

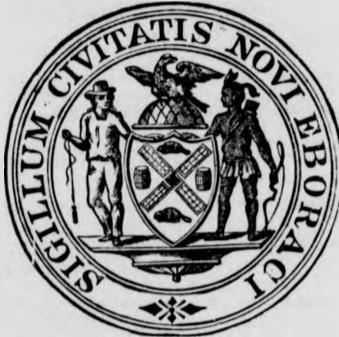
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

Report for the Quarter ending September 30, 1875.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, {
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, October 25, 1875.

Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM,
Mayor:

SIR—As required by section 27, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, I send you herewith a statement of the operations and condition of the City Treasury for the three months ending September 30, 1875.

Respectfully,

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Cash balances in the Treasury at close of business June 30, 1875, viz. :	
To credit of the City Treasury.....	\$1,529,516 49
To credit of the Sinking Fund, viz. :	
Redemption Account.....	\$142,973 13
Interest Account.....	367,165 76
	510,138 89
Total.....	\$2,039,655 38
The total Cash receipts, from all sources, deposited with the Chamberlain during the quarter ending September 30, 1875, were, viz. :	
To credit of City Treasury.....	\$15,437,330 06
To credit of the Sinking Funds.....	1,315,052 94
	16,752,383 00
	\$18,792,038 38
The total payments by the Chamberlain during the same period, were :	
From the City Treasury.....	\$12,764,836 74
From the Sinking Funds.....	484,402 23
	\$13,249,238 97
Balance cash in Treasury at close of business September 30, 1875.....	\$5,542,799 41
Distributed as follows, viz. :	
To credit of the City Treasury.....	\$4,202,009 81
To credit of the Sinking Funds, viz. :	
Redemption Account.....	\$279,179 45
Interest Account.....	1,061,610 15
	1,340,789 60
	\$5,542,799 41

Statement Showing the different Sources of Revenue, and the Amount Derived from each Source.

THE GENERAL FUND.

CITY RECORD, sales of.....	\$487 15
Commissions—Public Administrator.....	317 99
County Clerk's Fees.....	2,551 75
Copying.....	80
Department of Public Charities and Correction—Steamboat fares, ferriage, board, etc.....	7,686 03
Department of Public Parks—Rents, licenses, etc.....	8,095 68
Department of Public Works:	
Sewers and Drains—Permits.....	\$5,969 09
Sale of old materials.....	1,533 00
Department of Buildings—Surveys, etc.....	7,502 09
Department of Docks—Sale of old materials.....	200 00
Fire Department—Sale of condemned horses, etc.....	214 83
Health Department.....	665 41
Interest on Taxes:	
Receiver of Taxes.....	\$1,536 85
Clerk of Arrears.....	126,038 08
Interest on Assessments:	
Collector of Assessments.....	\$9,663 21
Clerk of Arrears.....	135,431 89
Licenses—City Treasury:	
Register of Permits.....	\$4,028 00
Second Marshal.....	8,500 75
Premium on Sale of Assessment Bonds.....	12,528 75
Police Fund—Unexpended balance transferred.....	4,625 00
Public Instruction—Unexpended balance transferred.....	100,000 00
Subpoena Fees.....	50,000 00
Sundry Balances in Eighth National Bank.....	14 10
Tapping Water pipes—Water Register.....	9,191 75
	1,880 50
Total receipts of General Fund.....	\$478,805 37

TAXES.

Receiver of Taxes—Taxes, 1875.....	\$8,810,071 21
Less discount on Taxes.....	122,712 56
	\$8,687,358 65
Clerk of Arrears—Arrears of Taxes.....	640,423 84

Total receipts from Taxes..... 9,327,782 49

SPECIAL AND TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Assessment Fund—Assessments collected by :	
Collector of Assessments.....	\$376,997 33
Clerk of Arrears.....	80,325 60
	\$457,232 93
Assessment Fund—Public Drive, Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street :	
Clerk of Arrears—Assessments collected.....	455 00
Assessment Fund—Public Drive, north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street :	
Clerk of Arrears—Assessments collected.....	1,839 00
American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals :	
Fines collected.....	361 00
Additional Alterations of Aqueduct, Ninety-third to One Hundred and Thirteenth street :	
Premium on Sale of Stock.....	1,911 75
Croton Water Main Fund :	
Premium on sale of Stock.....	1,578 05
City Parks Improvement Fund :	
Premium on Sale of Stock.....	2,115 00
Charges on Arrears of Taxes.....	324 50
Charges on Arrears of Assessments.....	3,167 50
Dock Fund :	
Premium on Sale of Bonds.....	4,138 90
Repairs for Private Owners.....	656 00
	4,794 90
Excise Licenses.....	128,500 00
Greenwich Street Elevated Railroad Fund.....	116 98
Interest on Assessment Fund—Public Drive, north of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street :	
Interest on Assessment Fund.....	479 75
Intestate Estates.....	128 96
Interest on Lands purchased for Taxes, Assessments, etc.	43 50
Lands purchased for Taxes, Assessments, etc.—Redemption of.....	69 08
Lands purchased for Taxes and Assessments, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	26 24
Judgment Fund :	
Premium on Sale of Bonds.....	374 50
Refunding Taxes, Assessments, etc., paid in error :	
Receiver of Taxes.....	\$2,449 25
Clerk of Arrears.....	1,878 68
	4,327 93
Street Improvement Fund :	
Collector of Assessments—Assessments collected..	\$344,914 13
Clerk of Arrears—Assessments collected.....	240,338 96
Sales of Vitrified Drain Pipe.....	824 70
	586,077 79
Street Improvements above Fifty-ninth street :	
Collector of Assessments—Assessments collected..	\$1,262 62
Clerk of Arrears—Assessments collected.....	1,513 18
	2,775 80
Third Avenue (Morrisonia), Opening and Improvement Fund :	
Collector of Assessments—Assessments collected..	\$783 58
Clerk of Arrears—Assessments collected.....	12 60
	796 18
The Fund for Gratuítous Vaccination :	
Sales of Vaccine Virus or Lymph—Health Department.....	416 94
Appropriation Account—Refundings.....	328 92
	1,198,242 20
Total receipts on Special and Trust Accounts.....	

LOANS.

Assessment Bonds.....	\$400,000 00
Additional New Croton Aqueduct Stock.....	85,000 00
Croton Water Main Stock.....	88,000 00
City Parks Improvement Fund Stock.....	100,000 00
Dock Bonds.....	200,000 00
Museums of Art and Natural History Stock.....	20,000 00
New York City Bonds for Liquidation of Claims and Judgments.....	85,000 00
Sewer Repair Stock.....	9,000 00
Third District Court-house Bonds.....	63,000 00
Revenue Bonds of 1875.....	3,082,500 00
" " 1876 (Fourth avenue Improvement).....	300,000 00
Total amount derived from Loans.....	4,432,500 00
Total receipts, "City Treasury," as per summary.....	\$15,437,330 06

Payments.

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.

Amount of Warrants outstanding June 30, 1875.....	\$585,946 24
Less Canceled during the Quarter.....	6,930 53
	\$579,015 71
Amount of Warrants drawn against Appropriation during the quarter.....	\$8,186,888 68
Less amount re-deposited (gold).....	10,000 00
	8,176,888 68
Deduct Warrants outstanding September 30, 1875.....	\$8,755,904 39
	714,551 47
Total payments on Appropriation Account.....	\$8,041,352 92

Total payments on Appropriation Account..... \$8,041,352 92

SPECIAL AND TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Assessment Fund.....	\$1,104,966 27
Additional Alterations of Aqueduct—Ninety-third to One Hundred and Thirteenth street.....	90,940 74
American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....	361 00
Croton Water Fund.....	44,970 33
Croton Water Main Fund.....	26,780 91
Croton Water Works Extension—High Service, Carmansville.....	996 54
Charges on Arrears of Taxes.....	2,050 56
Charges on Arrears of Assessments.....	1,955 00
Consolidated Debt Fund.....	20 50
Commissioners of Excise Fund.....	8,214 00
City Parks Improvement Fund.....	48,461 36
Dock Fund.....	179,764 59
Duplicate Assessments Paid.....	269 92
Judgment Fund.....	76,759 82
Museum of Art Fund.....	25,395 05
Museum of Natural History Fund.....	3,804 09
Refunding Taxes, Assessments, etc., paid in error.....	4,327 93
Street Improvement Fund.....	472,200 48
Street Improvements above Fifty-ninth street.....	332,678 00
Street Improvement Fund, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards.....	136 07
Sewer Repair Fund.....	13,226 56
Third Avenue (Morrisonia), Opening and Improvement Fund.....	504 84
Third District Court-house Fund.....	64,334 64
The Fund for Gratuitous Vaccination.....	800 00
Redemption of the City Debt :	
Assessment Bonds.....	200,000 00
Revenue Bonds, 1875.....	3,500,000 00
Total amount of Warrants drawn.....	\$6,203,928 18
Deduct amount of Warrants outstanding September 30, 1875.....	\$1,791,098 89
Less amount outstanding June 30, 1875.....	310,654 53
Total payments from City Treasury on Special and Trust Accounts.....	1,480,444 36

Total payments by the Chamberlain from City Treasury for the three months ending September 30, 1875, as per summary.....	\$12,764,836 74
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The Sinking Funds.

REVENUES OF THE SINKING FUNDS.

SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE CITY DEBT.

Market rents and fees.....	\$84,801 12
Market cellar rents.....	7,202 50
Bonds and mortgages.....	1,500 00
Licenses :	
Hackney coaches.....	\$3,042 00
Pawn brokers.....	100 00
Junk dealers.....	840 00
Second-hand dealers.....	537 50
Stages.....	4,160 00
Dock and slip rent.....	8,679 50
Street vaults.....	135,107 25
Water lot Quit-rent.....	14,403 44
7 25	
2,468 83	
112,677 65	
14,674 35	
3,456 93	
1,927 50	
105,600 00	
Total Revenues Sinking Fund Redemption Account.....	\$492,506 32

SINKING FUND FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE CITY DEBT.

Interest on Bonds and Mortgages.....	\$8,430 34
House Rent.....	5,221 50
Ground Rent.....	9,449 98
Ferry Rent.....	10,813 95
Water Lot Rent.....	407 27
Croton Water Rent :	
Water Register.....	\$750,651 33
Receiver of Taxes.....	2,133 25
Clerk of Arrears.....	4,509 35
Interest on Croton Water Rent.....	757,293 93
Court Fees and Fines.....	1,033 06
Stenographers' Fees.....	23,581 86
Fines and Penalties.....	291 00
Total Revenue of Sinking Fund Interest Account.....	\$822,546 62
Total Revenue of the Sinking Funds for the three months ending September 30, 1875, as per summary.....	\$1,315,052 94

PAYMENTS.

SINKING FUND FOR REDEMPTION OF THE CITY DEBT.

For Redemption of five per cent. Water Stock of the City of New York, 1875.....	\$255,600 00
For Investment in the following New York City Six per cent. Stocks and Bonds, viz. :	
Croton Water Main Stock.....	12,000 00
Sewer Repair Stock.....	9,000 00
Museums of Art and Natural History Stock.....	20,000 00
New York City Bonds for Liquidation of Claims and Judgments.....	15,000 00
Third District Court-house Bonds.....	63,000 00
Total amount of Warrants drawn on Redemption Account.....	\$374,600 00

Deduct amount Warrants outstanding September 30, 1875.....	\$18,855 00
Less amount outstanding June 30, 1875.....	555 00

Total payments by the Chamberlain on Redemption Account, during the three months ending September 30, 1875.....	\$356,300 00
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SINKING FUND FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE CITY DEBT.

For payment of interest on the City Debt.....	
Total Payments by the Chamberlain from the Sinking Funds in the three months ending September 30, 1875, as per summary.....	\$484,402 23

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS AND BONDS issued during the three months ending September 30, 1875.

TITLE OF STOCKS AND BONDS ISSUED.	AMOUNT ISSUED.	RATE OF INTEREST, PER CENT.	FOR WHAT PURPOSES ISSUED.	AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUE.
Assessment Bonds.....	\$400,000 00	6	Street improvements, regulating, grading, paving, etc.....	Chap. 307, Laws 1852; and Chap. 580, Laws 1872.
Additional New Croton Aqueduct Stock	85,000 00	6	Additional alterations of Aqueduct, Ninety-third to One Hundred and Thirteenth street....	Sec. 2, Chap. 230, Laws 1870.
Croton Water Main Stock.....	88,000 00	6	Croton water mains.....	Chap. 593, Laws 1872.
City Parks Improvement Fund Stock.....	100,000 00	6	For improvement of Central Park and Parks and Places.....	Chap. 608, Laws 1875.
Dock Bonds.....	200,000 00	6	Docks and Slips....	Chap. 574, Laws 1871.
Museums of Art and Natural History Stock.....	20,000 00	6	Museums of Art and Natural History Buildings.....	Sec. 2, Chap. 200, Laws 1871.
New York City Bonds for Liquidation of Claims and Judgments	85,000 00	6	Claims and Judgments against the City.....	Chap. 756, Laws 1873.
Sewer Repair Stock.....	9,000 00	6	Repairing sewers.....	Chap. 220, Laws 1871.
Third District Court-house Bonds.	63,000 00	...	Court-house in the Third Judicial District of the City of New York.....	Chap. 55, Laws 1871.
Revenue Bonds, 1876.....	300,000 00	5	For the city's proportion of cost of improving Fourth avenue...	Chap. 492, Laws 1875.
Revenue Bonds, 1875.....	Current expenses, 1875.....	Charter of 1873.
Total.....	\$4,432,500 00			

LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINIONS OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 6, 1875.

Hon. FITZ JOHN PORTER, Commissioner of Public Works:

SIR—It appears from your letter to me of the 27th of September, ulto., and a copy of a letter from the Comptroller to you, dated September 24, 1875, that some time since the Department of Public Works advertised for bids for regulating, grading, etc., Forty-second street, from Second avenue to the East river; and that the specifications issued by the department required bidders to name for earth excavation one-fourth the price bid for rock excavation; that although the bid of Mr. Thomas Connell was eighty cents per cubic yard for excavating rock, and twenty-five cents per cubic yard for excavating earth, as he was the lowest bidder, the contract was awarded to him; that such contract having been thereupon transmitted to the Finance Department, for the approval of the sureties, it was returned by the Comptroller, with his letter above mentioned, containing a request that it should be corrected in the manner specified in such letter. It appears from the Comptroller's letter, that, in his view, under an opinion given by my predecessor, dated November 29, 1873, the prices in Mr. Connell's contract should be reduced from twenty-five cents to twenty cents for earth excavation, so that the price allowed him per yard for earth excavation might be, as provided in the specifications issued by the department, exactly one-fourth the price allowed for rock excavation.

The Comptroller is under a misapprehension as to the law in this matter. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel, referred to by him, is to be found in the CITY RECORD of December 3, 1873. From that opinion, and the records of this office, I gather the following facts in relation to the case which was the subject of that opinion:

The Commissioner of Public Works advertised for proposals for regulating and grading Forty-third street, from First avenue to the East river, and Twenty-fourth street, from Eleventh avenue to the North river. In response to such advertisement, Andrew E. Campbell bid 29 cents per cubic yard for earth excavation, and \$1.16 per cubic yard for rock excavation, while Mr. Timothy Boyle bid 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per cubic yard for earth, and 89 cents per cubic yard for rock excavation. It will thus be seen that Campbell's bid for earth excavation was exactly one-fourth of his bid for rock excavation, while Boyle's bid for earth excavation was slightly in excess of one-fourth of his bid for rock excavation. It appears, however, that testing the bids by the amount of work required to be done, Boyle's bid was \$1,431.37 less than Campbell's; notwithstanding this fact, the Commissioner of Public Works held that Boyle's bid was irregular, in not conforming to the requirements of the specifications, and accordingly rejected it, and awarded the contract to Campbell. Such contract was thereupon transmitted to the Comptroller, for the approval of the sureties, but he declined to act upon the same, upon the ground that Boyle was the lowest bidder, and submitted the matter to the Corporation Counsel, who thereupon gave the opinion above referred to.

It appears in this opinion that the then Counsel to the Corporation considered that Boyle, being the lowest bidder, was entitled to the contract; but that he thought, in view of the provision of the specification requiring the bids for rock and earth excavation to bear the exact proportion of one to four, Boyle should consent to a reduction of the amount of his bid for earth excavation, so that the total amount received by him under the contract would be the same as if the bids had originally been in the exact proportion of one to four. He stated, however, that it was at least doubtful whether the provision that an allowance for earth excavation would be made for a sum equal to one-fourth of the amount which might be bid for rock excavation, was permissible as a virtual barrier to the award of the contract to the lowest bidder. This provision, however, as I am informed, having been inserted in contracts for many years, the Counsel to the Corporation did not feel at liberty to decide that it was invalid, but recommended that the contract be given to Boyle, provided he consented to the reduction above mentioned.

It appears that, under this opinion, the Comptroller declined to approve or act upon the sureties upon the contract with Campbell; and that thereupon Campbell instituted a proceeding in the Supreme Court, for the purpose of compelling such approval or action. The matter was heard before his Honor Judge Lawrence, who refused the writ of mandamus to the Comptroller. His Honor rested his decision mainly upon the following grounds: That the provision in the specifications requiring that the bid for earth excavation should be exactly one-fourth the amount bid for rock excavation, was inserted by the Commissioner of Public Works without authority, either of law or ordinance, and that it was consequently void and of no effect; and that Boyle, being the lowest bidder, was entitled to the contract at the prices named in his bid, although his bid was not in the exact proportion mentioned in the specifications. He nowhere intimated in his opinion that the prices for earth excavation named in Boyle's contract could or ought to be reduced so as to bear the proportion of one-fourth of the price for rock excavation, but simply decided that, being the lowest bidder, he was entitled to the contract. No appeal was taken from this decision, and, so far as I am aware, no contrary decision is to be found, and the views of Judge Lawrence therefore must, for the present, be taken to be the true interpretation of the law.

It follows under this decision, that, as Mr. Connell was the lowest bidder for regulating, grading, etc., Forty-second street, from Second avenue to the East river, he was entitled to the contract at the prices bid by him, although such prices did not conform to the specifications issued by the department, requiring the bid for earth and rock excavation to be in the exact proportion of one to four; and that there is no authority of law for reducing the contract price for earth excavation from 25 cents to 20 cents.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 8, 1875.

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—Your letter to me of the 10th of August, last, called my attention to communications from the Finance Department to the Law Department, dated January 15, January 16, and June 3, 1875, relative to the constitutionality of the act to improve and regulate the use of the Fourth avenue in the City of New York, and as to the liability of the city to make payments to the New York and Harlem Railroad Company, as directed by such act; and requested my opinion in reference to the liability of the city to continue to make further payments for the work known as the Fourth Avenue Improvement.

All the questions involved in this matter were passed upon by his Honor Judge Westbrook, of the Supreme Court, after the fullest discussion and consideration. His Honor held that the act under which the improvement has been made is constitutional, and that the city was bound to make payments to the New York and Harlem Railroad Company in accordance with the provisions of the act. The appeal taken from the order directing a writ of mandamus to issue was subsequently withdrawn by my predecessor, at the suggestion of his Honor Mayor Vance, upon the ground that the city could not possibly succeed in the litigation.

I fully concur in the view taken of this matter by the Supreme Court and by my predecessor, and I advise you that the moneys now due, or which may hereafter become due, to the New York and Harlem Railroad Company for the improvement in question should be paid.

I have examined the case of the Loan Association vs. Topeka, reported in the 20th of Wallace's Reports, but am unable to see how the decision in that case has any bearing upon this matter. It was decided in that case that a statute which authorizes a town to issue its bonds in aid of a manufacturing enterprise of individuals is void, because the taxes necessary to pay the bonds would, if collected, be a transfer of the property of individuals to aid in the projects of gain and profit of others, and not for a public use in the proper sense of that term. The bonds in question were issued to encourage a private company in its design of establishing a manufactory of iron bridges, and, upon well settled principles, a statute authorizing the issue of bonds for such a purpose would seem to be plainly unconstitutional; but I do not see how it can be claimed with any plausibility, that there is any similarity between an enterprise of this description, and the work known as the Fourth Avenue Improvement.

I am, sir, yours, respectfully,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 8, 1875.

Hon. HENRY G. STEBBINS, President of the Department of Public Parks:

SIR—It appears by your letter to me of the 4th instant, that, in the month of August last, the Department of Public Parks advertised for and received proposals for the delivery of 5,000 cubic yards of screened gravel in the parks; that, on the 18th of that month, the bids were publicly opened, in the presence of the Comptroller; that the advertisement called for samples of the gravel, which was to be of a certain quality, and that the samples furnished by Kohler & Perkins, and A. Govern, the two lowest bidders, proved on examination to be unsuitable and not of the quality required; that the proposal of the next lowest bidder, Jesse Ryder, was not signed or verified, and was therefore rejected for informality; and the contract was consequently awarded to J. A. Bouker the next lowest bidder, whose proposal was in all respects regular. You also state that the Comptroller, having called for the bid of Mr. Ryder and examined the same, returned it to the Department of Parks, with a letter of which you transmit a copy.

The Comptroller states in his letter that in a case which occurred some time since, where the proposal of the bidder was irregular in similar respect in not being signed or verified, my predecessor rendered an opinion to the effect that the irregularity was one which might be overlooked. Under this view of the matter the Comptroller returned the contract proposed to be entered into with Mr. Bouker without approving the sureties, and requested the Department of Public Parks to further consider the matter.

Under these circumstances, you request my advice as to the course to be pursued by the Department.

Section 91 of the Charter provides that contracts to be made on behalf of the city shall be made under such regulations as shall be established by ordinance of the Common Council. The Revised Ordinances require that every proposal shall be verified by the oath in writing of the party making the bid. The case to which the Comptroller refers, was that of a bid made by Andrew D. Campbell, pursuant to an advertisement published by the Commissioner of Public Works; and the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation to which he refers is to be found in the CITY RECORD of December 3, 1873.

The Comptroller is mistaken in supposing that the facts in that case are the same as in the present one. The verification of the proposal of Mr. Campbell, as appears from the original now on file in the Department of Public Works, is as follows:

"City and County of New York, ss.:

"Andrew D. Campbell, being duly sworn, says, that the matters stated in the annexed estimate are in all respects true.

"Sworn and subscribed to, this 21st day of

October, A. D. 1873, before me,

"GEO. HACKETT,
"Commissioner of Deeds."

The attempted verification upon Mr. Ryder's proposal, is as follows:

"City and County of New York, ss.:

being duly affirmed, says, that the several matters stated in the above proposal are in all respects true.

"Affirmed and subscribed to, the 17th day of

August, A. D. 1873, before me,

"D. PORTER LORD,
"Commissioner of Deeds."

The difference between the two cases, it will be observed, consists in the fact that in the former case the name of Mr. Campbell appears at the commencement of the affidavit, and identifies him as the party making the affidavit; while in the latter case no name whatever appears to indicate by whom the affidavit is made.

The Courts of this State have, in several instances, decided that an unsigned verification like that of Mr. Campbell was good; but I am not aware that it has ever been decided or claimed that such a defective verification as appears upon Mr. Ryder's proposal amounted to anything whatever as an affidavit.

The ordinances require that the verification shall be in writing, and there may be some doubt, therefore, whether such verification must not be signed at the end by the party making it. Without, however, going into that question, or considering the correctness of the opinion given by my predecessor upon this point, it is sufficient to say that the present case does not come within that opinion.

The ordinances declare that all bids shall be rejected which are not made out in accordance with the provisions of such ordinances; and it seems to me, therefore, that the Commissioners of the Department of Parks had no option in the matter, but were bound to reject Mr. Ryder's proposal.

I cannot assent to the idea that irregularities of this description can be waived by the heads of departments. The ordinances positively require that bids which are not in all respects regular shall be rejected. It is to be regretted, of course, that the effect of carrying out this provision must sometimes be to compel the award of a contract to a person who is not the lowest bidder. I believe, however, that the provision is a wise one; and that, in the long run, the city will gain rather than lose by a strict enforcement of the various provisions of law and ordinance in reference to the letting of contracts.

The proposal of Mr. Ryder, transmitted with your letter, is herewith returned.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 8, 1875.

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—In your letter to me of the 30th of September, ultimo, you refer to the provisions of chapter 608 of the Laws of 1875, and request my opinion whether the amount necessary to complete and repair the architectural structures in the Central Park must not first be taken from the fund created by the first section of the act before any expenditure can be made for the other purposes mentioned in said section.

The language used in said section in regard to the application of said fund is as follows: "The moneys realized from said fund or stock shall be applied only to the construction and improvement of said parks, squares, and public places, and the completion and repair of architectural structures in the Central Park in the City of New York."

It seems to me that, under this law and other existing laws relating to the Department of Public Parks, it is left to the discretion of the Commissioners governing that Department to determine in what manner and for what purposes such moneys are to be expended, the only limitation upon their powers being that the same shall not be applied to any other purposes than those enumerated in the act.

I am, sir, yours, respectfully,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 12, 1875.

R. W. HEDDEN, Esq., Secretary (pro tem.)

Department of Public Charities and Corrections:

SIR—Your letter to me of the 9th instant, states that on the 3d day of September, John Boyd, alias William Webber, sentenced April 29, 1875, on confession of petty larceny, to six months imprisonment in the penitentiary, escaped from the custody of the guard, by throwing him overboard from the guard boat in the East river, being assisted by a fellow prisoner. That said Boyle has been recaptured in the State of Connecticut, by an officer of that State, who presents to the Board governing the Department of Public Charities and Corrections a claim of fifty dollars for his return to the custody of the Department.

You request to be informed whether the Commissioners have the power to authorize such an expenditure, from the moneys appropriated for the uses of the department.

Under existing laws, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Corrections are invested with the exclusive management, maintenance, and direction of the penitentiary, and the prisoners confined therein; and I have no doubt that they may lawfully authorize an expenditure from the moneys appropriated to their department, for the purpose of defraying the expense of returning Boyle to their custody.

The note of the Assistant District Attorney Lyon, transmitted to me with the letter of Mr. Phillips in relation to this matter, dated August 11th, is herewith returned.

I am, sir, yours, respectfully,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 13, 1875.

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—In your letter to me of the 8th instant, you state that the Commissioner of Public Works has advertised for proposals, to be opened on the 12th instant, for regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-second street, from the Boulevard to the Hudson river.

You also state that, on the 15th day of June last, bids were opened by the Department of Public Works for the same work, and the contract was subsequently awarded to Mr. William Gilfoyle, the lowest bidder; that his proposal for the work was sent to the Comptroller for his approval of the sureties, but was returned to the Department of Public Works without such approval, under an opinion given by my predecessor, dated July 13, 1873, to the effect that the contract could not be awarded to said Gilfoyle because he was a defaulter to the city within the meaning of the provisions of section 99 of the charter of 1873. It also appears, from your letter that the default of Mr. Gilfoyle was for non-execution of a contract previously awarded to him for building a sewer in One Hundred and Forty-second street, which work was subsequently let to Mr. John Mulholland, at an advance of \$5,300.50; and that for this amount Mr. Gilfoyle appears to be in default. You transmit with your letter to me a communication from Mr. Gilfoyle to the Commissioner of Public Works, dated September 20, 1875; and also a communication from Mr. Gilfoyle to the Finance Department, dated October 5, 1875. Mr. Gilfoyle states in these two communications that the sureties upon the contract for the sewer failed to present themselves to the Finance Department for the purpose of justification, although they were responsible; but for what reason does not appear. Mr. Gilfoyle, however, states that he has been and is now willing to pay to the city the difference between the price bid by him and the price at which the contract was let to Mr. Mulholland. He also, in his communication to the Commissioner of Public Works, protests against the reletting of the work of improving One Hundred and Fifty-second street; and offers to execute the contract and go on with such work at once; and it also appears from your letter that this notice to the Commissioner of Public Works was sent before the advertisement of the reletting of such work was published. Under these circumstances, you ask my opinion whether such advertisement should be withdrawn, and the contract previously awarded to Mr. Gilfoyle be executed, upon the settlement of his default to the city in the manner proposed by him.

The provisions of section 99 of the Charter of 1873, declaring that no bids shall be accepted nor contract awarded to a person who is in default upon any obligation to the Corporation, are new, and have not yet been passed upon or interpreted by the courts. In the absence of such judicial construction, I think that the executive officers of the city should endeavor to give such effect to these provisions as will best protect the interests of the city, and at the same time will not bear with undue severity upon individuals.

In a case like the present, in which the amount of the default is small, it would be a very severe penalty upon the contractor if he should be forever deprived of the right to bid for contracts with the city; and I hardly think it could have been the intention of the Legislature to impose such a disqualification upon a contractor as to place it beyond his power to regain the right to make such bids. Mr. Gilfoyle was undoubtedly in default in not carrying out the contract to construct the sewer in question, whatever may have been the reason for such failure on his part. As he now offers, however, to make good to the city any loss which may have been incurred by reason of such failure on his part, I think that a fair construction of the provision of the Charter above referred to will permit the acceptance of such offer.

In ordinary cases, where a contractor has made a default of this description, I should think that actual payment of the loss incurred by reletting the contract should be insisted upon before such contractor could be allowed to bid again for other contracts.

In the present instance, if such amount cannot now be ascertained, in view of the complication which has arisen in reference to letting the work in One Hundred and Fifty-second street, Mr. Gilfoyle may be, perhaps, permitted to give a bond, with adequate security, to pay whatever the difference shall turn out to be between the price bid by him and the actual cost of the work.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 18, 1875.

WILLIAM M. WHITNEY, Esq.,
Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Dock Department:

SIR—Your letter to me of the 29th September, ultimo, states that the Executive Committee of the Board governing your Department has under consideration the matter of repairing Pier 8, East river, one-half only of which is owned by the corporation; that the estimate of the cost of making the repairs to the whole pier, as made by the Engineer-in-Chief, is about \$6,000. You also state that it would seem, from the opinion heretofore given by the Law Department, as well as from the policy lately adopted by the Dock Department, that as the expense of making such repairs will exceed \$1,000, the work cannot be performed otherwise than by contract, as required by section 91 of the Charter of 1873. You therefore request to be advised as to the proper form to be adopted for such contract, in order to secure the proper repairing of the whole pier without making the city liable for the expense incurred for the work on the half not owned by the corporation, and at the same time secure to the bidders for the contract a satisfactory agreement for the payment to be made under it.

If the parties who own Pier 8 jointly with the Corporation are willing to unite with the Dock Department in having the proposed repairs to the pier made, and are willing to bear one-half the expense, I think the Department may lawfully proceed to make a contract for such repairs by public letting in the following manner: The advertisement calling for estimates may be in the usual form, except that at the end thereof there should be added the following statement, or something to that effect: "One-half of said Pier 8 is owned by the Corporation, and the other half by (insert names of private owners), and the contract for the work will not be awarded unless the price named by the lowest bidder shall be satisfactory to said private owners. Such contract, if awarded, will be entered into by the Dock Department on behalf of the city, and by said owners on their own account; the city becoming liable for one-half only of the expense; the other half to be borne and paid to the contractors by such private owners."

The substance of the foregoing statement should be embodied in the contract also, with such slight verbal alterations of the form usually employed, as may be rendered necessary by the joinder of such private owners in the contract.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 21, 1875.

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—Your letter to me of the 6th instant states that a requisition has been made upon the Finance Department for \$1,894, for fireworks on the 4th of July, 1875, by J. G. and J. Edge, and that a similar requisition has been made in favor of J. W. Hadfield, for \$1,444, both of such requisitions being certified by the Department of Public Parks. You state that, as the aggregate of each of these requisitions is more than \$1,000, the question arises whether the work does not come within the provisions of section 91 of the Charter of 1873, which requires that when the several parts of any work or supply shall together involve the expenditure of more than \$1,000 the same shall be by contract, unless otherwise ordered by a three-fourths vote of the Common Council; and you request my opinion whether such supplies can be lawfully obtained in any other manner than that provided in said section 91.

If submitted to me as an original question, I should have some doubt whether the Park Department is authorized under existing laws to procure fireworks without contract made by public letting. As this question, however, has been heretofore passed upon by the General Term of the Supreme Court of this district, I must advise you in accordance with the decision then given.

The Charter of 1873 required that supplies exceeding \$250 in amount should be procured by contract made with the lowest bidder after public advertisement; but in the case of Detwiller vs. The Mayor, etc. (I. Supreme Court Reports, 657), which was an action to recover the price of fireworks furnished to the city, the General Term of the Supreme Court decided that fireworks were articles of a peculiar character, and that, under the decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of the Harlem Gas Company, a contract to purchase them could be made without public letting. Under this decision, I must advise you that the Park Department had authority to purchase the fireworks referred to in your letter without receiving competition bids in the manner prescribed by section 91 of the Charter of 1873.

I am, sir, yours, respectfully,
WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 21, 1875.

W. M. WHITNEY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Department of Docks.

SIR.—In your letter to me of the 14th instant, you state that the Executive Committee of the Board governing the Department of Docks has under consideration, a communication from the Engineer-in-Chief, recommending that the Department Tug "Manhattan" be furnished with proper fire apparatus, for service, in the event of a conflagration endangering any of the property owned by the city, located on the water-front, as well as to generally protect the floating property of the Department against loss or damage by fire, and you request to be advised as to the right and power of the Department to incur the expenditure (about \$2,500) necessary to provide the said tug with the required pump and appurtenances.

Under sub-division 2 of section 99 of the Charter of 1872, the Dock Department is vested with the exclusive charge and control of all the wharf property belonging to the city, and also with the exclusive charge and control of the maintaining and protecting said property. It is provided in sub-division 11 of said section that all the expenses and disbursements necessarily incurred in carrying out the provisions of said section 99, in keeping and maintaining the wharves belonging to the city, shall be paid out of the moneys to be raised upon bonds in the manner provided in said sub-division 11.

It seems to me that under these provisions of law the question whether the tug "Manhattan" shall be furnished with a fire apparatus is one which is to be determined by the Commissioners of the Dock Department according to their views of what may be for the best interests of the city. If, in their opinion, the danger to the wharf property of the city from fire is such as to justify the expenditure necessary to provide the apparatus in question, I think they have the right and power to incur such expenditure.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 22, 1875.

WILLIAM M. WHITNEY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Dock Department.

SIR.—Your letter to me of the 27th September, ultimo, states that the Executive Committee of the Dock Department has under consideration a communication from S. W. Browne, dated July 20, 1875, claiming, on behalf of Jos. Ketcham and others, damages from the city for loss in wharfage, etc., consequent upon the south side of Pier No. 51, North river, having been taken possession of by the Department of Docks, in October, 1873, and prior to the expiration of the lease for said premises, made to them by the Corporation, under date of April 25, 1865, for ten years. You inclose a blank form of the said lease, and state that the written notice, referred to therein, to be given to the lessee in case any part of the premises should be taken by the city, was duly served upon them on or about October 9, 1873; but that the said lessees continued, with the consent of the Dock Department, to occupy said premises until about the middle of the following January; and that the rent due for the quarter ending November 1, 1873, and thereafter, remains unpaid. You request my opinion as to the right and power of the Department of Docks to negotiate with the said lessees for the settlement of the claim for damages made by them on account of the city's taking possession of the said pier, for the purpose of prosecuting the work of improving the water-front of the city under the plans adopted by the Dock Department and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The matter submitted for my consideration is one of considerable difficulty and importance. To determine the questions of law which are involved, it is necessary to construe the somewhat indefinite and uncertain provisions of the lease in question; to determine what rule of damages, if the parties are entitled to damages, is applicable to the case, and whether the present Commissioners governing the Department of Docks have authority to assess the same, when the city has had possession of the premises for nearly two years. Moreover, such assessment of damages will compel the Commissioners to pass upon questions of fact, in reference to which a majority of the present Board has no personal knowledge, and in reference to which it will be difficult to obtain reliable and accurate information.

Under these circumstances, and in view also of the fact that similar questions may hereafter arise under leases containing the same provisions as those found in the lease of Pier 51, I think that the questions of law and fact involved in this matter should, in the first instance, be passed upon by a court and jury. I would respectfully recommend that the Commissioners decline to act in the matter and leave the parties claiming damages to bring an action against the city, if they shall be advised so to do.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, October 22, 1875.

HON. FITZ JOHN PORTER, Commissioner of Public Works:

SIR.—Your letter to me of the 11th instant refers to my communication of the 29th of September, ultimo, to the Comptroller, advising him that section 1 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1875, was not unconstitutional; and you state that the question now arises as to the duty of the Comptroller to raise funds by the issue of bonds to pay, not only for the land, but for the removal of the old gate-houses and the construction of the new ones; and you request my opinion upon this point.

Section 1 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1875, authorizes and directs the Department of Public Works to remove from the Tenth avenue the gate-houses situated between One Hundred and Eighteenth and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets, and between One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets, and the waste-weir at the junction of Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Forty-second street; and to replace them by the construction of new gate-houses and waste-weir without the boundaries of such avenue; and for that purpose to acquire the necessary land, either by purchase or in the manner provided for acquiring land for the Croton Aqueduct in chapter 872 of the Laws of 1872. The second section of the act extends for eighteen months the limitations of chapter 230 of the Laws of 1870, and chapter 872 of the Laws of 1872, and chapter 461 of the Laws of 1874; and declares that the provisions contained in these acts in relation to the construction and completion of the works therein ordered, shall remain in force and be applicable to all the works in those acts contemplated, and that all the provisions of those acts which may be applicable shall be in force and apply to the removal and construction of the new gate-houses and waste-weir therein directed.

The only provision in this statute under which the Comptroller is authorized to issue bonds to raise money to pay for the land to be purchased for gate-houses and waste-weir is that contained in the second section, which declares that all the provisions of the acts therein referred to, so far as they are applicable, shall be in force and apply to the removal and construction of the gate-houses and waste-weir therein directed to be built. Of course the purchase of the land in question is a mere incident to the construction of such gate-houses and waste-weirs. The principal thing to be done is the building of these works, and the purchase of the land is authorized, because the works could not be built unless the necessary land was acquired by purchase or otherwise. It is hardly to be supposed that the Legislature could have intended to authorize and direct the Commissioner of Public Works to buy the land and construct the works, and, while providing the means to pay for the land, neglect to provide the means to go on with the improvements after the land was bought. There is nothing in the act to indicate such an intention. So far as I can see, the provisions of section 2 give the Comptroller the same authority to raise money to build the works that they do to raise money to pay for the land. If he has the right to issue bonds for the latter purpose he has for the former.

The letter of the Comptroller to which my communication of September 29, referred to in your letter, was a reply, did not ask my opinion upon any point except as to the constitutionality of the first section of said chapter 252; and I infer from that fact, and from your letter to me, that he concedes it to be his duty to raise money to pay for the land. That such is his duty seems to me plain. The Commissioner of Public Works is authorized and directed to move the gate-house and waste-weir from the Tenth avenue and to construct new ones, and to purchase the necessary land; and, as said chapter 252 itself contains no provisions in regard to the raising of money, I think the provisions in regard to issuing bonds contained in the acts referred to in the second section must of necessity be regarded as applicable to the removal and construction of such gate-house and waste-weir.

I am of the opinion that it is the duty of the Comptroller to raise the funds necessary to enable you to remove the old works and construct the new ones, as well as to pay for the necessary land.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

WM. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, November 1, 1875.

Edward S. Vanderpoel was appointed a clerk, in place of John Gould, resigned.

ALBERT STORER,
Secretary.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 6, 1875.

Licenses granted and amount received for licenses and fines for week ending this date:

Licenses granted..... 1,287

Amount received..... \$1,996 25

JOHN TYLER KELLY,
Marshal.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Mayor's Marshal, No. 7, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Board of Aldermen and Supervisors, No. 9, City Hall, office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, No. 8, City Hall, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Comptroller's Office, second floor, west end.

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

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

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

4. Auditing Bureau, second floor, west end.

5. Bureau of Licenses, first floor, west end.

6. Bureau of Markets, first floor, west end.

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

8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments: Rotunda, south side.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation Staats Zeitung Building third floor: 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 83 A. M. to 4 1/2 P. M.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, No. 51 Chambers street, second floor.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 2 Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN

Commissioners' Office, second floor.

Superintendent's Office, first floor.

Inspectors' Office, first floor.

Chief Clerk's Office, second floor, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Property Clerk, first floor (rear), " "

Bureau of Street Cleaning, basement (rear), 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Bureau of Elections, second floor (rear), 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Commissioners' Office, No. 19.

Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.

Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.

Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.

" " Boulevards and Avenues, No. 18 1/2

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 28.

" Lamps and Gas, No. 13.

" Incumbrances, No. 13.

" Street Improvements, No. 11.

Bureau of Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct No. 11 1/2

" Water Register, No. 10.

" Water Purveyor, No. 4.

" Streets and Roads No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Commissioners' Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Our Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open entrance on Eleventh street.

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

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Commissioners' Office, Chief of Department, Fire Marshal.

Inspectors of Combustibles.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NO. 301 MOTT STREET.

Commissioners' Office, second floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Attorney's Office, third floor, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Sanitary Superintendent, always open, third floor.

Register of Records, third floor, except burial permits, on all days of the week, except Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. and on Sundays from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioner's Office, 117 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioners' Office, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.; on Saturday, 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

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

Board of Assessors, " "

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

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

BOARD OF EXCISE

Commissioners' Office, first floor, 299 Mulberry st., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CORNER GRAND AND ELM STREETS

Office of the Board, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Superintendent of Schools, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Commissioners' Office, District Court building, City Hall Park (stairs).

THE CITY RECORD.

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

persons interested with him therein; that it is made without collusion with any other person making an estimate for the same work; and that no member of the Common Council or other officer of the Corporation is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent before a Judge of a Court of Record in the County of New York.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Coal."

H. G. STEBBINS, President,
WM. R. MARTIN,
DAVID B. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE,
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN,
Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, November 6, 1875.

PROPOSALS FOR 3,000 BARRELS OF FLOUR.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, until 10 o'clock A. M., of the 18th day of November, 1875, at which time they will be publicly opened, for furnishing and delivering at the Bake-house, Blackwell's Island—

3,000 barrels of flour, empty barrels to be returned and deducted in proposals from the price of flour, to be equal in quality to sample to be seen at this office, to be delivered in quantities of one hundred to five hundred barrels as may be required, free of expense to the Department.

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

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

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

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

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, November 6, 1875.

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, LEATHER, SHOES, SHIP CHANDLERY, PROVISIONS.

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DRY GOODS.

10 pieces Royal Navy Duck, No. 3.
1 bale Red Twilled Flannel.

1 case Shroud Muslin.

1 case Bleached Muslin.

1,000 yards Linsey Woolsey.

GROCERIES.

2,500 pounds Pearl Barley.

2,500 pounds Tobacco.

25,000 pounds Hard Soap.

SALT.

1,000 sacks Salt.

1,000 gallons Vinegar.

10,000 pounds Cheese.

SHOES AND LEATHER.

15 cases, 60 pairs each, Women's "A" Balmorals, Nos. 4 to 8.

15 cases, 60 pairs each, Women's Slippers, Nos. 4 to 8.

250 sides Kip Waxed Leather, to average 5 to 6 ounces to the foot.

SHIP CHANDLERY.

9 coils of Manila Rope, viz.:

1 coil, e.ach 1 1/4-inch, 2 1/2-inch, 4 1/2-inch.

2 coils, each 2-inch, 3-inch, 3 1/2-inch.

6 coils Hemp Rope, viz.:

1 coil, each 6-thread, 9-thread, 12-thread 15-thread.

2 coils, 18-thread.

110 fathoms Hemp Rope, viz.:

30 fathoms, each 2-inch, 3-inch, 4-inch.

20 fathoms, 2 1/2-inch.

2 coils Spun Yarn, viz.:

1 coil, 3-yarn; 2 coils, 2-yarn.

2 coils Marline.

1 coil Houseline.

1,000 pounds Hemp Junk.

30 fathoms Bolt Rope.

PROVISIONS.

8,400 pounds Preserved Beef.

30,000 pounds Navy Bread, in light packages.

100 Rubber Covers.

Samples of the above can be seen at this office.

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ISAAC H. BAILEY,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, October 29, 1875.

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 New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, October 26, 1875—John Kenry: age about 40 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; brown hair; blue eyes. This patient was transferred from Blackwell's Island February 1, 1872, and had on Corporation clothing. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, June 12, 1875.

SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION purpose opening a School for Nurses, at Charity Hospital, on the first day of August next. It is their design to offer to worthy young women, between the ages of twenty and thirty-five, the opportunity to acquire proficiency in a pursuit, which is at once honorable, useful, and remunerative, by educating them in the profession of Nursing. Every effort will be made to elevate the occupation, by a course of careful instruction from competent teachers, and by considerate and generous treatment of the pupils. The course of training will occupy two years, and will embrace lectures upon nursing, food, ventilation, midwifery, and all subjects connected with nursing.

The lectures will be given by Physicians connected with the Hospital, and will include a course of twelve lectures upon each subject every six months, and frequent instruction at the bedside.

At the expiration of two years the Nurses will be examined by a Committee of Physicians, and those who are competent and qualified will receive a diploma, signed by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction and the Examining Committee.

Applications, stating name in full, age, and names of Clergyman and Family Physician should be addressed to

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, November 3, 1875.

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 New York City Asylum for Insane, October 30, 1875—George Alnoit; admitted September 30, 1875; age 32 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; black hair; brown eyes. Had on when admitted, gray tweed coat, blue pants, dark vest, colored shirt. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, November 2, 1875—Julia Cilare; age 43 years; 4 feet 7 inches high; brown hair; hazel eyes. Had on when admitted, black dress, white stockings. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, November 1, 1875.

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 Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island, October 29, 1875—Kate Monahan; age 30 years; 4 feet 9 inches high; brown eyes; black hair. This patient was transferred from Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, October 14, 1875, and had on dark dress, brown striped shawl, white flannel skirt, cloth shoes, white stockings, calico wrapper. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, October 30, 1875.

PROPOSALS FOR LUMBER.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, until 10 o'clock A. M., of the 13th day of November, 1875, at which time they will be publicly opened, for furnishing and delivering at Store-house Dock, on Blackwell's Island, free of all expense to the Department—

50,000 feet 1 1/4 in. Clear Yellow Pine Flooring, dressed on one side, tongued and grooved, not less than 4 in., nor more than 4 1/2 inches wide, when dressed.

Samples of the above can be seen at this office, and the quality of the goods furnished must conform in every respect to the samples exhibited.

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

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

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

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

ISAAC H. BAILEY,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
TOWNSEND COX,
Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, October 27, 1875.

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, October 25, 1875—Kate Moran; aged 26 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; brown hair; hazel eyes. Had on, when admitted, dark overskirt and wrapper, flannel skirt, cotton chemise, nightgown, buttoned shoes, cotton stockings. Nothing known of her friends or relatives. No effects found on her person.

October 26, 1875—Christian Stirtell, aged 51 years; 5 feet 1 inches high; dark hair; gray eyes; had on, when admitted, black coat, dark pants, black cloth cap. Transferred from Alms House July 2, 1875. Nothing known of his friends or relatives. No effects found on his person.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
117 AND 119 DUANE STREET.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING WOODEN PIER, TO BE KNOWN AS NEW PIER 42, NORTH RIVER (SITUATED ON SITE OF OLD PIER 50, AT FOOT OF MORTON STREET).

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING WOODEN PIER at foot of Morton street, North river, indorsed as above, and addressed to "Samuel H. Wales, President of the Department of Docks," will be received at this office, until 10 o'clock A. M. of Monday, November 8, 1875, at which time the bid, will be publicly opened 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 known to be a skilled dock or bridge builder, well prepared for the business, and shall give security for the faithful performance of his contract, in the manner prescribed and required by ordinance.

The Engineer's estimate of the work to be done is as follows:

	Feet B. M.
A. Yellow pine timber, 12 x 5 in.	295,517
B. " " 12 x 12 in.	200,000
C. " " 10 x 10 in.	128,000
D. " " 8 x 8 in.	5,419
E. " " 12 x 6 in.	12,024
F. White oak for mooring-post platform and buffers, 12 x 12 in.	5,700
G. White oak timber for fenders, 12 x 8 in.	12,480
H. " " sheathing, 12 x 5 in.	5,000
	Pounds
J. Cast-iron mooring posts.	15,500
K. " washers.	6,700
L. Wrought-iron bolts, bands, coll	

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JURORS.

NOTICE IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, June 1, 1875.

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.

When possible and legal, serving jurors will be allowed to select a convenient season—if application be made in time.

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 it unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of delinquents.

The Commissioner will receive applications for relief from those jurors who have served continuously and promptly for several years, or have done excessive jury service in the State Courts.

All good citizens will aid the cause 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 abnees, 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. No fees of any kind exist or are allowed in regard to jury notices, and any one asking, receiving, or giving any such "fee" or "present" will be arrested, and, if possible, punished to the full extent of the law.

THOMAS DUNLAP, Commissioner,
County Court-house, Chambers street entrance.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 10, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, October 27, 1875.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS, INCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, with the title of the work, and the name of the bidder indorsed thereon, also the number of the work, as in the advertisement, will be received at this office until Tuesday, November 9th, 1875, at 12 o'clock M., at which hour they will be publicly opened and read, for the following works:

No. 1. Paving First avenue, from One Hundred and Sixteenth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues, where required.

No. 2. Paving Twenty-ninth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 3. Paving Thirty-third street, from First to Second avenue, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 4. Paving Fifteenth street, from Tenth to the Eleventh avenue, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 5. Paving Seventy-sixth street, from Second to Third avenue, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 6. Paving Eighty-second street, from Second to Third avenue, with granite-block pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 7. Paving Thirty-sixth street, from the Eleventh avenue to the North river, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 8. Paving Forty-first street, between First and Second avenues, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 9. Paving Fifty-ninth street, between First avenue and Avenue A, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 10. Paving Sixty-third street, from Second to Third avenue, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 11. Paving Sixty-seventh street, from Third to Fifth avenue, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

No. 12. Paving Eighty-second street, from Madison to Fifth avenue, with Belgian pavement, and laying crosswalks at the intersecting streets and avenues where required.

Blank forms of proposals, the specifications and agreements, the proper envelope in which to inclose the bids, and any further information desired, can be obtained on application to the Contract Clerk at his office.

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in his judgment the same may be for the best interests of the city.

Fitz John Portier,
Commissioner of Public Works.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, November 1, 1875.

TWENTIETH SALE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY, AT PUBLIC AUCTION, AMOS STOOKEY, AUCTIONEER.

TWENTIETH SALE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY, AT Public Auction, will take place at 300 Mulberry street, Tuesday, November 16, 1875, at 1 A.M., consisting of miscellaneous articles, rope, iron, copper, cloth, male and female clothing, boots, shoes, trunks, watches, revolvers, furniture, liquor, etc. Also, at same time, lot Police property—Order Board. Also, lot of furniture for cartage—Order Inspector.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, October 15, 1875.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY CLERK, Police Department, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property, now in his custody, without claimants:

Three bags and contents, twelve revolvers, two compasses, three mats, ten coats, eight shawls, black silk dress, baby carriage, keg paint, piece muslin, poplin dress, and a small amount of money found in car.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the acquisition of right and title to the northerly half of Pier No. 33, and to the southerly half of Pier No. 34, North river, in the City of New York, hereby give 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 in the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 25th day of November, A.D. 1875, at half-past ten 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 acquiring of right and title for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the northerly half of Pier No. 33, and to the southerly half of Pier No. 34, North river, in the City of New York.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to William C. Traphagen, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 57 Broadway, Room No. 24, in the said city, on or before the 25th day of November, 1875, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 25th day of November, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at three o'clock P.M.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 8th day of December, A.D. 1875.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land, situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, bounded by, included and contained within the following limits, this is to say: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly line of Brook avenue with the easterly line of the New York and Harlem Railroad, and running thence westerly at right angle to Brook avenue four hundred feet; thence southerly on a line parallel to and distant four hundred feet west of the westerly line of Brook avenue to the Harlem river; thence easterly along the Harlem river to a point distant four hundred feet east of the easterly line of Brook avenue; thence northerly on a line parallel to and distant four hundred feet east of the easterly line of Brook avenue, to the northerly line of One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street; thence westerly along said northerly line to the easterly line of the Harlem Railroad; thence southerly along the last mentioned line to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 3d day of January, 1876, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said

WM. C. TRAPHAGEN,
FREDERICK SMYTH,
CLINTON G. COLGATE,
Commissioners.

Dated NEW YORK, October 19, 1875.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Public Works, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the opening of Fort Washington Ridge road, between the Boulevard on the west, and Eleventh avenue and Kingsbridge road on the east, and running from Eleventh avenue at One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, in a generally northerly direction, to a point on said Kingsbridge road, near Inwood street, will a branch thereof running easterly to said Kingsbridge road, as laid out by the Department of Parks, in the City of New York.

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

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings, or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the Commissioners, at our office, No. 57 Broadway, Room No. 24, in the said city, on or before the 29th day of October, 1875; and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten week-days next after the said 29th day of October, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at one o'clock P.M.

Second.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New York, there to remain until the 11th day of November, 1875.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land, situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, bounded by, included and contained within the following limits, this is to say:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the centre line of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street with the centre line of the road or Public Drive, running thence northerly along the centre line of the road or Public Drive to a point at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, distant four hundred and ninety-five feet westerly from the westerly line of the Fort Washington Ridge road; thence northerly in a straight line, to a point at One Hundred and Eighty-first street, distant nine hundred and forty-two feet west of the westerly line of Fort Washington Ridge road; thence northerly in a straight line to a point, distant two hundred and sixty-one feet west of the westerly line of Fort Washington Ridge road (and at right angle to the Kingsbridge road near Inwood street); thence westerly to the centre line of the road or Public Drive to the centre line of D street; thence northerly along the centre line of D street to the centre line of Inwood street; thence southeasterly along the centre line of Inwood street to the centre line of Dyckman street; thence southeasterly along the centre line of Dyckman street to the centre line of Eleventh avenue; thence southerly along the centre line of Eleventh avenue to the centre line of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street; thence westerly along the centre line of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street to the point or place of beginning—said premises appearing upon the maps or diagrams above mentioned.

Fourth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New County Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 6th day of December, 1875, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said

Dated NEW YORK, September 22, 1875.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row.

In the matter of the application of the Department of Docks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the acquisition of right and title to the northerly half of Pier No. 33, and the southerly half of Pier No. 34, North river, in the City of New York.

PURSUANT TO THE STATUTES OF THE State of New York, in such case made and provided, the Commissioners of the Department of Docks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the acquiring of right and title for said city, to the northerly half of Pier No. 33, and to the southerly half of Pier No. 34, North river, in the City of New York, hereby give 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 in the Chambers thereof, in the County Court-house, in the City of New York, on the 25th day of November, A.D. 1875, at half-past ten 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 acquiring of right and title for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to the northerly half of Pier No. 33, and to the southerly half of Pier No. 34, North river, in the City of New York.

WILLIAM C. WHITNEY,
Counsel to the Corporation,
No. 2 Tryon Row.

THE CITY RECORD.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, October 20, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 24, 1875.

Regulating and grading Seventh avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth street to Harlem river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before December 20, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date, interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, October 5, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 22, 1875.

Paving Eleventh avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-ninth street, with Belgian pavement.

Sewer on the east side of Hudson street, between Charlton and King streets.

Sewer on the west side of Hudson street, between Charlton and King streets.

Sewer on the west side of Hudson street, between Spring and Vandam streets.

Sewer in Greenwich street, between King and West Houston streets.

Sewer in Greenwich street, between Clarkson and Leroy streets.

Sewer in Washington street, between West Tenth and Charles streets.

Sewer in Sheriff street, between Grand and Broome streets.

Sewers in Ninety-fifth and Ninety-eighth streets, between First and Third avenues; and in First avenue, between Ninety-fifth and One Hundredth streets, with branches.

Receiving-basins in Cherry street, between New Chambers and Roosevelt streets.

Receiving-basin on the northwest corner of Stuyvesant street and Second avenue.

Receiving-basin on the west side of Tenth avenue, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets.

Receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Eleventh street and Avenue St. Nicholas.

Receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Twelfth street and Avenue St. Nicholas.

Receiving-basin on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Seventeenth street and Sixth avenue.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before December 4, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date, interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of confirmation.

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

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
COURT-HOUSE, PARK, 32 CHAMBERS STREET,
September 15, 1875.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Assessment Rolls on Real Estate, Personal Property, and Bank Stock in the City and County of New York, for the year 1875, have been delivered to the undersigned, and that the taxes thereon are now due and payable at this office.

In case of payment before the first day of November next, the person so paying shall be entitled to the benefits mentioned in the 29th section of the act of March 30, 1850, viz., a reduction at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum from the time of payment to the first day of December next.

MARTIN T. McMAHON,
Receiver of Taxes.CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES,
COURT-HOUSE, PARK, 32