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Sixth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Seventh Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Eighth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Ninth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Tenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Eleventh Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twelfth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirteenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Fourteenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Fifteenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Sixteenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Seventeenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Eighteenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Nineteenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-first Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-second Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-third Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-fourth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-fifth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-sixth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-seventh Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-eighth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Twenty-ninth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirtieth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-first Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-second Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-third Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-fourth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-fifth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-sixth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-seventh Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-eighth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Thirty-ninth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Fortieth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-first Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-second Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-third Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-fourth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-fifth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-sixth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-seventh Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-eighth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-ninth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-tenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-eleventh Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-twelfth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-thirteenth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-fourth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Forty-fifth Messenger, Board of Aldermen. 1,200 00

Alms-house	Blackwell's Island.
Hospital for Incurables	do
Blind Asylum	do
Work-house	do
Lunatic Asylum	do
Lodge	do
Epileptic and Paralytic	do
Inebriate Asylum and Soldiers' Retreat	Ward's Island.
Insane Asylum	do
Infants' Hospital	Randall's Island.
Nurseries	do
Nursery Hospital	do
Idiot Asylum	do
School-ship Mercury	Hart's Island.
Industrial School	do
Convalescent Hospital	do
Reception	do
do	Centre st., N. Y. City.
do	Ninety-ninth st., do
Free Labor Bureau	New York City.

When, on the 24th day of January last, I commenced the examination of the Department, I found that, at the central office, the books were not in a condition in which any examination of them could be made. None of the books were written up to January 1, 1874, and the cash-book had not been written up since May 31, 1873. None of the Commissioners were apparently aware of the condition of their books, and could afford no information as to the accounts of the Department. The only explanation given for the neglect, in not keeping the books written up, was the statement of the book-keeper, who, at the time, received a salary of \$3,000, that he could not make a balance which would agree with the books of the Finance Department.

A partial investigation, which I then made into the affairs of the Department, led to a discovery by me that there was a cash balance in the Third National Bank of this city, to the credit of the Department, of \$8,359.67. Although this balance had been in bank since the month of May, 1873, I found that the Commissioners were not aware of its existence. As this money could not be drawn upon by the Department, the Charter requiring that the finances should be managed through the Department of Finance, I requested that the balance in bank should at once be handed over to the City Chamberlain, and this was accordingly done.

Before the investigation was little more than entered upon by me, I was requested by Messrs. Laimbeer and Stern, Commissioners, to adjourn the same for one week, by the end of which time they stated that the Book-keeper promised to have his book written up, and then the affairs of the Department could be readily enquired into. The delay asked for this purpose was accordingly granted by me, and at the end of the week allowed I again called at the central office of the Department to proceed with the investigation, when I found that no progress whatever had been made in writing up the books. Still further time was allowed for this purpose, the Commissioners undertaking to communicate with me whenever they had got entered the transactions of the Department in their books. No further information was received from the Commissioners on the subject until receipt of a resolution adopted by the Board of Charities and Correction on April 25, 1874. This resolution, a copy of which was forwarded to and received by the Commissioners of Accounts, is in the following terms:

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of Accounts are hereby respectfully requested to commence on or about the first day of May next, a thorough examination of all accounts of this Department, and especially ascertain the correctness or otherwise of the balance sheet: that will be submitted to them by the cashier of this office on the part of this Board."

As requested by this resolution, and as further instructed and directed by the resolution of the Board of Aldermen above set forth, I have made an examination into the books and accounts of the Department of Charities and Correction, and of the transactions of the Department, so far as these can be traced through the books and accounts examined. The books, such as are kept at the central office, I found written up, but not balanced. As the result of this examination and investigation I have to report:

First—That although the present Commissioners entered upon their duties, as explained, on the 19th day of May, 1873, no inventory was then made of the stock or property on hand belonging to the Department, and received over by the present from the old Commissioners. No evidence exists as to what quantities or of what value the dry goods or supplies were, in the store or on hand, on the 19th day of May, 1873, and it is impossible, therefore, to make any just or fair comparison between the material or supplies used by the present Board of Commissioners for the year they have held office with that of their predecessors for the year preceding.

Second—That at the central office nor in any other office of the Department are accounts kept with the various parties from whom purchases are made for the use of the Department.

Third—That the balance-sheets referred to in the resolution of the Board of April 25, 1874, were not correct. They were not made from any books kept in the office of the Commissioners, but chiefly from figures supplied by the Store-keeper on Blackwell's Island, and from an examination made of the books on Blackwell's Island, I found that, with the exception of the salary account and a few minor items, the only books at the central office were duplicates of those of the Store-keeper on Blackwell's Island; that they were in fact mere copies entered in books of returns made by the Store-keeper.

Fourth—The storehouse of the Department is situated on Blackwell's Island. The theory of the Department is, that purchases (except drugs and supplies for out-door poor) made for the Department are delivered to and received by the Store-keeper in charge of the store, and that

the same are examined and received for by him, and thereupon entered into his books. In reality, only a portion of the supplies of the Department ever pass through the hands of the Store-keeper, and although entered by him upon his books, are never examined or seen by him at all. For instance: All the flour ordered for the Department was delivered direct at the bakery (with the exception of 1,200 barrels hereafter referred to), which is situated on the opposite side of the island from where the store is, and is received for by the baker. No books prior to January 1, 1874, were kept at the bakery, containing a record of the goods received there. The bills for the flour delivered are received by the Baker, and transmitted by him to the Store-keeper, who thereupon enters the same upon the books kept at the store, and at the same time an entry is made in these books, charging the bakery with the goods specified in the bills. These goods are never seen or handled by the Store-keeper. Other goods ordered in specific quantities are, in the same way as the flour, sent to other institutions where they are received and received for by the officers in charge, and the bills for which, as in the case of the flour, are transmitted to the Store-keeper, who enters the same on his books, and charges the goods to the institutions from which he received the bills.

Fifth—The goods received by the Store-keeper are distributed by him upon his own responsibility. The Wardens or officers in charge of the several institutions make out semi-monthly requisitions upon the Store-keeper for the estimated quantities of supplies for the coming two weeks. These requisitions are transmitted direct to the Store-keeper, who, upon the requisition so made, furnishes from his stock what goods he has on hand in store, and embraces, in a general requisition upon the Commissioners, the supplies he requires to make up the deficiency, with such additions as he thinks proper to add for the general stock of the store.

Sixth—Upon the requisitions made by the Store-keeper, the Commissioners, in their discretion, order the supplies therein specified to be purchased. In making these purchases it appears no regard is paid by the Commissioners to the provision of the 91st section of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, which declares that "whenever any work is necessary to be done to complete or perfect a particular job, or any supply is needed for any particular purpose, which work or job is to be undertaken, or supply furnished for the Corporation, and the several parts of the said work or supply shall together involve the expenditure of more than one thousand dollars, the same shall be done by contract \* \* \* \* \* founded on sealed bids or proposals \* \* \* and given to the lowest bidder." This provision of the law, designed to secure economy in the purchases of supplies for the city, has been continuously evaded by the Commissioners of the Department of Charities and Correction in the supplies purchased by them. Instead of advertising for proposals for the supplies required, the Commissioners either purchased the same personally themselves or through purchasing clerks. The supplies so purchased or the invoices or bills for the same endorsed by the officials who receive the goods are delivered to the Store-keeper. The goods received by the Store-keeper are placed by him in stock and when delivered on the requisitions received by him from the officers of the respective institutions, are charged against such institutions by the Store-keeper in his books. All the invoices received by the Store-keeper—those for the goods delivered direct to the store, as well as those delivered at the different institutions and bakery, are certified to by the Store-keeper and returned by him to the central office. The invoices so transmitted to the Central Office are in duplicate; one duplicate is retained at the central office, and the other is supposed to be transmitted to the Department of Finance.

Seventh—In a number of instances the books kept by the Store-keeper, in which the goods either received or specified in the invoices transmitted from other institutions are entered, have been altered with the evident intent of evading the provisions of the 91st section of the Charter. This has been done where invoices of goods received by the Store-keeper are entered in the Store-keeper's books as received exceeded in value one thousand dollars. The original entries, showing the correct nature of the transaction, the date upon which the goods were received, the quantity received and the value thereof have been erased, and substituted entries made of different quantities of goods as received upon different dates. So numerous have these erasures been, that from the Store-keeper's books, which are the only record in the Department of the supplies furnished and received, it is not possible to make up a true and correct statement as to goods actually furnished to the Department, and the dates upon which the same were received. As illustrative of the manner in which this system has been carried out, I cite the following instances: On July 14, 1873, a requisition was made up by the Store-keeper on the Board for brown sheetings and awning stripes; these were purchased from or through one Louis Sternbach, commission merchant, 36 Church street, who delivered the goods on July 31, 1873, when they were received and received for by the Store-keeper. The invoice which accompanied the goods was certified to by the Store-keeper; the charge for the goods, as stated in the invoice, being \$2,125.02. The bill so certified was transmitted in duplicate to the Commissioners and subsequently thereto, as stated by the Store-keeper in terms of instructions from the central office, he erased the entry in his books, under date of July 31, 1873, and made new entries as for July 30, July 31, and August 1, and the new bills which were made up to correspond with these entries. The Store-keeper certified that the goods therein specified were received by him on said respective dates, which was not true in point of fact, and these new certified bills were also transmitted in duplicate to the central office. Each of the three new bills were under one thousand dol-

lars. On June 16, 1873, another requisition was made by the Store-keeper on the Commissioners for 9,000 yards Melton gray cloth. These goods were also purchased through the same Louis Sternbach, and furnished in two quantities, viz., 4,369 yards on August 7, and 4,631 yards on August 11. The value of the first invoice, according to Sternbach's rate of charge, was \$1,868.07, and the value of the second invoice was \$1,979.86. The goods specified in these respective invoices were received on the dates stated by the Store-keeper, and entered by him on his books. These entries stand upon the Store-keeper's books as the correct record of the transaction, but instead of the two original invoices, each of which was shown as was above one thousand dollars, five bills were substituted, each of which were less than one thousand dollars, and those bills which represented that the goods therein stated were received by the Store-keeper on August 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, were certified to by the Store-keeper, transmitted to the central office, and are the bills on file in the Department of Finance, and paid by that Department. The transaction as to the purchase of Melton gray cloth was the subject of investigation before the Grand Jury, and the evidence, on this investigation, was published in the New York Herald of June 7, 1874. From that evidence it appears that the facts were not brought to the attention of the Grand Jury, that the purchase of the goods exceeded in value one thousand dollars, and that the provisions of the Charter were evaded by making up five different bills for the two transactions. But it is in the purchases of flour that this system of evasion, of the provisions of the Charter, has been most extensively carried out. Thus, between November 12 and 22, 1873, the following quantities of flour, of the following brands, were delivered at the bakery: On November 12, 1,000 barrels of the Banner, 100 barrels of the Clinton, 78 barrels of the Tontine, and 22 barrels of the Iowa City; on November 17, 175 barrels of Clinton, 100 barrels of Monroe; on November 21, 466 barrels Monroe. And there was delivered at the Store-house, on November 19, 600 barrels of Clinton; November 21, 466 barrels Monroe; and on November 22, 134 barrels of the Monroe; being a total delivery of 3,141 barrels. As this purchase exceeded \$20,000, an attempt was made to overcome the objection to which it was evidently exposed under the Charter, and, accordingly, entries were made by the Store-keeper, in his books, as if he had received on each of the dates, November 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, 150 barrels, being 50 of each of the brands, Banner, Clinton, and Monroe. All these entries were subsequently erased and new entries substituted; that the 3,141 barrels of flour referred to had not been received, as I have explained they were in fact, but that they had been received upon the following dates, and in the following quantities, viz.:

November 3	140 barrels of Banner.
4	140 "
5	140 "
6	140 "
8	140 "
10	140 "
11	160 "
12	100 "
12	78 " Tontine.
12	22 " Iowa City.
13	140 " Clinton.
14	140 "
16	140 "
17	140 "
17	100 " Tontine.
18	140 " Clinton.
19	75 "
20	140 " Monroe.
21	140 "
22	140 "
24	140 "
25	140 "
26	140 "
27	140 "
28	86 "

3,141

From January 1 to July 1, 1874, there was received at the Bakery, on specific dates, 7,916 barrels of flour. This flour was received on the dates and the quantities following, and the bills of the same were cut up or subdivided in the manner explained in the following table:

No.	Date received.	SUBDIVISION OF BILLS.	
		of Bbls.	
1874			
January 17.270			
20..235	Store-keeper's invoice book has 5 bills for 135 barrels each.		
24..170	5 bills for 135 barrels each.		
31..690	Store-keeper's invoice book has 5 bills for 138 barrels each, January 29th, 30th, 31st; February 2d, 3d.		
February 9.310	Store-keeper's invoice book has 3 bills, February 5th, 104; 7th, 103; 6th, 103 barrels.		
16..500	Store-keeper's invoice book has 4 bills, February 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, 125 barrels each.		
20..478	Store-keeper's invoice book has 4 bills, February 16th, 17th, and 18th, 120 each; 19th 119 barrels.		
March 6..467	Store-keeper's invoice book has 4 bills, March 5th, 117; 6th, 117; 7th, 117; 9th, 116 barrels.		
13..533	Store-keeper's invoice book has 4 bills, March 4th, 5th, and 6th, 133 barrels each; 7th, 134 barrels.		
30..300	Store-keeper's invoice book has 3 bills, March 28th, 30th, 31st, 100 barrels.		
31..399	Store-keeper's invoice book has 6 bills, March 30th, 100, 125, 100, 100, 125, and 125 barrels.		
April 2..270			

21..550	Store-keeper's invoice book has 5 bills, April 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 125 barrels; and 22d, 50 barrels.
24..300	Store-keeper's invoice book has 3 bills, April 24th, 23d, and 25th, 100 barrel each.
May 4..200	Store-keeper's invoice book has 2 bills, April 29th and 30th, 100 barrels each.
11..500	Store-keeper's invoice book has 5 bills, May 7th, 99; 8th, 101; 9th, 101; 11th, 100; 12th, 99 barrels.
13..475	Store-keeper's invoice book has 4 bills, May 8th, 115; 9th, 120; 11th and 12th, 120 barrels each.
30..263	Store-keeper's invoice book has 2 bills, May 29th, 131; 30th, 132 barrels.
June 3..300	Store-keeper's invoice book has 3 bills, June 1st, 2d, and 3d, 100 barrels each.
8..500	Store-keeper's invoice book has 5 bills, June 1st, 50; 2d, 3d, and 4th, 110 each; 5th, 120 barrels.
July 1..200	Store-keeper's invoice book has 2 bills, June 29th and 30th, 100 barrels each.

It will be thus seen that the entries in the Store-keeper's books were not made showing correctly these various purchases, the quantities, dates, and amounts, but were made to conform to the altered bills, and these altered bills, certified by the Store-keeper, were transmitted in duplicate to the central office, and were subsequently paid by the Department of Finance. In the confusion created by this irregular mode of conducting the business of the Department, I find that in one instance, at least, both the original and the substituted bills, certified by the Store-keeper and by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, and were transmitted for payment to the Department of Finance, and the creditors who furnished the flour, Messrs. E. W. Coleman & Co., were paid by the Finance Department the amount specified in both the original and substituted bills. This double payment was not discovered by any of the officials in the Department of Charities and Correction. Messrs. E. W. Coleman & Co. made known that on a balance of their accounts they found that they had been overpaid \$1,980, being for 300 barrels of flour purporting to have been delivered by them on November 3 and 11, 1873, and upon January 23, 1874, they paid to the Department of Charities and Correction this amount of \$1,980, and this sum was handed over by the latter Department to the Department of Finance. Subsequent to this repayment Messrs. Coleman & Co. further represented to the Department of Charities and Correction that they had made a mistake in repaying \$1,980 as for an overpayment on 300 barrels of flour, and that the amount that ought to have been repaid was only \$990. Whether this representation was correct in point of fact or otherwise the Commissioners had no means of testing, in so far as any books in the Department could afford information. The Store-keeper undertook to make an investigation, not in the books and papers of the Department, but in the books of Messrs. Coleman & Co.; and he, upon such investigation and comparison with his books, represented that he was satisfied that the overpayment to Messrs. Coleman & Co., in the first instance, had amounted to only \$990, and that they had repaid, instead of this sum, \$1,980. The Store-keeper, in his report on this subject to the Commissioners, under date January 26, 1874, says: "The discrepancy has arisen in this way: Two bills, each for \$990, which, in the transfer of invoices should have been destroyed, were (being already in the hands of the Comptroller) paid, and a bill of November 7 for 150 barrels flour, bought during the time between the purchase of the 3,000 barrels and its delivery, remain unpaid. In the adjustment of the account, and before it was ascertained just what the balance was, E. W. Coleman & Co. repaid the sum of \$1,980, for which they are credited in the account submitted. In the early part of the transaction it was discovered E. W. Coleman & Co. were overpaid \$506.63, which was afterwards corrected in this way:

"The bills of November 11, for	\$1,072 00



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receive a greater salary than the salary paid to the head of the Department."

The highest salary paid to the head of the Department of Charities and Correction is to the President of the Department, whose salary, by the same section of the Charter, is fixed at \$6,500. On October 14, 1873, the Commissioners of the Department, by resolution adopted at the meeting of that date, appointed Charles G. Cornell Purchasing Clerk of Meats for the Board, and fixed his compensation at one-half cent per pound upon the purchases made by him. I find that between November 10, 1873, and June 26, 1874, being a little over seven months, Mr. Cornell's purchases of meats for the Department amounted to \$90,505.85, and that he has been paid as compensation or salary, as Purchasing Clerk during this period, the sum of \$8,749.47, being equal to a salary of more than double the amount paid to the President of the Department.

Tenth—As a result of that system of evasion of the provisions of the Charter carried on by this Department, and the impossibility of accurately determining the position of the Department in reference to the appropriation made by law for conducting it, I found that purchases made in the latter part of 1873, by the Department under its present administration, were found to be in excess of the appropriation remaining for that year. The Charter, section 89, provides that "no expenses shall be incurred by any of the Departments, Bureaus, or offices thereof, unless an appropriation shall have been previously made covering such expense." Finding that the purchases referred to were in excess of the appropriations remaining of 1873, the bills therefor were not transmitted by the Commissioners to the Department of Finance in 1873, but were altered so as to make it appear upon the face of the bills as if the purchases were made in 1874, and to be paid out of the appropriation of that year. It is impossible, on account of the alterations that have been made, to specify the amount of the bills so altered, but the same will exceed many thousand dollars. From the foregoing particulars it is evident that the system pursued in administering the affairs of the Department of Charities and Correction is one susceptible of considerable improvement, and it is to be hoped that with a view to the public interests such improvement will not be delayed.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDSAY J. HOWE.

Alderman McCafferty moved to refer to the Committee on Finance.

Alderman Kehr moved to refer to the Committee on Public Works.

Alderman Reilly moved as an amendment that 500 copies be printed in document form.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

INVITATION.

An invitation was received from the Alexander Martin Association to attend their Third Annual Pic-nic, on Tuesday, September 8, 1874, at Lion Park.

Which was accepted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Cooper—

Resolved, That the room in the Court-house on Fifty-seventh street, between Lexington and Third avenues, on the first floor, heretofore used as the Clerk's office for the Seventh Civil District Court, be assigned for the use of the Marshals of said Court, said room being situated in the southwest corner of said Court-house.

Alderman Koch moved that the resolution be received and ordered on file.

Alderman Kehr moved to amend by adding "such occupation to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council, or when not needed for other purposes."

Alderman Morris moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Morris to refer.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Lysaght, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—9.

Negative—Aldermen Cooper, Gilon, Kehr, and McCafferty—4.

By Alderman Gilon—

Whereas, As provided in section 7, Chapter 574, Laws of 1871, being "An act to amend an act entitled an act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York, passed April 5, 1870," passed April 18, 1871, the Board of Education was declared to be one of the Departments of the Municipal Government of the City of New York, and entitled the "Department of Public Instruction," and so continued until March 21, 1873, when, by the act, Chapter 112, Laws of 1873 (which went into operation fifteen days after its passage), the Board of Education, as it exists at present, was created; and

Whereas, Section 119, of Chapter 335, Laws of 1873, passed April 30, 1873 (and subsequent to the passage of the act, Chapter 112, Laws of 1873), which repeals all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of said Chapter 335 (the Charter), expressly excepts from such, repeals section 7 of the act first above-mentioned, thereby repealing the act, Chapter 112, Laws of 1873, and by incorporating the provisions of section 7, Chapter 574, Laws of 1871, as a part and parcel of the Charter of 1873, seemingly recreates and reestablishes the Department of Public Instruction as one of the Departments of the municipal government of the City of New York; but as a contrary opinion exists, and the Board of Education claims to be independent of the corporate authorities, and the claim is admitted to be a valid one by some of the highest officers of the city government, be it therefore

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby respectfully requested to give the

above question due consideration, and that he report his opinion thereon to this Board, at his earliest convenience.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That Joshua W. Crosby be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, instead of John H. Wilson, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Subsequently Alderman Gilon moved a reconsideration of the above reference.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Gilon then moved the adoption of the resolution.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That Simon M. Roeder be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Alexis D'Orville, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Whereas, It is of the utmost importance that greater facilities be extended to the Marine Court for the transaction of business connected with said Court; therefore be it

Resolved, That the apartment known as room "B," in the building known as the New County Court-house, be and is hereby set aside for the use of said Marine Court.

Alderman Kehr moved to lay the preamble and resolution on the table.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Falconer, Kehr, Koch, McCafferty, and Morris—7.

Negative—Aldermen Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Lysaght, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—6.

By Alderman Billings—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to the Law Telegraph Company to place telegraph instruments in the New Court-house and in the building occupied by the Marine Court, and in the Register's Office, the same to occupy a space not to exceed four feet square on each of the floors of the hall-ways of the two first-named buildings, nor more than four feet square in the said Register's Office, under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works; provided such instruments and the wires connected therewith shall not obstruct or interfere with the regular business of the courts, nor injure or deface the walls; and that the permission hereby given shall continue only during the pleasure of the proper authorities.

Alderman Kehr moved to amend by striking from the resolution the words "four feet square" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "four square feet."

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

Which was decided in the negative.

Alderman Gilon moved to amend by adding the following: "And that they pay into the City Treasury for said privilege the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars per annum."

Alderman Kehr moved to amend the amendment of Alderman Gilon by striking out the words "two thousand (\$2,000) dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "tent thousand (\$10,000) dollars."

Alderman Reilly moved to refer the whole subject to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Falconer, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, and Reilly—8.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Flanagan, Gilon, Morris, and Ottendorfer—5.

By Alderman Lysaght—

Resolved, That Charles Underwood O'Connell be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of New York, in the place of Walter R. Savage, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—13.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That Harris Wines be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of New York, in place of John Galbraith, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings,

Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—13.

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

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to J. D. and L. Minuse to place and keep a bay window on each of the fronts of their premises on the corner of Park and Worth streets, as shown on the annexed diagram, the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Works, and the permission hereby granted to continue only during the pleasure of the Commissioners of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Cooper—

Resolved, That Fifty-sixth street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, 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 laid over.

By Alderman Flanagan—

Resolved, That James H. Wessels be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of William A. Wienecke, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—13.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That William S. Munn be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Patrick T. Carney, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—13.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That John F. Carroll be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of his present term of office.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—13.

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

By the same—

Resolved, That John F. Carroll be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Patrick T. Carney, whose term of office has expired.

Which was laid over.

By the same—

Resolved, That Edward W. Carney be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Henry Brewster, whose term of office has expired.

Alderman Koch moved to refer to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

He then moved to further amend by striking from the resolution the words "or Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs."

Alderman McCafferty moved to amend by adding to the resolution the following: "And that the work be commenced on or before October 1, 1874."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

He then moved to further amend by striking from the resolution the words "or Public Buildings, Construction and Repairs."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The paper was then laid over.

By the same—

Resignation of John S. Grabey as a Commissioner of Deeds.

The President put the question whether the Board would accept said resignation.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That Henry Metzinger be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of New York, in place of John S. Grabey, resigned.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper,

sioner 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.

By Alderman Reilly—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Ennis to place a lamp in front of his premises No. 214 Fifth street, the gas to be supplied from his own meter and the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Reilly—

Resolved, That Edward C. Sheehy be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Nicholas Müller, whose term of office has expired.

Alderman Kehr moved to refer to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

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, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—11.

Negative—Alderman Kehr and Koch—2

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

By the President—

Resolved, That John Galbraith be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—13.

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

Subsequently, Alderman Gilon moved a reconsideration of the above vote.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

By the same—

Resolved, That the additions, alterations, and repairs necessary to provide accommodations needed for the collection of the taxes of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, be made in the office of the Receiver of Taxes, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

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

(G. O. 583.)

By the same—

Resolved, That Sixty-first street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, be paved with granite-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 laid over.

By the same—

Resolved, That Charles F. Mather be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John M. Tracy, whose term of office has expired.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Subsequently Alderman Morris moved a reconsideration of the above reference.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Morris moved that the resolution be adopted.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Kehr, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

Negative—Alderman Koch—1.

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

Alderman Kehr asked and was excused from further attendance at this meeting.

#### COMMUNICATIONS RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from Augustus P. McGrand:

COLGATE & COMPANY,  
NOS. 53 AND 55 JOHN STREET,  
NEW YORK, Sept. 3, 1874.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

Having learned that you are in search of rooms suitable for the use of courts, in the newly annexed district, I would respectfully invite your attention to the "Morrisania Hall," which I doubt not you will find well adapted to your purposes, both as regards location and accommodation.

I will execute to the city a lease of these premises (except the ground floor, which would probably not be wanted) for three or five years, at a

rental of \$1,200 per annum, payable quarterly, the premises to be put in good order by me.

Respectfully,  
AUGUSTUS P. MCGRAND,  
for Estate of N. M. MCGRAND.

Alderman Morris moved to refer to the Committee on Public Works.

Alderman Cooper moved to refer to the Committee on Law Department.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

#### REPORTS.

(G. O. 584.)

The Committee on Law Department, to whom was recommitted a report heretofore made in favor of authorizing the purchase of a new site for a Police Station-house for the Nineteenth Precinct, respectfully

#### REPORT:

That, upon a re-examination of the subject so referred, they are more than ever convinced that the statements and recommendations contained in their former report should be accepted and adopted. Accordingly they recommend that the resolution accompanying their former report, hereto annexed, be adopted.

Resolved, That this Common Council does hereby authorize and approve, as provided in section 47 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, the purchase from John Davidson, for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, by the Board of Police of the Police Department of the City of New York, of the piece or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Fifty-seventh street, in the Nineteenth Ward of said city, beginning at a point ninety feet and one inch easterly from the easterly line of Third avenue; running thence northerly, and parallel with Third avenue, one hundred feet to the middle of the block between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets; thence easterly along said middle line of the block, and parallel to the north line of Fifty-seventh street, fifty-nine feet and eleven inches; thence southerly and parallel with the easterly line of Third avenue, and a portion of the distance through a party wall, one hundred feet to the northerly line of Fifty-seventh street; thence westerly, fifty-nine feet eleven inches, to the place of beginning, including that portion of the said party wall which is within the above boundary lines, for the purposes and on the other terms and conditions more particularly mentioned and contained in the articles of agreement between the above named parties herewith accompanying, dated May 22, 1874.

S. V. R. COOPER,  
O. P. C. BILLINGS,  
RICHARD FLANAGAN,  
Committee on Law Department.

Which was laid over.

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 permitting Lewis Berger to erect a watering-trough in front of his premises No. 92 Attorney street, respectfully

#### REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the permission should be granted. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Lewis Berger to erect at his own expense a watering-trough in front of his premises No. 92 Attorney street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

GEORGE KOCH,  
JOHN J. MORRIS,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept the report and adopt the resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

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 permitting Thomas Carroll to erect a watering-trough northeast corner of Twenty-eighth street and Sixth avenue, respectfully

#### REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the permission should be granted. They therefore recommend that the action of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Carroll to erect a watering-trough on the northeast corner of Twenty-eighth street and Sixth avenue, at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

GEORGE KOCH,  
JOHN J. MORRIS,  
EDWARD GILON,  
Committee on Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept the report and adopt the resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

#### PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Resolution to regulate, etc., One Hundred and Thirty-first street, from Tenth avenue to Boulevard.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution to appoint James McGinnis a Commissioner of Deeds, vice Peter Radley, who failed to qualify.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Resolution to reappoint Joseph T. Kelly a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Resolution to appoint Jacob Shipsey a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Resolution to appoint Louis J. Hunt a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Resolution to request the Commissioner of Public Works to repair Dey street, from Broadway to the river.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to concur in adopting said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolution to reappoint John Brown a Commissioner of Deeds.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to concur in adopting said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

lowing vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Lysaght called up  
G. O. 415.

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid and street lamps lighted in Fifty-second street, between First and Second avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Lysaght called up  
G. O. 417,

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

Resolved, That on both sides of Ninety-first street, from Third to Fourth avenue, curb and gutter stonewall be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged, 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 on the motion of Alderman McCafferty.

Alderman Lysaght called up  
G. O. 424,

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

Resolved, That the sidewalk on south side of Forty-second street, from Lexington to 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.

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, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Gilon called up  
G. O. 532,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

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.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the 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, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Gilon called up  
G. O. 538,

being a resolution, as follows:

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.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Ald

Alderman Ottendorfer called up  
G. O. 458,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Seventy-fifth street, from Third to Fifth avenue, 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 elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman McCafferty called up  
G. O. 460,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-sixth street, between Third avenue 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.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the 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, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Falconer called up  
G. O. 440,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid at each of the intersections of Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-second, One Hundred and Fifty-third, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth, One Hundred and Sixtieth, and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets, 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 the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman McCafferty moved that the paper be placed on file.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman McCafferty then called up  
G. O. 574,

being a resolution and ordinance from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, adopted notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-sixth street, from Third avenue to 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.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, April 3, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, June 11, 1874.

Received from his Honor the Mayor, June 29, 1874, with his objections thereto.

In Board of Assistant Aldermen, July 13, 1874, taken up, considered, and adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof).

The President put the question whether the Board would concur with the Board of Assistant Aldermen in adopting said resolution and ordinance, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

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, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Cooper called up  
G. O. 514,

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

Resolved, That the sidewalk on both sides of Fifty-third street, from Broadway to Seventh 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.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the 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, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Billings called up  
G. O. 540,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to remove or cause to be removed, immediately, the telegraph pole now standing on the south side of Liberty street, east of Broadway, as the pole presents a serious obstruction to the free use of the said sidewalk, which is very narrow.

He then moved that it be placed on file.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Billings called up  
G. O. 573,

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

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public

Alderman Koch called up  
G. O. 543,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

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.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the 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, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Falconer called up  
G. O. 398,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from Manhattan street to the Boulevard, be opened, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal proceedings to open said street as aresaid.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Cooper, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

Alderman Falconer called up  
G. O. 440,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid at each of the intersections of Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-second, One Hundred and Fifty-third, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth, One Hundred and Sixtieth, and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

Alderman McCafferty moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the 10th day of September, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Works be and he is respectfully requested to have the names of the different streets placed on the street-lamps at corners where not now done.

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.

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

Alderman Billings called up  
G. O. 517,

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

Resolved, That the sidewalk on both sides of Fifth street, from Broadway to Eighth 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.

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, Falconer, Flanagan, Gilon, Koch, Lysaght, McCafferty, Morris, Ottendorfer, and Reilly—12.

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.  
(G. O. 585.)

By unanimous consent Alderman Morris offered the following:

Resolved, That the two lamps now in front of the Fifth Precinct Police Station-house be removed, and two lamps similar to those now on the Eighth Precinct Station-house stoop be placed in like manner on the stoop of the Fifth Precinct Police Station-house, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

Alderman McCafferty moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the 10th day of September, at 2 o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY,  
Clerk.

## LAW DEPARTMENT.

The Law Department declines to permit further litigation upon the question of the legal compensation of the Aldermen of the city, acting as Supervisors of the County of New York.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE  
COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,  
NEW YORK, September 2, 1874.

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller,

SIR—I herewith return to you all papers in suits instituted against the city by the Aldermen, to recover compensation for the performance of the duties of Supervisors of the county, in addition to the salaries allowed them by law as Aldermen.

The question involved is one of law; and it has been determined against the city by several eminent judges. It is true, it lies within my official power to take this litigation to the highest court of the state; but this I decline to do, because I am satisfied that further litigation would be useless and expensive to the city, as well as unjust and vexatious toward the claimants. In my judgment the decision on this subject cannot and ought not to be reversed. The people do not object to the payment to public officers of such compensation as may be allowed them by a just and fair construction of the statutes so long as official powers are exercised in good faith for the protection of the city and the advancement of its interests.

This office can be of no further service in this litigation, and the matter must be remitted to the Finance Department for immediate adjustment.

I am, sir,  
Very respectfully yours,  
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,  
Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF THE  
COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,  
NEW YORK, September 2, 1874.

Messrs. BROWN, HALL & VANDERPOEL,

GENTLEMEN—As attorneys of the plaintiffs in the several actions commenced by the Aldermen of the city to recover compensation for the performance of their duties as Supervisors, I have to inform you that I have written to the Department of Finance, declining to permit further litigation, and have transmitted to the Comptroller for his action all papers in these suits.

I have no doubt that both yourselves and your clients will reasonably await the action which the Comptroller must now take, to the end that further costs and expenses may be saved to the city.

I am, gentlemen,  
Very respectfully yours,  
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,  
Counsel to the Corporation.

## DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31, 1874.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending August 29, 1874.

W. W. ADAMS,  
Superintendent of Buildings.

### BUREAU OF INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

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

#### New Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed and examined..... 17

No. of Buildings embraced in same..... 27

#### Classified as follows:

First-class dwellings..... 6

Second-class dwellings..... 2

French Flats..... 1

Tenements..... 12

First-class stores..... 1

Public buildings..... 1

Stables..... 3

Frame (in Westchester District)..... 1

Total..... 27

Plans approved, including those previously filed..... 14

Plans amended and approved..... 3

Plans disapproved..... 2

Plans pending..... 2

Total..... 21

#### Altered Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed and examined..... 22

No. of buildings embraced in same..... 24

#### Classified as follows:

Second-class dwellings..... 10

Tenements..... 7

Second class stores..... 1

Manufactories and workshops..... 1

Churches..... 2

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DAILY MEETINGS AUGUST 24 TO 29, 1874.

Present—Commissioners Laimbeer and Bowen.  
The following communications were received:  
From all Institutions—Reporting daily census.  
Ordered on file.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's and Ward's Islands—Transmitting history of patients admitted. Referred to Examining Clerk.

From Alms House—Amount of labor performed by Mechanics (inmates) for week ending August 22, 1874. Ordered on file.

From Lunatic Asylums, Blackwell's and Ward's Islands—Daily report of inmates and how employed. Ordered on file.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners to be discharged from August 29 to September 4, 1874. Transmitted to Prison Association.

From Penitentiary—List of prisoners received during week ending August 22, 1874. Ordered on file.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—For leave of absence to Lizzie McEwen, Nurse. Granted.

From Workhouse—Statement of transfers to other institutions.

From Charity Hospital—On the excursion of female patients, August 19. For excursion for male patients. So ordered.

From Epileptic and Paralytic Hospital—D. C. Cocks, M.D., resignation as House Physician. Accepted.

From Soldiers' Retreat—Discharging John C. Stevens for improper conduct. Accepted.

From James W. Wilkie, Superintendent State Asylum for Insane Criminals—To place under care of this Department James Lillias, an insane convict, whose term has exp'd. To be sent to this office under Law passed May 12, 1874.

From Bellevue Hospital—Death of unknown man, from Pier 42 North river. Published in CITY RECORD.

From Free Labor Bureau—Dismissing female applicants and the cause.

From Lunatic Asylum, Ward's Island—Death of James Connell, a patient. Published in CITY RECORD.

From Hart's Island—Interments in Trench 2, August 24, Nos. 88 to 97.

From Charity Hospital—Dr. D. H. Kitchen, Chief of Staff, qualified as examiner in lunacy.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—On obtaining new commitments for inmates, received May 12, 1874. So ordered.

From Inebriate Asylum—Dismissing John Graham, third-class patient. Approved.

From Hart's Island—Interments in Trench 2, August 25, Nos. 98 to 101.

From Penitentiary—Certificates of conduct of prisoners. Transmitted to the Governor.

From School Ship Mercury—Requiring services of a carpenter, sailmaker and master at arms. So ordered.

From Superintendent of Public Instruction, Albany—Selecting Thomas Francis Scott as State pupil to Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

DIRECTORY  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Samuel B. H. Vance, 205 West 23d street.
2. Oliver P. C. Billings, 143 East 34th street.
3. Jenkins Van Schaick, 1 University place.
4. Stephen V. R. Cooper, 318 West 51st street.
5. John Falconer, 303 East 15th street.
6. George Koch, 038 Lexington avenue.
7. Peter Kehr, 50 Seventh street.
8. Robert McCafferty, 840 Lexington avenue.
9. Oswald Ottendorfer, 7 East 17th street.
10. Edward Gilon, 537 Hudson street.
11. Patrick Lysaght, 27 City Hall place.
12. Richard Flanagan, 312 West 22d street.
13. John Reilly, 314 East 14th street.
14. John J. Morris, 117 West 21st street.
15. Joseph A. Monheimer, 233 East 31st street.
16. SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President.
17. JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Clerk, 27 Stuyvesant street.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

ARTS AND SCIENCES, INCLUDING PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—Aldermen Billings, Monheimer, and Reilly.  
FERRIES.—Aldermen Falconer, Cooper, and Lysaght.  
FINANCE.—Aldermen Van Schaick, Gilon, Kehr, Morris, and Ottendorfer.  
LANDS AND PLACES.—Aldermen McCafferty, Koch, and Gilo.  
LAW DEPARTMENT.—Aldermen Cooper, Billings, and Flanagan.  
MARKETS.—Aldermen Morris, Kehr, and Lysaght.  
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.—Aldermen Kehr, Ottendorfer, and Falconer.  
PUBLIC WORKS.—Aldermen Koch, Morris, and Gilon.  
RAILROADS.—Aldermen Billings, Van Schaick, and Ottendorfer.  
REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.—Aldermen Kehr, Cooper, and Flanagan.  
ROADS.—Aldermen Cooper, Gilon, and Reilly.  
SALARIES AND OFFICES.—Aldermen Ottendorfer, Koch, and McCafferty.  
STREETS.—Aldermen Monheimer, Billings, and McCafferty.  
STREET PAVEMENTS.—Aldermen Falconer, Monheimer, and Van Schaick.

## BOARD ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

1. Thomas Foley, 18 West street.
2. Jeremiah Murphy, 45 Cherry street.
3. Charles M. Clancy, 167 Mott street.
4. John C. Keating, 333 Cherry street.
5. Henry Wissner, 151 Prince street.
6. Michael Healy, 10 Ridge street.
7. Thos. L. Thornell, 169 West 12th street.
8. John Theiss, 223 Bowery.
9. George F. Codington, 62 P. R. street.
10. Joseph P. Strack, 179 Third street.
11. William S. Krebs, 351 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, 422 West 39th street.
16. George Kelly, 318 West 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 aves.
20. Isaac Sommers, 165 East 62d street.
21. Benjamin Beyea, 1st street near 4th avenue.
- JOSEPH P. STRACK, President.
- W. H. MOLONEY, Clerk.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.—Assistant Aldermen Cumisky, Murphy, and Codington.  
DONATIONS.—Assistant Aldermen Sommers, Wissner, and Wade.  
FERRIES.—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Kehoe, and Theiss.  
FINANCE.—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Sommers, and Wade.  
LAMPS AND GAS.—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Beyea, and Brucks.  
LAW DEPARTMENT.—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Keenan, and Thornell.  
MARKETS.—Assistant Aldermen Kelly, Kehoe, Keating, ole, and Beyea.  
NATIONAL AFFAIRS.—Assistant Aldermen Theiss, Murphy, Cumisky, Simonson, and Codington.  
ORDINANCES.—Assistant Aldermen Wissner, Kehoe, and Sommers.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.—Assistant Aldermen Keating, Krebs, Beyea, Sommers, and Theiss.  
PUBLIC HEALTH.—Assistant Aldermen Theiss, Wissner, and Cumisky.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—Assistant Aldermen Keenan, Murphy, and Wissner.  
PUBLIC WORKS.—Assistant Aldermen Sommers, Keating, and Krebs.

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

ROADS.—Assistant Aldermen Cumisky, Thornell, and Brucks.

SALARIES AND OFFICES.—Assistant Aldermen Brucks, Kehoe, and Wissner.

SEWERS.—Assistant Aldermen Kelly, Wade, and Wissner.

STREETS.—Assistant Aldermen Brucks, Theiss, and Linden.

STREET PAVEMENTS.—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Sommers, and Simonson.  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.—Assistant Aldermen Sommers, Keenan, and 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, 50 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.

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 5 P. M.  
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 money paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn 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; Brown stone building, City Hall Park, 32 Chambers street, 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.  
Commissioner's 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.  
Commissioner's Office, No. 19.  
Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.  
Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.  
Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.

## Boulevards and Avenues, No. 18½.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18.  
" Lamps and Gas, No. 13.  
" Incumbrances, No. 13.  
" Street Improvements, No. 14.  
" 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 Eleventh street.

Free Labor Bureau, Nos. 8 and 10 Clinton place, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, northeast corner, always open.

Reception Hospital, Ninety-ninth street and Tenth avenue, always open.

Bellevue Hospital, foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river, always open.

## 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 the week, except Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. and on Sundays from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioner's Office, 36 Union Sq., 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

## DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioner's Office, 346 and 348 Broadway, corner Leonard street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

## DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioner's Office, brown stone building, City Hall Park, 32 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; on Saturday, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Board of Assessors.

## DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

## BOARD OF EXCISE.

Commissioner's Office, 293 Mulberry St., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CORNER GRAND AND ELM STREETS.  
Office of the Board, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Superintendent of Schools, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

## COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Office, No. 32 Chambers street (basement).

## COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

Castle Garden.  
Commissioner's Office, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
Superintendent's Office, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

## THE CITY RECORD.

Office, No. 2, City Hall, northwest corner, basement, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

## MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Coroner's Office, 40 East Houston street.  
Sheriff's Office, first floor, northeast corner of New Court-house.

County Clerk's Office, first floor, southwest corner of New Court-house.

Surrogate's Office, first floor, southeast corner of New Court-house.

Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park.

District Attorney's Office, second floor, Old Court-house 32 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

## COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Commissioner's Office, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

## COURTS.

## SUPREME COURT.

General Term, Special Term, Chambers, Circuit Part I, Circuit Part II, second floor, New Court-house, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

Part I, Part II, Third floor, New Court-house, 11 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Clerk's Office, Third floor, New Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

## COMMON PLEAS.

Third floor, New Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

## GENERAL SESSIONS.

No. 32 Chambers street, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Clerk's Office, 32 Chambers street, room 14, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

## OVER AND TERMINER.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
Corner of Third Avenue and Eleventh Street,  
NEW YORK, September 3, 1874.

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

At Alms-house, Blackwell's Island, September 2, 1874.—  
Sarah Brown, admitted August 19, 1874; aged 60 years;  
born in Ireland; residence in New York, 30 years. Effects—  
1 alpaca dress, 2 dark petticoats, 1 shawl, 1 black  
crape hat and veil, 1 pair slippers, 1 pair silk gloves.

No one has visited her, nor did she say that she had any  
friends.

At Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island, September 1, 1874.—  
Mary McLaughlin alias Ellen Matthews; aged 39 years;  
born in Ireland; 33 years. She had on brown striped  
dress, black apron, black shawl, Bilmoral skirt, calico  
hood, leather boots.

She was unable or unwilling to give the address of her  
friends.

By order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, September 3, 1874.

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

At Morgue, from Pier 7, East River, September 1, 1874.—  
Unknown man, aged about 40 years, 5 feet, 7 inches high;  
dark-brown hair; black whiskers, mixed with grey. Had  
on white shirt. Work House branded on it; white linen  
pants, heavy boots, white handkerchief, with letters A. J.  
worked in red silk.

By Order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, Sept. 1, 1874.

## PROPOSALS FOR FLOUR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND ENDORSED AS  
above, will be received by the Commissioners of  
Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 2  
o'clock P.M. of the 12th instant, for furnishing and delivering,  
at the Bake House, Blackwell's Island, One Thousand  
Barrels of Flour, good and sound in every respect, and not  
below the grade now used by the Department, as per  
sample at this office. To be delivered as above in quantities  
of One Hundred to Five Hundred Barrels as may be  
required, free of expense to the Department.

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

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

The Department of Public Charities and Correction re-  
serve the right to decline any and all proposals it deemed  
to be for the public interest, and no proposal will be accepted  
from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in  
arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is  
defaulter as security or otherwise upon any obligation to  
the Corporation.

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

WILLIAM LAIMBEER,  
JAMES BOWEN,  
MYER STERN,  
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, Sept. 1, 1874.

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

At New York City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's  
Island, August 30, 1874.—James Campen, born in Ireland,  
admitted 25th of January, 1872; aged 50 years; 5 feet 10  
inches high; grey hair; hazel eyes. Originally admitted  
to the Asylum, Blackwell's Island May 29, 1866.

Otto Schultz, died August 29; admitted 3d August, 1874;  
born in Germany; aged 37 years; 5 feet 8 inches high;  
grey hair; blue eyes. Had on brown frock-coat, light  
striped wool shirt, striped pants and vest. No person has  
been to visit them.

By Order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, August 27, 1874.

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

New York City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island,  
August 25, 1874.—James Connell, admitted August 10;  
born in Ireland; age 33 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; brown  
hair; hazel eyes; weight 110 pounds. Had on Panama hat,  
black frock coat, brown mixed pants, red undershirt, knit  
drawers, green striped muslin shirt. No person has been  
to visit, and no information obtained as to friends or relatives.  
No effects.

By order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, August 25, 1874.

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

At Morgue, from Pier 42, North river, August 24, 1874.—  
Unknown man, age about sixty years; five feet eight  
inches high; grey hair, grey moustache. Had on black  
ribbed alpaca coat, black vest, dark corded pants, white  
cotton socks, long, heavy boots, much worn. Found on  
his person twenty-three cents and clay pipe, baggage  
check, No. 225, South Side Rail Road, Long Island.

By order.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

## 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 com-  
pleted, and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assess-  
ors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

No. 1. For laying Belgian pavement in Sixty-eighth  
street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue.

No. 2. For laying Belgian pavement in Fifty-fourth  
street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue.

No. 3. For laying Belgian pavement in Second avenue,  
from Sixty-third to Sixty-sixth street.

No. 4. For flagging south side of Forty-ninth street, be-  
tween Eighth and Ninth avenues.

No. 5. For building sewer in Madison avenue and New  
Avenue East, between One Hundred and Twenty-first and  
One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets, with branches.

No. 6. For building sewer in One Hundred and Twenty-  
third street, between Sixth avenue and Mt. Morris square.

No. 7. For building basin on southwest corner of Seventy-  
fifth street and Lexington avenue.

No. 8. For building basin on northwest corner of Seventy-  
fifth street and Lexington avenue.

No. 9. For building basin on northwest corner of Seventy-  
sixth street and Lexington avenue.

No. 10. For building underground drains, between Seven-  
ty-fourth and Ninety-second streets, and between Eighth  
and Tenth avenues.

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

No. 1. Both sides of Sixty-eighth street, between Fourth  
and Fifth avenues, to the extent of one-half the block at  
the intersections of Fifth and Madison avenues.

No. 2. Both sides of Fifty-fourth street, between Tenth  
and Eleventh avenues, to the extent of one-half the block  
at the intersecting streets.

No. 3. Both sides of Second avenue, between Sixty-third  
and Sixty-sixth streets, to the extent of one-half the block  
at the intersecting streets.

No. 4. South side of Forty-ninth street, between Eighth  
and Ninth avenues.

No. 5. Both sides of Madison avenue, between One  
Hundred and Twenty-fourth and One Hundred and  
Twenty-fifth streets, both sides of One Hundred and  
Twenty-third and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth  
streets, between Fourth avenue and New Avenue East,  
and both sides of New Avenue East, between One Hundred  
and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth  
streets.

No. 6. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-third  
street, between New Avenue West and Sixth avenue.

No. 7. South side of Seventy-third street, between Lex-  
ington and Fourth avenues.

No. 8. The block bounded by Seventy-fifth and Seventy-  
sixth streets, and Lexington and Fourth avenues.

No. 9. The block bounded by Seventy-sixth and Seventy-  
seventh streets, and Lexington and Fourth avenues.

No. 10. The blocks bounded by Seventy-fourth and  
Ninety-sixth streets, and Eighth and Ninth avenues, and the  
blocks bounded by Eighty-second and Eighty-fourth, and  
Eighty-fifth and Eighty-seventh streets, and Ninth and  
Tenth avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-  
named assessments, and who are opposed to the same or  
either of them, are requested to present their objections in  
writing, to 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 MC'HARG,  
MUNSON H. TREADWELL,  
VALENTINE S. WOODRUFF,  
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, |  
New York, August 27, 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOW-  
ING ASSESSMENT LISTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC  
WORKS:

Persons interested are requested to call and examine the  
same.

No. 1. For building underground drains between Sixty-  
second and Sixty-ninth streets, and between Boulevard and  
Hudson river.

No. 2. For regulating and grading, setting curb and gutter,  
and gutter stones, and flagging One Hundred and Twelfth street, from Second  
avenue to Harlem river.

Basin on the southwest corner of Beekman and South  
streets.

Basin on the northwest corner of Beekman and South  
streets.

Basin on the northwest corner of One Hundred and  
Twenty-ninth street and Third avenue.

Underground drains between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-  
seventh streets, and between Fifth and Madison avenues.

Underground drains between Seventy-seventh and  
Eighty-eighth streets, and between Ninth avenue and  
Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before  
the 28th day of September, 1874, will be exempt (according to law)  
from interest. After that date interest will be charged at  
the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.  
for the collection of money, and until 5 P.M. for general  
information.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOW-  
ING ASSESSMENT LISTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC  
WORKS:

Persons interested are requested to call and examine the  
same.

No. 1. For curb and gutter and flagging Madison avenue,  
east side, from Sixty-third to Sixty-fourth street.

No. 2. Curb and flagging west side Tenth avenue, be-  
tween Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets.

No. 3. Flagging east side Lexington avenue, between  
Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets.

No. 4. Flagging north side Thirty-sixth street, between  
Lexington and Tenth avenues.

No. 5. Sewer in Eleventh avenue, between Fiftieth and  
Fifty-first streets, and in Fiftieth street, between Tenth and  
Eleventh avenues.

No. 6. Sewers in Lewis street, between Sixth and Eighth  
streets.

The limits to be assessed are embraced as follows, viz.:

No. 1. The property known as Ward Nos. 21 and 52.

No. 2. The property known as Ward No. 32.

No. 3. The property known as Ward Nos. 2859 to 2864,  
inclusive.

No. 4. The property known as Ward Nos. 2868 to 2871,  
inclusive.

No. 5. Both sides of Fiftieth street, between Tenth and  
Eleventh avenues, and east side of Eleventh avenue,  
between Fiftieth and Fifty-first streets.

No. 6. Both sides of Lewis street, between Sixth and  
Eighth streets.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, Chairman

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,  
No. 19 CHATHAM STREET,  
NEW YORK, Aug. 6, 1874.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,  
NEW YORK, July 29, 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 JULY 21, 1874.

Paving with stone-blocks, Seventy-seventh street, from  
Third to Madison avenue.

Paving with stone-blocks, Seventy-fourth street, from  
Third to Fifth avenue.

Paving with stone-blocks, Eighty-sixth street, from  
Third to Fifth avenue.

Paving with stone-blocks, Sixty-ninth street, from Third  
to Fifth avenue.

Regulating and grading Seventy-ninth street, between  
Ninth and Tenth avenues.

Regulating and grading, setting curb and gutter, and  
flagging One Hundred and Twelfth street, from Second  
avenue to Harlem river.

Basin on the southwest corner of Beekman and South  
streets.

Basin on the northwest corner of Fifty-first street, between  
Eleventh avenue and Hudson river.

Sewer in Seventy-third street, between First and Second  
avenues.

Basin on the north side of Sixtieth street, between Boule-  
vard and Ninth avenue.

Flagging Sixty-ninth street, from Third to Fourth avenue.

Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter, and flagging  
Lexington avenue, from Sixty-sixth to Ninety-sixth street.

Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter, and flagging  
One Hundred and Fourth, One Hundred and Fifth, and  
One Hundred and Sixth streets, from Eighth avenue to the  
Public Drive.

Regulating and grading One Hundred and Eighteenth  
street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before  
October 19, 1874, will be exempt (according to law)  
from interest. After that date interest will be charged at  
the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.