

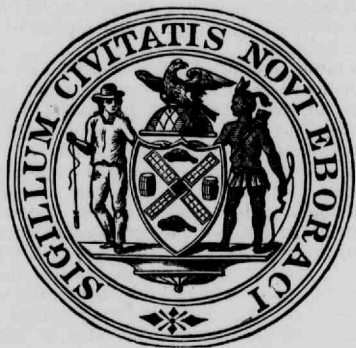
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### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

#### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

##### STATED SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 10, 1878.  
2 o'clock P. M.

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

##### PRESENT:

Hon. William R. Roberts, President;

##### ALDERMEN

William Bennett,  
Bernard Biglin,  
Thomas Carroll,  
Ferdinand Ehrhart,  
Robert C. Foster,  
William H. Gedney,  
John W. Guntzer,

George Hall,  
John W. Jacobus,  
Patrick Keenan,  
Terence Kiernan,  
Samuel A. Lewis,  
John J. Morris,  
Henry C. Perley,

Joseph C. Pinckney,  
Bryan Reilly,  
William Sauer,  
Thomas Sheils,  
James J. Slevin,  
Louis C. Wachner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

##### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Sauer—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William G. Faist to erect an ornamental lamp in front of his premises No. 560 Tenth avenue, the post not to exceed the usual dimensions, the work to be done and gas supplied from his own meter, at his own expense under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By Alderman Pinckney—

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

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

Which was decided in the affirmative on a division called by Alderman —.

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Bennett, Biglin, Carroll, Ehrhart, Foster, Gedney, Guntzer, Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Lewis, Morris, Perley, Pinckney, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Wachner—20.

(G. O. 2.)

By Alderman Slevin—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of George O'Doherty, for the sum of three hundred and fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents, to be in full for annexed bill for services as Stenographer for the special committee on investigating the "Ring Frauds," to and including December 24, 1877, and charge the amount to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Foster—

Resolved, That James C. Hawley 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, when appointed.

(G. O. 3.)

By Alderman Carroll—

Resolved, That a free drinking-hydrant, for man and beast, be erected northeast corner of Sixth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 4.)

By Alderman Biglin—

Resolved, That a boulevard lamp be placed on the lamp-post in front of No. 324 East Twenty-fourth street in lieu of the old lantern now there, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Jacobus—

Resolved, That Washington L. Jaques 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, when appointed.

By Alderman Ehrhart—

Resolved, That Philip W. Gaulon be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York in place of Anthony T. Gallagher, whose term of office expires this day.

Alderman Pinckney moved to amend by striking out the name of Anthony T. Gallagher and inserting in lieu thereof P. H. A. Bogert.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Bennett, Biglin, Ehrhart, Foster, Gedney, Guntzer, Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Lewis, Morris, Perley, Pinckney, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Wachner—19.

By Alderman Sauer—

Resolved, That section 10 of chapter XXXIV. of the Revised Ordinances, relative to the fees of the Inspectors of Weights and Measures, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded, and repealed, and that all fees for inspecting and examining weights, measures, scale beams, patent balances, steel yards, and other instruments for weighing used in the City of New York, be and the same are hereby abolished.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative on a division, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Bennett, Carroll, Ehrhart, Foster, Guntzer, Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Lewis, Morris, Perley, Pinckney, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Wachner—18.

Negative—Alderman Gedney—1.

By Aldermen Bennett—

Resolved, That permission be granted to Isaac H. Hunter to place an ornamental lamp-post and lamp in front of his hotel, No. 224 Wooster street, at his own expense, and that the said lamp must be lighted at the expense of the said Isaac H. Hunter, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That John Gilmore Boyd be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of —.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices, when appointed.

By Alderman Ehrhart—

Resolved, That the resolution permitting William Bennett to retain the inclosure in front of No. 201 East Thirty-fourth street, which became adopted November 19, 1877, be and is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

Which was referred to Committee on Streets, when appointed.

##### MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the provisions and requirements of chapter 175, Laws of 1870, I hereby nominate Arthur Leary for appointment, when confirmed by you, to be one of the Commissioners of Excise in the City of New York, to fill the unexpired term of Owen Murphy, who has abandoned his office.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

Alderman Keenan moved that the Board do now proceed to confirm the nomination of Arthur Leary as one of the Commissioners of Excise, in place of Owen Murphy.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Bennett, Biglin, Carroll, Ehrhart, Foster, Gedney, Guntzer, Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Lewis, Morris, Perley, Pinckney, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Wachner—20.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL,  
NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the requirements of section 25 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, I hereby nominate Smith Edward Lane for appointment, by and with your consent, to be a member of the Board of the Department of Public Parks, for a full term in place of William R. Martin, whose term has expired.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

Alderman Slevin moved that the Board do now proceed to confirm the nomination of Smith E. Lane, as one of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, in place of William R. Martin.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Bennett, Biglin, Carroll, Ehrhart, Foster, Gedney, Guntzer, Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Lewis, Morris, Perley, Pinckney, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Wachner—20.

##### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Sauer—

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to commence proceedings to recover from the Inspectors of Weights and Measures, on behalf of the city, the fees collected by them for inspecting and examining weights and measures, such fees being wrongfully held by said Inspectors, in violation of the following provision of section 96 of chapter 335, of the Laws of 1873, commonly known as the City Charter: "No officer of the city government, except the City Marshals, shall have or receive to his own use any fees, perquisites or commissions, or any percentage; but every such officer shall be paid by a fixed salary, and all fees, percentages and commissions received by any such officer shall be the property of the city."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Keenan—

Resolved, That William R. Farrell be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of New York, in place of Thomas A. Lathrop, whose term of office has expired.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative on a division, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Biglin, Carroll, Ehrhart, Foster, Gedney, Guntzer, Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Kiernan, Lewis, Morris, Perley, Pinckney, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Wachner—19.

By Alderman Sheils—

Whereas, The wretched condition of many of the paved streets, particularly in the lower part of this city, calls for prompt and decided action on the part of the city authorities, in order to provide the means to have such streets durably and permanently repaved, and put in condition fit for the uses of the public; and

Whereas, The present method of providing, by annual appropriation, pursuant to the provisions of section 1, chapter 476, Laws of 1875, for repaving such streets, is a system of false economy, which adds, each successive year, to the cost of the work, with no marked or general improvement in its character, or diminution of the quantity of work to be done, while it imposes upon our tax-payers, annually, a sum which, if raised and expended systematically, would, in a comparatively short time, result in remedying existing evils, and lighten the present burthen of taxation, by imposing part of the cost upon our successors, who will profit equally by providing for this city well and durably paved streets. This work should be undertaken as early as possible, both in the interests of the city and our unemployed workmen; for the former, it insures much needed improvement; for many of the latter, constant employment; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, to prepare and present to the Legislature of this State a memorial praying for an amendment to the act, chapter 476, Laws of 1875, by which the last sentence in section 1 of said act shall be omitted, and in lieu thereof be inserted a clause providing for the payment of repaving streets, etc., under the provisions of said act, by the issue and sale of bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York, by the Comptroller of said city, to be denominated and known as "City of New York Street Repavement Bonds," to bear interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, redeemable and payable at not less than ten years, nor exceeding forty years, from the date of their issue, as the said Comptroller may determine, and shall not be issued or sold for less than the par value thereof. The said bonds to be signed by the Mayor and Comptroller, and countersigned by the Clerk of the Common Council, who shall affix the seal of the city thereto. The Supervisors of the County of New York, or other proper officers, to be authorized and required to raise, from time to time, by tax upon the estates, real and personal, subject to taxation, the sum or sums of money which may be necessary to pay the interest on said bonds, and to redeem them at maturity.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works, when appointed.

(G. O. 5.)

By Alderman Reilly—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Timothy Connelly to keep a coffee and fruit stand in Pike slip, such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Alderman Sheils moved to refer to the Committee on Public Works, when appointed.

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

Which was decided in the negative on a division called by Alderman Reilly:

Affirmative—Aldermen Bennett, Biglin, Ehrhart, Gedney, Jacobus, Kiernan, Perley, Pinckney, Sheils, and Wachner—10.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Carroll, Foster, Guntzer, Hall, Keenan, Lewis, Morris, Reilly, Sauer, and Slevin—11.

Alderman Sheils moved to lay the paper over.



The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative on a division called by Alderman Sheils: Affirmative—Aldermen Bennett, Biglin, Ehrhart, Gedney, Jacobus, Perley, Pinckney, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Waehner—11. Negative—The President, Aldermen Carroll, Foster, Guntzer, Hall, Keenan, Kiernan, Lewis, Morris, and Reilly—10.

(G. O. 6.)

By Alderman Biglin—Resolved, That James M. Turner be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in place of Thomas Vernon whose term of office expires January 17, 1878.

Alderman Sauer moved to refer to the Committee on Salaries and Offices, when appointed. The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the negative on a division called by Alderman Sauer.

Affirmative—Kiernan, Reilly, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Waehner—6. Negative—The President, Aldermen Bennett, Biglin, Carroll, Ehrhart, Gedney, Guntzer, Hall, Jacobus, Keenan, Lewis, Morris, Perley and Pinckney—14.

Alderman Sauer moved to lay the paper over. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion. Which was decided in the affirmative on a division called by Alderman Sauer.

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Bennett, Carroll, Foster, Guntzer, Hall, Keenan, Reilly, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Waehner—12. Negative—Alderman Biglin, Ehrhart, Gedney, Jacobus, Kiernan, Lewis, Morris, Perley, and Pinckney—9.

By Alderman Waehner—Resolved, That Benjamin F. Russell be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of ———

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices, when appointed. By the same—Resolved, That Elbridge G. Duvall, Jr., be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds, in place of ———

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices, when appointed. By Alderman Sheils—Resolved, That two Boulevard lamps be placed in front of the main entrance to Evening School No. 2, situate in Henry street, near Pike street, said lamps to be suspended upon one bracket, the same to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works, when appointed. By Alderman Morris—Resolved, That Luther H. Buel 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, when appointed. By the same—Resolved, That Wm. H. Burnham 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, when appointed. By Alderman Gedney—Resolved, That the permission granted to Wm. L. Burke, to retain a show case in front of his store, No. 214 Broadway, the resolution for which was passed over the Mayor's veto, March 27, 1877, be and the same is hereby withdrawn and annulled.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets, when appointed. By Alderman Sheils—Whereas, The great advantage, not to say necessity, of a public drive, free from obstruction by the rails of street railroads, or the danger of accidents from horses frightened by locomotives or passing trains on elevated roads, is so apparent that it will be conceded by all our citizens; and

Whereas, The Fifth avenue is the only wide thoroughfare in this city available for this purpose, being entirely free from the annoyances and dangers referred to; it connects directly with the principal entrance to the Central Park, at Fifty-ninth street; it forms the eastern boundary of that great public resort, for its entire length, and extends northwardly to the Harlem river; and

Whereas, The carriageway of Fifth avenue, south of the entrance to the Central Park, at Fifty-ninth street, is very much out of repair, and unfit for vehicle travel, requiring constant repairs, and will, at no very distant day, require repaving; from Fifty-ninth to Ninetieth street, which was once paved with wood, is now so wretchedly broken and sunken as to render its use by vehicles positively dangerous; north of Ninetieth street the roadway has never been paved; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and transmit to the Legislature of this State a memorial in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, praying for the passage of a law providing for paving the carriageway of the Fifth avenue, from Washington square to the Harlem river, in accordance with the specifications by which the Boulevards and drives in the upper part of the city are paved; the expense of repaving to be paid by the city, and the expense of paving the unpaved portion of the avenue to be assessed upon the property benefited.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works, when appointed. MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR RESUMED.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor: (G. O. 7.)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT—CITY HALL, NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

To the Honorable the Common Council: GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit a communication from the Comptroller, submitting a draft of a bill to be presented to the Legislature, the object of which is to provide for the payment at maturity of the entire existing bond debt of the city, exclusive of the Revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes, accompanied by a memorial to the Legislature explaining its provisions.

The proposed act of the Legislature meets my approval as tending to simplify the financial affairs of the city, and I would ask that the matter receive your prompt consideration. SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 9, 1878.

Hon. SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor: SIR—Herewith I have the honor to submit to you a draft of a bill to be presented to the Legislature, with the approval of yourself and the Common Council, the object of which is to provide for the payment at maturity of the entire existing Bond Debt of the city, exclusive of the Revenue Bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

The bill is accompanied with a memorial to the Legislature explaining its provisions. It has been very carefully drawn with reference to authority for contracting bonded debt, to guard and restrict the power as much as possible under existing laws and prevent its future augmentation, and to provide fully for the payment of outstanding stocks and bonds at maturity. It is believed that these objects will be accomplished by the provisions of this bill in a manner the least onerous to the taxpayers, and on the basis of security that will maintain the credit of the city, as at present, at the highest standard for investing in its stocks and bonds.

I would respectfully request that immediate action be taken in this matter. Very respectfully, JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

AN ACT relating to the bonded indebtedness of the City of New York, and to provide for the payment of the same.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows: SECTION 1. The fund known as "The Sinking Fund of the City of New York for the redemption of the City Debt" shall be continued, and any excess there may be in said fund after providing for the payment of the bonds and stocks of said city payable therefrom, as provided by law, shall form a fund for the payment of the bonds and stocks of said city and county, now outstanding, payable from taxation, other than revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes, and also for the payment of the bonds of said city known as assessment bonds now outstanding, and of such additional bonds as may hereafter be issued to provide for the expense of local improvements incurred prior to the passage of this act, or which have been or may be incurred under contracts then made and entered into, or for or in relation to any improvement which had then been begun or was in progress.

All moneys and revenues of said city heretofore pledged and appropriated to and constituting and founding said sinking fund shall continue to be and the same are hereby pledged and appropriated to said fund until all of said bonds and stocks of the said city shall be fully and finally redeemed.

Sec. 2. The fund known as the "Sinking Fund of the City of New York, for the payment of the interest accruing and to accrue upon the stocks of said city, until the same be fully and finally redeemed," shall be continued, and after providing for the payment of the interest on the bonds and stocks of said city, now payable therefrom as provided by law, shall form a fund which shall be transferred after the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, to the "Sinking Fund for the redemption of the city debt," and which transferred fund is hereby, in addition to the revenues and moneys aforesaid, pledged and appropriated to said last mentioned Sinking Fund, until all the bonds and stocks of said city as aforesaid, are fully redeemed and paid.

Sec. 3. All moneys now in the treasury of said city heretofore collected and received in payment or on account of assessments made and confirmed for local improvements in said city, and all moneys which shall hereafter be collected and received in payment or on account of assessments made and confirmed, or which may be made and confirmed for local improvements completed prior to the passage of this act, or which were under contract, or begun or in progress at that time, shall be paid into the said Sinking Fund for the redemption of the city debt, and the same is hereby, in addition to the revenues and moneys aforesaid, pledged and appropriated to said last-mentioned Sinking Fund for the payment of the bonds and stocks of said city, to be paid and redeemed therefrom as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 4. Out of the accumulated revenues of the said Sinking Fund for the payment of the city debt and money pledged thereto as aforesaid, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may at such time or times, and in such manner as they may deem to be for the best interest of the city, call in and redeem the outstanding bonds or stocks of the towns annexed to said city from Westchester County, and which are now a charge on said city, and upon the redemption of said bonds or stocks, the same shall be cancelled by said Commissioners.

Sec. 5. Between the city and its creditors, holders of its bonds and stocks as aforesaid, there shall be and there is hereby declared to be a contract, that the funds and revenues of the city and the funds to be collected from assessments as aforesaid, by this statute pledged to the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the city debt, shall be accumulated and applied only to the purposes of said Sinking Fund, as herein provided, until all of said debt is fully redeemed and paid.

Sec. 6. From the said sinking fund for the redemption of the city debt shall be paid and redeemed all bonds and stocks of said city for the payment or redemption of which said fund is pledged, as aforesaid, and whenever, and as often as the Commissioners of said sinking fund shall certify to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of said city, that the accumulations in said sinking fund shall not be sufficient to meet the payment of any bonds or stocks falling due in the next following calendar year, it shall be the duty of said board, and it is hereby required, to include in the annual estimate for such year, to be raised by tax on the estates real and personal in said city, subject to taxation, such an amount to be applied to the payment of said bonds or stocks as shall be certified by said Commissioners, and the amount so included in said estimate shall be paid into said sinking fund and applied as in this section specified; provided, however, that the amount so to be raised by tax and paid into the sinking fund, as in this section provided, shall not in any one year exceed the sum of one million dollars.

Sec. 7. Whenever the maximum amount authorized to be included in the annual estimate, as in the preceding section specified, shall not be sufficient with the accumulations in said sinking fund to provide for the payment of the bonds and stocks falling due during the year ensuing the date of said certificate, then and in such event the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment may, on the resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, authorize and empower the Comptroller of said city, and on such authority said Comptroller is hereby required, from time to time, to issue consolidated stock of the said city sufficient to redeem and pay the amount of said bonds or stocks falling due as aforesaid, such consolidated stock not to be issued at less than par, and payable within such period as the Comptroller may determine, not exceeding twelve years, and bearing interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum; and from the proceeds thereof there shall be paid and canceled an equal amount of the said bonds or stocks as shall from time to time during the year mature or fall due.

Sec. 8. For the payment of all bonds and stocks of the said city hereafter issued pursuant to the provisions of any statute authorizing the same, and which by the provisions of such statute are payable from taxation—other than bonds and stocks authorized by the preceding section and revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes—there shall be included in said annual estimate each year to be raised by tax on the estates, real and personal, in said city, subject to taxation, a sum sufficient with the accumulation of interest thereon, to meet and discharge the amount of said bonds or stocks by the time the same shall be payable as such sum shall be certified to the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the Comptroller, and which sum so raised by tax shall be paid annually on the first day of November to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and shall be invested by them in the same manner as the revenues pledged to the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the city debt.

Sec. 9. No local improvement in said city, the expense of which is to be paid from the proceeds of assessment bonds, shall hereafter be authorized or commenced in said city, unless the law under or pursuant to the provisions of which such improvement is to be proceeded with requires and directs the entire expense thereof to be assessed on the property benefited, and unless the property to be so benefited is entered in the annual valuation of property on the records of the Department of Taxes and Assessments in said city, as of the value of at least double the amount of the estimated expense to be incurred in executing the improvement; and when any of the property liable to be assessed for any such local improvement is owned by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of said city, such improvement shall not be proceeded with until the said Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall, in its discretion, include in the annual estimate an amount sufficient to meet the proportion of the assessment for which the property belonging to the city would be liable for the expense of the improvement, as the same shall be certified to said Board by the Comptroller of the city.

Sec. 10. Assessment bonds of said city hereafter issued pursuant to law to provide for the expense of local improvements contracted for or commenced after the passage of this act, and which expense is to be assessed upon the property benefited, shall be issued by the Comptroller of the City, when authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at not less than par for such period as said Comptroller may determine, not exceeding ten years, and bearing interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum.

Sec. 11. The provision of the third section of this act shall not apply to assessments upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York or upon property belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty; all which assessments shall, upon the resolution and direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, be cancelled of record by said Comptroller.

Sec. 12. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are hereby authorized, when they consider it to be for the interest of the city to do so, to arrange with any holder of stocks or bonds of the City or County of New York, now a charge on said city bearing interest exceeding five per cent. per annum, except revenue bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes, for a surrender and exchange of the same for consolidated stock of the city, and upon such surrender being agreed to and authorized by said commissioners the Comptroller of said city shall issue an equal amount of said consolidated stock, in registered certificates, in exchange for such surrendered stock or bonds, which on being surrendered shall be cancelled, in certificates of not less than fifty dollars, provided that the interest thereon shall not exceed five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and the principal shall be made payable in not less than twenty nor more than fifty years from the date of issue thereof.

Sec. 13. This act shall take effect immediately, except as herein otherwise provided.

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York: The memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully represents: That, in the opinion of your memorialists it is absolutely necessary in the interest of the city that provision should be made by legislative enactment for regulating its bonded indebtedness.

With the view of securing such enactment a bill has been prepared by the Comptroller of the city which has received the approval of his Honor the Mayor and of the Common Council.

The bill is entitled: AN ACT relating to the bonded indebtedness of the City of New York, and to provide for the payment of the same.

This bill, your memorialists trust, will receive your early consideration. The reasons why, in their opinion, the bill should become a law, are shortly, as follows:

The bonded debt of the City of New York on December 31, 1877, was:

Funded debt, payable from taxation and the Sinking Fund..... \$121,440,133 15

Deduct bonds already purchased and now held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund..... 31,080,007 54

Net permanent debt..... \$90,360,125 61

Temporary debt payable wholly or in part from assessments..... 21,329,500 00

Revenue Bonds, special..... 307,924 39

" 1876..... 400,000 00

" 1877..... 5,343,500 00

Total..... \$117,741,050 00

This bill provides for the payment of the entire funded debt, and the assessment bonds. The Revenue bonds are not touched or considered, as they are already provided for fully by uncollected taxes, in anticipation of which they are issued.

A large part of the funded debt is payable from taxation, and the remainder from the Sinking Fund, as follows:

Amount payable from taxation..... \$99,930,089 68

" " Sinking Fund..... 21,510,043 47

Total funded debt..... \$121,440,133 15

Deduct amount of securities in Sinking Fund, same date..... 31,080,007 54

Net funded debt..... \$90,360,125 61

The city stocks and bonds payable from taxation, run for long periods and fall due in large amounts in different years, as shown by the following tabular statement of the city debt on December 31, 1877:



Statement of the Funded Debt December 31, 1877, showing the amount due in each year, payable from the Sinking Fund, and from Taxation; and also the amount of Assessment Bonds outstanding at the same date and payable in each year.

YEARS.	Amount Payable from Sinking Fund.	Amount Payable from Taxation.	Total Funded Debt.	Amount of Assessment Bonds.	Total Amount of Bonds and Stocks.
1878	\$2,780,610 00	\$961,569 48	\$3,742,179 48	\$8,580,600 00	\$12,322,779 48
1879	267,000 00	4,447,155 35	4,714,155 35	6,759,800 00	11,473,955 35
1880	2,147,000 00	2,205,865 48	4,352,865 48	3,792,000 00	8,144,865 48
1881	1,316,649 48	1,316,649 48	2,633,298 96	1,529,500 00	4,162,798 96
1882	1,757,153 94	1,757,153 94	3,514,307 88	667,600 00	4,181,907 88
1883	1,900,000 00	989,949 48	2,889,949 48	2,889,949 48	5,779,898 96
1884	250,000 00	4,227,535 96	4,477,535 96	4,477,535 96	8,955,071 92
1885	3,707,949 48	3,707,949 48	7,415,898 96	3,707,949 48	11,123,848 44
1886	3,654,949 54	3,654,949 54	7,309,899 08	3,654,949 54	10,964,848 62
1887	5,149,271 00	4,959,400 00	10,108,671 00	10,108,671 00	20,217,342 00
1888	3,921,939 14	3,921,939 14	7,843,878 28	3,921,939 14	11,765,817 42
1889	5,091,200 00	5,091,200 00	10,182,400 00	5,091,200 00	15,273,600 00
1890	1,000,000 00	4,298,000 00	5,298,000 00	5,298,000 00	10,596,000 00
1891	2,437,600 00	2,437,600 00	4,875,200 00	4,875,200 00	9,750,400 00
1892	4,096,299 30	4,096,299 30	8,192,598 60	8,192,598 60	16,385,197 20
1893	2,630,000 00	2,630,000 00	5,260,000 00	5,260,000 00	10,520,000 00
1894	1,766,600 00	1,766,600 00	3,533,200 00	3,533,200 00	7,066,400 00
1895	10,949,591 07	10,949,591 07	21,899,182 14	21,899,182 14	43,798,364 28
1896	555,700 00	555,700 00	1,111,400 00	1,111,400 00	2,222,800 00
1897	674,300 00	196,500 00	870,800 00	870,800 00	1,741,600 00
1898	521,952 87	521,952 87	1,043,905 74	1,043,905 74	2,087,811 48
1899	3,614,635 11	3,614,635 11	7,229,270 22	7,229,270 22	14,458,540 44
1900	16,476,000 00	16,476,000 00	32,952,000 00	32,952,000 00	65,904,000 00
1901	500,000 00	3,012,000 00	3,512,000 00	3,512,000 00	7,024,000 00
1902	2,642,700 00	2,642,700 00	5,285,400 00	5,285,400 00	10,570,800 00
1903	1,860,800 00	1,860,800 00	3,721,600 00	3,721,600 00	7,443,200 00
1904	2,505,200 00	2,505,200 00	5,010,400 00	5,010,400 00	10,020,800 00
1905	1,133,000 00	1,133,000 00	2,266,000 00	2,266,000 00	4,532,000 00
1906	300,000 00	460,800 00	760,800 00	760,800 00	1,521,600 00
1907	100,000 00	103,000 00	203,000 00	203,000 00	406,000 00
1908	475,000 00	900,450 00	1,375,450 00	1,375,450 00	2,750,900 00
1909	330,000 00	185,000 00	515,000 00	515,000 00	1,030,000 00
1910	54,500 00	54,500 00	109,000 00	109,000 00	218,000 00
1911	2,137 36	2,137 36	4,274 72	4,274 72	8,549 44
1912	9,000 00	9,000 00	18,000 00	18,000 00	36,000 00
1913	421,824 40	421,824 40	843,648 80	843,648 80	1,687,297 60
1914	5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	20,000 00
1915	3,624,327 71	3,624,327 71	7,248,655 42	7,248,655 42	14,497,310 84
Total	\$21,510,043 47	\$99,930,089 68	\$121,440,133 15	\$21,329,500 00	\$142,769,633 15

#### Rates of Interest.

The rates of interest on the above Bonds and Stocks, are classified as follows:

At 5 per cent.	\$15,298,659 69
At 6 per cent.	71,626,628 08
At 7 per cent.	55,844,345 38
	\$142,769,633 15

If no provision is made for the payment of the stocks and bonds which are now by law payable from taxation, the amount necessary to pay them will have to be raised by tax in the year they severally become due; this would impose a heavy burden upon the taxpayers. In some years the amount falling due payable from taxation, is enormous; in 1879, \$4,447,155.35, in 1896 \$10,949,591.07, and in 1901, \$16,476,000.00, as shown in the above statement. In these and other years also, the amount of taxation necessary to pay the bonds would be a crushing burden impossible to be borne by the taxpayers. It will be observed that next year more than four millions of bonds fall due, payable from taxation.

It would not only be very onerous and very injurious to the interests of the taxpayers to exact these large amounts in the tax levy of any one year, but it would operate very harshly and unjustly to impose taxes so irregularly, large amounts in some years and smaller amounts in others.

Simple justice to property holders, who are constantly changing, demands some provision for a more equal distribution, at least, of the burden of taxation.

There is now a Sinking Fund with large revenues already accumulated in a surplus of nearly ten millions above the amount of the stocks and bonds, for which it is pledged, as provided by law; and it is therefore deemed by your memorialists to be a wise and prudent financial policy to perpetuate the Sinking Fund, and extend the benefits of its application to the whole funded debt payable from taxation.

The views of the Comptroller were expressed on this subject in his annual statement for the year ending August 1, 1877, as follows:

#### THE SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE CITY DEBT.

The Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt is frequently a subject of mistaken discussion. Vague proposals are sometimes made to abolish it entirely and cancel the City Bonds held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to relieve the taxpayers from taxation for interest on them.

So far as the bonds for which the Sinking Fund is pledged by law are concerned, it cannot be touched by any power of the State or City government.

It is true that there is a large surplus in the Sinking Fund over and above the amount of bonds for the payment of which it is pledged by law. This surplus could be applied to bonds payable from taxation, and thus provide for the payment of the whole Funded Debt. Large amounts of bonds payable from taxation mature in certain years, and, if no provision is made for their payment by the Sinking Fund, the taxes at those periods will be exceptionally heavy. The payment of interest annually on the city securities in the Sinking Fund, distributes taxes for payment of the principal over a long period, and by this means excessive taxation in any one year of the future will be avoided. Instead of abolishing the Sinking Fund, it should be continued and increased by appropriating to it new revenues, and be applied also to the redemption of bonds now payable by law from direct taxation. It has been estimated, indeed, that if the Sinking Fund is not disturbed, but is applied also to the redemption of that part of the City Debt now payable from taxation, and the debt itself is not increased by special legislation beyond the amount now authorized by law, the Sinking Fund with its present revenues will alone provide for the extinction of the debt without resort to direct taxation for the payment of the principal of the funded debt. The great importance of preserving and extending the application of the Sinking Fund is obvious by reference to Schedule "E," showing the amount of stocks and bonds of the Funded Debt payable in each year; in some years over \$10,000,000, from taxation.

It is therefore proposed in this bill to continue the Sinking Fund and provide for the payment of the whole funded debt of the city from this fund, resorting to taxation only when actually necessary to provide for deficient means in the Sinking Fund, and never for an amount of more than \$1,000,000 in any one year. The revenues of the Sinking Fund are already large and may be greatly increased by careful management of all the resources of the city, without burdening the taxpayers excessively for the payment of the stocks and bonds now payable by law from taxation.

This, therefore, is the great object which will be accomplished by the proposed measure for perpetuating and extending the application of the Sinking Fund to the payment of that description of bonds and stocks. It is a beneficent measure wholly in the interest of the city and the taxpayers.

Another great object of the bill is to provide for the payment of the Assessment Bonds in full in the easiest and simplest manner possible. It has been estimated that the collectable assessments on private property for local improvements, the expense of which has been paid from Assessment Bonds now outstanding, and of those which will be required under the provisions of existing laws, will not meet and provide for the payment of these bonds by seven or eight million dollars, causing a deficiency in the fund for that amount which must be otherwise met and provided for. The amount of Assessment Bonds outstanding on December 31, 1877, was \$21,320,500.

This class of bonds was referred to in the Comptroller's report, before cited, as follows:

"Assessment Bonds issued for short periods to pay the expenses of street improvements in anticipation of the collection of assessments on the property benefited. When assessments are paid by the owners of property the City Treasury is reimbursed for its advances, and the Bond Debt on this account is then reduced accordingly. Bonds of this class, therefore, form only a temporary obligation of the Corporation, and not a debt payable by taxation.

"It is true, however, that on account of vacations of assessments by the courts, remissions, errors, and for cost of up-town street improvements payable by the city, a deficiency of several million dollars has arisen in the funds derived from the collection of assessments, as provided by law for the redemption of Assessment Bonds, which deficiency must eventually be met by taxation or by refunding a portion of these bonds, instead of renewing or re-issuing them at maturity."

Attempts have been made to provide for this deficiency in the fund to pay the Assessment Bonds, and a provision for that purpose was embraced in section 5 of Senate Bill No. 307, last session, which was passed by both houses, but the act was vetoed by the Governor.

By the bill now proposed this deficiency is fully provided for, without a special issue of bonds to be added to the permanent funded debt, as above provided for.

All assessments now due, and hereafter to be assessed, for the expense of local improvements incurred before the passage of this bill, are to be paid into the Sinking Fund, to provide for the pay-

ment of the assessment bonds, to be redeemed and paid out of that fund, so far as the assessments for local improvements for which they are issued can be collected.

The deficiency in the assessment collections will be provided for under the provisions of this bill, by the Sinking Fund, without the issue of special bonds payable from taxation, as had been proposed in the bill of last year, thus bringing the whole existing bonded debt of the city, except revenue bonds, within one system of management, under the control and direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, upon whom the whole responsibility will rest for its regulation and final payment, without being excessively burdensome and inequitable at any time upon the taxpayers.

The exact amount of the bond indebtedness of the city will, under this system, always be known and clearly understood as to the provisions for its final liquidation.

It must be observed that this bill provides only for the payment out of the Sinking Fund of existing bonded debt, payable from taxation, and not for future issues of that description of bonds, under statutes now in force or that may be enacted, or for any Assessment Bonds that may be issued for the expense of local improvements contracted for and commenced after the bill becomes a law.

Both these classes of bonds are excluded from the benefit of the Sinking Fund, and require special provisions for their payment.

In regard to assessments for local improvements hereafter undertaken, it is hoped that legislative action will be taken to revise the whole body of laws. The assessment laws, and indeed nearly all laws relating to the city, are in such utter confusion that neither the executive officers of the city nor the judiciary can readily determine their meaning or effect, and particularly with regard to proceedings in local improvements.

The collections of assessments under the present system are often very doubtful, and many millions have already been lost to the city treasury by adverse decisions of the courts in suits for vacations of assessments. The best that can be done until the laws are remodeled upon some simple and equitable basis and system that may be clearly understood by everybody, is to restrict all local improvements, as much as possible, to those actually necessary. Section 9 of this bill is a provision to effect this object.

The only other provision in this bill relating to assessment bonds issued for works commenced hereafter, is section 10, which extends the time of payment of such bonds to ten instead of five years, the term of issue to which they are now limited.

This is done in the interest of the corporation and the owners of property subject to assessment. The bonds for a longer term can be sold more advantageously, while collections of assessments are rendered more certain before the bonds mature, avoiding the necessity for a reissue of this description of bonds.

Section 8 provides for bonds payable from taxation which may be hereafter issued, by requiring the imposition of an annual tax on and after their issue, sufficient to pay them at maturity.

This is a very important and necessary provision to restrict the issue of such bonds and prevent the increase of the city debt. The free and easy issue of this class of bonds, payable from taxation at distant periods, has been the principal cause of the rapid accumulation of the bond debt, which the city is now under obligation to pay.

The most effectual way to prevent an increase of the city debt is to bring home to the taxpayers the necessity of providing for the payment of bonds by an annual direct taxation, instead of throwing the whole burden of payment upon future owners of property and distant posterity. This provision makes it necessary to take care to provide for our public obligations when we enter into them, making every taxpayer an interested guardian of the interests of the city, watchful of every movement to increase the city debt and taxation.

Section 4 of the bill provides for paying and cancelling the bonds of the towns annexed to the city from Westchester County in 1874, now amounting to over one million dollars, for which the city by legislative enactment has been made liable.

These bonds were issued for local improvements and other purposes, under various titles, very irregularly as to time of payment of the principal, some of the issues being payable in sums of \$1,000 annually for a period of more than two hundred years, and all bearing interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum.

The provision for the redemption and cancellation of these bonds is a proper act of financial administration.

The eleventh section of the bill provides for adjusting on the books of the Finance Department the amount due by the city for assessments on its own property, and for direct charges imposed by special acts for the expense of various local improvements, which amount is included in the general deficiency in the assessment fund provided for by other sections of the bill.

Under these provisions the present city debt will be amply provided for, and it will be extinguished by a gradual reduction through the operation of the Sinking Fund, relieving the taxpayers of the immense burden they will have to bear if the bonds and stocks are paid at maturity by direct taxation, as now provided by law.

The bill referred to is herewith respectfully presented to your Honorable Body, and your early and favorable action thereon is the prayer of your memorialists.

Whereupon Alderman Keenan offered the following:

Resolved, That the financial bill prepared by the Comptroller, entitled "An act relating to the bonded indebtedness of the City of New York, and to provide for the payment of the same," be and the same is hereby approved, and that the memorial for its passage, submitted therewith, be adopted, and that his Honor the Mayor be respectfully requested to transmit them to the State Legislature.

Which were laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes, and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman Guntzer—

Resolved, That Ole H. Holberg be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, to take effect from and after the expiration of his present term, which will be on the 21st day of January, 1878.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices, when appointed.

By Alderman Bennett—

Resolved, That Edward R. Harper be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, in place of.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices, when appointed.

By Alderman Sauer—

AN ORDINANCE to amend chapter 37 of the Ordinances of 1866, entitled Carts and Cartmen, etc.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### FURNITURE TRUCKS.

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

Chapter 37 of the above-entitled ordinances is hereby amended shall read as follows:

SEC. 50. All the provisions of the preceding articles of this chapter, as far as relate to furniture trucks and furniture truckmen, except sections 17, 18 and 19 of article 1, and not inconsistent herewith, are extended to and shall include and be applicable to all wagons and vehicles commonly known as furniture trucks which shall be kept, used, driven, or employed for the transportation of any furniture, pianos, mirrors, pictures, or household effects to or from any place within the City of New York from or at any place whatsoever, for hire, wages or pay; provided always that the owner or owners of such truck or vehicles shall have a place in the City of New York for the transaction of such business.

SEC. 51. The Mayor of the city shall, from time to time, license and appoint so many and such persons as he may think proper to set up and keep one or more furniture trucks in said city, and he may revoke or suspend any or all such licenses at his pleasure; but it shall not be lawful for any person to receive or hold a license to keep such furniture trucks unless he is the actual owner of the truck or trucks and of a good horse or horses therefore; or unless he be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of New York and have an office in the City of New York, under a penalty not exceeding \$10; and the Mayor may examine under oath all persons applying for or holding any such license, or the renewal thereof, touching their qualifications as aforesaid.

SEC. 52. The Mayor shall require and receive, for the use of the city, from every person to whom he may grant license to keep such furniture truck or trucks, the sum of \$5 for every furniture truck so licensed, and \$5 for the renewal of every such furniture truck license, and every truck or vehicle licensed as aforesaid shall be a regular made furniture truck with platform springs.

SEC. 53. All licenses granted by virtue of this ordinance shall expire on the 31st day of October next after the date thereof.

SEC. 54. Every such furniture truck shall have fairly painted on the outside thereof in a conspicuous place on each side, so as to be easily seen, in plain letters and figures of at least two and one-half inches in length, the name of the owner or owners, the place of business in said city, and the number of the license for such truck, and such owner or owners shall be responsible for all articles entrusted to such truck or to the driver thereof, and for the conduct of such driver while in charge of or with such truck.

SEC. 55. No person shall drive such furniture truck unless he be twenty-one years of age, and obtain license from the Mayor for such purpose, under a penalty not exceeding \$10 for every such offense, to be recovered from the owner or owners of such furniture truck, or from the said driver, and shall pay the sum of \$1 for such license and \$1 for the renewal of the same.

SEC. 56. Furniture truck owners and drivers licensed as aforesaid shall, while actually soliciting for employment, wear a badge on the left breast, on which shall be engraved the words "furniture truckman or furniture truck driver," and the number of his license. The badge used by the truck owner shall be of German silver, and that of the driver shall be of brass; the Mayor of the city shall designate the form of said badges.

SEC. 57. Any truck owner or driver found loading or unloading furniture without a badge as aforesaid shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$10, and any man found wearing such badge without having procured a license as aforesaid shall be fined not exceeding \$10.



SEC. 58. All licenses for trucks as aforesaid shall be denominated as Furniture Truck License, and the numbers therefor shall be separate from all other carts, truck, or vehicle license numbers, and shall number from one (1) up; and all furniture truck drivers licensed as aforesaid shall be separate from from any other driver's license, and shall be denominated as Furniture Truck Driver's License, and no man shall be allowed such license except to drive a furniture truck licensed as aforesaid.

SEC. 59. There shall be two rates charged for carting and trucking furniture; one for a single truck and the other for a double truck, according to the size of the truck or vehicle. All trucks, carts or vehicles licensed as aforesaid ten feet in length or under, shall be considered single trucks, and all others as double trucks.

SEC. 60. The price or rate to be charged for the transportation of furniture, mirrors, pianos, pictures, and household effects, shall be as follows, to wit:

A single truck load, within two miles.....	\$2 00
When the distance exceeds to miles an extra.....	50
More for each and every additional mile for loading, unloading, and housing to first or ground floor.....	50
And for each flight of stairs up or down.....	25
For a double truck load within two miles.....	3 00
When the distance exceeds two miles an extra.....	1 00
More for each and every additional mile for loading, unloading, and housing to first or ground floor.....	1 00
And for every flight of stairs up or down.....	50

SEC. 61. When a private contract is made, each party shall be held to the amount so agreed upon.

SEC. 62. In shipping goods at any of the shipping lines by railroad, steamboat, or sailing vessels, when a truck is kept in line waiting to ship goods, more than fifteen minutes, the truckman shall be entitled to an extra allowance at the rate of \$1 per hour for the time so detained.

SEC. 63. When a truck is before the house, with goods to which they are to be delivered, the truckman shall be entitled to demand and collect his cartage, and in case the party employing him neglect or refuse to pay the same he shall be allowed to retain in his possession a sufficient amount of such goods as shall in his judgment secure the payment therefor, and at the expiration of six months it shall be lawful for him to dispose of such goods at public auction, the proceeds of which, after satisfying the truckman for cartage, and a reasonable amount for storage and extra labor, in taking care of such goods, shall go to the owner of said goods, providing always, that if the owner of such goods shall at any time offer to pay the amount of such charges for which such goods are retained, it shall be the duty of said truckman to accept the pay therefor and deliver said goods to the owner.

SEC. 64. When the owner or owners of furniture trucks do not have a suitable place to keep goods on storage which have been retained for non-payment of cartage, he or they shall at once deliver such goods to Police Headquarters for safe keeping.

SEC. 65. All disputes or disagreements as to distance or rates of compensation, between furniture truck owners or their drivers and parties employing them, shall be determined by the Mayor's First Marshal, and any violation of this article shall subject the offender to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars.

SEC. 66. Sections 17, 18 and 19 of article 1st of this chapter are hereby repealed, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this article are hereby repealed.

SEC. 67. This ordinance as hereby amended shall take effect immediately. Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department, when appointed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board a communication, being the twenty-fifth annual report of the Children's Aid Society.

Which was ordered on file.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman Morris moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday, the 15th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

## DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At a meeting of the Board of Docks, held 3d December, 1877.

Present—The full Board.

A communication was received from the Erie Railway Co., advising that an order had been obtained from the Supreme Court authorizing the receiver of said company to enter into and complete the agreement made with the Department on or about 1st June, 1875, for the permanent improvement of the wharf property occupied by said company at foot of Chambers street, North river, and to execute the lease for the said improved premises, and transmitting a copy of the said order, together with a copy of the petition of said receiver therefor; and, being read, was

On motion, laid on the table, and the Secretary directed to submit the copy of said order to the Counsel to the Corporation, for his opinion as to the order being sufficient to authorize the Department to conclude the proposed agreement with said receiver, and to proceed with the work of the proposed improvement of said premises.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Engineer-in-Chief be and is hereby directed to remove the outer end of Pier (old number) 32, North river, and also part of outer end of Pier (old number) 30, North river, in order to prepare for the work of improving the premises occupied by the Erie Railway Co., at foot of Chambers street; and that all the work hereby ordered, except the dredging necessary, be performed otherwise than as required by subdivision 5 of section 6 of chapter 574, Laws of 1871, and that it be done by the force of the Department, by day's work.

A requisition was received from the Engineer-in-Chief for the services of necessary dredging machines and scows to remove the three westerly cribs and about 22 cubic yards of mud from the outer end of Pier (old number) 32, North river; and, being read,

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, for the uses and purposes of the Department, the services of necessary dredging machines and scows to remove the three westerly cribs of Pier (old number) 32, North river, and to dredge and remove about 2,200 cubic yards of mud therefrom, as required per Requisition of Engineer-in-Chief No. 1,647, at prices not to exceed \$1 per cubic yard for cribs, and 15 cents per cubic yard for mud; the said purchase being made by virtue of the authority vested in this Board by subdivision 5 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, to wit:

Whereas, In surveying for the work of the permanent improvement for that section of the waterfront on the North river, at foot of Chambers street, it has been found necessary to change the location of Piers (new numbers) 19, 20, and 21 to lines six feet northerly of those as now established; therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby respectfully requested, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 738, Laws of 1872, to consent to and approve of the lines for Piers (new numbers) 19, 20, and 21, North river, being so changed as to permit the northerly line of proposed Pier 19 to be about 54 feet north of the northerly line of Pier 19, as established on 27th April, 1871, instead of about 48 feet, as fixed on 6th October, 1875, and thereby locate the said piers about six feet northerly of the lines, as approved on said last named date by the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to cover that portion of the half-way of the Department offices south of the Messenger-room with a proper and suitable oil-cloth or other floor-cloth covering.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

## APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That Benjamin A. Moran be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to take effect from and after the expiration of his present term, which will be on the 6th day of January, 1878.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 4, 1878.

Approved by the Mayor, January 5, 1878.

Resolved, That Daniel Leamy be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Nathan Frank whose term of office has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, January 4, 1878.

Approved by the Mayor, January 5, 1878.

## DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

### BUREAU OF FIRE-ESCAPES AND IRON WORK.

Operations for the week ending Jan. 5, 1878:

Buildings reported for fire-escapes.....	22
Fire-escapes provided.....	8
Arch girders tested (approved).....	..
“ “ (not approved).....	..
Iron beams tested (approved).....	6
“ “ (not approved).....	..
Iron lintels tested (approved).....	..
“ “ (not approved).....	..
Notices for fire-escapes served.....	51
Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.....	..
Operations for the month of December, 1877:	..
Buildings reported for fire escapes.....	117
“ “ iron shutters.....	..
Buildings reported for trap-doors and railings	..
to hoistways.....	1
Buildings provided with fire escapes.....	134
“ “ iron shutters.....	..
“ “ trap-doors and rail-	..
ings to hoistways.....	..
Arch girders tested (approved).....	18
“ “ (not approved).....	..
Iron beams tested (approved).....	10
“ “ (not approved).....	..
Iron lintels tested (approved).....	6
“ “ (not approved).....	..
Notices for fire-escapes, etc., served.....	349
Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.....	11

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. K. HYDE,

Chief of Bureau.

VICTOR W. VOORHEES,  
Clerk.

## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.  
Mayor's Marshal, No. 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 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, No. 8, City Hall, 10 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, rooms 19 and 20.  
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, room 6.  
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, room 5.  
4. Auditing Bureau, second floor, west end, room 19.  
5. Bureau of Licenses, first floor, room 6.  
6. Bureau of Markets, first floor, room 6.  
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, room 18.  
8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, second floor, room 16.

### 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, 49 Beekman street, 8½ A. M. to 4½ 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, Avenue C, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street, 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.  
Commissioner's Office, No. 19.  
Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.  
Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.  
Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.  
“ “ Boulevards and Avenues, No. 18.  
Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18.  
“ Lamps and Gas, No. 13.  
“ Incinerators, No. 13.  
“ Street Improvements, No. 11.  
“ Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct, No. 11½.  
“ Water Register, No. 10.  
“ Water Purveyor, No. 4.  
“ Streets and Roads, No. 13.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Commissioners' Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open, entrance on Eleventh street.  
Reception Hospital, Ninety-ninth street and Tenth avenue, always open.  
Bellevue Hospital, foot of Twenty-sixth street, East river, always open.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOS. 153, 155 AND 157 MERCER ST., 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Commissioners' Office, Chief of Department.  
Inspectors of Combustibles, Fire Marshal.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NO. 301 MOTT STREET.  
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, for granting burial permits, on all days of the week, except Sunday, from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M., and on Sundays, from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Square, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Board of Assessors, “

### DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioners' 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.

### DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

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

### BOARD OF EXCISE.

Commissioners' Office, first floor, 299 Mulberry street, 6 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, 27 Chambers street, second floor, front office.

### COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE.

Office, Room 28, third floor, northwest corner County Court-house.

### THE CITY RECORD.

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

### MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.  
Coroners' Office, 40 East Houston street, second floor.  
Sheriff's Office, first floor, southwest corner of New County Court-house, rooms 3 and 4.  
County Clerk's Office, first floor, northeast corner of New County Court-house, rooms 7 and 8.  
Surrogate's Office, first floor, southeast corner of New County Court-house, room 1.  
Surrogate's Court, first floor, southeast corner of New County Court-house, room 2.  
Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park.  
District Attorney's Office, second floor, Brown-stone building, City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

### COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Commissioner's Office, room 17, second floor, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

### COURTS.

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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### OVER AND TERMINER.

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.

### SPECIAL SESSIONS.

At Tombs, corner Franklin and Centre streets, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 10 A. M.  
Clerk's Office, Tombs.

### DISTRICT COURTS.

First District—First, Second, Third, and Fifth Wards, southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Second District—Fourth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Wards, No. 514 Pearl street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Third District—Eighth, Ninth, and Fifteenth Wards, No. 12 Greenwich avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Fourth District—Tenth and Seventeenth Wards, No. 16 East Houston street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Fifth District—Seventh, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Wards, No. 154 Clinton street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards, Nos. 380 and 391 Fourth avenue.  
Seventh District—Nineteenth and Twenty-second Wards, Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards, southwest corner Twenty-second street and Seventh avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street near Fourth avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.  
Tenth District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, corner of College avenue and Kingsbridge road Fordham, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

## COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

A STATED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF Trustees of the College of the City of New York will be held at the Hall of the Board of Education (No. 146 Grand street, New York City,) on Tuesday, January 15, 1878, at 4 o'clock P. M.

LAWRENCE D. KIERNAN,  
Secretary.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.  
BUREAU OF STREET CLEANING,  
NEW YORK, December 26, 1877.

LOST—SCOWS NOS. 3 AND 9 OF THE BUREAU of Street Cleaning, reported as going adrift. Any information respecting the same is requested at the office of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, foot of Seventeenth street, East river.

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



POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,  
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,  
300 MULBERRY STREET,  
NEW YORK, Jan. 2, 1878.

**OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY**  
Clerk, Police Department, City of New York, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Riveting hammers, split cow-hides, boats, rope, trunk and contents, black bags and contents, liquor, revolvers, silver watch, and small amount of money taken from prisoners.

C. A. ST. JOHN,  
Property Clerk.

### SUPREME COURT.

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 One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street from the northerly line of Laurence street parallel with One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, to the westerly side of a certain road or avenue in the City of New York, closed by act of the Legislature, chapter 290, section 10, passed April 5, 1871; as said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street appears upon a map made by the Commissioners of the Central Park and filed in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York, on October 23, 1867.

**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 Elliot F. Shepard, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 154 Nassau street (Room No. 22), in the said city, on or before the twelfth day of February, 1878, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within ten week-days next after the said twelfth of February, 1878, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each of said ten days, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Second—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates, and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City of New York, there to remain until the 23d day of February, 1878.

Third—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces, or parcels of land situate, lying, and being in the City of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street with the northerly line of Laurence street, running thence northerly and at right angles to said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 100 feet; thence easterly and parallel with One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 619 feet and 8 1/2 inches to what was formerly the easterly line of a certain new avenue closed by an act of the Legislature, passed April 5th, 1871 (Laws of 1871, chapter 290); thence in a southerly direction 281 feet and 7 inches to a point; thence westerly and parallel to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 408 feet and 10 inches to the northerly line of Laurence street; thence northerly along the northerly line of Laurence street 217 feet and 6 inches, be the same more or less, to the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly line of Laurence street with the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; thence easterly along the southerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 493 feet and 3/4 of an inch to the westerly line of said new avenue closed by an act of the Legislature, passed April 5, 1871, as aforesaid; thence northerly along the westerly line of said new avenue, closed as aforesaid, 63 feet and 8 1/2 inches to the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street; thence westerly along the northerly line of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street 385 feet and 7 1/2 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Also all those other certain lots, pieces or parcels of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Laurence street, distant 206 feet and 3 inches from a point formed by the intersection of the northwesterly line of Laurence street with the easterly side of the Tenth avenue; running thence northerly along the southwesterly line of Laurence street, 185 feet 3 inches to a point; thence westerly and parallel to One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, 164 feet and 4 inches to a point; thence northerly and at right angles to said One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, 85 feet and 4 inches to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house, at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the sixth day of March, 1878, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

Dated New York, January 8, 1878.

ELLIOT F. SHEPARD,  
NEVIN W. BUTLER,  
LOUIS MESIER,  
Commissioners.

### JURORS.

### NOTICE IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,  
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,  
NEW YORK, June 1, 1877.

**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)

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
36 UNION SQUARE,  
NEW YORK, January 4, 1878.

**WOODEN AND GALVANIZED IRON BRIDGE, ENTRANCE PORCH, ETC., FOR THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY BUILDING, MANHATTAN SQUARE, CENTRAL PARK.**

**PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL** be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union Square, New York City, until Wednesday, the 23d day of January, 1878, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read—

For the erection of a bridge, entrance porch, etc., for the Museum of Natural History building, situate on Manhattan square, in the Central Park, in the City of New York.

Each proposal must state, both in writing and in figures, a gross price for the whole work.

The work is to be completed within three months from the date of the contract therefor.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residence being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of three thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal, and that if the said person or persons making the proposal shall omit or refuse to execute said contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting.

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all 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, 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.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent by affidavit.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the plans and the terms of the contract (including the specifications), settled as required by law, seen at the office of the Secretary, at the above address.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Bridge, etc., Museum of Natural History," and shall also be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, and the date of presentation.

WM. R. MARTIN, President;  
JAMES F. WENMAN,  
WM. C. WETMORE,  
SAMUEL CONOVER,  
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN,  
Secretary D. P. P.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,  
36 UNION SQUARE,  
NEW YORK, January 4, 1878.

### ENCAUSTIC TILE WORK.

**PROPOSALS, IN SEALED ENVELOPES, WILL** be received at the office of the Department of Public Parks, 36 Union Square, New York City, until Wednesday, the 23d day of January, 1878, at the hour of half-past nine o'clock A. M., when they will be publicly opened by the head of the said Department and read—

For the Tilers' work to be executed in a bridge, entrance porch, etc., to be erected for the Museum of Natural History building, on Manhattan square, in the Central Park, in the City of New York.

Each proposal must state, both in writing and in figures, a gross price for the whole work.

The work is to be completed within four months from the date of the contract therefor.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two responsible householders or freeholders of the City of New York, their respective places of business or residence being named, to the effect that they will become bound as sureties in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, should it be awarded upon that proposal, and that if the said person or persons making the proposal shall omit or refuse to execute said contract, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he or they would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting.

Each proposal must state the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all 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, 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.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposed sureties must verify their consent by affidavit.

Forms of proposals may be obtained, and the plans and the terms of the contract (including the specifications), settled as required by law, seen at the office of the Secretary, at the above address.

Proposals must be addressed to the President of the Department of Public Parks, and indorsed "Proposals for Tilers' Work for Bridge, Museum of Natural History," and shall also be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, and the date of presentation.

WM. R. MARTIN, President;  
JAMES F. WENMAN,  
WM. C. WETMORE,  
SAMUEL CONOVER,  
Commissioners D. P. P.

WM. IRWIN,  
Secretary D. P. P.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,  
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,  
NEW YORK, January 4, 1878.

**SEALED PROPOSALS FOR DOING THE WORK** and furnishing the materials required in the proposed alteration and repairing of the building located at Nos. 22, 24, and 26 Chambers street, will be received as above until 10 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 23d 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," 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 AND 157 MERCER STREET,  
NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

**SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING TO** this Department one hundred and fifty (150) tons Incehall Cannel coal, to weigh two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and to be hand-picked, and free from slate, will be received at these Headquarters until ten (10) o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, January 16, 1878, when they will be publicly opened and read.

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

The coal is to be delivered within two months after the execution of the contract at such of the houses of the Department, and in such quantities and at such times as may be directed.

Two responsible sureties are required upon each proposal, who must each justify thereon, prior to its presentation, in an amount equivalent to one-half the amount of the proposal.

The form of contract, to which especial attention is called, can be seen on application to these Headquarters, where further information and blank proposals may also be obtained.

Proposals must be addressed upon the envelope to the Board of Commissioners of this Department, be indorsed "Proposal for furnishing Cannel Coal," and state the names of the parties making the same.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted, if deemed to be for the interests of the city, and to increase the quantity of coal required under the terms of this advertisement to any amount not exceeding two hundred (200) tons.

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

HEADQUARTERS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,  
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,  
NEW YORK, December 31, 1877.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A ONE-** horse open spring wagon will be sold at public auction by Van Tassel & Kearney, Auctioneers, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday, January 12, 1878, at 12 o'clock M., at the Hospital Stables, No. 199 Chrystie street.

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

HEADQUARTERS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,  
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,  
NEW YORK, December 29, 1877.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIVE (5)** horses will be sold at public auction, by Vantassel & Kearney, Auctioneers, to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, January 12, 1878, at 12 o'clock M., at the Hospital Stables, No. 199 Chrystie street.

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

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, January 9, 1878.

### PROPOSALS FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO LUNATIC ASYLUM, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

**PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS** above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Tuesday, January 22, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read, by the head of said Department, for—

"Alterations and Additions to Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, as per plans and specifications to be seen at this office."

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 freeholder 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 estimate 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 to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is 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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, January 8, 1878.

**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, January 6, 1878—William Westerman; aged 52 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; brown hair; blue eyes. Had on when admitted, black coat, gray pants and vest, black felt hat, shoes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

John Fisher; aged 49 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Clothing old and worn out. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, December 31, 1877.

**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 N. Y. City Asylum for the Insane, Ward's Island, December 25, 1877—John McDermott; aged 33 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; blue eyes; black hair. Had on when admitted black coat, dark-mixed pants and vest, white shirt. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, December 28, 1877—Ellen Harmon; aged 41 years; blue eyes; brown hair. Admitted to Asylum May 18, 1863. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, January 5, 1877.

### PROPOSALS FOR 5,000 TONS OF WHITE ASH STOVE COAL FOR THE OUT-DOOR POOR, AND CARTING SAME.

**PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS** above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, January 19, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for 5,000 tons White Ash Stove Coal, of the best quality; to be delivered in cargoes alongside such piers on the east and west side of the city, and at such times as the Commissioners may direct. Each ton to consist of 2,240 pounds.

Also, proposals for carting and delivering said coal, in such quantities and in such parts of the city as the Commissioners may direct.

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 to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is 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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, January 5, 1877.

### PROPOSALS FOR 17,150 TONS WHITE ASH COAL.

**PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS** above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, at their office, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, January 19, 1878, at which time they will be publicly opened and read by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering 17,150 tons of White Ash Coal, of the best quality; to be well screened and in good order. Each ton to consist of 2,240 pounds. None other will be accepted. All of said coal to be delivered as required, in about the following sizes and quantities, free of all expense, at the following places:

At Blackwell's Island—  
5,000 tons grate size.  
250 tons stove size.  
At Ward's Island—  
4,000 tons grate size.  
At Bellevue Hospital—  
2,000 tons grate size.  
250 tons stove size.  
At Hart's Island—  
500 tons egg size.  
At Randall's Island—  
1,800 tons egg size.  
500 tons stove size.  
200 tons nut size.  
At City Prisons—  
600 tons egg size.  
At Steamboat Dock, foot of East Twenty-sixth street, for use of steamboats, in cargoes of about 200 tons per month—  
2,000 tons grate size.  
At No. 66 Third avenue—  
50 tons egg size.

Proposals to state the particular description of coal to be delivered as known in the market, from what mine produced, and all particulars, to enable the Board to arrive at a proper decision.

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 to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is 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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, January 3, 1878.

**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 Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, January 1, 1878—Mary Kelly; aged 55 years; 5 feet 3 1/2 inches high; dark gray eyes; light brown hair. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,  
CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST.,  
NEW YORK, January 2, 1878.

**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 Hart's Island Hospital, December 31, 1877—Ann Kelly; aged 25 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; blue eyes; light hair. Had on when admitted, black merino dress, white flannel petticoat, striped woolen shawl, cloth gaiters, straw hat. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

By Order,

JOSHUA PHILLIPS,  
Secretary.



## FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,  
NEW YORK, January 7, 1878.

## 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 DECEMBER 31, 1877.

96th street, sewer, between 8th and 10th avenues.  
44th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 1st to 3d avenue.

3d avenue, regulating and paving, from Westchester avenue to 163d street.  
3d avenue, regulating and paving, from 163d street to northern boundary 23d Ward.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before March 8, 1878, 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.

EDWARD GILON,  
Collector of Assessments.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

## CORPORATION SALE OF LEASE OF THE HAY SCALES AT TOMPKINS MARKET.

THE LEASE OF THE HAY SCALES AT TOMPKINS Market until May 1, 1879, will be sold at public auction at the new Court-house, on Thursday, December 13, 1877, at 12 o'clock noon.

## TERMS OF SALE.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent; or forfeited, if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation. (Sec. 99 of Charter of 1873.)

The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the city during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly; and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

JOHN KELLY,  
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, December 7, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 27, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,  
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, December 13, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 10, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,  
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 17, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,  
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

## SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISES.

THE FRANCHISES TO RUN THE FOLLOWING ferries and a lease of the wharf property belonging to the city, if any, set apart for ferry purposes at each of said ferries, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on Thursday, November 8, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of five years from November 1, 1877, except as otherwise stated:

Ferry from Peck Slip, New York City, to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street at Third Avenue, Harlem, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East River.

Ferry from Fulton Market slip, New York City, to Mott Haven, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East River, until May 1, 1879.

Ferry as now established from foot of Roosevelt street, Brooklyn, Eastern District, together with the bulkheads and slips adjacent to and east of the wharf property at foot of Roosevelt street, East River, owned by the Bridge Company, and now occupied for said ferry.

Bidders must bid for the franchise and lease of wharf property of each ferry separately, but no bid will be received unless it includes an offer for both the ferry franchise and wharf property.

The form of the lease required to be executed by the highest bidder can be seen at the office of the Comptroller.

All bids will be regarded as made with reference to said form of lease, and in case the highest bidder shall neglect to execute a lease according to said form, for ten days after said sale, his bid will, at the option of the Comptroller and the Board of the Department of Docks, be rejected.

The leases will contain a covenant requiring the lessees to pay rent quarter-yearly to the Comptroller.

The minimum rate for which the ferry franchise or license to operate such ferries shall be used or enjoyed has been appraised and set by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at five per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts for ferriage collected at the New York landing-place for the ferry as now established from the foot of Roosevelt street, New York, to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, and at two and one-half per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts collected for ferriage for the ferries from Peck slip, New York, to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, Third Avenue, Harlem; and from Fulton Market slip, New York, to Mott Haven, such percentage to be paid quarter-yearly to the Corporation, and a covenant will be contained in each lease requiring the lessees to make and deliver to the Comptroller of the City of New York, quarter-yearly, a statement in writing, verified by oath or affirmation of the lessee, or of such proper officer of the lessee as may be designated by the Comptroller, of the actual total gross receipts for ferriage received by such lessee during the preceding three months, and also, that the lessee shall keep regular books of account, showing the daily gross receipts of the ferry leased, and allow said Comptroller, or any person designated by him, to examine such books.

The franchise will be put up and knocked down to the person offering to pay the largest percentage.

All moneys received for the conveyance of passengers, animals, vehicles, or freight from New York to be collected at the landing place in New York, or, if collected elsewhere, to be included in the receipts upon which such percentage is to be calculated and paid.

No bid less than such percentage on such gross receipts will be entertained.

The successful bidder will be required to pay to the Collector of City Revenue the sum of fifteen hundred dollars immediately after the franchise shall have been struck down to him, as security for the execution and performance of the lease, such amount to be credited on the rent when the same becomes due.

Security, satisfactory to the Comptroller, will be required for the punctual performance by the lessees of the covenants of the lease of the franchise in their behalf.

Each purchaser of a lease will be required, at the time of the sale, and in addition to the auctioneer's fees, to pay to the Department of Docks twenty-five per cent. of the amount of the annual rent bid for the wharf property, as security for the execution of the lease, and which twenty-five per cent. will be applied to the payment of the rent for such property first accruing under the lease, when executed, or forfeited if the lessee neglects or refuses to execute the lease and bond after being duly notified that the lease is prepared and ready for signature, or, in case the bid be finally rejected, will be returned to the bidder.

Lessees will be required to pay their rent for the wharf property quarterly, in advance, in compliance with a stipulation therefor in the form of the lease adopted.

The franchise and the lease of the wharf property, if any, of each ferry will be put up and sold together to the highest bidder, subject to the condition hereinafter expressed, and subject also to the right of the Comptroller and the Board of the Department of Docks to reject any or all bids, if deemed to be for the interest of the city.

The right to reject any bid, if deemed to be to the interest of the City of New York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,

HENRY F. DIMOCK,

JACOB VANDERPOEL,

Board of Department of Docks.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, November 1, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 15, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, November 8, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 22, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, November 15, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 13, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, December 13, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 10, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 17, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, AUCTIONEER.

## SALE OF FERRY FRANCHISE.

## PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

THE FRANCHISE TO RUN THE FOLLOWING ferry and a lease of the wharf property belonging to the city, set apart for ferry purposes at said ferry, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the City of New York, on Thursday, October 25, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the period of five years from November 1, 1877, namely:

Ferry from Ninety-second street, East River, to Astoria, Queens County, Long Island.

Bidders must bid for the franchise and lease of wharf property of said ferry separately, but no bid will be received unless it includes an offer for both the ferry franchise and wharf property.

The form of the lease required to be executed by the highest bidder can be seen at the office of the Comptroller.

All bids will be regarded as made with reference to said form of lease, and in case the highest bidder shall neglect to execute a lease according to said form, for ten days after said sale, his bid will, at the option of the Comptroller and the Board of the Department of Docks, be rejected.

The leases will contain a covenant requiring the lessees to pay rent quarter-yearly to the Comptroller.

The minimum price for which the lease of said wharf property connected with the ferry from Ninety-second street, East River, to Astoria, Long Island, will be sold, has been fixed by the Board of the Department of Docks at the following sum, namely:

For bulkhead at foot of Ninety-second street, East River, and for premises at foot of Fulton street, Astoria, as now occupied for ferry purposes, at \$250 per annum.

The premises connected with the said ferry, to be taken in the condition in which they were in on the 1st day of August, 1877, and all repairs and rebuilding thereof, and dredging at said ferry during the term leased, to be done at the expense and cost of the lessees.

The purchaser of the lease will be required, at the time of the sale, and in addition to the auctioneer's fees, to pay to the Department of Docks twenty-five per cent. of the amount of the annual rent bid for the wharf property, as security for the execution of the lease, and which twenty-five per cent. will be applied to the payment of the rent for such property first accruing under the lease, when executed, or forfeited if the lessee neglects or refuses to execute the lease and bond after being duly notified that the lease is prepared and ready for signature, or, in case the bid be finally rejected, will be returned to the bidder.

Lessees will be required to pay their rent for the wharf property quarterly, in advance, in compliance with a stipulation therefor in the form of the lease adopted.

The franchise and the lease of the wharf property, if any, of each ferry will be put up and sold together to the highest bidder, subject to the condition hereinafter expressed, and subject also to the right of the Comptroller

and the Board of the Department of Docks to reject any or all bids, if deemed to be for the interest of the city.

The right to reject any bid, if deemed to be to the interest of the City of New York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

JACOB A. WESTERVELT,

HENRY F. DIMOCK,

JACOB VANDERPOEL,

Board of Department of Docks.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 8, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, October 25, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 15, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, November 8, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, November 22, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, November 15, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 13, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, November 22, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, December 27, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, December 13, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 10, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, December 27, 1877.

The above sale is adjourned to Thursday, January 17, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the same place.

JOHN KELLY,

Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, January 10, 1878.

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,  
NEW YORK, December 4, 1877.

## 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 NOVEMBER 27, 1877.

Broadway, sewer, between Manhattan and 133d streets, etc.

130th street, sewer, between Broadway and 10th avenue.

152d street, sewer, between 10th avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

Clinton street, basins, northeast and northwest corners of South street.

Little 12th street, curbing, guttering and flagging, south side, between Washington street and Tenth avenue.

64th street, curbing and guttering, between 8th and 9th avenues.

56th street, flagging, between 6th and 7th avenues.

58th street, flagging, from southeast corner of 9th avenue to 344 W. 58th street.

60th street, flagging, south side, between 1st and 2d avenues.

64th street, flagging, between 8th and 9th avenues.

Marion avenue, flagging, from Kingsbridge road to Ridge street (24th Ward).

Berrian avenue, flagging, west side, from the 2d angle north of Kingsbridge road to Isaac street.

Berrian avenue, crosswalk and flagging, between Kingsbridge road and Isaac street.

4th avenue, paving, from north to south side, 71st street to 56th street.

56th street, " " " 6th to 7th avenue.

95th " " " 1st " 2d " "

105th " " " 8th avenue to Boulevard.

106th " " " 3d " to Harlem river.

121st " " " 1st " to 4th avenue.

Broadway, fencing vacant lots, from 42d to 59th street.

43d street, fencing vacant lots, south side, between 3d and Lexington avenues.

45th street, fencing vacant lots, north side, between 9th and 10th avenues.

54th street, fencing vacant lots, northwest corner 6th avenue.

60th street, fencing vacant lots, north side, between 10th and 11th avenues.

64th street, fencing vacant lots, north side, between Boulevard and 8th avenue.

71st and 72d streets, fencing vacant lots, between 2d and 3d avenues (block).

73d and 74th streets, fencing vacant lots, between 5th and Madison avenues (block).

83d and 84th streets, fencing vacant lots, between 5th and Madison avenues (block).

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 1, 1878, 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.

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.

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

JOHN KELLY,  
Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, February 6, 1877.

## INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.

THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND STOCKS of the City of New York, due February 1, 1878, will be paid on that day by the Comptroller, at his office in the New Court-house.

The transfer books will be closed from January 15 to February 1, 1878.

JOHN KELLY,  
Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, January 4, 1878.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,  
NEW YORK, December 21, 1877.

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 15, 1877.

56th street, paving, from Madison to 4th avenue.  
100th street, paving, from 8th to 10th avenue.  
152d street, paving, from St. Nicholas avenue to the Boulevard.

79th street, regulating and paving, from 9th avenue to Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 19, 1878, 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.

EDWARD GILON,  
Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,  
No. 16 NEW COURT-HOUSE, CITY HALL PARK,  
NEW YORK, December 6, 1877.

## 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 NOVEMBER 30, 1877.

76th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 8th avenue to Riverside Drive.

West street, flagging (full width on east side), from Horatio to Gansevoort street.

109th street, curb, gutter, and flagging, from 3d to 5th avenue.

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