

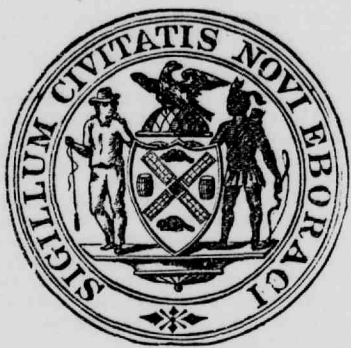
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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

TUESDAY, May 20, 1879,
2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, No. 16 City Hall.

PRESENT:

ALDERMEN

Michael W. Burns,
Thomas Carroll,
John Cavanagh,
Frederick Finck,
Robert Foster,
George Hall,
Robert Hall,

Nicholas Haughton,
J. Graham Hyatt,
John W. Jacobus,
Patrick Keenan,
Bernard Kenney,
Terence Kiernan,
John J. Morris,

Henry C. Perley,
William R. Roberts,
William Sauer,
Thomas Sheils,
James J. Slevin,
Matthew Stewart,
Joseph P. Strack.

On motion of Alderman Morris, Alderman Stewart was appointed President pro tem., the President being absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Morris asked and received unanimous consent to call up messages from his Honor the Mayor, nominating sundry persons for confirmation, being General Orders 143 to 148, inclusive. He then called up G. O. 143, being a message from his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

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

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

In pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, I hereby nominate Stephen B. French for appointment, by and with your consent, as Police Commissioner of the City of New York, in place of Joel B. Erhardt, whose term of office has expired.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

And moved the confirmation of the nomination of Stephen B. French as Police Commissioner.

Alderman Jacobus offered the following:

Resolved, That the nomination of Stephen B. French for Police Commissioner be rejected.

The President pro tem. ruled the motion out of order.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, Keenan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—14.

Negative—Aldermen R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, and Strack—7.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 144, being a message from his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

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

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

In pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, I hereby nominate Cornelius Van Cott for appointment, by and with your consent, as Fire Commissioner of the City of New York, in place of Joseph L. Perley, whose term of office has expired.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

And moved the confirmation of the nomination of Cornelius Van Cott as Fire Commissioner.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—20.

Alderman Perley was excused from voting.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 145, being a message from his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

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

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

In pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, I hereby nominate Jacob Hess for appointment, by and with your consent, as Commissioner of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in place of Isaac H. Bailey, whose term of office has expired.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

And moved the confirmation of the nomination of Jacob Hess as Commissioner of the Department of Charities and Correction.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—21.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 146, being a message from his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

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

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

In pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, I hereby nominate James Daly for appointment, by and with your consent, as a member of the Board of the Department of Docks, in the place of Jacob A. Westervelt, whose term of office has expired.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

And moved the rejection of the nomination of James Daly as a member of the Board of the Department of Docks.

The President pro tem. ruled the motion to reject out of order.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree to confirm the nomination of James Daly.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Kenney, Kiernan, Perley, and Strack—8.

Negative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, Keenan, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—13.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 147, being a message from his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

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

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

In pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, I hereby nominate John N. Hayward for appointment, by and with your consent, as President of the Department of Taxes and Assessments of the City of New York, in place of John Wheeler, whose term of office has expired.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree to confirm the nomination of John N. Hayward.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen R. Hall, Haughton, Kenney, and Kiernan—4.

Negative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—17.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 148, being a message from his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

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

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

In pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, I hereby nominate Thomas H. McAvoy for appointment, by and with your consent, as Superintendent of Buildings of the City of New York, in place of Henry J. Dudley, whose term of office has expired.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Alderman Burns moved that the message be again laid over.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—20.

Negative—Alderman Kenney—1.

REPORTS.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to which was referred the petition of Jacob A. Hatzel, claiming the seat occupied by Hon. George Hall as member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York for the Sixth Senatorial District,

REPORT:

That they have heard the evidence adduced by the petitioner in support of his petition, and that offered by the sitting member in opposition thereto, together with the allegations and arguments of the parties thereon, and have come to the following conclusions thereon:

This contest arises from a doubt as to the exact vote polled for Mr. Hall in the Eleventh Election District of the Eighth Assembly District in the said Senatorial District. It is claimed by the petitioner, Jacob A. Hatzel, that the vote for Mr. Hall in that election district was 130, and that for him, the said Hatzel, it was 93.

It is admitted on all hands that this vote would defeat Mr. Hall. The official returns give Mr. Hall 200 votes and Mr. Hatzel 23 votes in this election district, and, if the official returns are correct, Mr. Hall was elected.

The petitioner attempts to sustain his allegation that the vote for Mr. Hall, at the election district in question, was 130 and not 200, mainly on the evidence of one Cloddy, a bystander, and the following is, in substance, the evidence relied upon to support the petition:

Cloddy testifies that he was at the election district on the night of election, and witnessed the canvass thereof, and that he, seated behind a witness named McSweeney, watched the inspectors in the canvass, and on a piece of paper or an envelope, which he placed upon Mr. McSweeney's shoulder, marked down the tallies as they were given by the inspectors, and from this count so made Hall received 130 votes and Hatzel 93, and in support of his statement he produces the identical paper so made by him on that occasion. An inspection of the paper will, we think, satisfy any fair mind that it could not have been made as described by this witness, but that it was undoubtedly made long after the election, by this witness, for the purpose of bolstering up his false testimony. The witness testifies that he was a Tammany Hall worker; that he was mainly interested in the election of the Tammany Hall candidates for Aldermen, and that he took the memorandum at the time for the purpose of seeing whether Hall and Hatzel were elected. His memorandum bears the names of Hall and Hatzel, with the alleged vote which they received, but the falsity of the testimony of the witness and the falsity of the memorandum is at once apparent when we find that the witness did not mark down, neither did he pay any particular attention to the vote received by the opponents of Hall and Hatzel, Kenney and Strack. Here is a man who says that he ascertained whether a candidate was elected by counting his vote, and without knowing or counting the vote of his opponent. It is therefore apparent that this memorandum, so produced by the witness, was not made by him on the night of the election, but was made long after, and not, as the witness swears, for the purpose of ascertaining whether Hall and Hatzel were elected, but for the purpose of endeavoring to demonstrate and make your Committee believe that the true vote was 130 for Hall and 93 for Hatzel. No more audacious attempt at manufacturing evidence has ever been made, and for the foregoing reasons the Committee feel justified, on this ground alone, in rejecting Cloddy's evidence as absolutely unreliable and worthless.

But there are other reasons why his testimony should be rejected. McSweeney, the witness on whose shoulder Cloddy says he made his memorandum, on being called, flatly denies the assertions of Cloddy, and says that Cloddy did not and could not have used his shoulder as a writing desk without his knowing it, and that Cloddy did not do so; and that, instead of remaining there all during the canvass, Cloddy was running in and out, and asking him, McSweeney, what the votes for the various candidates were. McSweeney swears, however, that he, being a watcher, tallied off the votes as each ballot was announced by the inspectors, and that he counted and figured it up, and the true result was 200 for George Hall and 23 for Jacob A. Hatzel.

Another witness called by the sitting member, Washington E. Hall, who occupied the position of fourth inspector during the canvass, and took the tally of the vote as the ballots were read, swears that the true and correct vote as cast was 200 for Hall and 23 for Hatzel.

Michael Murphy, the third inspector, a Republican, and the one whose duty it was to read in a loud voice the names on the ballots, also being called upon, swears that the correct return was 200 for Hall and 23 for Hatzel.

John J. Very, the Republican poll clerk, on being called upon, swears that he, as poll clerk, kept the tally as the votes were read off by the inspectors, and as he announced it to the inspectors, and that the true vote was 200 for Hall and 23 for Hatzel, and in corroboration of his testimony, the official tally-sheet, which was signed and sealed on the night of election and sent to the Bureau of Elections, is produced and offered in evidence, and there we find every vote tallied, and it gives 200 for Hall and 23 for Hatzel.

All the official returns, the one to the Bureau of Elections, the one to the Board of County Canvassers, and the one to the County Clerk, are all offered in evidence, and they all agree in stating the vote as 200 for Hall and 23 for Hatzel.

We then have the solemn and official acts of six men, without regard to party, supported by the sworn oath of four unimpeachable witnesses, whose business it was to take part in the canvass, and who did take such part, opposed only by the statement of a single bystander. It is a significant fact, of the large number of persons present at the polling-place on the night of election, the contestant has been unable to produce but one single witness to impeach the correctness of the returns, or to contradict the evidence of the officers of election.

Official returns ought not to be set aside on light grounds. While the law makes this Board the judges of the qualifications and elections of its members, the Board should not exercise that right arbitrarily, but is bound by every honest and fair consideration to give a true expression to the wishes of the voters. Certain rules have been laid down by the Courts to govern cases of this kind. The ordinary laws of evidence and established legal principles are binding on this Board in the examination and decision of these cases, notwithstanding the constitutional privilege of this Board as exclusive judge of the qualifications of its members. Any other principle would introduce confusion and uncertainty, disfranchise the people, and convert the Board of Aldermen from a representative body of the people into an odious partisan machine, and if it be true that the single oath of a bystander can upset official returns, and the solemn acts and oaths of those officers upon whom the law casts the responsibility of canvassing and returning the vote, then, indeed, interminable contests will arise, and the seat of any member of this Board may be attacked at any moment, for who shall say that in all the election districts in his district there cannot be found at least one election district where some bystander or irresponsible person cannot be produced to contradict the official returns of the inspectors.

For these reasons we are clearly of the opinion that the contestant has wholly failed to make out any case entitling him to the seat occupied by the sitting member. The contestant having thus failed to impeach the returns by any evidence, undertook to resort to the desperate expedient of calling the voters, and asking them, and each of them, how they voted on that election. A majority of your Committee decided otherwise, and it seems proper that we should submit to the Board our reasons for so doing.

The doctrine that the acts of an officer of election, within the scope of his authority, are presumed to be correct, is strongly stated and ably argued in *Littell vs. Robbins*, 1 Bartlett, p. 138. The rule is here placed upon two grounds, namely:

First—That the presumption is always against the commission of a fraudulent or illegal act; and,

Second—That the presumption is always in favor of the official acts of a sworn officer. The

same doctrine has been also solemnly declared in *Goggin vs. Gilmer*, 1 Bartlett, p. 70, and in the contested election of *Giddings vs. Clark*, in the Forty-second Congress. In *Gooding vs. Wilson*, in the Forty-second Congress, the Committee say: "On examination of precedents, it does not appear that this House favors the setting aside of official and formal counts made with all the safeguards required by law, on the evidence of voters, relying on their memory as to how they voted, and without such safeguards." And in *Kline vs. Myers*, 1 Bartlett, p. 574, the House refused to order a recount of the ballots upon the request of the contestant. One reason was, the contestant did not offer evidence sufficient to show, even presumptively, that the original count was erroneous or fraudulent; but another reason was the great danger of attempting to set aside the official count by reopening of the boxes, and a recount of the ballots months after election. And upon this latter point the Committee in their report say: "To adopt a rule that the ballot boxes should be opened upon the mere request of the defeated candidate, would occasion more fraud than it could possibly expose." Every reason that would apply for not allowing ballot boxes required to be kept by law to be opened, and the votes therein counted, would apply with equal and greater force to the permitting of electors to be called months after the election, and taking their statements as to how they voted, in opposition to the official canvass. The Committee do not say that a case might not possibly arise where, as a last resort to determine the result of an election, the voters might not be allowed to testify. If no returns had been made, or if their falsity had been clearly established by undoubted and overwhelming proof, it might, perhaps, then be proper to allow the voters to be sworn to testify as to how they voted. But such is not this case. On the unsupported testimony of a single bystander, flatly contradicted by all the inspectors of election, poll clerks, and watchers, we are asked to set aside the returns, disregard the solemn acts of sworn officers, and resort to that most unreliable and dangerous evidence—that of the voters themselves.

It is a notorious fact that many voters are not aware of the name that is upon their ticket. Many men receive their tickets and deposit them without opening or reading them. Numerous cases can be cited, and are within the knowledge of every member of this Board, where men have supposed they were voting for one candidate, when the ballot that went from his hand into the box contained the name of another. To establish the rule that a defeated candidate can come before this Board and ask you, months after election, to call the voters from a district to endeavor, by inquiring of them how they voted, for the purpose of setting aside official returns, would cause, after every election, and from all districts where the vote was close, a rush of heated partisans before the Board, and create contests interminable, vexatious, and dangerous, and would open the door to fraud and perjury to an extent hitherto unknown.

For these reasons your Committee believe that they acted wisely in refusing to allow the voters to testify.

It then having become apparent that the contestant has failed in every particular to establish the allegations of his petition, the adoption of the following resolution is respectfully recommended:

Resolved, That George Hall is entitled to the seat now occupied by him as a member of this Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW STEWART, } Of Committee on
J. J. SLEVIN, } Contested Seats.

The report having been read, Alderman Robert Hall, the minority of the Committee, offered the following:

The undersigned, one of the members of the Special Committee charged with the investigation of the matters alleged in the petition of Jacob A. Hatzel, who claims a seat in this Board of Aldermen, respectfully reports:

I have carefully weighed the testimony given on the part of the contestant and the sitting member (George Hall, Esq.), and from the testimony have arrived at the conclusion that the allegations of the contestant are sustained, and that the said Hall should be unseated, and the contestant be admitted to a seat in this Board.

It appears that the inspectors have returned that in the Eleventh District of the Eighth Assembly District the total number of votes cast was 207.

That George Hall received.....	200 votes.
That Jacob A. Hatzel received.....	23 votes.
That Bernard Kenney received.....	85 votes.
That Joseph P. Strack received.....	70 votes.
That Louis Hock received.....	4 votes.
That Julius Hoffman received.....	4 votes.
That three defective ballots.....	3

Hall and Hatzel were the Tammany Hall, Kenney and Strack the Republican and anti-Tammany, and Hock and Hoffman Socialist candidates.

The contestant to sustain his case produced Lawrence Clody as a witness, who had been employed by Alderman Hall as a "worker," on election day. Clody does not appear to have borne any relation to nor even acquainted with Hatzel until after the election, thus he appears to be a perfectly disinterested witness, nor has he been impeached in any way. He testifies that on the night of the election he was present during the whole of the canvass of the ballots for District Alderman; that he kept a memorandum of the votes as announced for each of the candidates; that he saw all the ballots as canvassed, and was in a position where he could see each one as counted; that the inspectors filed the ballots as required by law and then proceeded to count the tickets on the file, upon which, apparently, there were the greatest numbers; that the counting of these ballots of this file resulted in ninety-three straight ballots for Hall and Hatzel; that the last Inspector twisted every ten ballots (or tally of ballots) as counted, and there appeared nine bunches of twisted tickets and three tickets; that after the counting of tickets from other files the inspectors counted the scratched and split tickets last (which were also upon a separate file) and there appeared thirty-seven votes for George Hall, and was so announced. This testimony, in my opinion, is entitled to great weight because of its circumstantial character, and it will be observed that neither of the inspectors nor any of the witnesses for the sitting member contradict in terms his statement in the following particulars, viz.:

First—That the inspectors counted first from the file which appeared to have the largest number of tickets.

Second—That there appeared nine straight tallies, or 90 votes, upon the straight ticket from this file for Hall and Hatzel, and three tickets.

Third—That Boland, the last inspector, twisted each tally of ten ballots, and there appeared upon the table nine twisted bunches containing ten tickets each and three ballots.

Common experience teaches us that when a dispute exists between persons, and their statements consist apparently of flat contradictions, that for the purpose of ascertaining the truth, recourse should be had to the manner and form of the statements, and that witness, whose testimony shows vital circumstances in detail which form part of the transaction in question, and are not specifically denied, is entitled to greater credit than he who cuts his testimony out of the whole cloth, and when questioned as to those particular circumstances, says "he does not remember."

It is not disputed that the inspectors announced 130 votes for Hall and 93 for Hatzel, and that thereupon they all signed what is commonly known as the "Station-house return," which bears the same figures, and is now on file in the Bureau of Elections. That they also wrote in full length into the body of each of the three official statements 130 and 93 for Hall and Hatzel respectively.

This, therefore, made out a case calling upon the sitting member to respond.

The defense seemed to be that one of the Inspectors, W. E. Hall, kept a tally in "fives," that the paper upon which he kept it was not long enough, and he was compelled to insert George Hall's name twice; that the arrangement of the figures upon this paper was such that 130 appeared upon the upper line for Hall and that the 70 additional votes of the 200 of Hall appeared upon a lower line in such position that by an error Boland, the inspector, added them 70 votes to Hatzel's 23 which appeared on the line next above, and announced erroneously 130, etc. For the purpose of illustration, W. E. Hall, when on the stand, gave a copy of the paper which is as follows:

Hall.....	130
Kenney.....	85
Strack.....	70
Hoffman.....	4
Hock.....	4
Hatzel.....	23
Hall.....	70
Scattering.....	3

That after the return had been dispatched by the policeman on duty, the poll clerks announced that Hall had received 200 votes, and Hatzel but 23, and that thereupon Washington E. Hall erased all of the returns, and wrote in the figures as given by the poll clerks.

It was further stated by counsel for the sitting member that the defense was that the inspectors are bound to take the figures announced by poll clerks, and such announcements are the only necessary ones to be made. In this he was clearly mistaken, as the law distinctly provides that, after the poll clerks shall have announced the numbers of votes on each kind of ballots and shall have announced the total vote for each candidate, "the canvass of the ballots found in any box shall be completed by ascertaining how many ballots of the same kind corresponding in respect to the names of the persons thereon and the offices for which they are designated have been received; and the result being found," etc. In this the inspectors violated the law. They admit that they did not comply with this provision of the law.

This defense therefore attempts to make the poll clerks a species of scapegoat for the omissions on the part of the inspectors to comply with the requirements of the Election Law. Indeed, the case shows that the inspectors have committed numerous violations of law in respect to the canvass and the making of their returns, and when this appears the testimony of such persons should be received with great caution in respect to a transaction which forms a part of their admitted misdeeds.

To sustain the defense, Hall, the inspector, testified that he had been an inspector five or six times, that he kept the tally above referred to. In passing, I may say this, he had no business to do. The law declares, that "he shall watch the inspectors and poll clerks." He testified upon his

direct examination substantially in accordance with the theory of the defense. Upon cross-examination, he did not, however, testify with the same readiness. His answers, as the evidence will show, consists largely of "I don't remember." He admits that the inspectors counted from the file appearing to be the largest. He could not tell, however, whether these tickets were straight, split, or scattered, or single ballots. He could not remember whether Hatzel and Hall's name appeared together upon these ballots or upon any ballots. He could not tell whether there were any single ballots for Hall, nor for Hatzel, nor for anybody.

On cross-examination he distinctly stated that before the commencement of the canvass he wrote the names of the candidates in the same form as they appear upon his copy tally (above), upon the tally which he kept, and in the same order, and that copy was an exact copy of the one kept by him. When his attention was called, by the arguments of counsel for the sitting member, to the manifestly damaging effect of that testimony to himself and the sitting member, he, like the rest of the witnesses, said that he was mistaken in this respect, and that he desired to correct his testimony. Such corrections, made under such circumstances, I do not believe.

This testimony was damaging, because the question might very well arise, Why did he arrange the names before the canvass, so that a mistake might subsequently be pleaded? Why did he put Hatzel's name after Hock and Hoffman? They had a separate file, and when their tickets were on the file—four in number—did he assume that Hatzel, against whose popularity nothing has been shown, would get less votes than Strack or the Socialists?

McSweeney was called. He had "charge" of the district, and he testifies that he kept a tally in fives, and his count agreed, he said, with the poll clerks' announcement. He is a partisan of Alderman Hall; he did not see any of the ballots; he don't know which file was counted first.

Murphy, another inspector, don't remember anything except the story concerning the "mistake." Very, a poll clerk, testifies that his tally on file is correct. He had never been a poll clerk before, and one of the inspectors showed him how to keep his tallies and attend to his duties.

The other poll clerk, who might have shed some light on the question, is not called by the defense, and no reason shown why he is not called.

But it is not necessary to indulge in this form of reasoning. The evidence of the leading spirit, Inspector Hall, demonstrates that the certificate is a fraud. The Election Law makes it the duty of the inspectors of election to annex a sample of each kind of ballot found in the box to the official statements of the canvass. Upon cross-examination Hall testified that he or the inspectors annexed a sample of each kind of ballot found in the box for District Aldermen to these statements.

An inspection of the returns shows that there are no single ballots, nor is there a scratch or split ballot annexed; therefore, the computation above of 200 for Hall is fallacious, and the case of the contestant clearly made out by circumstantial evidence given by the witness for the sitting member, for without the single or split tickets it is utterly impossible to arrive at the figures returned by the inspectors.

The returns show that each of the Tammany Hall candidates, except Hatzel (according to the revision), received over one hundred votes, the ticket being run even.

I can very well understand that in some cases the popularity of a local candidate for Alderman may in some districts be greater than that of his associate upon the same ticket, but that Hall should receive 200 votes and Hatzel but 23, where nothing is shown to indicate that Hatzel was especially obnoxious in this particular Election District, is, under all the circumstances of the case, highly unreasonable.

To assume that this return is correct is to assume that which is possible—for all things are possible—but something which is highly improbable. The voters of all parties in this Election District (except the Socialists), must have been imbued with so great an admiration of the qualities of Alderman Hall that it is surprising that this feeling did not spread beyond the limits of that District and place him at the head of the Aldermanic ticket, instead of, as I believe, at the foot. That there may be no apprehension that this is an exaggerated statement, the figures will prove.

Two hundred and seven votes were cast. Hall, according to the inspectors, received 200 votes; therefore, every person that voted, except seven, voted for Hall. Kenney and Strack received respectively eighty-five and seventy votes, Hatzel twenty-three, Hock and Hoffman four votes each, and 3 defective ballots. Every person therefore who voted for Kenney must have struck out Strack, his associate, and inserted Hall's name. Every voter for Strack struck out Kenney and inserted Hall. That would give Hall upon the credit of Kenney and of Strack one hundred and fifty-five votes. Then upon the credit of Hatzel Hall got twenty-three votes; that made one hundred and seventy-eight votes, and then the single ballots, which may be used as a species of the filling, twenty-two in number, swells the vote to two hundred. Common sense dictates that this theory is as improbable as the adventures of Gulliver. But even this theory is exploded by the fact that one ballot is found annexed to the returns bearing the names of Kenney and Strack, which brings the vote of Hall to one hundred and ninety-nine. Such experience as I have had in local politics, and having before me the fact that Kenney and Strack were the regular nominees of a political organization, and that one receives eighty-five and the other seventy votes, necessarily leads me to the conclusion that more than one and probably as many as seventy persons voted the straight Republican and Anti-Tammany ticket for District Aldermen.

Patrick Cobey and one George L. Bolheimer, both respectable and intelligent gentlemen, and residents for a number of years of the Election District in question, were called by the contestant for the purpose of proving for whom they voted. Objection, singular to say, was made by the counsel for the sitting member, and sustained by my colleagues. A resolution was then adopted by my colleagues by which they declined to receive any testimony as to whom witnesses voted for for District Alderman. For what reason this testimony was excluded I fail to understand. If the voters were sufficiently enthusiastic, as the figures on the returns indicate, to vote for Hall irrespective of party, certainly this testimony would have been all one way, but if the figures were false then the voters, under well settled rules appertaining to investigations of this character, should have been permitted to testify. One of my colleagues stated, at a public session of the Committee, that one of his grounds for excluding the testimony of voters was that such testimony was unreliable; that very many voters received tickets and voted them without knowing their contents. My experience in late years has shown that voters now scrutinize their tickets, and I am unwilling to believe that the voters of this city are open to so grave a suggestion as that implied in that objection.

I recommend, therefore, First—That the reports of the majority and minority of this Committee be sent back for the purpose of taking the testimony of voters as to whom they voted for.

Second—That if this recommendation is not adopted that the seat now occupied by George Hall in this Board be declared to belong to Jacob A. Hatzel.

ROBERT A. HALL.

Alderman Slevin moved the adoption of the resolution reported by the majority of the Committee.

Alderman R. Hall moved, as an amendment, that the reports of the majority and minority of the Committee be laid over and printed.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman R. Hall.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Slevin, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen R. Hall, Kiernan, and Perley—3.
Negative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, Hyatt, Keenan, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—13.

Alderman Jacobus was excused from voting.

The President pro tem. then put the question whether the Board would agree with the motion of Alderman Slevin to adopt the resolution reported by the majority of the Committee.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Sheils, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—14.
Negative—Aldermen R. Hall and Kiernan—2.

Aldermen Jacobus and Perley were excused from voting.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Alderman Haughton moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Keenan, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, R. Hall, Haughton, Kenney, and Kiernan—5.
Negative—Aldermen Burns, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Morris, Perley, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—14.

Alderman Slevin moved that the vote by which the resolution reported by the majority of the Committee on Contested Seats, in the case of Hatzel vs. Hall, was adopted, be reconsidered.

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

Which was decided in the negative.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Roberts—

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

We respectfully represent to your Honorable Body that the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, on the 23d of February, 1876, and again on the 8th of March, 1877, unanimously memorialized the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York to enact—

Section 1. That whenever it shall be lawful to issue any bonds of the City of New York for assessment or other purposes, the same shall be issued in denominations of twenty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, and five hundred dollars and upwards each.

Sec. 2. Preference, as far as practicable, shall be given to applicants for the smallest amounts, and the smallest denomination of said bonds in issuing the same.

Your petitioners further respectfully represent that, as they are informed, it was announced in the

public press that the proposed bill had passed both branches of the Legislature, and was returned by his Excellency the Governor for the correction of alleged technical errors.

Your petitioners further represent that the bill, of which the following is a copy, was substituted and passed, April 16, 1879:

Section 1. Whenever it shall be lawful to issue any bonds of the City and County of New York in exchange for any bonds heretofore issued pursuant to law, the same shall be issued in denominations of twenty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars and upwards each.

Sec. 2. Without pecuniary disadvantage to the said City and County of New York, preference shall, as far as practicable, be given to applicants for the smallest amount and smallest denominations of said bonds in issuing the same.

Your petitioners respectfully represent, that in their belief if the act of which your Honorable Body memorialized the Legislature had been passed instead of the substituted bill, there would have been saved to the citizens of the metropolis \$50,000 on the single loan made on account of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, through the instrumentality of bonds of small denominations bearing yearly interest of 3.65.

We respectfully petition your Honorable Body to again memorialize the Honorable the Legislature, or to adopt such measures as your Honorable Body shall deem expedient to secure the enactment of the law originally proposed by your Honorable Body, and universally commended as an act of great public beneficence. And your petitioners ever pray.

THEODORE E. TOMLINSON.

Whereupon he offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York respectfully memorialize the Legislature of the State of New York to pass the following:

AN ACT in relation to assessment and other bonds of the City of New York.

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

Section 1. Whenever it shall be lawful to issue any bonds of the City of New York, for assessment or other purposes, the same shall be issued in denominations of twenty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, and five hundred dollars and upwards each.

Sec. 2. Preference, as far as practicable, shall be given to applicants for the smallest amounts, and the smallest denomination of said bonds in issuing the same.

Sec. 3. All acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of this Board to each member of the Legislature of the State, now in session at Albany.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolutions and act.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Perley—

NEW YORK, May 19, 1879.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned residents and property owners of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, in the Twenty-third Ward of the City of New York, do hereby petition your Honorable Body that a resolution be passed to continue the laying of Croton water-mains along said One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Elton to Courtland avenue, a resolution having already passed your Honorable Board to lay Croton mains in One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Third to Elton avenue, and your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Francis Fitzgerald, 158th st., near Courtland ave.	Konrad Schaeffer, 158th st.
Joseph Greunz, 158th st., near Courtland ave.	John Nicklas, near Courtland ave.
John H. Eckert, 158th st., near Elton ave.	George H. Dyer, 158th st., near Elton ave.
B. Zimmerman.	John Stiebling, 158th st., between Elton and Courtland aves.
William Hogg, 158th st., near Elton ave.	Wm. H. Warts, 158th st., near Courtland ave.
Elesha Skakem, 158th st., near Elton ave.	

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By the same—

NEW YORK, May 19, 1879.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned property owners, residing on One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, in the Twenty-third Ward, New York City, do hereby petition your Honorable Body that permission be granted, by resolution of your Board, to regulate, grade, set curb and gutter and flag sidewalks four feet wide, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, from Third to Railroad avenue, under the direction of the Department of Public Parks; said work to be done at the expense of the property owners along the line of said One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street.

William Hogg, 158th st., near Elton ave.	P. Singleton, 158th st., near Elton ave.
Francis Fitzgerald, 158th st., near Courtland ave.	B. Zimmerman, do do
Joseph Grover, 158th st., near Elton ave.	Konrad Schaeffer, 158th st.
Elisha Stokem, do do	Thos. Bale, 158th st., near Railroad ave.
Wm. Eggelmann, Secretary, by order of the Board of Trustees of the First German M. E. Church, 158th st. and Elton ave.	Frank A. Bale, do do
John H. Eckert, 158th st., near Elton ave.	John Nicklas, near Courtland ave.
L. C. Hake, agent, Third ave., cor. 158th st.	Robert H. and Pauline Schaufelberger.
Hofield & Knabe, Third ave. and 158th st., southwest corner.	Silmer Simpson, 158th st., near Railroad ave.
Joseph Gloetzel, 158th st., near Railroad ave.	Hugh Thompson, 158th st.
Joseph Santos, 158th st., near Elton ave.	George Vetter, 158th st., bet. Railroad and Courtland aves.
Mary E. Santos, do do	George H. Dyer, 158th st., near Elton ave.
	John Stiebling, 158th st., bet. Elton and Courtland aves.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Cavanagh—

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

The further petition of the undersigned residents of the villages of Belmont and West Farms, situated in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, respectfully sheweth:

That the flagging of the north side of Kingsbridge road, between Third avenue and the Boston road, is a paramount necessity.

That it is the principal thoroughfare for residents of this section, and that serious difficulty and inconvenience is experienced by said residents (particularly in the winter season) by reason of the present condition of the road and the absence of flagging.

That with all due respect to the remonstrants against the work prayed for, and being alive to the fact that contemplated improvements are "looming in the future," your petitioners would beg leave to submit that the remonstrants are not permanent residents of this neighborhood, but are owners of property lying some distance from the line of road where such improvement is necessary.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honorable Body will take such actions as will insure this much needed accommodation, in accordance with the wishes of nine-tenths of the citizens and taxpayers of the vicinity.

(Signed) August Meyer.	John W. Warner, M. D.
John Weisman.	Michael McMahon.
Michael Dowling.	James G. Hyde.
John G. Becker.	George Dean.
Bernard Quinn.	Joseph Schaefer.
John F. Hasler.	John Messing.
John McCarthy.	Jacob Ross.
Michael J. McCarthy.	Henry Beusch.
Stephen S. Meyers.	James B. Smith.
Rody Mooney.	Thomas Kehoe.
Joseph Miller.	F. Grote.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Hyatt—

Resolved, That the Mayor is hereby requested to return to this Board an ordinance entitled "Of Pawnbrokers, Dealers in Second-hand Articles, and Keepers of Junk Shops," adopted by this Board on May 13, 1879.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to return to this Board, for amendment, a resolution passed May 6, to permit Mrs. Kenney to retain apple stand. The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Perley—

Resolved, That Croton water-pipes be laid in One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, from Third avenue to Courtland avenue, as provided in chapter 477, Laws of 1875.

MELROSE, NEW YORK, May 14, 1879.

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned residents and property owners on One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, in the Twenty-third Ward of New York City, do hereby respectfully petition that your Honorable Body will take such action as to procure the laying of Croton water-pipes on said street,

from Third avenue to Courtland avenue. By granting this petition you greatly oblige us, and your petitioners will ever pray for the welfare of your Honorable Body.

Louis Walter,
Wm. Walter,
Wilhelm Blankenberg,
Israel Vlugi,
Michael Schwab,
Edmond Gleichmann,
Frederick Siker,
Adam Messerschmitt,
Ludwig Danbloy,
G. M. Gunther,

K. Semdorf,
H. H. Fledderman,
Jos. Santos,
John Fischer,
August Meise,
Caroline Bohlinger,
Patrick J. Mullin,
Adolph Altmann,
August Frentel, Jr.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Carroll—

Resolved, That vacant lots on the north side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between First and Second avenues, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

We, the undersigned taxpayers and residents of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between First and Second avenues, do respectfully request that the lots on the north side of the street, between First and Second avenues, said to be owned by Wm. Austin, be fenced in, in order to abate the nuisance of tramps and other disorderly persons who are in the habit of assembling in the said lots daily, and are thus an annoyance to the neighborhood.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Mrs. J. F. Raynor, 332 East 121st st.
James R. Hobby, 326 East 121st st.
Ethan F. Bassford, 326 East 121st st.
Theo. P. Anderson, 336 East 121st st.

Mrs. C. Beck.
Joseph Burges, 330 East 121st st.
E. R. Almy, 324 East 121st st.
Lyman S. King, 321 East 121st st.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Kiernan—

Resolved, That the vacant and sunken lots on the south side of Seventy-ninth street, between Fourth and Lexington avenues, be fenced in and filled in to the level of the sidewalk, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

NEW YORK, May, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, property owners and residents in Seventy-ninth street, between Fourth and Lexington avenues, respectfully represent that on the south side of this street there are several vacant lots which have been excavated to a considerable depth, and left in that condition for a long time, with no fence to prevent pedestrians from falling into them. Stagnant water accumulates in them and poisons the atmosphere.

We therefore respectfully pray your Honorable Board, for the protection of the lives and limbs of people who have to pass these lots, and for the safety of the public health, to pass an ordinance directing that these lots be fenced and filled in.

Very respectfully,

A. T. J. Rice, 109 East 79th st.
Ign. Grossmann, 107 East 79th st.
Emuel Southwick, 131 East 79th st.
S. Benedicks, 117 East 79th st.
R. M. Nichols, 119 East 79th st.
Samuel Gallund, 103 East 79th st.
Moris Isidor, 113 East 79th st.
Paul Buchler, 123 East 79th st.

Mrs. H. Pinckney, 125 East 79th st.
George Mauluns, 127 East 79th st.
James A. Tanish, 137 East 79th st.
L. M. Cohen, M. D., 111 East 79th st.
Herman Schwarz, 105 East 79th st.
E. R. Holden, 115 East 79th st.
Nicholas McCool, 121 East 79th st.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Haughton—

Resolved, That James J. McGee be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the place and stead of Richard J. Morrison, who has failed to qualify.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Cavanagh—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Sebastian Beukler to place a post (5 inches in diameter), ten (10) feet in height, on the sidewalk close to curb line in front of his place of business No. 196 West Tenth street, New York, the same to be used for holding the figure of a boot, 10 x 18 inches, to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mrs. Kinney to place and keep fruit stand on sidewalk at curb-stone line in front of premises northwest corner of Nassau and John streets, the consent of the occupant of said premises being hereto annexed, said stand to be not more than five feet long and two feet in width, of the usual height; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Burns—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Petero Marr to retain a stand as it is now situated in front of premises No. 14 Broad street, he having obtained the written consent of the tenant occupying said premises, which is hereto attached, said stand to remain the same size as it is at present, to wit, six (6) feet long by two (2) feet wide, to be taken down and stored inside the building every night; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Slevin—

Resolved, That James Oliver be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the place of Louis Levy, who has failed to qualify.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—18.
Negative—Alderman Burns—1.

By Alderman Burns—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to J. D. Hall to erect and retain a wooden awning in front of premises occupied by him corner of Hudson and Franklin streets, and known as Nos. 101 Hudson street and 165 Franklin street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That Samuel D. Folsom be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Stewart—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph Androchi to retain fruit stand at the curb-stone in front of premises No. 82 Wall street, the consent of the occupant of said premises being hereto annexed, said stand not to be more than six feet long and two feet wide; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Kiernan—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized to lay Croton water-mains in Boston avenue, between One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street and two hundred feet north of Jefferson street, as provided in section 2, chapter 477, Laws of 1875.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to to use portion of sidewalk in front of his premises No. , for the sale of flowers, provided the same shall not be an obstruction to public travel, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue until Decoration Day, May 30, 1879.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Kiernan—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Birch street, from Jerome avenue to Anderson avenue, thence through Anderson avenue to Orchard street, and through Orchard street to Ogden avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Perley—

Resolved, That Croton water-pipes be laid in One Hundred and Forty-third street, from College avenue to One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, as provided in chapter 477, Laws of 1875. Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Keenan—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to P. I. Meagher to place and keep canvas side-curtains in front of his place of business No. 386 Eighth avenue, for the purpose of protecting furniture, etc., said curtains to be ten feet above the sidewalk, the work to be done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Burns—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Patrick Tuomey to place and retain stand for blacking boots at curb stone line in front of premises No. 18 Broad street, the consent of occupant of said premises being hereunto annexed, said stand to occupy a space not more than three feet in length and two feet in width; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman R. Hall—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Kent to place and keep a stand for the sale of fruit in front of No. 68 South street, said stand not to be over four feet long by two feet wide, such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Sauer—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby respectfully requested to inform this Board, at his earliest convenience, what progress, if any, has been made in the work of regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter-stones, and flagging Fortieth street, from the First avenue to the East river, as provided in resolution and ordinance of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor December 11, 1878, and in case the work has not been commenced, the reason for the delay.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Buck & Stelges to place and keep a watering-trough on the sidewalk in Beach street, near the southeast corner of Beach and West streets, the work to be done and water supplied 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.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Jacobus—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph Phealin to erect a flag-pole in front of his place of business, No. 331 West Seventeenth street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles Driscoll, to place and keep fruit stand on southeast corner of Liberty and Nassau streets, said stand to be not more than five feet long and twenty inches wide, and situated at the curb-stone line; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Stewart—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles Holmes to place and keep a stand for the sale of fruit, four and a half feet long and two and a half feet wide and of the usual height, on the sidewalk near curb-stone in front of No. 1 Murray street, permission being granted by the occupants of the building, the work to be done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Carroll—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Wittlauss to place and keep a post not more than ten inches in diameter and nine feet high, surmounted by a sign not to exceed 12 x 20 inches, on the northwest corner of Third avenue and Thirty-third street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to A. Grau to place and keep a barber pole on the sidewalk near the curb-stone in Second avenue, southeast corner of Sixtieth street, such pole to be not more than ten inches in diameter and nine feet high; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That Albert R. Searles be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor. The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.: Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—17.

(G. O. 170.)

By the same—

Resolved, That One Hundred and Eighth street, from Third to Fifth 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 Alderman Slevin—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Michael Garrity to keep a stand for the sale of fruit in front of No. 144½ Bowery, on the sidewalk; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 171.)

By Alderman Hyatt—

Our Croton Water Supply.

The Taxpayers' Central Committee of New York requested your Committee to investigate the cause of the scarcity of the Croton water.

We, the undersigned members of the Executive Committee of the Central Organization of Taxpayers, to whom was referred the above matter, desire to report that we have examined the gate-houses for the last four or five weeks, and that the following facts have been obtained:

First. That the volume of water which comes on to the island of New York, after it passes the High Bridge, and the pumping engine for high service at or near the High Bridge, conveyed in the aqueduct, was six feet two inches deep at that place.

Second. That we find in the same size aqueduct at Ninety-second and Ninety-third streets and Ninth avenue, a depth of water only three (3) feet; that the water at the latter point has less speed or forward motion; that we fully believe from these statements of facts, that less than one-third of the water which passes through the aqueduct south or near the High Bridge comes into the reservoirs in the Central Park.

The Committee suggests that the facts be laid before the proper authorities; that water should not be discharged except through the proper distributing pipes from the reservoirs.

The Committee are satisfied by a critical examination, that there is no scarcity of water at the present time at the Croton dam; and that there is enough to fill all the reservoirs, and therefore they recommend the Honorable the Board of Aldermen to investigate this matter, and also the Legislature, to oppose any appropriation of money to build new reservoirs, or to remove old reservoirs, until the present ones are filled, and the supply equally distributed from thence, as originally intended;

and in future any use of appropriations of money for the further continuation of our water supply, should be placed in the charge of competent persons skilled in such matters.

NEW YORK, April 7, 1879.

C. G. SHURRAGAR, Chairman.

J. G. LINDEMANN,

JAMES E. SERRELL,

GEORGE MOORE,

President 20th & 22d Wards Taxpayers' Ass'n.

This is a true copy of the original.

GEORGE KARSCH, Secretary.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 172.)

By the same—

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of New York in "An act to organize the Senate Districts, and for the apportionment of the Members of Assembly of this State," provides that the Board of Aldermen shall meet on the third Tuesday of June next to divide the County of New York into twenty-four Assembly Districts; and

Whereas, It is desirable that a comprehensive plan for such division, having reference to boundary lines, the ratio of population, etc., be prepared in accordance with the requirements of law, for the consideration of the Board at its meeting appointed to be held on the third Tuesday of June; therefore be it

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to prepare a schedule of twenty-four Assembly Districts for the City of New York, with definite boundary lines, a statement as to population of each district, and such other information and recommendations as will enable the Board to act understandingly with reference to the subject matter.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Burns—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mrs. Jennings to retain stand now in front of No. 20 Wall street, corner of Nassau, said stand to be inside the stoop line, and not to be over four feet long by two feet wide; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Jacobus—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Roberts, Sheils, Slevin, Stewart, and Strack—15.

Negative—Aldermen Burns and Finck—2.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Samuel A. Suydam to retain the signs now on the awning in front of his place of business No. 550 Hudson street, as shown on the annexed diagram, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Kenney—

Resolved, That Hermann Wellhausen be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Keenan—

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

NEW YORK, May 14, 1879.

FRIEND KEENAN—I live on Lexington avenue, and the residents on that avenue cannot stand the dust. It is perfectly fearful! You cannot open your windows to get the air or to ventilate your house. It has been so for the past three years. As you are one of the Aldermen at Large, and as I am not acquainted with Alderman Kiernan, I wish you would do me the favor to introduce an ordinance for the paving of Lexington avenue, from One Hundred and Sixteenth street to Harlem river, or any portion of the avenue from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street to Harlem river. You will oblige a great many who suffer from this annoyance, who have been to see me and asked me to have it done.

Yours truly,

JOHN W. SMITH,

Lexington avenue, between 126th and 127th streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Kiernan—

Resolved, That the name of Martin F. Hatch, recently appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, be and is hereby corrected so as to read Marlin F. Hatch.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Carroll—

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Stewart—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph Bonture to retain fruit stand at the curb-stone on the southwest corner of Wall and Water streets, the consent of the occupant of said premises being hereto annexed, said stand not to be more than six feet long and two feet wide; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Perley—

Resolved, That an improved iron drinking hydrant (for man and beast) be placed on the north side of One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, about 85 feet west of Madison avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Sheils—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mrs. Adele Prevot to place and keep stand for sale of fruits and candies at the curb-stone line in front of premises No. 21 Broad street, the consent of the occupant of said premises being hereto annexed, said stand to be not more than five feet long and two feet wide, and of the usual height; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Edward Fulbrook to place and retain fruit stand on sidewalk at curb-stone line in front of premises No. 25 William street, the consent of occupants of said premises being hereunto annexed, said stand to be not more than five feet long and two feet wide, and of the usual height; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission is hereby given to Stone & Westervelt to remove iron post with sign weather-vanes now in front of No. 103 Chambers street and place the same in front of No. 102 Chambers street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; this permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Keenan—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Dry Dock, East Broadway, and Battery Railroad Company to erect a shed, not exceeding 15 x 25 feet, on four posts, on the open space known as the Tweed Plaza, formed by the junction of Canal street, East Broadway, and Rutgers street, to be used as a resting-place for the horses of the company during the summer months only, the work to be done at their own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

(G. O. 173.)

By Alderman Hyatt—

Whereas, It is proposed to hold a World's Fair in the City of New York in the near future, for the exhibition of the industry of all nations, at a date as nearly as possible to the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of Washington as President of the United States; and

Whereas, A strong competition of localities exists in connection with the site for said exhibition, in view of the great benefits which must arise to the favored locality, as it is intended to surpass in magnificence all predecessors of a like character; be it therefore

Resolved, That in view of the fact that this enterprise is to be brought out and fostered by the wealth and talent of this city, it is essential that it should be an institution of the same metropolitan character, and located on Manhattan or New York Island; and be it further

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the President, to co-operate with the Committee charged with the selection of a site, to represent the city government in carrying forward the great enterprise in all its interests and details.

Which was laid over.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman Kenney, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, called up veto message from his Honor the Mayor of resolution as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Ward & Olyphant to place and keep a sign across the sidewalk in front of No. 412 East Third street, said sign to be not more than two feet wide nor less than twelve feet above the level of the sidewalk; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same in the manner prescribed by law, and upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—15.

Negative—Aldermen Finck, Jacobus, and Morris—3.

PAPERS RETURNED BY REQUEST FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President pro tem. laid before the Board the following from his Honor the Mayor, returned by request of the Board:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Mrs. Kinney to retain apple stand on sidewalk in front of No. 125 Fulton street, to be not more than five feet in length and two feet in width; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was ordered on file.

(G. O. 174.)

The President pro tem. laid before the Board the following from his Honor the Mayor, returned by request of the Board:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Stone & Westervelt to remove their lamp now situated in front of No. 103 Chambers street, and to place and retain the same in front of No. 102 Chambers street, the work to be done at their own expense, and the gas furnished from their own meter, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 175.)

The President pro tem. laid before the Board the following from his Honor the Mayor, returned by request of the Board:

AN ORDINANCE to amend sections 43 and 45 of article IV., chapter XLII. of the ordinances of 1866, entitled "Of pawnbrokers, dealers in second-hand articles, and keepers of junk shops."

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 43 of article IV. of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

"Section 43. Every licensed keeper of a junk shop for the purchase and sale of rags, old rope, old iron, brass, copper, empty bottles, tin, slush or lead, shall be entitled to keep one or more carts, wagons or other vehicles, and one or more boats or other vessels for the purpose of collecting old junk, rags, old rope, old iron, brass, copper, empty bottles, tin, slush, or lead in the City of New York, provided he or she shall, before using such carts, wagons, boats or other vessels, or causing the same to be used, cause to be painted on the outside of such hand-carts, wheelbarrows, or other carts or vehicles, boats or vessels, his name at length, the street and number of his place of business, in plain letters and figures, put on with paint, of not less than two and a half inches in length; and no person or persons, except such as are regularly licensed for the purpose aforesaid, according to the provisions of this chapter, or persons in the employ of such licensed dealers, shall draw or drive, or procure to be drawn or driven, or propelled, any such hand-carts, wheelbarrows, carts, wagons or other vehicles, boats or other vessels."

Sec. 2. Section 45 of article IV. of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

"Section 45. Every owner of a cart, wagon or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, on receiving his or her license, shall pay for each and every cart, wagon or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, to the Mayor of the City of New York, for the use of said city, the sum of five dollars, and upon the renewal of said license, annually, the sum of two and a half dollars."

Sec. 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Alderman Hyatt offered the following as a substitute for the ordinance returned by his Honor the Mayor:

AN ORDINANCE to amend sections 43 and 45 of article four of chapter forty-two of the ordinances of 1859, entitled "Of pawnbrokers, dealers in second-hand articles, and keepers of junk shops," as amended by an ordinance passed December 31, 1863, entitled "An ordinance to amend sections thirty-three, forty-three, and forty-five of article four of chapter forty-two of the Revised Ordinances."

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 43 of article four of chapter forty-two of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

"Section 43. Every licensed keeper of a junk shop, for the purchase and sale of rags, old rope, old iron, brass, copper, empty bottles, tin, slush or lead, shall be entitled to keep one or more carts, wagons or other vehicles, and one or more boats or other vessels for the purpose of collecting old junk, rags, old rope, old iron, brass, copper, empty bottles, tin, slush or lead, in the City of New York, provided he or she shall, before using such carts, wagons, boats or other vessels, or causing the same to be used, cause to be painted on the outer side of such hand-carts, wheelbarrows, or other carts or vehicles, boats or vessels, his name at length, the street and number of his place of business, the number of his license, in plain letters and figures, put on with paint, of not less than two and a half inches in length. The Mayor shall, from time to time, grant licenses to such persons as he shall think proper, to keep one cart, wagon or other vehicle, or one boat or other vessel, for the purpose of collecting old junk, rags, old rope, old iron, brass, copper, empty bottles, tin, slush or lead, in the City of New York, providing the person receiving such license shall, before using such cart, wagon, boat or other vessel, cause to be painted on the outer side of such hand-carts, wheelbarrows, or other carts or vehicles, boats or vessels, his name at length, the street and number of his place of residence, the number of his license, in plain letters and figures, put on with paint, of not less than two and a half inches in length."

Sec. 2. Section 45 of article IV. of the above-entitled ordinance is hereby amended, and shall read as follows:

"Section 45. Every owner of a cart, wagon or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, on receiving his or her license, shall pay for each and every cart, wagon or other vehicle, boat or other vessel, to the Mayor of the City of New York, for the use of said city, the sum of five dollars, and upon the renewal of said license, annually, the sum of two and a half dollars."

Sec. 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Alderman Burns moved that the paper be laid over and printed.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, Jacobus, Kiernan, Morris, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—12.

Negative—Aldermen Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, and Sauer—4.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Sheils asked unanimous consent to call up a veto message from his honor the Mayor.

Objection being made, He then moved to suspend the rules in order to permit of his calling up the veto message from his Honor the Mayor.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Keenan, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Cavanagh, Finck, Foster, G. Hall, Hyatt, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—16.

Negative—Alderman Haughton—1.

Alderman Sheils then, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, called up veto message from his Honor the Mayor of preamble and resolution, as follows:

Whereas, The elevated railroad companies, not satisfied with destroying in the most arbitrary and infamous manner, millions of dollars' worth of the property of our citizens, and usurping franchises of the public worth many millions more, are now engaged in a scheme to add to the destruction and usurpation by securing, through the Legislature of this State, the right to enter upon and use any other of the streets, avenues, and public places of this city, with their tracks, without any compensation being provided for the private property thus to be destroyed, or even the permission of the local authorities, who are charged with the care of the franchises thus to be usurped; and

Whereas, While all are willing to admit that the advantages and benefits of rapid transit are many and great, yet they are secured to the many by sacrificing the rights and property of the few, without the slightest compensation being made for the damage inflicted; in other words, private property has been taken and damaged without compensating the injured property owners or the city, in clear violation of the constitutional rights of both, and as this system is fraught with outrage and wrong, care should be taken in any future extension of the privileges now enjoyed by both rapid transit companies, to see that private rights and rights of property should be protected, and where injury or damage is inflicted, that ample compensation be provided; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Common Council, the representative of the people of the city, hereby protests in the most urgent, yet respectful, manner against the passage of any bill by the Legislature of this State, granting to either or both of the elevated railway companies the right to use or occupy any street, avenue, or place not laid down in their present grants from the city, confirmed September 6, 1875, without making ample provision for the payment to injured property owners of the amount of the damage so inflicted, and without the consent of the corporate authorities, before using or taking possession of any other of the streets, avenues, or places of this city; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby instructed to transmit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, for presentation to the Legislature of this State, as a protest of the Corporation of the City of New York against the passage of the bill in question, granting the use of any of the streets of this city to either or both of the elevated railroad companies unless provision is made in said bill to compensate owners of property for all damage sustained, and that the consent of the local authorities to use such streets be first obtained.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same in the manner prescribed by law, and upon a vote being taken thereon was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—17.

Negative—Aldermen Finck and Jacobus—2.

Alderman Slevin, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, called up veto message from his Honor the Mayor of resolution as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to S. Levin to place and keep a sign eight feet in length and one foot in width in front of premises No. 257 Bowery, the work to be done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same in the manner prescribed by law, and upon a vote being taken thereon was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, R. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Keenan, Kenney, Kiernan, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—16.

Negative—Aldermen Finck, Jacobus, and Morris—3.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, May 20, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I have the honor to transmit, for the action of your Board, the invitation of Colonel Josiah Porter to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to review the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Regiments, N. G. S. N. Y., on Saturday, the 24th instant, at four and a quarter o'clock P. M., at the City Hall.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT, }
NEW YORK, May 14, 1879. }

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor:

SIR—I have the honor to invite you and the members of the Board of Aldermen to review the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Regiments, N. G. S. N. Y., on the occasion of the visit of the latter organization to this city, and the joint parade of both commands, on Saturday, the 24th instant, at 4.15 P. M., City Hall.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSIAH PORTER,

Colonel 22d Infantry, N. G. S. N. Y.

Which was accepted.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, May 20, 1879.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I have the honor to transmit, for the action of your Board, the invitations of General Alexander Shaler, Commandant of the First Division N. G. S. N. Y., and General Charles K. Graham, Grand Marshal of the day, to the Mayor and the Common Council to view the procession on Decoration Day and receive a marching salute at Worth Monument.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

NEW YORK, May 20, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor, etc.:

SIR—The Major-General commanding the First Division National Guard, and General Charles K. Graham, Grand Marshal of the day, present their compliments to his Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Members of the Common Council, and cordially invite them to view the procession on "Decoration Day," and receive a marching salute therefrom, at a stand to be erected near Worth Monument.

The head of the column will start from Thirty-fourth street at 9.30 A. M.

With high regard, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER SHALER,
Major-General, etc.

Which was accepted.

Whereupon Alderman Burns offered the following:

Whereas, By legal enactment the 30th of May has been designated as "Decoration Day," and made a holiday in this State, to enable those now enjoying the blessings of a united country in peaceful prosperity, to commemorate the services of the heroes of the late war, and to decorate the graves of the fallen ones; and

Whereas, It seems fitting and proper that, as the representatives of a community whose commercial prosperity is so largely due to the peace which the soldiers of New York so gallantly contended for, we should join in paying tribute to the heroism of those who fell in defense of a common country; and

Whereas, A parade of the National Guard of this city, in connection with the veteran soldiers of the war, detachments from public departments and civic organizations, is a proper and becoming way to celebrate "Decoration Day," and to perpetuate the memory of fallen heroes; and

Whereas, This Board has been honored with an invitation, in company with his Honor the Mayor, to receive a marching salute from the various organizations parading on "Decoration Day;" therefore,

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and hereby is respectfully requested to accept with thanks, in behalf of this Board, the invitation received from the military commander and the Grand Marshal, and that the members of this Board assemble at Hotel Brunswick at 9 o'clock A. M., on the 30th inst., for the purpose of joining his Honor the Mayor in this interesting service;

Resolved, also, That the national, State, and city flags be displayed from sunrise till sunset on "Decoration Day," upon the City Hall and all other public buildings of this city furnished with them.

The President pro tem. put the question whether the Board would agree with said preamble and resolutions.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Morris moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote, on a division called by Alderman Jacobus, viz.:

Affirmative—Aldermen Burns, Carroll, Cavanagh, Foster, G. Hall, Haughton, Hyatt, Kenney, Morris, Roberts, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Stewart—14.

Negative—Aldermen Finck, R. Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, and Kiernan—5.

And the President pro tem. announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday next, the 27th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

JACOB M. PATTERSON, Jr., Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at the meeting held May 15, 1879.

Present—Hon. Edward Cooper, Mayor (Chairman); Hon. John K. Hackett, Recorder; Hon. John Kelly, Comptroller; and J. Nelson Tappan, Esq., Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report of sale of real estate at auction May 8, 1879:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 13, 1879.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to the annexed advertisement and terms of sale the following premises were sold at public auction on May 8, 1879, viz.:

No. 128 West Broadway, for \$3,500, to Louis F. Boyes, bid assigned to John G. Wendel.

Stables, Mangin and Tompkins streets, near Rivington street, for \$5,000, to Louis F. Boyes, bid assigned to John G. Wendel.

School-house, Avenue C, First and Second streets, Fordham, for \$2,000, to William Nelson, Jr.

No. 442 West Thirty-third street, for \$4,625, to Henry Naylor.

Lots Nos. 61 to 63, Thirteenth avenue, between Bloomfield and Little West Twelfth streets, for \$8,650.

Lots Nos. 64 to 69, Thirteenth avenue, for \$13,200; and

Lots Nos. 70 to 72, Thirteenth avenue, for \$8,225, to Ambrose K. Ely.

The said parties being the highest bidders at said sale in each case.

The sale of the remaining parcels was then adjourned to Thursday, May 22, 1879, at the same hour and place.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

The report was accepted, and, on motion of the Mayor, the following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, In conformity with section 39 of article 5 of the ordinance in relation to the Sinking Fund, it becomes necessary that a certificate under the hands of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be given, setting forth that all real estate sold under their direction, was sold pursuant to and in conformity with the provisions of said ordinance, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk of the Common Council of this city to execute proper conveyances of such real estate; therefore

Resolved, That we do hereby certify that the whole of the real estate, hereafter enumerated, was sold under our direction and in conformity with the provisions of the ordinance in relation to the Sinking Fund and that the evidence has been produced to us showing that the proportion of the purchase money on each and every of the said lots, as herewith shown, has been paid into the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the city debt.

DATE OF SALE.	LOCATION.	PURCHASER.	PRICE SOLD FOR.	AMOUNT PAID.
April 24, 1879	No. 81 Chatham street.....	Edward Lauterbach, bid assigned to Henry Hart.....	\$7,500 00	\$7,500 00
" 24, "	" 83 "	Edward Lauterbach, bid assigned to Henry Hart.....	7,900 00	7,900 00
" 24, "	" 91 "	Edward Lauterbach, bid assigned to Henry Hart.....	9,400 00	9,400 00
" 24, "	" 93 "	Edward Lauterbach, bid assigned to Henry Hart.....	13,300 00	13,300 00
May 8, "	" 128 West Broadway.....	Louis F. Boyes, bid assigned to John G. Wendel.....	3,500 00	350 00
" 8, "	Stables, Mangin and Tompkins streets	Louis F. Boyes, bid assigned to John G. Wendel.....	5,000 00	500 00
" 8, "	School-house, Avenue C, Fordham..	William Nelson, Jr.....	2,000 00	200 00
" 8, "	No. 442 West Thirty-third street.....	Henry Naylor.....	4,625 00	462 50
" 8, "	Lots, Nos. 61 to 63, Thirteenth avenue	Ambrose K. Ely.....	8,650 00	865 00
" 8, "	" 64 to 69, "	"	13,200 00	1,320 00
" 8, "	" 70 to 72, "	"	8,225 00	822 50

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant for twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500), be drawn against the "Sinking Fund for payment of interest on the City Debt," and payable from Croton water rents deposited in the City Treasury to credit of the said fund, in favor of the Chamberlain, for deposit in City Treasury to credit of "Croton Water Rent, Refunding Account;" for refunding Croton water rents paid in error.

The Comptroller reported as follows on the application of John F. Asmussen, for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault corner of Bedford and Barrow streets:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 15, 1879.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of the application for the return of \$5.94, overpayment for a street vault at the northeast corner of Bedford and Barrow streets, by John F. Asmussen, the Comptroller would report that \$90 were paid for 120 square feet, which sum was deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund, on April 24, 1879. On a measurement of the premises, the true sum to be paid proves to be \$84.06, which makes \$5.94 too much collected from Mr. Asmussen, of which he asks a repayment to him.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the resolution submitted with report, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of five 94-100 (5.94) dollars be returned to John F. Asmussen, being the excess paid by him for a vault in front of premises on the northeasterly corner of Bedford and Barrow streets, on April 18, 1879.

The Comptroller to whom were referred the application of Menzo Dieffendorf for return of "note of issue fee;" and of John H. Post, for return of "Stenographer's fee," submitted the following report:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, May 15, 1879.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the applications of Menzo Dieffendorf, for return of \$4, note of issue fee in the action of James G. Powers, Jr. and Gustav A. Rechlin against George H. Fiske; and of John H. Post, for return of \$4, Stenographer's fee in the action of Samuel N. Haight against Simon P. Kose, would report that orders have been granted in the Marine Court, directing the payment of each of these sums, which were respectively paid into the City Treasury on March 1, 1879, and July 1, 1878.

Both suits having been discontinued, he would recommend the return of the fee paid in each case.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the resolution, submitted with the report, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of four (4) dollars be returned to Menzo Dieffendorf, attorney, note of issue fee collected in the action of James G. Powers, Jr. and Gustav A. Rechlin against George H. Fiske; and that the sum of four (4) dollars be returned to John H. Post, attorney, stenographer's fee collected in the action of Samuel N. Haight against Simon P. Kose; which amounts were respectively paid into the City Treasury on account of the Sinking Fund on March 1, 1879, and July 1, 1878.

The Comptroller reported as follows on the bill of Hugh N. Camp, for appraisal of plot of ground north of Post Office:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 15, 1879.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the bill of Hugh N. Camp for \$50, services in making appraisal of plot of ground on the north of the Post Office building, would report that the service was performed by Mr. Camp at the request of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the charge made seems to be a proper equivalent of the work done. He would recommend that the bill be paid.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the resolution, submitted with the report, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the bill of Hugh N. Camp, for \$50 for services as appraiser of the plot of ground on the north of the Post Office building, be ordered paid from appropriation "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund—Expenses of."

The Comptroller submitted the following report, on the order of Court, to pay Matthew P. Breen, attorney, "trial fee":

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 15, 1879.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, in relation to the order to pay Matthew P. Breen, attorney in the action of Sarah Senfield against David Harris, the sum of \$4, trial fee paid to the Clerk of the Marine Court, would report that such sum of \$4 was deposited in the City Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund in June, 1878, and he would recommend that the same be repaid to Mr. Breen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the resolution, submitted with the report, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of four (4) dollars be returned to Matthew P. Breen, attorney, trial fee collected in the action of Sarah Senfield against David Harris, and paid into the City Treasury on account of the Sinking Fund on June 1, 1878.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Manning F. Lawson, for reduction of rate of interest on bond and mortgage, submitted the following report:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 15, 1879.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In relation to the application of Manning F. Lawson for a reduction of the rate of interest on the bond and mortgage of Gulian Quillard from seven to six per cent. per annum, the Comptroller would report that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have no authority, in law or by ordinance, to reduce the rate of interest on any bond and mortgage held by them.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was approved, ordered on file, and applicant to be notified.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, on the application of Louis F. Boyes, to have vacant lot on Mangin and Tompkins streets, sold at public auction:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Application has been made, on behalf of the purchaser of the stables at Mangin and Tompkins streets, sold on the 8th day of May last, for the sale by the city of the premises adjacent to said stables on the northwest, the same being about fifty feet in front and extending the whole distance from Mangin to Tompkins street.

These premises are a portion of the old corporation yard, and are not now used for any public purpose or bringing in any revenue to the city.

I would recommend that the same be sold at public auction, in accordance with the provision of the Sinking Fund Ordinance and the charter of 1873.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

NEW YORK, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 15, 1879.

The report was accepted, and, on motion of the Mayor, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller have the value of the said premises appraised and report to this Board.

The Comptroller submitted bills of William Kennelly for appraising the value of "yearly rental" of real estate and market cellars, and the value of real estate sold at public auction; which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the bill of P. M. Dowd, for surveys and maps of real estate, preparatory to sale at public auction, submitted the following report:

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 14, 1879.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the bill of P. M. Dowd for \$355, Surveyor's fees, in connection with the sale of April 24, 1879, would report that Mr. Dowd was employed to make the surveys and maps for the sale of corporation real estate, which was sold on April 24 and May 8, 1879, that the services were duly performed, and the bill appears to be moderate. He would recommend that the same be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the following resolution, submitted with the report, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the bill of P. M. Dowd, Surveyor's services in making surveys and maps for the corporation sales of real estate of April 24, 1879, and May 8, 1879—\$355, be ordered paid from appropriation "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund—Expenses of."

The Comptroller submitted the following report of the sale of the franchise of the ferry from Seventh and Eighth streets, New York, to Borden avenue, Long Island City.

NEW YORK, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 5, 1879.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller would report that, pursuant to the annexed advertisement, the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the slip or basin between Pier No. 61, at the foot of Seventh street, and Pier No. 62, at the foot of Eighth street, East river, New York, to near the foot of Borden avenue, Long Island City, for the term of five years, from May 1, 1879, was sold to the East River Ferry Company, for the sum of two hundred (200) dollars per annum, and that such company has paid the amount of security required by the terms of sale to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue.

The Comptroller would recommend that an award of the lease of such franchise be made to the East River Ferry Company.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

(Lease of said ferry, approved as to form by the Counsel to the Corporation, filed.)

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the resolution, submitted with the report, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in accordance with the sale, made May 1, 1879, a lease of the franchise of the ferry from the slip or basin between Pier No. 61, at the foot of Seventh street, East river, and Pier No. 62, at the foot of Eighth street, East river, New York, to near the foot of Borden avenue, Long Island City, for the period of five years, from May 1, 1879, be awarded to the East River Ferry Company, at an annual rent of \$200 per annum, they being the highest bidders.

The Mayor submitted the following communication from the Commissioners of Docks, in relation to changes in the location of Piers 27 and 28, North river:

NEW YORK, May 7, 1879.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER, Mayor and Chairman, Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held the 30th ultimo, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, This Board, at the request of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., lessees and occupants of Pier, old 38, and North Battery, North river, adopted, on December 11, 1878, a resolution changing the location and width of Pier, new 27, as laid down on the plans for the improvement of the water front, adopted by this Board, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on April 27, 1871, so that the said new pier should be erected on the site of the above-named premises, thereby securing a large saving to the corporation, by avoiding the necessity of removing a considerable quantity of rock bottom, which would then be covered by the new structure; and which change of width and location was consented to and approved of by the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on March 4, 1879; and

"Whereas, The said company has since informed this Board, that upon a reconsideration of the subject, the business of the company will require two piers of a width of 80 feet each, instead of one pier of 160 feet width, as proposed; therefore

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested to rescind and annul the resolution adopted at a meeting of said Commissioners, held March 4, 1879, whereby a change in the width and location of Pier, new 27, North river, from those laid down in the plan therefor, adopted April 27, 1871, was consented to and approved, the application made by this Department for such consent and approval being hereby respectfully withdrawn.

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested, in pursuance of the power vested in them by chapter 738, Laws of 1872, to consent to and approve of the width and location of Piers, new 26, new 27, and new 28, North river, being so changed and altered from the plans therefor, adopted by this Department and approved by said Commissioners on April 27, 1871, as to establish the northerly and southerly lines of Pier, new 26, at points on the new bulkhead line, about 62 feet southerly of those laid down therefor on said plans; and the southerly line of Pier, new 27, at a point on said new bulkhead line, about 65 feet southerly of that laid down therefor on said plans, and the width of the said pier at 80 feet, instead of 75 feet, and the southerly line of Pier, new 28, at a point on said new bulkhead line about 55 feet southerly of that laid down therefor on said plans, and the width of said pier at 80 feet instead of 75 feet."

Accompanying this are four tracings of Pier, new 26, and four of Piers, new 27 and 28, exhibiting the lines referred to above, for the signatures of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, if approved, one copy of each tracing to be retained by your Honorable Board, and the other three to be returned to this Department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

On motion of the Mayor, the communication with accompanying maps were referred to the Comptroller.

The Mayor submitted the application of Edward J. King for confirmation of title to lots sold to him by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in 1866, together with the opinion of the Counsel to

the Corporation on the subject; whereupon the following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Mayor, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

The Mayor having submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a communication addressed to him by Edward J. King, stating that a sale by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, he purchased certain lots on the block bounded by Fifth and Madison avenues and Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, being lots Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 9, of plot H, on the Sales Map of Real Estate belonging to the City of New York, to be sold at auction on Monday, May 21, 1866, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and that he has paid the purchase money for said lots and received deeds therefor in due form except that the signature of the Mayor was not affixed thereto, and requesting that the defect in said deed be corrected; therefore

Resolved, That the communication of Edward J. King be referred to the Comptroller to have prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation Deeds of Confirmation as the facts in the case may require.

The Mayor submitted preamble and resolution in relation to "Essex Market Bell Tower," adopted by the Commissioners of the Fire Department, April 30, 1879, which, on motion of the Mayor, were referred to the Comptroller.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Secretary.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

No. 6 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
EDWARD COOPER, Mayor; JAMES E. MORRISON, Secretary

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.

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.
JACOB M. PATTERSON, JR., 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. HAMILIN, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Water Register.

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

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 13 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

No. 21 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.

No. 19 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES J. MOONEY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Sewers.

No. 21 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 11½ City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Bureau of Street Improvements.

No. 11 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

No. 18 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS KEECH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 4 City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DANIEL O'REILLY, Water Purveyor.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

JOHN F. SLOPER, City Hall.

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. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.

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

Bureau of Arrears.

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

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments.

No. 16 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD GILON, Collector.

Bureau of City Revenue.

No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD F. FITZPATRICK, Collector of City Revenue.

Bureau of Markets.

No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSHUA M. VARIAN, Superintendent of Markets.

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.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

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

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 Cortland and Church streets.
JOHN A. FOLEY, Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Central Office.

No. 300 Mulberry street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM F. SMITH, 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 and 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.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Corner Mulberry and Houston streets, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
RICHARD J. MORRISON, President; J. B. ADAMSON, Chief Clerk.

SEALERS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

No. 236 West Forty-third street.
ELIJAH W. ROE.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
BERNARD KELLY, Sheriff; JOHN T. CUMMING, Under Sheriff.

COMMISSION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE.

No. 28 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
WYLLIS BLACKSTONE, President; ISAAC EVANS, Secretary.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
FREDERICK W. LOEW, Register; AUGUSTUS T. DOCHARTY, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

No. 27 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. PITT SHEARMAN, ROBERT F. HATFIELD.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

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

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

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

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Second floor, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BENJAMIN K. PHELPS, District Attorney; MOSES P. CLARK, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE.

And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.
No. 2 City Hall, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.; Saturdays, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

CORONERS' OFFICE.

No. 40 East Houston street.
HENRY WOLTMAN, MORITZ ELLINGER, RICHARD CROKER, and RICHARD FLANAGAN, Coroners.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSIONERS.

HENRY F. SPAULDING, 15 Nassau street.
BENJAMIN G. ARNOLD, 125 Front street.
HENRY G. STEBBINS, 48 Exchange place.
LEWIS G. MORRIS, 25 Pine street.

SAMUEL R. FILLEY, Prospect avenue and 165th street.

SUPREME COURT.

Second floor, New County Court-house, 10½ A. M. to 3 P. M.

General Term, Room No. 9.
Special Term, Room No. 10.
Chambers, Room No. 11.

Circuit, Part I, Room No. 12.
Circuit, Part II, Room No. 13.
Circuit, Part III, Room No. 14.

Judges' Private Chambers, Room No. 15.
NOAH DAVIS, Chief Justice; HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Clerk.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.

General Term, Room No. 29.
Special Term, Room No. 33.
Chambers, Room No. 33.

Part I, Room No. 34.
Part II, Room No. 35.
Part III, Room No. 36.

Judges' Private Chambers, Room No. 30.
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 32.
Clerk's Office, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., Room No. 31.

WILLIAM E. CURTIS, Chief Judge; THOS. BOESE, Chief Clerk.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.

Clerk's Office, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., Room No. 22.
General Term, Room No. 24.
Special Term, Room No. 21.

Chambers, Room No. 21.
Part I, Room No. 25.
Part II, Room No. 26.
Part III, Room No. 27.

Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 23.
CHARLES P. DALY, Chief Justice; NATHANIEL JARVIS, Jr., Chief Clerk.

MARINE COURT.

General Term, Trial Term Part I, Room 15, City Hall.
Trial Term Part II, Trial Term Part III, third floor, 27 Chambers street.

Special Term, Chambers, second floor, 27 Chambers street, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Clerk's Office, basement, Brown-stone building City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

HENRY ALKER, Chief Justice; JOHN SAVAGE, Chief Clerk.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Clerk's Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, second floor, Room 14, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder; RUFUS B. COWING, City Judge; HENRY A. GILDERSLEEVE, Judge-Sessions; JOHN SPARKS, Clerk.

OVER AND TERMINER COURT.

General Term, New County Court-house, second floor southeast corner, room 13, 10:30 A. M.

Clerk's Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, second floor, northwest corner.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

At Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 10 A. M.

Clerk's Office, Tombs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 and 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, May 9, 1879.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS Department with the following articles, to wit:

1,600 tons Egg Coal.
7,000 tons Stove Coal.

to be of the best quality of Pittston, Scranton, or Lackawanna Valley, weigh 2,000 pounds to the ton, and be well screened and free from slate.

100 cords of Wood, to be best Virginia Pine, cut twice, will be received at these headquarters until 9 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 28th instant, when they will be publicly opened and read.

No proposals will be received or considered after the hour named.

Proposals may be made for one or more of the items, specifying the price per ton for Coal, and per cord for Wood.

All of the coal is to be delivered and weighed upon scales furnished by the Department, in the presence of an Inspector to be designated by the Department for that purpose, at the various houses, etc., of the Department, in such quantities and at such times as may be from time to time directed.

Two responsible sureties will be required upon each proposal, amounting in the aggregate to One Thousand dollars, or more, who must each justify in one-half the amount thereof upon the same, prior to its presentation.

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for furnishing Fuel," with the name of the bidder, and be addressed to the Board of Commissioners of this Department.

Blank forms of proposals, together with such information as may be required, may be obtained upon application at these headquarters, where the prescribed form of contract may also be seen.

The Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals received, or any part of such proposals, if deemed to be for the interest of the city.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
(155 & 157 MERCER STREET),
NEW YORK, May 9, 1879.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS Department with five hundred (500) chestnut telegraph poles, will be received at these headquarters until 9 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 28th instant, when they will be publicly opened and read.

The poles are to be of the following dimensions and descriptions:

Four hundred (400) poles, each 35 feet long; one hundred (100) poles, each 40 feet long; all to be straight, well-proportioned, peeled, trimmed and abutted, not less than six inches diameter at the top, and to be delivered at such times and places in this city as may be designated by the Superintendent of Telegraph.

No proposal will be received or considered after the hour named.

Two responsible sureties will be required with each proposal, who must each justify thereon prior to its presentation, in not less than one-half the amount thereof.

Blank proposals and further information will be furnished upon application at these headquarters, where the form of contract to be entered into may also be seen.

Proposals must be addressed on the envelope to the Board of Commissioners, with the indorsement "Proposals for furnishing Telegraph Poles," and the name of the bidder.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted, if deemed to be for the interests of the city.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
(155 & 157 MERCER STREET),
NEW YORK, May 9, 1879.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DOING THE WORK and furnishing the materials required in the proposed alterations and repairing of the building Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street, will be received as above until 9 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday the 28th instant, when they will be publicly opened and read. No proposals will be received or considered after the hour named.

Plans and specifications and the form of contract to be entered into by the successful bidder, may be seen, and blank proposals will be furnished on application at these Headquarters.

Two responsible sureties will be required with each proposal, who must each justify thereon prior to its presentation, in not less than one-half the amount thereof.

Proposals must be addressed on the envelope to the Board of Commissioners, with the indorsement "Proposals for Alterations and Repairs, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street," and the name of the bidder.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted, if deemed to be for the interests of the city.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
(155 & 157 MERCER STREET),
NEW YORK, May 9, 1879.

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,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN, Treasurer,
Commissioners.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
(155 & 157 MERCER STREET),
NEW YORK, May 9, 1879.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DOING THE WORK and furnishing the materials required in the proposed alterations and repairing of the building No. 108 John street will be received as above until 9 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, the 28th instant, when they will be publicly opened and read.

No proposals will be received or considered after the hour named.

Plans and specifications and the form of contract to be entered into by the successful bidder may be seen, and blank proposals will be furnished on application at these headquarters.

Two responsible sureties will be required with each proposal, who must each justify thereon prior to its presentation in not less than one-half the amount thereof.

Proposals must be addressed on the envelope "To the Board of Commissioners," with the indorsement, "Proposal for alterations and repairs No. 108 John street," and the name of the bidder.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted, if deemed to be for the interests of the city.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOSEPH L. PERLEY,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, from Eighth avenue to the Harlem river, in the City of New York.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES IN SUCH CASE made and provided, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York hereby give notice that the Counsel to the Corporation will apply to the Supreme Court, in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, on Monday, the 16th day of June, 1879, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled proceeding, in the place and stead of Joel A. Fithian.

NEW YORK May 21, 1879
WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation,

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 that certain continuous road and avenue known as Boston road and Westchester avenue (in West Farms), from Third avenue to the eastern line of the City at the Bronx river.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES OF THE State of New York, in such case made and provided, the Department of Public Parks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby gives notice that the Counsel to the Corporation of said city will apply to the Supreme Court in the First Judicial District of the State of New York, at a Special Term of said court to be held at the Chambers thereof in the County Court House in the City of New York, on Friday, the Thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1879, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter.

The nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the acquisition of title in the name and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York to all the lands and premises, with the buildings thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, required for the opening of that certain continuous road and avenue, known as Boston road and Westchester avenue (in West Farms), from Third avenue to the Eastern line of the city at the Bronx river, and more particularly bounded and described, as follows:

Beginning at a point (on the northern line of Teasdale place 752/100 feet easterly from the northeastern corner of Teasdale place and Boston avenue, as the same is laid down on the map adopted by the Commission authorized by act of May 19, 1868,) 9,588 686/1000 feet easterly from the eastern line of Tenth avenue, measured at right angles to the same, and from a point 2,518 94/100 feet northerly from the southeastern corner of Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street.

Thence northerly for 412 323/1000 feet to a point 9,659 379/1000 feet easterly from the eastern line of Tenth avenue, measured at right angles to the same, and from a point 2,925 157/1000 feet northerly from the southeastern corner of Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street. Thence deflecting 11° 03' 02" to the right northerly for 720 638/1000 feet; thence deflecting 8° 54' 25" to the left northerly for 1,721 517/1000 feet; thence deflecting 4° 57' 03" to the right, northerly for 347 578/1000 feet; thence deflecting 66° 49' 40" to the right, easterly for 36 983/1000 feet to the southern line of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street; thence deflecting 66° 49' 40" to the left, northerly across One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street for 879 393/1000 feet; thence deflecting 12° 15' 53" to the right northerly easterly for 919 635/1000 feet to a point of curve; thence to the left on the arc of a circle of 700 feet radius for 253 882/1000 feet to a point of tangency; thence on a tangent northerly for 351 259/1000 feet to a point of curve; thence to the right on the arc of a circle of 300 feet radius for 251 560/1000 feet to a point of tangency; thence on a tangent easterly for 693 686/1000 feet; thence deflecting 33° 29' 40" to the left for 1,826 48/1000 feet to a point of curve; thence to the right on the arc of a circle of 1,150 feet radius for 771 002/1000 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence to the left on the arc of a circle of 921 804/1000 feet radius for 450 314/1000 feet to a point of tangency; thence on a tangent northerly for 318 859/1000 feet; thence deflecting 36° 45' 33" to the right easterly for 421 feet to the eastern line of the city, in the Bronx river.

Thence deflecting 66° 22' 16" to the left northerly along the eastern line of the city for 87 321/1000 feet; thence deflecting 11° 33' 44" to the left westerly for 516 feet; thence deflecting 36° 45' 33" to the left southeasterly for 313 665/1000 feet to a point of curve; thence to the right on the arc of a circle of 821 804/1000 feet radius for 410 378/1000 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence to the left on the arc of a circle of 1,250 feet radius for 838 045/1000 feet to a point of tangency; thence on a tangent southeasterly for 1,555 658/1000 feet to a point of curve; thence to the right on the arc of a circle of 800 feet radius for 467 671/1000 feet to a point of tangency; thence on a tangent westerly for 422 864/1000 feet to a point of curve; thence to the left on the arc of a circle of 400 feet radius for 335 413/1000 feet to a point of tangency; thence on a tangent southeasterly for 351 259/1000 feet to a point of curve; thence to the right on the arc of a circle of 600 feet radius for 217 614/1000 feet to a point of tangency; thence on a tangent southeasterly for 930 379/1000 feet; thence deflecting 12° 15' 53" to the left westerly for 658 062/1000 feet to a point of curve; thence to the right on the arc of a circle of 272 388/1000 feet radius for 317 704/1000 feet to a point of tangency on the northern line of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street; thence on a tangent along the northern line of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street for 56 756/1000 feet; thence deflecting 90° to the left, southeasterly across One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street for 100 feet to the southern line thereof; thence to the left on the arc of a circle of 109 29/100 feet radius, whose centre lies on the prolongation southerly of the last previously described course for 206 429/1000 feet to a point of tangency; thence on a tangent southeasterly for 1859 51/100 feet; thence deflecting 8° 54' 25" to the right, southeasterly, for 722 146/1000 feet; thence deflecting 11° 03' 02" to the left, southeasterly, for 310 91/100 feet; thence deflecting 22° 16' 17" to the left, southerly, for 130 84/100 feet; thence deflecting 89° 08' 03" to the left, easterly, for 32 67/100 feet to the place of beginning.

WM. C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation.
Dated New York, May 5, 1879.

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,

J. GRAHAM HYATT,
Chairman.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE obtained at No. 2 City Hall (northwest corner basement). Price three cents each.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
Nos. 117 AND 119 DUANE STREET,
NEW YORK, May 13, 1879.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR DREDGING AT THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PLACES:

ON NORTH RIVER.
Pier at West Thirty-fifth street.
Pier and bulkhead at West Eleventh street.
Pier, new 46.

ON EAST RIVER.
Pier at East Twenty-eighth street.
Pier at East Twenty-fifth street.
Pier at East Fifth street.
Piers 12, 22, and 23.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DREDGING ON the North and East rivers, 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

MONDAY, MAY 26, 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 four thousand dollars.

The Engineer's estimates of the quantities of material necessary to be dredged in order to secure at each of the premises mentioned the depth of water set opposite thereto in the specifications, are as follows:

ON NORTH RIVER.	Cubic Yards.
Pier at West Thirty-fifth street.....	9,000
Pier and bulkhead at West Eleventh street.....	7,000
Pier, new 46.....	12,000
	28,000

ON EAST RIVER.	Cubic Yards.
Pier at East Twenty-eighth street.....	3,300
Pier at East Twenty-fifth street.....	4,800
Pier at East Fifth street.....	3,900
Pier 23, westerly side; Pier 22, easterly side.....	5,700
Pier 12, westerly side.....	15,500
	33,200

But these estimates are approximate only, and form 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 any of them 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 five months 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.

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 re-advertised and re-let, 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 the fact; also that the bid is made without any connection with any other person making an 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 its 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 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 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 security 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.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, May 19, 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—Patrick O'Neil; age 62 years. Committed May 13, 1879. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, May 17, 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 foot of Forty-seventh street, North river—Unknown man; age about 40 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; dark brown hair, moustache, and chin whiskers. Had on dark cloth pea jacket, pants, vest, rubber shoes, with canvas uppers. Tattoo on right arm, J. McP. Thumb of right hand amputated.

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Ella Bodwell; aged 22 years; 5 feet 1 inch high; black hair, dark brown eyes. Had on when admitted alpaca dress, blue waterproof cape, white skirt, black straw hat. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Branch Lunatic Asylum, Hart's Island—Bridget Keegan; aged 41 years; 5 feet 2½ inches high; gray eyes and hair. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, May 13, 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 Pier 15, East river—Unknown man; age unable to state; 5 feet 9 inches high. Had on black vest and pants, calico shirt, white twill drawers, purple merino drawers, gray woolen socks, white knit undershirt, gaiters. On his person was found memorandum book marked Continental Insurance Company of New York; small book containing the following names: Mrs. Cohen, 329 West Forty-third street; S. P. Andrews, 75 West Fifty-fourth street. Body about four months in water.

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Michael Connelly; aged 38 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; dark brown hair; brown eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—James Berkery; aged 32 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; blue eyes; sandy hair. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Hart's Island Hospital—John Farrell; aged 68 years; 5 feet 3 inches high. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, May 14, 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 Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Kate Ford; aged 34 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; brown hair; gray eyes. Had on when admitted, black waterproof cloak, calico sacque, blue alpaca skirt, white skirt, black straw hat. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, April 28, 1879.

LOST FROM STEAM-TUG "FIDELITY," APRIL 19, 1879, in East river, opposite Thirty-third street, one row boat, 16 feet long, 2 feet wide, painted white, "Fidelity" marked on her stern. Any information regarding the boat may be sent to the office of the Department.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

JURORS.

NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1879.

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

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

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

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

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ROOM 39,
NEW YORK, May 12, 1879.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department, of the City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room No. 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Revolvers, boats, jewelry, tea, undershirts, shawls, towels, etc., also, small amount of money taken from prisoners and found.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM KENNELLY & HUGH N. CAMP,
Auctioneers.

CORPORATION SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY virtue of the powers vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, they will offer for sale, at public auction, on Thursday, April 24, 1879, at noon, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New York, the following real estate belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, viz.:

No. 18 Renwick street.
No. 128 East 50th street.
Lots Nos. 13, 14, 15, Harlem market property, south side 121st street, near Third avenue.

West side 3d avenue, between 67th and 68th streets, lots Nos. 1 to 7.

South side 68th street, between 3d and Lexington avenues, lots Nos. 10 to 16.

East side Lexington avenue, between 67th and 68th streets, lots Nos. 22 to 25.

North side 67th street, between Lexington and 3d avenues, lots Nos. 26 to 33.

Lithographic maps of the above real estate may be obtained at the Comptroller's office at the New County Court-house, on and after April 15, 1879.

Full warrantee deeds will be given to all purchasers.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
March 24, 1879.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

The sale of the above premises is adjourned to Thursday, May 22, 1879, at the same hour and place.

NEW YORK—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
May 8, 1879.

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
FIRST FLOOR (NEW WING), NEW COURT-HOUSE,
CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, April 25, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED APRIL 18, 1879.

94th street, sewer, between 3d and 4th avenues, and in 4th avenue, east side, between 93d and 94th streets.

96th street, regulating, grading, etc., from Boulevard to Hudson river.

88th street, regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging, between 1st avenue and Avenue A.

100th street, regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging, between Bloomingdale road and the Boulevard.

West street, sewer, between Barclay street and Park place.

70th street, sewer, between 1st and 2d avenues.

11th avenue, paving, from 59th to 65th street.

108th street, paving, from 4th to Madison avenue.

120th street, paving, between 2d and 3d avenues.

4th avenue, crosswalks, at 107th, 108th and 109th streets.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before June 24, 1879, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
FIRST FLOOR (NEW WING), NEW COURT-HOUSE,
CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, April 12, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED MARCH 28, ENTERED APRIL 12, 1879.

One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street opening, from the northeastern line of Lawrence street, parallel with One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, to the westerly side of a road or avenue, closed by chapter 290, section 10, Laws of 1871.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before June 11, 1879, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

REAL ESTATE RECORDS

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

Grantors, grantees, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriffs' sales, in 61 volumes, full bound, price, \$100 00
The same, in 25 volumes, half bound, price, 50 00
Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, price, 15 00
Records of Judgments, 25 volumes, bound, price, 10 00
Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house."

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.