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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 6, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 25, 1879, to exempt the buildings used and occupied by the Managers of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums in the City of New York, as asylums for orphans, viz.: at No. 32 Prince street, and on Fifth avenue and Madison avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, from the payments of all taxes or rents for the use of Croton water.

I am advised by the Counsel to the Corporation, a copy of whose opinion I transmit herewith, that the Board of Aldermen has no authority to pass the resolution, but, on the contrary, is expressly prohibited by law from doing so.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, December 2, 1879.

Colonel JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk of the Mayor:

SIR—I duly received your letter of the 29th of November last, inclosing a copy of the following resolution, adopted by the Honorable the Board of Aldermen on November 25, 1879, and requesting me to furnish the Mayor with my opinion as to whether the Board of Aldermen can lawfully exempt the institutions referred to from the payment of taxes or rents for the use of Croton water:

"Resolved, That the buildings used and occupied by the Managers of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums in the City of New York, as asylums for orphans, namely, at number 32 Prince street, and on Fifth avenue and Madison avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, be and they are hereby exempted from the payment of all taxes or rents for the use of the Croton water used on the premises above specified."

It seems to me that the Honorable the Board of Aldermen, in adopting this resolution, must have overlooked various provisions of law and ordinance relating to this matter. Croton water rents were pledged to the Sinking Fund for the payment of interest on the city debt, by an ordinance of the Common Council, adopted February 22, 1844. On May 13, 1845, an act was passed by the Legislature creating a public fund or stock in the City of New York, to be called the Croton water stock, and in relation to the Sinking Fund. The fifth section of said act is as follows:

"The ordinance now in force, and approved of by the Mayor of the city on the 22d of February, 1844, and any ordinance that may hereafter be passed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, in conformity with the provisions of this law, relative to the said Sinking Fund, shall not be amended without the consent of the Legislature first had and obtained, except by setting apart and appropriating, to and for the purpose of the said Sinking Fund, additional revenue, whenever the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty shall deem proper, and the said ordinance shall remain in full force until the whole of the debt created for the introduction of the Croton water into the City of New York shall be fully redeemed."

This law put it out of the power of the Common Council, so long as any Croton water stock was outstanding, to divert the Croton water rents from the Sinking Fund.

Similar provisions were contained in the acts of March 12, 1849, June 20, 1851, and in other later statutes. And the Sinking Fund, so established, was expressly continued by chapter 383 of the Laws of 1878. Sections 18 and 19 of the act of April 11, 1849, authorized the Common Council to fix the amount of Croton water rents, but section 3 of chapter 163 of the Laws of 1862 contained, among other things, the following provisions:

"It shall not be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to make, or cause to be made, any alteration of rates or charges affecting any item or source of revenues of either of the sinking funds of said city, or of the general fund aforesaid, which may tend to a diminution of the receipts from such sources of revenue, or either of them."

And section 5 of chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871 contained a provision which was continued in force by section 119 of the Charter of 1873, transferring from the Common Council to the Commissioner of Public Works the authority to establish scales of rents for supplying Croton water.

The Common Council, therefore, at the present time, has no jurisdiction whatever over the subject of fixing Croton water rents, and even if it had, would be expressly prohibited, by the above-cited provision of the act of 1862, from passing the resolution transmitted with your letter, or any resolution exempting any property in this city from the payment of the whole or any portion of the Croton water rents established by the Commissioner of Public Works.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

(Signed)

W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

Resolved, That the buildings used and occupied by the Managers of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums in the City of New York, as asylums for orphans, viz.: at No. 32 Prince street, and on Fifth avenue and Madison avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, be and they are hereby exempted from the payment of all taxes or rents for the use of the Croton water used on the premises above specified.

Which was laid on the table, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

The President laid before the Board the following veto messages from his Honor the Mayor, which having been in possession of the Board previous to the meeting of November 11, 1879, the time for their reconsideration, viz., fifteen days, having expired, they were presented and severally ordered on file:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 10, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, authorizing and requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to cause the removal of a show-case in front of premises No. 31 Park row, for the reason that a permit for this show-case has been granted by the Permit Bureau, and the Superintendent of Incumbrances reports that it is not so placed as to interfere with the neighbors.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause the removal of a show-case now in front of premises No. 31 Park row.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 11, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, giving permission to William Hart to place and keep a canvas strip, with his name, across the sidewalk in front of his premises, No. 34 Catharine street.

Canvas strips of this character are prohibited by general ordinance. The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that the occupant of the adjoining premises, No. 36 Catharine street, strongly protests against the proposed strip, as it would darken his windows.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William Hart to place and keep a canvas strip, with his name, across the sidewalk in front of his premises, No. 34 Catharine street, the

said canvas to be not more than two and a half or feet wide, and ten feet above the sidewalk; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 10, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, to pave Seventy-fifth street, from Ninth to Tenth avenue, because no petition for the work accompanies the resolution, and there is no house upon the block.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That Seventy-fifth street, from Ninth 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.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 11, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, giving permission to John Hurley to retain the coal-box now on the sidewalk in front of No. 426 East Thirteenth street.

A coal-box on the sidewalk is an obstruction to the use of the street, which should not be permitted.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Hurley to retain the coal-box now on the sidewalk in front of No. 426 East Thirteenth street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 11, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and accompanying ordinance, adopted October 21, 1879, to pave Sixty-fifth street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, with granite-block pavement.

This work is not petitioned for.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that there are no houses upon this part of the street; that a contract has already been signed to pave this street from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, and that west of the Boulevard the work is unnecessary.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That Sixty-fifth 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.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 11, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, to lay gas-mains, erect lamp-posts, and light street-lamps in One Hundred and Sixth street, from the Boulevard to Riverside avenue.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that the street is not opened according to law.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Sixth street, from the Boulevard to Riverside Drive, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 10, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, to pave Eighty-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, for the reason that no petition accompanies the resolution.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That Eighty-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, 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.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 10, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, giving permission to Dr. O. J. Maguire to place a hitching-post in front of premises at the northeast corner of Fifty-third street and Lexington avenue. Hitching-posts on the sidewalk are ordinarily objectionable, and no special reason for one appears in this case.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Dr. C. J. Maguire to place a hitching-post in front of premises at the northeast corner of Fifty-third street and Lexington avenue; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 27, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, giving permission to John W. Davis to retain sign now in front of his place of business, No. 205 East Forty-seventh street.

The Registrar of Permits reports to me that this sign extends across the sidewalk from house to curb. Signs across the sidewalk are unsightly and, except in rare instances, constitute a special privilege detrimental to the neighbors and the public.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John W. Davis to retain sign now in front of his place of business, No. 205 East Forty-seventh street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, requesting the Counsel to the Corporation to report to the Board if there is any law of the State prohibiting persons not graduates of medical colleges, and possessing diplomas as such, from practising as surgeons or physicians in this city.

The subject of the resolution is already regulated by State law.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby requested to report to this Board if there is any law of the State prohibiting persons not graduates of medical colleges, and possessing diplomas as such, from practising as surgeons or physicians in this city; if not, if it is legally in the power of the Common Council of this city to pass an ordinance to prohibit such persons from practising as physicians or surgeons, by imposing a penalty for violation of its provisions; and if such power exists in the local authorities, that he prepare and transmit to this Board the draft of such an ordinance, fixing the penalty at \$100 for every offense.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission to William Maher to place a receptacle for sweepings, etc., in front of his premises, No. 6 Collister street.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that there is no necessity for this resolution, as a permit can be obtained from the Department of Public Works upon the payment of the usual permit charge for vaults.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William Maher to place a receptacle for sweepings, etc., in front of his premises, No. 6 Collister street, which is not to obstruct the use of the street, 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.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, November 10, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 21, 1879, giving permission to Jacob Heister to erect and retain a stand on the southwest corner of Fifty-ninth street and Second avenue.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that this stand is to be a building for business purposes some twenty-two feet long, six to seven feet high, and about four and a half feet out from the building on the Fifty-ninth street side, and is obviously an unjustifiable appropriation of the public streets to private use.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Jacob Heister to erect and retain a stand on the southwest corner of Fifty-ninth street and Second avenue, as shown in the annexed diagram, the consent of the adjoining property-owners having been obtained, and is hereto annexed; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.*To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

I return, without my approval, the resolution relative to the paving of Ninety-fourth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, for the reason that I am informed that the resolution was not duly passed, but was sent to me through error.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 27, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission for a sign-post and sign on the sidewalk to Jeremiah O'Sullivan; and the resolutions, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission for a barber-pole on the sidewalk, respectively, to Charles Soles and G. Kraeger.

Barber-poles and other poles and posts for advertising purposes on the sidewalk are unnecessary obstructions to the free public use of the streets. Such advertisements should be displayed within the stoop-line.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Jeremiah O'Sullivan to retain the post and sign now on the sidewalk in front of No. 1435 Third avenue, the post not to exceed seven inches square, the sign not to exceed three by four feet; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles Soles to retain barber's sign—size, eleven (11) inches square and ten (10) feet high, built around awning-post in front of premises No. 338 Third avenue; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to G. Kraeger to retain barber's pole now in front of his premises, No. 273 Bleeker street, said pole to be not over twelve feet high and seven inches in circumference; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission for a stand on the sidewalk, respectively, to Adam O'Hara, C. Peters, G. H. Harrison, James Fitzpatrick, Peter Germano, John E. Hock, Andrew Gardelle, Francesco Balzarini, Peter Booth, Francisco Amarrello, and John Carlamarrae; also the resolutions adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission for a meat-rack on the sidewalk to S. Hutter, Isaac Hamburger, and Frederick Schoensigel.

In view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court, in the case of Smith Ely, Jr., Mayor, vs. Allan Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works, I believe that stands and meat-racks outside of the stoop-line are illegal. Permits for stands within the stoop-line can be obtained from the Bureau of Permits.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Adam O'Hara to keep a soda water fountain on the sidewalk in front of No. 116 Chatham street, said stand not to exceed four feet long, two feet wide, and four feet high; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to C. Peters to keep a small stand, for the sale of fruit, etc., in front of No. 175 West street, said stand to be about five feet in length and two feet wide; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to G. H. Harrison to place and retain a stand, for the sale of newspapers, in front of premises No. 125 Third avenue, at the corner of Fourteenth street, the consent of the occupant of the above-named premises having been obtained and is hereto annexed; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Fitzpatrick to place and keep a stand, for the sale of newspapers, on the northeast corner of Twenty-eighth street and Third avenue, under the stairs of the elevated railroad, said stand not to be over 5 feet long by 2½ feet wide, and to be no obstruction to public travel; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Peter Germano to place and keep a stand for the sale of fruit on the sidewalk at the curb-stone line on the southwest corner of Thirty-ninth street and Third avenue; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John E. Hock to keep a stand for the sale of newspapers, not to exceed four feet long, three feet wide, and five feet high, on the northwest corner of New Church and Cortlandt streets; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Andrew Gardelle to place and keep a stand for the sale of fruit in front of the premises No. 28 Broad street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Francesco Balzarini to retain a fruit-stand on the curb-line on Chatham street, about twenty feet north of the corner of Frankfort street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Peter Booth to retain stand for the sale of fruit at the curb-stone line on the northeast corner of Wall and Nassau streets, said stand not to be more than six feet long and two feet wide, he having obtained the consent of the occupants of said premises; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Francisco Amarrello to place and keep a stand in front of premises No. 311 Bowery, the consent of the occupant of the said premises having been obtained, and is hereto annexed; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Carlamarrae to place and keep a stand in front of premises No. 2382 Third avenue, at the corner of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, the consent of the occupant of the said premises having been received, and is hereto annexed; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to S. Hutter to retain the meat-rack now in front of No. 136 Orchard street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Isaac Hamburger to erect and retain meat-rack in front of his place of business on the northeast corner of Hester and Norfolk streets, the work to be done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Frederick Schoensigel to place and keep a meat-rack, near the curb-stone, in front of No. 647 East Fifth street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.*To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, authorizing the leasing of the premises situated on the southwest corner of Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street, for the use of the Eighth Regiment, National Guard, as an armory and drill-room for five years, at the yearly rental of \$6,700.

The Board of Aldermen, on December 24, 1877, passed a similar resolution, which was vetoed by Mayor Ely, on the ground that the Eighth Regiment then refused to occupy the premises, and that the Inspector-General of the State had decided that the building was unfit for occupation as an armory.

The Major-General commanding the First Division informs me that he would not favor the leasing of any building for armory purposes, except from year to year, and that the rooms referred to in the resolution have been pronounced unsuitable by high military authority.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports that he has had an examination made by the Superintendent of Repairs and Supplies, that the rental of \$6,700 is excessive, and that the premises would require considerable repairs, not provided for in the lease, to fit them for occupancy.

A law has been passed authorizing a large expenditure for the purpose of providing a permanent armory for the Eighth Regiment. As the building authorized by this act will probably be completed within less than five years, there is no reason why the city should make a lease for that term.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That the leasing of premises for an armory and drill-room for the use and occupation for military purposes of the Eighth Regiment of the National Guard in the City and County of New York, be and the same is hereby authorized, and that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a lease, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, and to affix the seal of the said Corporation thereto, of the hall and rooms on the upper story of the building situated on the southwest corner of Ninth avenue and Twenty-seventh street, and known as Nos. 281, 283, 285 and 287 Ninth avenue, and Nos. 404, 406, 408 and 410 West Twenty-seventh street, for the term of five years from the first day of November, 1879, at the yearly rental of six thousand seven hundred dollars (\$6,700), payable quarterly, to be used and occupied by all the companies of the Eighth Regiment for a regimental armory; that the said lease shall provide that no alterations or additions to the said premises shall be made by the said Corporation or the said regiment without the previous written consent of the owners; also that the said premises shall be heated by steam at the expense of said owners, and that the superstructure shall be kept in good repair during the term of said lease by and at the expense of the owners of said property; and that there be inserted in said lease the usual fire clause, and that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to pay the said rent quarterly.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission to the owners of property on Christopher street, between Greenwich and Washington streets, to straighten and widen the sidewalk on the northerly side thereof.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that the improvement seems to be desirable, but that the resolution is not sufficiently definite, and that it should be amended so as to state specifically the proposed width of the sidewalk. The Commissioner suggests that the sidewalk at the corner of Greenwich street should be of the present width, and that the sidewalk should increase gradually in width to a point about seventy-five feet west of Greenwich street, from which point to the corner of Washington street the line of the curb should be parallel to the street line. Christopher street at Greenwich street is narrow, and the Commissioner thinks the plan above proposed would best accommodate public travel.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the owners of property on Christopher street, between Greenwich and Washington streets, to straighten and widen the sidewalk on the northerly side thereof, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.*To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission to Daniel G. Terry to erect a show-window on premises No. 40 Washington street, for the reason that the resolution is not accompanied by the consent of the owners of the adjacent property.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Daniel G. Terry to erect and retain show-window on premises No. 40 Washington street, said window to be not over two feet deep, eight feet high, and eight feet wide, the work to be done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 27, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission to Hamburger Bros. & Co. to place a canvas strip on the awning now in front of their premises, No. 86 Canal street.

The Registrar of Permits reports to me that there is no awning in front of No. 86 Canal street.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Hamburger Bros. & Co. to place a canvas strip on the awning now in front of their premises, No. 86 Canal street, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.*To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

I return, without my approval, resolutions adopted October 17, 1879, by the Board of Aldermen, giving permission for a bridge over the gutter, respectively, to M. F. Peppard, in front of No. 132 West Fourteenth street, and Christopher Knoll, in front of No. 200 Eldridge street.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that gutter bridges, in locations where streets are already paved, necessitate a double curb and consequent change of grade of the pavement, and that the Board of Health considers as a nuisance the accumulation of filth which always occurs under them.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to M. F. Peppard to place and keep a bridge over the gutter in front of his livery stable, Nos. 132, 134 and 136 West Fourteenth street, 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.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Christopher Knoll to erect a bridge over the gutter in front of premises No. 200 Eldridge street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.*To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

I return, without my approval, the resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission to E. D. Farrell to retain a net banner in front of Nos. 73 and 75 Bowery, and to George F. Bates to retain a pole and banner-sign across the walk in front of premises No. 325 Grand street.

Banner-signs suspended across streets or sidewalks are objectionable and dangerous, and should only be authorized for temporary use in especial cases.

If the permission contemplated by these resolutions be granted, many other business houses will apply for similar privileges, which are especially objectionable in great thoroughfares like the Bowery and Grand street.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to E. D. Farrell to retain a net banner in front of premises Nos. 73 and 75 Bowery, the same being no obstruction to public travel; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and it is hereby given to George F. Bates to retain a pole and banner-sign across the walk in front of premises No. 325 Grand street, in this city; said permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 27, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission to N. B. Walker to retain sign now in front of No. 233 Front street.

The Registrar of Permits reports to me that there is no sign now in front of No. 233 Front street.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to N. B. Walker to retain sign now in front of No. 233 Front street, said sign to be not over two feet wide by six feet long; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.*To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:*

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and accompanying ordinance, adopted October 17, 1879, to flag the sidewalk full width and set the curb-stones on both sides of Fifty-fifth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that the work authorized by this resolution seems to be premature; there are no houses on the block, there is no petition from the property-owners, and excavations are being made on both sides of the street. The sidewalk should not be flagged until such excavations are completed. It does not appear that the provisions of law requiring

an abstract of all resolutions authorizing the incurring of any expense or assessing of property, to be published five days before their passage, was complied with in this case.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Fifty-fifth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, be flagged full width, and the curb-stones set, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 27, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission to J. Laffen to retain show-case now in front of his premises, No. 1307 Broadway.

The Registrar of Permits reports to me that the premises at No. 1307 Broadway are not now occupied by J. Laffen.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to J. Laffen to retain show-case now in front of his premises, No. 1307 Broadway, said show-case not to be over three feet wide by four feet long; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission to T. J. Coe to retain the signs now in front of No. 606 Broadway.

The Registrar of Permits reports that Mr. Coe has no sign requiring a permit for which one has not already been granted.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to T. J. Coe to retain the signs now in front of his place of business, No. 606 Broadway; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 28, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolutions of the Board of Aldermen, adopted October 17, 1879, giving permission for a watering-trough on the sidewalk in front of their premises, respectively, to Hugh Egan at No. 106 West street, to Lawrence E. Walsh at No. 87 Tompkins street, to Patrick McCabe at No. 121 West Tenth street, to E. A. Mienken at the southeast corner of Second avenue and Seventy-sixth street, and to D. J. Barney at the northeast corner of Jay and West streets. Watering-troughs in some locations may be desirable, as in public squares or in other locations where the stoppage of teams would not impede public travel and where the convenience afforded would justify the loss of water.

The stoppage of teams opposite No. 106 West street or on the northeast corner of Jay and West streets would be objectionable. There is now a watering-trough within fifty feet of No. 87 Tompkins street. It does not appear, by petition or otherwise, that one is required for the public convenience at either No. 121 West Tenth street or the corner of Second avenue.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Hugh Egan to erect and retain a watering-trough on sidewalk at curb-stone line in front of his premises, No. 106 West street, said trough to be not more than five feet long and two feet wide, the work to be done and water supplied 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.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Lawrence E. Walsh to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk in front of No. 87 Tompkins street, provided the work be done and water supplied 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.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Patrick McCabe to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk in front of No. 121 West Tenth street, provided the work be done and water supplied 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.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to E. A. Mienken to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk in front of his premises, southwest corner of Second avenue and Seventy-sixth street, the work to be done and water supplied 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.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to D. J. Barney to place and keep a watering-trough on the northeast corner of Jay and West streets, the work to be done and water supplied 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.

Also the following:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, October 2, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I herewith inclose a copy of the Departmental Estimate for the Mayoralty for 1880.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, September 18, 1879.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 112 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, I herewith transmit the following Departmental Estimate for the Mayoralty for 1880:

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| Contingencies—Mayor's office..... | \$4,000 00 |
| Salaries—Mayor's office: | |
| Salary of the Mayor..... | \$12,000 00 |
| Salaries of Clerks and subordinates..... | 16,000 00 |
| | 28,000 00 |
| Salaries—Bureau of Permits..... | 10,000 00 |
| | \$42,000 00 |

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Which was ordered on file.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
EDWARD COOPER, Mayor; JOHN TRACEY, Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
JOHN TYLER KELLY, First Marshal.

Permit and License Bureau Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
DANIEL S. HART, Registrar.

Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

No. 7 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WILLIAM EYERS, Sealer First District; ELIJAH W. ROE, Sealer Second District; JOHN MURRAY, Inspector First District; JOSEPH SHANNON, Inspector Second District.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner's Office.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALLAN CAMPBELL, Commissioner; FREDERICK H. HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Water Register.

No. 10 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORIS, Deputy Comptroller.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation;
ANDREW T. CAMPBELL, Chief Clerk.

Office of the Public Administrator.

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

Office of the Corporation Attorney.

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

Attorney to Department of Buildings' Office.

Corner Cortlandt and Church streets.
JOHN A. FOLEY, Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
President: SETH C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.

Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
TOWNSEND COX, President; JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters.

Nos. 153, 155, and 157 Mercer street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
VINCENT C. KING, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES F. WENMAN, President; EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, No. 114 White street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

No. 2 Fourth avenue, 8:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY J. DUDLEY, Superintendent.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON LAW DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday in the City Library, Room No. 12 City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M.

By Order of the Committee,

I. GRAHAM HYATT,
Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

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

PROPOSALS FOR POULTRY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS FOR 5,535 POUNDS TURKEYS, 7,395 pounds Chickens.

To be of good quality as to age and condition, and subject to careful inspection, and all delivered on Wednesday, 24th December, before six o'clock, A. M.

—will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Saturday the 20th day of December, 1879. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate" for Poultry, and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept any bid or estimate as a whole, or for any one or more articles included therein. No bid or estimate 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 a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids. Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Department, but the entire quantity will be required to be delivered on the 24th of December, before 6 o'clock A. M., after the date of the contract.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by his or their bond, with two sufficient sureties, in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the estimated amount of the contract.

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

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect, that if the contract be awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as a surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 27 of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned it and as in default to the Corporation, and the contract will be re-advertised and re-let as provided by law.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures. Payment will be made by requisition on the Comptroller, issued on the completion of the contract, or from time to time as the Commissioners may determine.

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

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept any bid or estimate as a whole, or for any one or more articles included therein. No bid or estimate 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 a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, December 9, 1879.
TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.
NEW YORK, December 6, 1879.

PROPOSALS FOR 500 TONS OF WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Thursday, the 18th day of December, 1879, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for 500 tons White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; each ton to consist of two thousand pounds, to be well screened, and delivered in such quantities and in such parts of the city as may be required in specifications, and ordered from time to time, south of Eighty-sixth street, to be subject to such inspection as the Commissioners may direct, and to meet their approval as to the quality, quantity, time, and manner of delivery in every respect.

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 freeholders 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 estimated 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 reserves the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, 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 a defaulter, as surety 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 at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 4, 1879.

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

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from Roosevelt Hospital—Unknown man; aged about 40 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; brown hair and moustache; blue eyes. Had on black coat, vest and pants, brown cardigan jacket, calico shirt, gaiters. T. Fitmann marked on shirt collar.

Unknown man from Pier 23 East River—Body in advanced state of decomposition; about 5 feet 8 inches high. Had on gray pants, Oxford tie shoes.

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—John Westermann; aged 37 years; 5 feet 10 inches high; dark hair and eyes. Had on when admitted black coat and pants, white shirt, black felt hat. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 2, 1879.

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

At Work-house, Blackwell's Island—Timothy Ford; aged 80 years; committed November 21, 1879. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
Nos. 117 and 119 DUANE STREET,
NEW YORK, December 3, 1879.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR DREDGING THE SLIP BETWEEN PIERS AT WEST TWENTY-THIRD STREET AND WEST TWENTY-FOURTH STREET, N. R.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DREDGING THE slip between piers at West Twenty-third street and West Twenty-fourth street, N. R., indorsed as above, and with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, and the date of presentation, and addressed to "The President of the Department of Docks," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., of

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1879.

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

Any bidder for this contract must be well prepared for the business, and the bidder to whom the award is made shall give security for the faithful performance of the contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance, in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

The Engineer's estimate of the quantity of material necessary to be dredged in order to secure the depth of fifteen feet of water, at mean low tide, is 10,000 cubic yards. But this estimate is approximate only, and forms no part of the contract, and persons bidding are cautioned that neither the Department of Docks nor the City of New York is to be held responsible that it shall strictly obtain in the work, and bidders are required to examine the premises, and to judge for themselves of the quantity and other circumstances affecting the cost of the work.

The time allowed for doing the work is thirty days from the date of signing the contract; and the damages to be paid by the contractor for each day that the contract may be unfulfilled after the time fixed for fulfillment has expired, Sundays and holidays not to be excepted, are, by a clause in the contract, fixed and liquidated at fifty dollars per day. But the Board of Docks may extend the time for the completion of the work, if, in its judgment, the work has been delayed by ice in the river or harbor, or by very severe weather.

All the material excavated is to be removed by the contractor, and deposited in all respects according to law. Bidders will state in their proposals the price per cubic yard for doing such dredging in conformity with the annexed specifications, by which the bids will be tested. The price is to cover all expenses of every kind involved in or incidental to the completion of the contract, including any claim that might arise through delay from any cause in the performing of the work thereunder.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate for doing this work, in addition to inserting the same in figures. Should the lowest bidder neglect or refuse to accept to contract within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice that the same has been awarded to his bid or proposal, or if, after acceptance, he should refuse or neglect to execute the contract and give the proper security for forty-eight hours after notice that the contract is ready for execution, he will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation; and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on until it be accepted and executed.

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

Each proposal shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to the person making the bid, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for his faithful performance; and that if said person shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which said person would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the city of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, and stated in these proposals, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety and otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith; and with the intention to execute the bond required by section 6 of chapter 574, Laws of 1871, and by section 27 of chapter VIII. of the Revised Ordinances of the City of New York, if the contract shall be awarded to the person or persons for whom he consents to become surety. The adequacy and sufficiency of the sureties offered, are to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York, after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

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

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

The right to decline all the proposals is reserved, if deemed for the interest of the Corporation.

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

HENRY F. DIMOCK,
JACOB VANDERPOEL,
Commissioners of the Department of Docks.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

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

No. 1. Sewers in the Boulevard, between Fifty-ninth and Sixty-first streets.

No. 2. Sewer in the Boulevard, between Sixty-first and Seventy-seventh streets.

No. 3. Sewers in the Boulevard, between Seventy-seventh and Ninety-second streets.

No. 4. Sewers in the Boulevard, between Ninety-second and One Hundred and Sixth streets.

No. 5. Sewers in the Boulevard, between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Fifty-third streets.

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 the Boulevard, between Fifty-ninth and Sixty-first streets.

No. 2. Both sides of the Boulevard, between Sixty-first and Seventy-seventh streets; also blocks bounded by Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, Boulevard and Ninth avenue; also blocks bounded by Sixty-seventh and Seventy-second streets, Boulevard and Ninth avenue; and blocks bounded by Seventy-third and Seventy-seventh streets, Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

No. 3. Both sides of the Boulevard, between Seventy-seventh and Ninety-second streets; also blocks bounded by Seventy-sixth and Eighty-third streets, Boulevard and Tenth avenue; also blocks bounded by Eighty-second and Ninety-second streets, Boulevard and Tenth avenue; and blocks bounded by Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth streets, Boulevard and Eleventh avenue.

No. 4. Both sides of the Boulevard, between Ninety-second and One Hundred and Sixth streets (omitting the east side between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-eighth streets); also blocks bounded by Ninety-second and Ninety-fifth streets, Boulevard and Tenth avenue; also blocks bounded by Ninety-ninth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, Boulevard and Eleventh avenue.

No. 5. Both sides of the Boulevard, between One Hundred and Nineteenth and One Hundred and Fifty-third streets; also west side of the Boulevard, between One Hundred and Eighth and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets; also blocks bounded by One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, between Tenth avenue and the Boulevard, including south side of One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Fifty-third streets, Boulevard and Tenth avenue; also blocks bounded by One Hundred and Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, St. Nicholas and Tenth avenues; also blocks bounded by One Hundred and Ninety-ninth and One Hundred and Twenty-seventh streets, Boulevard and River-side avenue, including south side of One Hundred and Nineteenth and north

side of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh streets; and north and south sides of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, between Tenth and Twelfth 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 the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 114 White street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above described list will be transmitted as provided by law to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation on the 18th day of December, ensuing.

THOMAS B. ASTEN,
JOHN MULLALLY,
EDWARD NORTH,
DANIEL STANBURY,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 114 WHITE STREET (COR. OF CENTRE),
NEW YORK, November 17, 1879.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, No. 2 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUILDERS.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR INTERESTS, property owners and builders are requested to refuse admission into their buildings to any officer of this Department who does not show his proper badge of office on demand.

All badges issued from this office are shield shaped, with the title of the officer, the name of this Department, and the number engraved thereon, and are numbered from 1 to 50. The following badges are lost or stolen: Inspectors, badges Nos. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 35, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 50. Fire Escape Examiners, badges Nos. 3 and 8, and Messenger's badge No. 7. All parties professing to be officers of this Department not provided with badges of the above description, or who attempt to use badges of the above named missing numbers, or an oval shaped badge, formerly used in the Department, are impostors, and the public are cautioned against recognizing such persons, and are requested to report the same to this office in any case that may come to their notice.

HENRY J. DUDLEY,
Superintendent of Buildings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, November 7, 1878.

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

By order of the Board,
VINCENT C. KING, President,
JOHN F. GORMAN, Treasurer,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT, Commissioners.
CARL JUSSEN, Secretary

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-second street, from First avenue to Avenue B in the City of New York.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Menzo Diefendorf, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 71 Broadway, Room 124, in the said city, on or before the 20th day of January, 1880; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within ten week days next after the said 20th day of January, 1880, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 20th day of January, 1880.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the easterly side of First avenue distant one hundred and two feet two inches from the northerly side of Eighty-second street; thence easterly and parallel with Eighty-second street to a point distant one hundred and two feet and two inches northerly from the northerly side of Eighty-second street; thence southerly and parallel with the easterly side of Avenue B, and one hundred and two feet and two inches southerly from the southerly side of Eighty-second street; thence westerly and parallel with Eighty-second street to a point on the easterly side of First avenue distant one hundred and two feet two inches southerly from the southerly side of Eighty-second street; and thence northerly along the easterly side of First avenue to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the third day of February, 1880, at the opening of the court on that day, and then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, December 2d, 1879.
MENZO DIEFENDORF,
GEORGE H. SWORDS,
THOMAS L. FEITNER,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-ninth street, from Eighth avenue to the new road or drive, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson river, in the City of New York.

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

That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections, in writing, duly verified, to Charles H. Haswell, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 22), in the said city, on or before the twenty-first day of January, 1880, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said twenty-first day of January, 1880, and

for that purpose will be in attendance, at our said office, on each of said ten days, at three o'clock P. M.

That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the twenty-first day of January, 1880.

That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue, distant one hundred feet and eight inches northerly from the northwesterly corner of Eighty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, and running thence westerly and parallel with Eighty-ninth street to the established bulkhead line on the Hudson river; thence southerly along said bulkhead line two hundred and sixty-two feet and six and one-half inches; thence easterly and parallel with Eighty-ninth street to the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue; and thence northerly along the westerly line or side of Eighth avenue two hundred and sixty-one feet and four inches to the point or place of beginning.

That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 5th day of February, 1880, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, December 3, 1879.
CHARLES H. HASWELL,
BERNARD SMYTH,
BERNARD CROKER,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Eighty-first street, from the Boulevard to the new avenue, and from Twelfth avenue to the Hudson river, in the City of New York.

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

That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the Court-house in the City of New York, on the 30th day of December, 1879, at 10 o'clock A. M. on that day, and then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, November 15, 1879.
CHARLES PRICE,
JOSEPH MEEKS,
LOUIS MESIER,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of a new road or street, commonly known as Bronx River road, though not yet named by proper authority, from Grand avenue to the north line of the City of New York, in the Twenty-fourth Ward of said city.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to George W. McGlynn, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 261 Broadway, Rooms 34 and 35, in said city, on or before the first day of December, 1879; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said first day of December, and will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days at 3 o'clock P. M.

Second.—That the abstract of said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits taken, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, there to remain until the 15th day of December, 1879. That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the northerly line of Grand avenue, with the westerly line of the lands of the Harlem Railroad Company, thence running northerly along the westerly line of the said railroad company's lands to the westerly bank of the Bronx river; thence northerly along the westerly bank of the Bronx river as the same winds and turns, to the northerly line of the City of New York; thence westerly along the northerly line of the City of New York to a point where the said line would be intersected by the prolongation of a line drawn parallel to, and two hundred feet westerly of the westerly line of First street; thence southerly along the prolongation of said line, and along said line to the northerly side of Grand avenue; thence easterly along the northerly side of Grand avenue, to the point or place of beginning.

That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof to be held at Chambers in the Court-house in the City of New York on the 31st day of December, 1879, at ten o'clock of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that then and there a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, October 28, 1879.
GEORGE W. MCGLYNN,
BERNARD SMYTH,
JULIUS HEIDERMAN,
Commissioners.

In the matter of the petition of the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Forest (Concord) avenue, from Denman place to Home street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York.

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

1. That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Gunning S. Bedford, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 25 Chambers street, room No. 1, in the said city, on or before the 21st day of November, 1879; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week days next after the said 21st day of November, 1879, and will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 12 o'clock, noon.

2. That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits taken, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, there to remain until the 1st day of December, 1879. That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows:

All those parcels of land lying on each side of Concord (Forest) avenue, between Denman place and Home street, in the Twenty-third Ward, and extending 135 feet each way from the said Concord avenue.

3. That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at Chambers, in the Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 17th day of December, 1879, at ten o'clock of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, and that then and there a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, October 20, 1879.
GUNNING S. BEDFORD,
AMBROSE H. PURDY,
BERNARD SMYTH,
Commissioners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 6, 1879.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the steam-tugs "Wm. Parks, Jr.," and "U. S. Grant" (being of insufficient power for the uses of the Bureau of Street Cleaning), will be sold at public auction, at the foot of East Seventeenth street, East river, on Friday, December 19, 1879, at 10 o'clock A. M.

By order of the Board,
S. C. HAWLEY,
Chief Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, Room No. 39,
NEW YORK, December 2, 1879.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, Police Department, City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Rattan, molasses, bale, curled hair, trunk and contents, gold watch, barrel of barley, male and female clothing, revolvers, etc., also small amount of money found and taken from prisoners.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
32 NEW CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, December 1, 1879.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OMITTED TO PAY their taxes for the year 1879, are hereby notified, as required by law, to pay the same to the Receiver of Taxes at his office, on or before the 1st day of January, 1880.

One per cent. will be collected on all taxes paid before the 15th day of December, instant; two per cent. on all taxes paid on and after that date, and interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, computed from the 27th of October last (the day on which the assessment rolls and warrants were delivered to the Receiver), on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after the said 1st day of January, 1880.

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

MARTIN T. MCMAHON,
Receiver of Taxes.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

CORPORATION SALE OF THE MARION STREET BELL TOWER.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW York will sell at public auction, on Monday, November 24, 1879, at 12 o'clock noon, at the New County Court-house, the building known as the Marion Street Bell Tower.

TERMS OF SALE. Cash to be paid to the Collector of the City Revenue at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder to remove the building within thirty days from the date of sale, and to leave the premises on which it stands free from all material of the same. The ground on which the tower stands to be smoothly and evenly graded.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.
CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, October 25, 1879.

The above sale is adjourned to Monday, December 8, 1879, at the same hour and place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 24, 1879.

The above sale is adjourned to Monday, December 22, 1879, at the same hour and place.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 8, 1879.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, November 1, 1879.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS who have omitted to pay their taxes for the year 1879 to the Receiver of Taxes, that unless the same shall be paid to him, at his office, before the first day of December next, one per cent. will be collected on all taxes remaining unpaid on that day, and one per cent. in addition thereto on all taxes remaining unpaid on the 15th day of December next.

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

MARTIN T. MCMAHON,
Receiver of Taxes.

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