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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1880, }
12 o'clock M.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, as amended by section 1, chapter 757, Laws of 1874; section 1 of chapter 515, Laws of 1874, and section 1, chapter 400, Laws of 1878, the Aldermen elected at the election held November 4, 1879, now alone constituting the Common Council of the City of New York, appeared in the chamber of the Board, No. 16 City Hall, at 12 o'clock M., precisely, having previously taken and filed the oath of office required by law.

Francis J. Twomey, Clerk of the Common Council, called the members of the Board to order, and read the following certificates from the County Clerk:

DECLARATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK IN RELATION TO VOTES GIVEN FOR ALDERMEN.

The Board of County Canvassers of the County of New York, having canvassed and estimated the votes given in the several Election Districts in each of the Assembly Districts of said County, at the General Election held on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1879, do hereby certify, determine, and declare:

ALDERMEN-AT-LARGE.

That Patrick Keenan, William Sauer, William Wade, Nicholas Haughton, James J. Slevin, and Charles H. Marshall, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen-at-Large of the City and County of New York.

ALDERMEN.

That Thomas Sheils, William P. Kirk, and Jeremiah Murphy, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Fourth Senate District of the City and County of New York, as the same existed on the first day of January, 1878.

That John W. Jacobus, John J. Morris, and Bernard Goodwin, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Fifth Senate District of the City and County of New York, as the same existed on the first day of January, 1878.

That Bernard Kenney, Joseph P. Strack, and Frederick Finck, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Sixth Senate District of the City and County of New York, as the same existed on the first day of January, 1878.

That Robert Hall, Robert Foster, and Frederick Helbig, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Seventh Senate District of the City and County of New York, as the same existed on the first day of January, 1878.

That Henry C. Perley, John McClave, and Matthew J. Coggey, by the greatest number of votes, were duly elected Aldermen for the Eighth Senate District of the City and County of New York, as the same existed on the first day of January, 1878.

That Henry Haffen, by the greatest number of votes, was duly elected Alderman for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York.

We certify this declaration to be correct, and have caused the same to be attested by the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary of this Board, this twenty-fifth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

JAMES J. SLEVIN, Chairman.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Secretary.

State of New York, City and County of New York, } ss.:
County Clerk's Office.

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original declaration on file in this office, and that it is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

Witness my hand and official seal at the New County Court-house, in the City and County of New York, this twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

HUBERT O. THOMPSON,
Clerk of the County of New York.

The Clerk then called the roll, and the following members answered to their names:

ALDERMEN

Matthew J. Coggey,	John W. Jacobus,	Jeremiah Murphy,
Frederick Finck,	Patrick Keenan,	Henry C. Perley,
Robert Foster,	Bernard Kenney,	William Sauer,
Bernard Goodwin,	William P. Kirk,	Thomas Sheils,
Henry Haffen,	Charles H. Marshall,	James J. Slevin,
Robert Hall,	John McClave,	Joseph P. Strack,
Nicholas Haughton,	John J. Morris,	William Wade.
Frederick Helbig,		

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Alderman Sauer offered the following:

Resolved, That Alderman James J. Slevin be and he is hereby appointed Temporary Chairman of this Board of Aldermen for the purpose of organization.

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

Alderman Finck offered the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to conduct the Temporary Chairman to the chair.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And Aldermen Finck and Kenney were appointed as such Committee.

Alderman Slevin, on taking the chair, thanked the members of the Board for the honor conferred upon him in selecting him to preside temporarily over their deliberations.

He then instructed the Clerk to call the roll of members, as provided in section 6 of chapter 335 of the Laws of 1873, when each one was to announce his choice for President of the Board.

Which proceeding resulted as follows:

For John J. Morris—Aldermen Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kirk, McClave, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, and Wade—14.

For Nicholas Haughton—Aldermen Coggey, Hall, Kenney, Marshall, Murphy, and Strack—6.

By Alderman Jacobus—

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to conduct the President to the chair.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And Aldermen Jacobus and Sauer were appointed as such Committee; who, having performed the duty assigned them, were discharged.

The President having taken the chair, addressed the Board, acknowledging the honor conferred, and assuring the members that honesty and impartiality would guide his rulings and decisions.

By Alderman Perley—

Resolved, That Francis J. Twomey be and he is hereby elected Clerk of this Board of Aldermen.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Haughton, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—22.

By Alderman Kirk—

Resolved, That James Walsh be and he is hereby elected Sergeant-at-Arms of this Board of Aldermen.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Haughton, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—22.

By Alderman Slevin—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor, and inform him that the Board of Aldermen for the year 1880 is duly organized, as required by law, and prepared to receive any communication he may desire to transmit to the Board.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And Aldermen Slevin, Perley, and Marshall were appointed such Committee.

By Alderman Foster—

Resolved, That the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen for the year 1879 be and they are hereby adopted as the Rules and Orders of this Board, until otherwise ordered.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Sauer moved that when this Board adjourns, it do so to meet on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Sauer moved that the Board now take a recess for ten minutes.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

AFTER RECESS—12:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

Hon. John J. Morris, President;

ALDERMEN

Matthew J. Coggey,	Frederick Helbig,	Jeremiah Murphy,
Frederick Finck,	John W. Jacobus,	Henry C. Perley,
Robert Foster,	Patrick Keenan,	William Sauer,
Bernard Goodwin,	Bernard Kenney,	Thomas Sheils,
Henry Haffen,	William P. Kirk,	James J. Slevin,
Robert Hall,	Charles H. Marshall,	Joseph P. Strack,
Nicholas Haughton,	John McClave,	William Wade.

The Committee appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor here appeared and reported that they had performed the duties assigned them, and that his Honor would communicate with the Board by message. The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 5, 1880.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The efficiency of our municipal administration depends largely upon the power of the Mayor to hold the heads of the several Departments to a strict accountability. For this it is especially important that he be able to substitute competent and upright men for those found to be unfit for office.

The Charter was long supposed to contain provisions sufficient to secure this end. During the past year, however, these provisions have been submitted to judicial criticism. One judge has held that proceedings by the Mayor for the removal of an executive officer are judicial in their nature and reviewable by the courts.

This view, if sustained, must seriously embarrass the operations of the city government. Procrastination and delay in the removal of incompetent and corrupt officials must be the result, and it is not at all improbable that the Chief Executive of the city would be engaged for his entire term in a fruitless contest to get rid of a subordinate whose removal was demanded by the public interests. Another judge has practically decided that a person continuing in office after the expiration of his term is no longer subject to removal by the Mayor and Governor, whatever his incapacity or however great his delinquencies.

This interpretation of the law would prevent the Mayor from removing by his own act any official who was holding over under the statute after his term had expired, leaving as the only remedy the confirmation by the Board of Aldermen of a substitute nominated by the Mayor.

If the Aldermen fail to confirm such nominations, the official, no matter how incompetent or derelict, will continue to hold his office. These novel interpretations of law are now in progress through the appellate courts. If sustained they will continue as seriously to embarrass the administration of the city government, as they have already been effective to retain officials in important offices, although their retirement would be of great advantage to the public service.

Upon some of my nominations your predecessors either neglected to act or failed to concur with me. There, therefore, now exist vacancies in several of the most important offices, which can only be filled with your concurrence. I earnestly call your attention to the necessity of acting upon nominations without greater delay than may be required to investigate the character and capacity of the nominees.

Among the most important functions of the Board of Aldermen is the authorization of public works. The necessity of extending the water supply and of improving the condition of the pavements should insure prompt consideration of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Public Works, which cannot be carried out without your action. During 1879 the work of repaving the streets was postponed for several months, until near the close of the season suitable for such work, in consequence of the delay of the Board of Aldermen in authorizing it.

In the time of extravagance and speculation, the Department of Public Works was the chief agency in increasing debt and taxation, and in creating assessment charges upon real estate greatly in excess of the intrinsic value of the improvements. Property-owners who clamored for the completion of such improvements must share with incapable or corrupt officers the responsibility for burdens which have been so fruitful a source of complaint and so serious a hindrance to the development of the city. The present head of the Department of Public Works has pursued a policy of economical and well-considered expenditure, without neglecting timely and necessary improvements.

The following table shows the expenditure of the Department from 1870 to 1880:

YEAR.	TAXATION AND APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS.	ASSESSMENT ACCOUNTS.	BONDED ACCOUNTS.	TOTAL.
1870.....	\$2,803,881 37	\$3,590,866 44	\$705,304 21	\$7,100,052 02
1871.....	2,583,616 43	3,691,249 10	2,442,220 44	8,717,085 97
1872.....	1,804,468 40	2,322,137 37	1,609,507 84	5,826,113 67
1873.....	1,493,631 13	4,401,479 74	1,859,344 01	7,754,454 88
1874.....	1,630,855 80	4,582,497 52	1,320,936 84	7,534,290 22
1875.....	1,772,053 35	3,408,084 75	747,076 39	5,927,814 49
1876.....	1,448,679 77	2,018,680 95	907,500 01	4,374,860 73
1877.....	1,659,709 47	797,781 68	656,298 28	3,113,789 43
1878.....	1,589,663 72	626,514 14	610,540 61	2,826,718 47
1879.....	1,445,645 22	304,559 25	296,011 58	2,328,091 23

Liabilities outstanding December 31, 1879.....\$221,875.18

During the past year I have disapproved of several resolutions which granted valuable franchises without an adequate return to the City Treasury. Any such grant which can be made the subject of competition should be disposed of at auction or by sealed bids, as ferry franchises are disposed of by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. In the case of enterprises protected from competition by patents or legislative grants, the consent of the local authorities should not be given without the payment of a reasonable compensation. Had this policy been pursued heretofore, the city would now be in receipt of large revenues from these sources.

I ask attention to the evil of special legislation by the Common Council in favor of private privileges in the public streets. Out of 1,160 resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen during 1879, over 500 were authorizations for street-stands, show-cases, etc. The law on the subject of street obstructions, as construed by a decision of the Supreme Court during the past year, leaves the Common Council without authority to pass the greater number of these resolutions.

Under the statute ordinarily known as the Rapid Transit Act, on the petition of residents of the annexed district of Westchester, I appointed in April last a commission which designated routes for steam railways, not only in that district, but also on Fourth avenue and other streets south of the Harlem river. The Board of Aldermen wisely declined to give their consent to the routes adopted. A judicial proceeding is now pending in respect to the powers of a second commission which I appointed on a similar application made in July last. A petition for the appointment of a third commission was filed on December 19. The need of rapid transit in the annexed district is conceded; but care will be necessary to avoid further complications which may retard the construction of the roads.

During the past year the Board of Aldermen have passed several resolutions in regard to the elevated railroads already constructed. These roads have proved a great public convenience; but this does not justify encroachments upon the rights of the public or the use of structures over the streets as workshops or for the storage of cars or materials.

The present condition of the finances of the city and the transactions of the several Departments can be more satisfactorily treated by taking into consideration the operations of the entire year after the data for the last quarter are attainable.

The Funded Debt of the city on the 30th of November, 1879, amounted to..... \$122,967,833 66

Assessment Bonds outstanding..... 13,325,100 00

Debt, exclusive of Revenue Bonds..... \$136,292,933 66

Debt of Morrisania, West Farms, and Westchester, assumed by the city..... 1,036,014 58

Deduct Sinking Fund..... \$137,328,948 24

Net Funded Debt..... 32,800,751 89

At the same date there were Revenue Bonds outstanding as follows:

Payable from Taxes of 1877..... \$150,000 00

" " 1878..... 2,031,000 00

" " 1879..... 10,805,500 00

Issued under Special Laws..... 13,966 41

\$13,000,466 41

The Personal Taxes uncollected December 22, 1879, amounted to..... \$11,475,380 62

The uncollected Taxes on Real Estate November 30, 1879, amounted to..... 13,744,883 23

The uncollected Assessments November 1, 1879, amounted to..... 9,437,891 44

\$34,658,155 29

A large portion of the personal taxes are of long standing and probably will never be collected. Property upon which assessments were laid several years ago, and which, until recently, could not have been sold for the amount of the assessments, has so increased in value that owners are now paying off arrears of assessments to a very considerable extent. It only requires an impartial execution of the law, and the abstention by the Legislature from any interference for the benefit of special interests, to bring a large proportion of overdue assessments into the City Treasury.

More than forty years ago the Sinking Funds of the city were established for the purpose of retaining certain revenues in trust for the payment of the principal and interest of certain portions of the Funded Debt of the city. These revenues, solemnly pledged to a well defined object, have increased with the growth of the city, and the wise policy of an earlier era has resulted in providing funds which will in about twenty-five years pay off the entire amount of the present debt. These revenues cannot be otherwise applied, and by the very force of law will work out that result if new obligations are not incurred to increase the debt.

The test of fidelity in the struggle in behalf of economy is to be found in resisting unnecessary expenditure and in the reduction of the cost of such operations of the government of the city as are essential to its maintenance and development. This directly touches the interests of those who derive advantage in any form from moneys paid out of the treasury. It is very generally resisted by those who profit by these expenditures, either in salaries or through other payments, and requires a constant watchfulness and energetic struggle quite different from the silent automatic operation of an established agency like the Sinking Fund to reduce the debt.

The failure of repeated attempts in the Legislature to reduce the salary list of the city has afforded ample evidence of the strength of the influences which are at work to defeat the legitimate popular demand for cheaper administration. The salaries of a large number of employees are fixed by statute, and cannot be reduced by the city government. Were the Legislature even disposed to reduce the compensation of these officials during their terms, the constitutional amendments would render it difficult of accomplishment; but there is no constitutional impediment to the reduction of the compensation of future appointees.

The following table gives the amount of the tax levy for each year since 1873, and the amount of the State taxes included in the levy for each year:

	Tax Levies.	State Taxes.
1874.....	\$32,312,816	\$7,673,481
1875.....	32,367,744	8,012,386
1876.....	31,109,521	7,233,189
1877.....	29,178,940	4,162,883
1878.....	28,008,888	3,911,326
1879.....	28,226,988	3,751,062

The reduction between the amount of taxation of the years 1874 and 1879 is about \$4,000,000.

It will be seen, however, that there has been no substantial reduction in the expense of administering the city government, as the reduction in the State taxes is about equal to the reduction in the tax levy.

Prior to the election of 1878 I stated my conviction that in a union of citizens upon municipal issues, irrespective of their differences upon questions of national or State politics, it is proper that the interests of neither party should suffer, and that, if elected, I should respect these considerations. I have adhered strictly to this policy, and have made nominations and appointments from both of the leading political parties, although the greater number of vacancies occurred among officials who differed from me in political faith. While in general terms it is true that the best men who will consent to serve should be appointed to office, without regard to political affiliations, it is impracticable to ignore party lines so long as elections are conducted by political organizations, and citizens are controlled by party ties in municipal elections. In my nominations for appointment, by your consent, it is my intention, while preserving a due regard for political considerations, to name only persons fully qualified to fill the positions for which they are selected.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

The message having been read, Alderman Wade offered the following:

Resolved, That the message of his Honor the Mayor be entered at length in the minutes, that five hundred copies be printed in document form, and that the several subjects referred to therein be referred, by the President, to the appropriate Committees of this Board, when appointed. Alderman Sauer moved to amend by striking out the words "five hundred," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one hundred."

Alderman Sheils, as an amendment to the amendment, moved to strike out the words "five hundred," and insert in lieu thereof the words "two hundred and fifty."

Which was accepted.

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

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.

(For which see Document No. 1.)

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 23, 1879, that the vacant lots on the south side of One Hundred and

Twentieth street, between First avenue and Avenue A, be filled in and fenced in and the sidewalk flagged and reflagged.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that the fencing of these lots is necessary, but that the sidewalks have once been flagged full width, and the property assessed for it. The property cannot be again assessed for the same improvement. The resolution should be amended so as to include only fencing of the lots.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That vacant lots on the south side of One Hundred and Twentieth street, between First avenue and Avenue A, be filled in and fenced in, and the sidewalk flagged and reflagged four feet wide, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 23, 1879, giving permission to A. W. Barney to place and keep a watering-trough on the northeast corner of Jay and West streets.

These streets are generally crowded and the stopping of teams at the location named in the resolution would be an impediment to public travel. Under date of October 28, 1879, I returned without approval a resolution giving permission to D. J. Barney for a watering-trough at the same place.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to A. W. Barney to place and keep a watering-trough on the northeast corner of Jay and West streets, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen and accompanying ordinance, adopted December 23, 1879, that One Hundred and Twelfth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, be regulated and graded, curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged four feet wide.

As no petition for the improvement accompanies the resolution, it does not appear that it is desired by the property-owners interested.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twelfth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, be regulated and graded, curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged four feet wide, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 3, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 23, 1879, authorizing and empowering the "Prall Heating and Power Company" to lay mains and pipes in the streets, avenues, and public places in the City of New York.

The system has not yet been practically tested on a sufficiently large scale to give assurance of success. The public should not be exposed to the inconvenience of having the pavement broken up except under rigorous conditions of supervision and control. The city should receive a reasonable compensation for the grant. I do not think the conditions prescribed by the resolution are such as to insure these results. The proposition to pay the city one-half of the profits over ten per cent. will probably prove illusory, as there is no limitation on the amount at which the nominal capital may be fixed.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That the "Prall Heating and Power Company" be authorized and empowered to lay mains and pipes in the streets, avenues, and public places in the City of New York, for conveying hot water or steam for the purpose of supplying heat and power to the inhabitants for warming buildings, driving elevators, extinguishing fires, and for all other purposes for which hot water or steam may be employed under the Prall patented system, upon the following conditions, viz.:

First—That said company shall annually pay into the City Treasury one-half of all the bona fide profits earned over and above ten per cent., and as a guarantee said company shall pay annually the sum of three cents for each lineal foot of streetway in which the mains are laid; it being understood that the amount so paid per lineal foot as a certainty shall be deducted from the amount payable to the city as their one-half of the surplus profits.

Second—That said company shall furnish heat for heating all public buildings situated on the line of their mains at forty per centum (40%) less than the average annual cost has been during the years from 1872 to 1879.

Third—That said company shall also provide taps for connecting fire hydrants along the line of their mains, wherever required to do so; and shall supply hot water from their mains under sufficient pressure to rise through stand-pipes to the tops of the highest buildings, and at a cost that shall be reasonable to the city.

Fourth—In all cases where the pavements are to be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing said pipes, a permit therefor shall first be obtained from the Commissioner of Public Works, and the company, before taking out such permit, shall deposit with the Comptroller of the city a sum, in cash, sufficient, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, to defray the entire cost of replacing said pavement, and keeping such portion as is disturbed by said company in repair for one year. The pipes shall be laid under such regulations as the Commissioner of Public Works may from time to time establish, and under such part of roadway or sidewalk as he may prescribe on the permit; and if at any time the Commissioner of Public Works shall direct any changes to be made in the location or arrangement of said pipes, for the purpose of the laying, altering, or removing city water-pipes or sewers, or doing any other public work, such changes shall be made by the company at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and in no case shall the city be liable for any injury or damage to the said pipes. And in laying said pipes the company shall in no wise interfere with any sewers, water-pipes, or other pipes heretofore laid, without the consent of the Commissioner of Public Works and the owners of said pipes.

Fifth—That said company shall also pay the expenses of an engineer, to be appointed by the city, at a salary at a rate not exceeding \$1,500 annually, to inspect the laying of the pipes, and to furnish a record of the location of said system.

Sixth—That said company shall supply all apparatus, patented to their system, to the city at rates ten per centum (10%) lower than to other consumers.

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and accompanying ordinance, adopted December 23, 1879, that the sidewalk on both sides of West Thirteenth street, from West Fourth street to the Ninth avenue, be flagged full width, where not already so flagged.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that this street has been once flagged and the adjoining property assessed therefor. It is doubtful if an assessment could be laid for the work.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on both sides of West Thirteenth street, from West Fourth street to the Ninth avenue, be flagged full width, where not already so flagged, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 23, 1879, giving permission to James Gault to erect and keep a bay-window on premises on Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Seventeenth street.

The extent of the proposed structure is not defined in the resolution, nor does the very imperfect pencil sketch which accompanies the resolution show, either by scale or figures, the height or width of the bay-window, or how far it extends beyond the house-line.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Gault to erect and keep a bay-window on premises on Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Seventeenth street, as on accompanying diagram, the permission of property-owners having been obtained, as hereto annexed, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and accompanying ordinance, adopted December 23, 1879, that the four vacant lots on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, commencing one hundred feet east of First avenue, be filled in and fenced.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that these lots are only about five feet below the grade and reasonably level, with only a few places in which drainage water collects. One connection with the sewer would remedy the objection complained of, without putting the owners of the lots to the expense of filling in, which would have to be taken away when the property is improved.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That the four (4) vacant lots on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, commencing one hundred feet east of First avenue, be filled in and fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 23, 1879, giving permission to W. Jones to retain a flag-pole thirty feet high, in front of No. 72 Chatham street.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports to me that this pole is not a flag-pole, but a barber's pole, the foot being at the house-line and the top extending beyond the curb-line and standing across the sidewalk.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to W. Jones to retain a flag-pole thirty feet high in front of premises No. 72 Chatham street; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and accompanying ordinance, adopted December 23, 1879, authorizing the paving of Madison avenue, from Eighty-sixth street to Ninetieth street, with granite or trap-block pavement; also the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and accompanying ordinance, adopted December 23, 1879, authorizing the paving of Eighty-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, with granite or trap-block pavement.

A case is now pending in the courts involving the question of the validity of an assessment made under an ordinance similar to the above, authorizing the paving of a street with "granite or trap-block pavement," instead of stating specifically the kind of pavement authorized.

Madison avenue, between Eighty-sixth and Ninetieth streets, is regulated and graded, curbed and flagged, but is not sewered. There are no houses upon it, except St. Luke's Home, on the northeast corner of Eighty-ninth street. There is no petition for the work.

In Eighty-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, all the improvements except the paving have been made, and a petition for the work accompanies the resolution. In this case I recommend that another ordinance be passed, specifying distinctly the kind of pavement to be used.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

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

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

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

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted December 23, 1879, giving permission to David Davidson to place a stand, during lunch hours only, in front of No. 29 William street.

Licenses for stands inside the stoop-line are granted by the Bureau of Permits on payment of an annual license fee of one dollar, and compliance with the usual and reasonable conditions. Stands outside the stoop-line are special privileges generally detrimental to the use and appearance of the street. Nothing appears to show that the above case constitutes an exception to the general rule.

EDWARD COOPER, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to David Davidson to place a stand, during lunch hours only, in front of premises No. 29 William street, the consent of the occupant of the premises having been obtained and is hereto annexed; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Sauer moved that the Clerk be instructed to ask the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the propriety or legality of vetoing in the present Board of Aldermen subjects passed by the late Board, and if it is in the power of the present Board legally to act upon said vetoes, as provided in section 13, chapter 335, Laws of 1873.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation was received to attend the grand annual reception of Dover Post 112, Delaware, G. A. R., on Tuesday evening, January 6, 1880, at Walhalla Hall.

Which was accepted.

An invitation was received from the Anawanda Club to attend their annual reception at Irving Hall, on the evening of January 21, 1880.

Which was accepted.

An invitation was received from the Metropolitan-Manhattan Railway Mutual Aid Association to attend their second annual ball at Ferrero's Assembly Rooms, on Tuesday evening, January 13, 1880.

Which was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the County Clerk:

NEW YORK, January 5, 1880.

Honorable President of the Board of Aldermen:

DEAR SIR—Herewith please find list of Commissioners of Deeds whose terms of office will expire during the month of January, 1880.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM A. BUTLER,
Clerk of the City and County of New York.

Hiram W. Edes.....	January 4, 1880.
Michael F. Finnegan.....	" 4, "
William R. Farrell.....	" 15, "
Philip N. Ganlon.....	" 15, "
Walter R. Gorman.....	" 29, "
George Geoghegan.....	" 29, "
Edward J. Halligan.....	" 4, "
Ole H. Holberg.....	" 29, "
Cornelius J. Kane.....	" 4, "
Robert Lyon, Jr.....	" 4, "
Daniel Leany.....	" 5, "
Henry Morgenthau.....	" 4, "
Benjamin A. Moran.....	" 5, "
Horace Secor, Jr.....	" 4, "
Nicholas Seagrist.....	" 5, "
Patrick J. Scully.....	" 9, "
Frank Schaeffler.....	" 9, "
Theodore Wright.....	" 29, "

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE.

The President here announced, as the Committee on Finance for the present year, Aldermen Keenan, McClave, Slevin, Marshall, and Jacobus.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman Keenan—Resolved, That Hiram W. Edes be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Haughton, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—22.

By Alderman Jacobus—Resolved, That James M. Jarvis be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Theodore J. Stuyvesant, who has failed to qualify.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Haughton, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—22.

By Alderman Haughton—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.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Haughton, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Slevin, Strack, and Wade—22.

By Alderman Perley—Resolved, That Henry Morgenthau be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Henry Morgenthau, whose term of office expires January 4, 1880.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Coggey, Finck, Foster, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Haughton, Helbig, Jacobus, Keenan, Kenney, Kirk, Marshall, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Sauer, Sheils, Strack, and Wade—21.

By the President—Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to De La Vergne & Burr to connect premises No. 227 West Eighteenth street with premises Nos. 232 and 234 in said street, with an iron pipe not more than two inches in diameter, for conducting steam as shown in the accompanying diagram; provided, that such pipe be laid without interference with, or detriment to the water or gas-pipe, or sewer in said street; that said De La Vergne & Burr shall be responsible for any loss or damage that may arise in any way from the permission hereby granted, and that the work be done at their own expense, under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By the same—Whereas, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, from Third avenue to Eighth avenue, has been heretofore in part paved with wooden pavement, which pavement has become entirely worn out; and

Whereas, No assessment has ever been laid for the expense of such pavement;

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, from Third avenue to Eighth avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement, and that crosswalks be constructed at intersecting streets and avenues, where none have been heretofore laid, and that crosswalks which have been heretofore laid along said street be relaid in all cases where the same are out of order, or do not conform to the grade of the new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets, when appointed.

By the same—Resolved, That Samuel G. Barnard 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 Keenan—Resolved, That the seats now occupied by the members be and they are hereby declared to be the seats of said members for the year 1880.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Sauer 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 13th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 30th day of December, 1879.

Present—Commissioners Wheeler, French, and Voorhis.

Resolved, That Commissioner Voorhis be appointed Chairman and acting President, until the next meeting of the Board.

Leave of Absence Granted.

Patrolman Patrick W. Vallely, Eighth Precinct, four and a half days, without pay.

Leaves of Absence Granted under Rule 564.

December 23.	Patrolman Leverett Barnes, Twenty-second Precinct, two days.
" 24. "	Dennis McMahon, Nineteenth Sub-Precinct, three days.
" 24. "	Peter P. Lamb, Fourth Precinct, two and a half days.
" 25. "	James F. Vallely, Twenty-second Precinct, three days.
" 25. "	Peter P. Lamb, Fourth Precinct, half day.
" 27. "	Henry H. Shill, Twenty-ninth Precinct, three days.
" 29. "	Thomas Brady, Twenty-fifth Precinct, one and a half days.

Parades Approved.

Young Men's Beneficial League, December 26. Parade.

German-American Institute, December 29. Parade.

John McKeever Light Guard, December 25. Target excursion.

McQuade Light Guard, December 25. Target excursion.

James Lynch Light Guard, December 25. Target excursion.

Holland Light Guard, December 25. Target excursion.

The minutes of meetings held 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22d, and 23d instant, were read and approved.

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 26, 1879.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners John J. Gorman and Cornelius Van Cott.

Communications.

From—
Chief of Department, recommending that an alarm box be located at One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street and Eleventh avenue. Approved.
Medical officer, recommending leave of absence to—
Fireman Dennis Regan, of Engine Co. No. 8.
“ Patrick O’Callaghan, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 10.
Granted.
Same, recommending leaves of absence, disabilities not attributable to duty, to—
Assistant Foreman J. F. L. Du Flon, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 17, for twenty days.
Fireman Henry Burger, of Engine Co. No. 20, for three days.
Granted on half-pay.
Same, recommending excuse from fire duty to Fireman John Banks, of Engine Co. No. 7.
Approved.
Superintendent of Horses—Report relative to team in use by Engine Co. No. 45. Filed, with directions.
Foreman of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 7—Relative to condition of front doors. Referred to Committee on Repairs and Supplies.
Foreman of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 17, reporting obstructions to hydrants. Filed, with directions to inform Department of Public Works.
Same, recommending location for alarm box key. Approved.
Examining Board—Report of examination on application for promotion to rank of Assistant Foreman, of Engineer of steamer William Browning, of Engine Co. No. 32. Filed.
N. Le Brun, architect—Relative to application of Thomas Shannon for extension of time to complete contracts. Filed.
Superintendent of Horses, recommending selection of horse for Engine Co. No. 29. Ordered.
Supply Clerk—Requisitions for articles required, estimated cost \$84, \$20, and \$61.10 respectively. Purchase ordered.
Same—Requisition for articles for issue to Engine Co. No. 19. Referred back, with directions.
Graft & Co.—Estimates for extra materials required at quarters of Engine Cos. Nos. 19 and 34. Filed, and following resolution adopted:
Resolved, That an expenditure of \$22 for extra materials required in connection with heating quarters of Engine Cos. Nos. 19 and 34, as per estimates of Graft & Co., dated 20th instant, be and is hereby authorized.
Report of Inspection by Chief of Fifth Battalion, in compliance with resolution adopted 10th instant, of premises Nos. 56 and 58 West Fourteenth street, was referred to the Inspector of Combustibles, and Department of Buildings notified.
Reports of inspection by Company Commanders, under resolution adopted November 26th, were received, of which 7 were filed, there being no violations of law reported therein, and 6 referred to Inspector of Combustibles, with directions to examine, take proper action to enforce the law, and report.
On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 29, 1879.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners John J. Gorman and Cornelius Van Cott.
Reports of Inspection by Company Commanders, under resolution adopted November 26th, were received, of which 5 were filed, there being no violations of law reported therein, and 2 referred to Inspector of Combustibles, with directions to examine, etc.

Communications.

From—
Medical Officer, recommending leaves of absence to—
Fireman George Mauer, of Engine Co. No. 51.
“ James Flood, of Engine Co. No. 38.
Granted.
Same, recommending leaves of absence, disabilities not attributable to duty, to—
Fireman Owen J. Shanley, of Engine Co. No. 13, for 2 days.
“ Henry Burger, of Engine Co. No. 20, for 3 days.
“ Richard Bell, of Engine Co. No. 29, for 5 days.
Granted, on half-pay.
Same, recommending excuse from fire duty to—
Fireman Thomas C. Kennedy, of Engine Co. No. 36.
“ William A. Robinson, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 16.
Approved.
Foreman of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 10, reporting hatchways found open at 262 Washington street. Referred to the Inspector of Combustibles.
Same—Relative to a failure to report for duty. Filed.
Department of Public Charities and Correction, requesting inspection of hose on the islands under their charge. Referred to Chief of Department for report.
Ahrens Manufacturing Co., offering to furnish a smooth-bore nozzle for test. Referred to Chief of Department with power.
John Raddin—Relative to furnishing elastic hubs for trial. Filed, with directions to reply.
Chairman Committee on Repairs and Supplies, recommending that work required at quarters of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 7 be done, and inclosing estimate. Filed, and following resolution adopted:
Resolved, That the carpenter work required at quarters of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 7, as per specification therefor on file, be and is awarded to William H. Dobbs for the sum of \$258, on his proposal dated December 27, 1879, and subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Repairs to Buildings.
Superintendent of Telegraph—Requisitions for supplies, estimated cost \$70 and \$200 respectively. Purchase ordered.
Supply Clerk, transmitting estimates for shelving, book and paper racks for vaults at Headquarters, from Doremus & Corbett, \$300; George Cavanagh, \$290; John Hynes, \$268. Awarded to lowest.
William T. Day—Estimate for alterations to office railing at Headquarters, \$19. Ordered.
Thomas Hughes—Estimate for gas fitting at Headquarters, \$4. Ordered.
Frederick W. Gooderson, estimate for calking required at quarters of Chemical Engine Co. No. 1, \$18. Ordered.

Resolution.

Resolved, That the pay of the following named on the Repair Shops Pay-roll, be and the same is hereby fixed for the current month, as follows:
Superintendent of Repairs to Buildings, William Lamb, \$204.31.
Messenger George C. Morris, \$83.88. Adopted.

Transfers.

—to take effect 1st proximo:
Foreman Roger B. Hamblett, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 13, to Engine Co. No. 12.
“ Charles Chambers, Engine Co. No. 12 to Hook and Ladder Co. No. 14.
“ Thomas J. Van Horn, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 14 to Hook and Ladder Co. No. 13.

Discharge.

—to take effect 31st instant:
Assistant Batteryman Patrick Lynch.

Appointment.

—to take effect 1st proximo:
Michael Vail as Assistant Batteryman, at a salary of \$800 per year.
On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 30, 1879.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners John J. Gorman and Cornelius Van Cott.

Reports of inspection by Company Commanders, under resolution adopted November 26, were received, of which 1 was filed, there being no violation of law reported therein, and 4 referred to the Inspector of Combustibles, with directions to examine, etc.

Communications.

From—
Medical Officer, recommending leaves of absence to—
Chief of Battalion Samuel Campbell.

Foreman Joseph F. McGill, of Engine Co. No. 32.
Fireman Patrick Clark, of Engine Co. No. 23.

Granted.

Same, recommending leave of absence, disability not attributable to duty, to Fireman Henry Burger, of Engine Co. No. 20, for three days. Granted on half-pay.

Same, recommending excuse from fire duty to—
Fireman Timothy Dwyer, of Engine Co. No. 20.

“ John Hern, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3.
Approved.

Superintendent of Horses—Weekly report of inspection. Filed.

Chief of Second Battalion—Report of investigation relative to complaint against members of the Department. Filed.

Chief of Third Battalion—Report relative to rescue of Patrick Houston by Assistant Foreman Patrick McCarthy, of Engine Co. No. 20, at fire No. 301 Mulberry street, on 25th instant. Filed, with directions to enter on Roll of Merit.

Chief commanding Seventh Battalion, report of rescue by Fireman Philip Bauer, of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 4, at fire No. 407 West Fiftieth street, on 27th instant. Referred back for detailed information.

Assistant Engineer of Steamer Charles F. Gunner, of Engine Co. No. 39, applying for promotion to rank of Assistant Foreman. Referred to Examining Board.

F. W. Fortune, requesting information relative to fire alarm telegraph. Filed, with directions to reply.

John P. Moore’s Sons, relative to notice of violation of law. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles.

Edward Goldschmidt, attorney, relative to decision of Supreme Court in the matter of the claim of Elizabeth Fitzsimmons. Referred to Counsel to Corporation for information and advice.

Wetmore Morris, requesting permission to connect private line with instrument in quarters of Engine Co. No. 1. Referred to Superintendent of Telegraph for investigation.

Supply Clerk, requisition for articles required, estimated cost \$18. Purchase ordered.

E. Stebbins Manufacturing Co., offering to furnish smooth-bore nozzles for test. Referred to Chief of Department with power.

Commissioner Gorman moved that Assistant Engineer of Steamer James H. Frederick, of Engine Co. No. 11, tried on charge of “neglect of duty,” on 4th instant, be found guilty. Carried.

Commissioner Van Cott moved that sentence in the case be suspended. Carried by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—President King and Commissioner Van Cott.

Negative—Commissioner Gorman.

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

DECEMBER 31, 1879.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners John J. Gorman and Cornelius Van Cott.
The minutes of meetings held on 24th, 26th, 29th, and 30th instant were read and approved.

Communications.

From—
Foreman of Engine Co. No. 18—Report of inspection under resolution adopted November 26. Referred to Inspector of Combustibles, with directions to examine, etc.

Inspector of Combustibles—Report of licenses issued to 30th instant. Filed.

Same, reporting violations of law. Filed, and following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That Tuttle & Wakefield, 6 Stone street, and Brown & Jones, 262 Washington street, be and are hereby fined \$50 each for violation of section 8, chapter 742, Laws of 1871; that Jesse Furber, 208 Mercer street; James Whalen, 633 Greenwich street; Ann Feehan, 243 East Thirtieth street; James Raney, 46 Forsyth street; Daniel Linden, 84 North Moore street; and Henry Brochart, 192 East Fourth street, be and are hereby fined \$5 each, for violation of section 9, chapter 742, Laws of 1871, and that in each of the above named cases the Inspector of Combustibles be and is directed to enforce the collection of the penalty.

Same, recommending that penalties imposed on following named parties be remitted, for reasons assigned, viz.:

For violation of section 8, chapter 742, Laws of 1871—

Simon Banner, 124 Duane st.	P. Haullenbeck & Co., 170 Duane st.
Robert Meyer, 200 Fulton st.	L. S. Mack & Co., 273 Canal st.
Wm. S. Fogg & Son, 171 and 173 Chatham st.	Walter H. Shupe, 537 Pearl st.
Wm. H. Price, 163 Chambers st.	Lowenberg, Hymes & Golland, 273 Canal st.
Charles E. Pearsall, 19 Fulton st.	Bernard Schnitzler, 158 South Fifth ave.
Bloomer & Co., 243 Front st.	Adolph H. Heppe, 163 Chambers st.

For violation of section 9, chapter 742, Laws of 1871—

Clara Moran, 225 East Twenty-ninth st.	Maria Gaffney, 418 West Fortieth st.
Jos. Centeliore, 155 West Twenty-eighth st.	M. Baumgarten, 119 Henry st.
Florence Crowley, 62 Montgomery st.	G. Guarino, 39½ Baxter st.
Shadrach Cook, 219 East Thirty-eighth st.	Richard Hannah, 1327 First ave.
Jacob Weeks, 50 East Houston st.	W. H. & C. E. Hume, 127 Clinton pl.

Approved.

Medical Officer, recommending leave of absence, disability not attributable to duty, to Fireman Richard Bell, of Engine Co. No. 29, for three days. Granted on half pay.

Same, recommending excuse from fire duty to—
Fireman George Mauer, of Engine Co. No. 5.

Private Richard Attridge of Engine Co. No. 39.

Approved.

Captain in charge of Repair Shops—Report of auction sale of condemned materials. Filed.

Comptroller—Statement of condition of appropriation to 27th instant. Filed.

Same, requesting that forwarding of duplicate vouchers be discontinued. Filed.

Captain in charge of Repair Shops—Requisitions for articles and repairs; estimated cost, \$37.50 and \$1.50, respectively. Ordered.

William H. Dobbs—Specification and estimate for carpenter work required at quarters of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1. Filed, and following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the carpenter work required at quarters of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, as per specifications therefor on file, be and is awarded to William H. Dobbs, for the sum of \$245, on his proposal dated December 10, 1879, and subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Repairs to Buildings.

The draft of Trial Order No. 6 was read and approved, and promulgation ordered.

Pay-rolls.

—audited and transmitted to the Comptroller for payment:

For the Current Year—Schedule No. 63.

Extra Telegraph Force, pay-roll, apparatus, supplies, etc.	\$1,492 98	Bureau of Chief of Department, pay-roll for December	\$2,724 97
Headquarters, pay-roll for December	3,567 50	Superintendent of Horses, pay-roll for December	670 50
Telegraph Force, “	2,303 37	Engine and H. & L. Cos., pay-roll for December	72,572 03
Repair Shops, “	4,096 70		
Bureau of Combustibles, pay-roll for December	1,016 66		
Bureau of Fire Marshal, pay-roll for December	600 00		
			\$39,044 71

Recess taken to 3 P.M.

CARL JUSSEN, Secretary.

Reconvened at 3 P. M.

Present—President Vincent C. King, Commissioners John J. Gorman and Cornelius Van Cott.

Reports of Inspection by Chief of Fifth Battalion, in compliance with resolution adopted 10th instant, of premises Nos. 305 to 309 and 339 and 341 Sixth avenue, were received, recommendations of Chief of Department approved, and filed, with directions to inform Department of Buildings.

Reports of Inspection by Company Commanders, under resolution adopted November 26, were received, of which 6 were referred to the Inspector of Combustibles, with direction to examine, etc., and 1 filed, with directions to inform Department of Buildings.

Communications.

From—
Medical Officer, recommending leaves of absence to—

Foreman Joseph F. McGill, of Engine Co. No. 32.

Fireman Patrick J. Lynch, of Engine Co. No. 11.

“ James Hackett, of Engine Co. No. 23.

“ Alexander Sharp, of Engine Co. No. 39.

Granted.

Same, recommending leaves of absence, disabilities not attributable to duty, to—
Fireman Henry Burger, of Engine Co. No. 20, for five days.

“ Denis Daly, of Engine Co. No. 21, for ten days.

Granted, on half pay.

Supply Clerk—Estimate of articles, materials, etc., required for the year 1880. Laid over.

Chief of Ninth Battalion—Report of inspection of buildings in course of erection on Seventy-eighth and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets, and First avenue, between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets. Filed.

Private William H. Renoud, of Engine Co. No. 45, applying for promotion to rank of Assistant Engineer of Steamer. Referred to Examining Board of Engineers.
Foreman of Engine Co. No. 42—Relative to condition of hose (previously laid over). Filed.
John P. Frazer, offering to furnish a ladder (previously laid over). Filed.
The drafts of General Order No. 10 and Circular No. 1, current series, were read and approved, and promulgation ordered.

Resolution.

Resolved, That the order issued by the Chief of Department, announcing deaths of members of the uniformed force during the year 1879, be printed and bound with the General Orders for the current year. Adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, adjourned.

CARL JUSSSEN, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

CITY OF NEW YORK—FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, January 2, 1880.

Monthly statement of warrants drawn against the City Treasury, January 1 to December 31, 1879, together with a comparative statement of the City Debt as represented in Stocks and Bonds as of December 31, 1878, and December 31, 1879; and also a statement of and for what purposes Stocks have been issued in 1879.

Warrants Drawn in 1879.

PAYABLE FROM TAXATION.	TO NOV. 30.	IN DECEMBER.
State Taxes.....	\$3,751,062 19	.....
Salaries, Supplies, and General Expenses of the City Government.....	9,224,877 39	\$1,431,553 54
Interest on and Installments of Principal of the City Debt.....	9,202,291 50	483,044 55
Public Instruction.....	2,076,895 40	507,310 30
Charitable Institutions.....	851,603 60	48,864 44
Judgments and Claims.....	426,708 27	1,593 71
Election Expenses.....	17,607 25	121,357 26
Redemption of Debt of Annexed Territory.....	68,110 38	.....
Miscellaneous.....	158,383 96	16,890 63
Total payable from Taxation.....	\$26,677,540 00	\$2,610,614 43
NEW WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS PAYABLE FROM PROCEEDS OF BONDS.		
Public Works—Street Openings and Improvements.....	\$557,361 09	\$44,593 62
Croton Water Works.....	348,489 16	26,078 15
City Parks Improvements.....	505 81	55 45
Docks and Slips.....	495,551 13	39,662 88
New County Court-house.....	30,908 41	863 98
Museums of Art and Natural History.....	18,527 49	563 66
Additional Free Floating Baths.....	4,444 19	5 00
Real Estate Fund, Fire Department.....	3,500 00	.....
Brooklyn Bridge.....	700,000 00	100,000 00
Harlem River Bridge.....	3,358 60	216 78
Military Parade Ground.....	.....	15,465 23
Tompkins Square Improvement.....	42,862 69	.....
Miscellaneous.....	13,552 70	4,253 06
Total payable from Proceeds of Bonds.....	\$2,219,181 33	\$231,757 81
SPECIAL AND TRUST ACCOUNTS.		
Redemption of the City Debt.....	\$22,324,800 00	\$8,364,100 00
Miscellaneous.....	412,651 56	45,919 17
Total payments from Special and Trust Accounts.....	\$22,737,451 56	\$8,410,019 17
SUMMARY.		
Total amount of warrants drawn in December.....	\$11,252,391 41	.....
Add amount previously drawn in 1879.....	51,634,172 89	.....
Total amount of warrants drawn in 1879.....	.....	\$62,886,564 30

Stocks and Bonds have been issued in 1879 for the following purposes:

For Street Openings and Improvements *.....	\$593,173 19
For Croton Water purposes.....	309,000 00
For Docks and Slips.....	525,000 00
For Tompkins Square Improvement.....	43,000 00
For Museums of Art and Natural History.....	17,000 00
For New County Court-house.....	43,000 00
For Brooklyn Bridge.....	800,000 00
For Bridge over Harlem river.....	4,000 00
For New Buildings, etc., Fire Department.....	3,500 00
For Current Expenses (Revenue Bonds)*.....	18,029,100 00
For Miscellaneous (Special Revenue Bonds).....	37,466 41
Total.....	\$20,464,239 60

* Ex reissues.

The City Debt, as represented in Stocks and Bonds, December 31, 1879.

CLASSIFICATION OF BONDS.	DECEMBER 31, 1878.	NOVEMBER 30, 1879.	DECEMBER 31, 1879.
1. Bonds payable from Taxation, under the several statutes authorizing the same.....	\$99,605,590 20	\$95,119,434 85	\$95,110,434 85
2. Bonds payable from the Sinking Fund, under ordinances of the Common Council.....	18,741,143 47	18,467,143 47	18,467,143 47
3. Bonds payable from taxes raised annually and paid into the Sinking Fund for their redemption, under section 8 of chapter 383, Laws of 1878.....	882,082 15	2,481,255 34	2,667,755 34
4. Bonds payable from the Sinking Fund, issued to refund old issues, under section 6 of chapter 383, Laws of 1878.....	6,900,000 00	6,900,000 00	6,900,000 00
5. Assessment Bonds, issued for local improvements completed prior to June 3, 1878, the date of the passage of chapter 383, Laws of 1878, and payable from assessments and the City Treasury.....	12,813,000 00	12,136,600 00	12,028,600 00
6. Assessment Bonds, issued after June 3, 1878, for local improvements contracted for or commenced prior to that date, and payable from assessments and the City Treasury, under the statutes authorizing the works, and chapter 383, Laws of 1878.....	598,500 00	918,500 00	923,500 00
7. Assessment Bonds, issued for local improvements contracted for or commenced after June 3, 1878, and payable from assessments and the City Treasury, under the statutes authorizing the works, and chapter 383, Laws of 1878.....	70,000 00	270,000 00	310,000 00
Deduct amount in Sinking Fund for redemption of debt (investments and cash).....	\$139,610,315 82	\$136,292,933 66	\$136,407,433 66
8. Revenue Bonds— Issued under special acts of the Legislature.....	5,775 50	13,066 41	33,466 41
" in anticipation of Taxes of 1877.....	800,000 00	150,000 00	.....
" " 1878.....	5,146,100 00	2,031,000 00	1,650,000 00
" " 1879.....	.....	10,805,500 00	4,356,500 00
Total Bonded Debt, less Sinking Fund.....	\$113,418,403 49	\$116,492,648 18	\$109,425,414 37
Cash—City Treasury Account.....	.....	.....	\$1,573,787 29
Sinking Fund—Redemption Account (included in above amount in Sinking Fund).....	.....	.....	411,435 63
Interest Account.....	.....	.....	275,520 15
			\$2,260,743 07

NOTE.—The Debt of the annexed territory of Westchester County, not included in the above statement, is as follows:

Towns of Morrisania and West Farms.....	\$990,000 00, including \$6,500 in dispute.
County of Westchester.....	37,014 58
Total.....	\$1,026,014 58

[E. & O. E.]

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

ISAAC S. BARRETT, General Bookkeeper.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

[BOARD OF EXAMINERS.]

At a special meeting of the Board of Examiners, held pursuant to call of Superintendent of Buildings, at the office of the Department of Buildings, No. 2 Fourth avenue, on Tuesday, December 30, 1879, at 3 o'clock P. M.

There being present thereat—Superintendent Henry J. Dudley, Edwin Dobbs, John Banta, James M. McLean, and Henry Dudley.

Superintendent Henry J. Dudley, presiding, submitted the hereinafter-named petitions and applications, to wit:

Special application of the New York, Lake Erie, and Western Railroad Company, by E. S. Bowen, General Superintendent, for permission to erect a frame freight-shed, with sheet-iron siding, on Pier No. 20, North river, the same to be one story, 31 feet in height, 100 feet in width, and 450 feet in depth, with felt and gravel roof, in conformity with Special Application and Plans No. 757, filed relative thereto December 24, 1879. And, upon motion of James M. McLean, Esq., it was resolved, by the unanimous vote of the Board, that the application of the New York, Lake Erie, and Western Railroad Company to construct a shed on Pier No. 20, North river, be and is approved, provided that the exterior of said shed be covered with metal, in compliance with the rules of this Board in the construction of sheds on piers.

Special application of Isaac Bell, on behalf of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, for permission to erect a freight-shed and office in conformity with Plans and Application approved by Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of Docks (and permit granted therefor by Department of Docks), on Pier No. 26, North river, the sides to be covered with iron and the roof to be covered with tin, in conformity with Special Application No. 761, filed relative thereto December 29, 1879. On motion of John Banta, it was unanimously resolved that the Board approve of the application of the Old Dominion Steamship Company to erect a shed for the protection of freight on Pier 26, North river, provided that the exterior of said shed be covered with metal, in compliance with the rules of this Board in the construction of sheds on piers.

Special application of the Central Vermont Railroad and Steamer Line, for permission to erect a frame shed, for the protection of freight, on Pier 49, East river, foot of Clinton street, East river, to be constructed of wood and covered with iron, to be one story 21 feet in height, 32 feet in width, and 300 feet in depth, with felt and gravel roof, in conformity with Special Application and Plans No. 762, filed December 30, 1879. Which application was, upon motion, approved by the unanimous vote of the Board; provided, and upon the condition that the exterior of said shed be covered with metal, in compliance with the rule of this Board relative to construction of sheds on piers.

Resolution. On motion of Edwin Dobbs, Esq., the vote and action of this Board at meeting of December 16, 1879, disapproving and denying petition of R. H. Robertson, architect, for and on behalf of W. & J. Sloane, owners, of the buildings Nos. 216 and 218 Mercer street, asking for permission to alter and place an additional story on the rear portion of said building, in conformity with Alteration Plans and Specifications No. 1,243, filed December 1, 1879, relative thereto, was reconsidered, and, upon motion of Henry Dudley, Esq., the petitioner was permitted to withdraw the said petition and application, by the unanimous vote of the Board. After which it was, upon motion, unanimously

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Buildings be requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, what action had been taken by the Attorney of Department of Buildings in the matter of the violation of law, in the construction of the shed on Pier No. 1, North river.

There being no further business before the Board, the minutes of the meeting were read and approved as read and recorded, after which the Board, upon motion, adjourned, subject to the call of the Superintendent of Buildings.

New York, December 30, 1879.

SAMUEL T. WEBSTER, Clerk to Board of Examiners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Abstract of Proceedings for week ending January 3, 1880.

No meeting of the Board held.

Pay-rolls amounting to \$11,344.03, were transmitted to the Finance Department for payment.

E. P. BARKER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DAILY MEETINGS, DECEMBER 22 TO 27, 1879.

Present—Commissioners Cox, Brennan, and Hess.

Communications Received.

From Penitentiary—

List of prisoners received during week ending December 20, 1879: Males, 51; females, 9. On file.

List of prisoners to be discharged from December 28, 1879, to January 3, 1880. Transmitted to Prison Association.

From Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—History of 13 patients admitted during week ending December 20, 1879. On file.

From New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—History of 11 patients received during week ending December 20, 1879. On file.

From City Prison—Amount of fines received during week ending December 20, 1879 (\$200). On file.

Sealed bids or estimate for furnishing the fresh meat, fish, and condensed cows' milk which will be required during the year 1880 for various institutions under the charge of the Department, and proposals for 5,000 tons white ash coal (stove), for the out-door poor, were opened in the presence of all the Commissioners and the Hon. John Kelly, Comptroller of the City of New York.

By the Board:

Resolved, That the proposals of David P. Arnold to furnish about 2,000,000 lbs. chucks and shoulder clods of beef, at 4½ cents per lb.; 6,000 lbs. extra diet beef, at 9 cents per lb.; 30,000 lbs. mutton, forequarters, breast, and shoulders, at 4½ cents per lb.; 55,000 lbs. beef, for roasting, at 9 cents per lb.; 65,000 lbs. beefsteak, sirloin, at 10 cents per lb.; 25,000 lbs. corned beef, rumps, plates, or navel, at 7 cents per lb.; 50,000 lbs. mutton, hindquarters, at 9 cents per lb.; 1,000 lbs. pork loins, at 8 cents per lb.; 25,000 lbs. veal cutlets and loins, at 8 cents per lb.;

W. H. Thomas, fresh fish, at 2 41-100 cents per lb.;

American Condensed Milk Company, condensed milk for six months, at 20 cents per quart; for six months, at 15 cents per quart;

Henry E. Bowns, 5,000 tons white ash stove coal, at \$3.52 cents per ton;

—be referred to the Comptroller for his action on the sureties. Adopted December 27, 1879.

Resolved, That the proposal of Hugo Josephy for the supply of poultry to the Department for use on Christmas day, at 9½ cents for chickens, and 11½ cents for turkeys, be accepted and the contract awarded to him, his sureties having been approved by the Comptroller. Adopted.

Appointments.

December 22. William Reilly, temporary Visitor to Out-door Poor.

Kate Scanlon, Head Nurse, Almshouse.

Frederick C. Mayhew, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

23. Henry Boak, Inspector of Coal, on trial.

24. James Wall, Night Orderly, Bellevue Hospital.

Mary Irvine, Nurse, Randall's Island Hospital.

John Burns, Night Watchman, Branch Lunatic Asylum.

26. Robert Wittey, Cellarman, New York City Asylum for Insane.

27. Elliott Jacques, Visitor to Out-door Poor, temporary.

Samuel B. Totten, Inspector of Coal, temporary.

Henrietta Donahue, Nurse, Homeopathic Hospital.

Patrick V. Fitzpatrick, Gasman, Homeopathic Hospital.

Resignations.

December 22. Jeremiah Falvey, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

23. Joseph Murphy, Gasman, Homeopathic Hospital.

24. George Goldie, Night Orderly, Bellevue Hospital.

John Burns, Attendant, New York City Asylum for Insane.

James Reilly, Cellarman, New York City Asylum for Insane.

Dismissals.

December 24. Michael F. Fitzgerald, Night Watchman, Branch Lunatic Asylum.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,
OFFICE NO. 2 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK, Jan. 5, 1880.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending January 3, 1880.

HENRY J. DUDLEY,
Sup't of Buildings.

SAMUEL T. WEBSTER,
Chief Clerk.

BUREAU OF INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS.

New Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed, etc.	13
No. of buildings embraced in same.	37
Classified as follows:	
First-class dwellings.	15
Second-class dwellings.	9
Tenement-houses.	10
Hotels and boarding-houses.	1
First-class stores.	1
Second-class stores.	1
Third-class stores.	1
Office buildings.	1
Manufactories and workshops.	1
School-houses.	1
Churches.	1
Public buildings.	1
Stables.	1
Frame buildings (in upper districts).	1
Total.	37

Plans passed upon, including those previously filed.	23
Approved.	13
Amended and approved.	3
Disapproved.	3
Pending.	4
Total.	23

Altered Buildings.

No. of plans and specifications filed.	9
No. of buildings embraced in same.	9
Classified as follows:	
First-class dwellings.	1
Second-class dwellings.	1
Tenement-houses.	2
Hotels and boarding-houses.	1
First-class stores.	1
Second-class stores.	1
Third-class stores.	1
Office buildings.	1
Manufactories and workshops.	2
School-houses.	1
Churches.	1
Public buildings.	1
Stables.	1
Frame buildings.	2
Total.	9

Buildings examined and plans relating thereto passed upon, including those previously filed.	13
Approved.	4
Amended and approved.	2
Disapproved.	4
Pending.	3
Total.	13

Special Applications.

Number filed and examinations made.	7
Approved.	6
Disapproved.	1
Pending.	1
Total.	7

Building operations for the month of December, 1879, as reported by the District Inspectors:

New buildings commenced.	102
New buildings completed (including those previously commenced).	104
Alterations commenced.	60
Alterations completed (including those previously commenced).	50
New buildings in progress.	1,045
Alterations in progress.	126

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT MCGINNIS,
Chief of Bureau.

JOHN J. TINDALE,
Plan Clerk.

BUREAU OF VIOLATIONS AND APPLICATIONS.

Operations for the week ending Jan. 3, 1880:	
Complaints received from outside sources.	22
Violations of the law reported.	5
“ “ removed.	13
Unsafe buildings reported.	9
“ “ made safe.	15
“ “ taken down.	1
Surveys held on unsafe buildings.	1
Violation cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.	17
Unsafe building cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.	3
Violation notices served.	37
Unsafe building notices served.	32
Operations for the month of December, 1879:	
Complaints received from outside sources.	89
Violations of the law reported.	35
“ “ removed.	55
Unsafe buildings reported.	60
“ “ made safe.	66
“ “ taken down.	3

Violation cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution. 21
Unsafe building cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution. 5
Violation notices served. 119
Unsafe building notices served. 188

Respectfully submitted,
ANDREW OWENS,
Chief of Bureau.
WILLIAM H. CLASS,
Clerk.

BUREAU OF FIRE-ESCAPES AND IRON WORK.

Operations for the week ending Jan. 3, 1880:	
Buildings reported for additional means of escape in case of fire.	18
Buildings reported for trap-doors and railings to hoistways.	13
Buildings reported for iron shutters.	2
Buildings provided with additional means of escape in case of fire.	13
Buildings provided with trap-doors and railings to hoistways.	2
Buildings provided with iron shutters.	1
Arch girders tested (approved).	10
“ (not approved).	1
Iron beams tested (approved).	1
“ (not approved).	1
Iron lintels tested (approved).	1
“ (not approved).	1
Notices for fire-escapes, trap-doors, iron shutters, etc., served.	27
Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.	2
Operations for the month of December, 1879:	
Buildings reported for additional means of escape in case of fire.	49
Buildings reported for trap-doors and railings to hoistways.	12
Buildings reported for iron shutters.	2
Buildings provided with additional means of escape in case of fire.	35
Buildings provided with trap-doors and railings to hoistways.	14
Buildings provided with iron shutters.	3
Arch girders tested (approved).	9
“ (not approved).	16
Iron beams tested (approved).	3
“ (not approved).	3
Iron lintels tested (approved).	3
“ (not approved).	3
Notices for fire escapes, trap-doors, and iron shutters, etc., served.	249
Cases sent to the Attorney for prosecution.	18

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; together with the heads of Departments and Courts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office.

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

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

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

Permit and License Bureau Office.

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

Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

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

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner's Office.

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

Bureau of Water Register.

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

Bureau of Incumbrances.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

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

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

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

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

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

Auditing Bureau.

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

Bureau of Arrears.

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

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments.

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

Bureau of City Revenue.

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

Bureau of Markets.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

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

Office of the Public Administrator.

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

Office of the Corporation Attorney.

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

Attorney to Department of Buildings' Office.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

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

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters.

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

No. 301 Mott street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President; EMMONS CLARK, secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 35 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JAMES F. WENMAN, President; EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, 64th street and 4th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.
Fordham 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

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

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, No. 114 White street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

THOMAS B. ASTEN, President; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

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

BOARD OF EXCISE.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Nos. 3 and 4 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
PETER BOWE, Sheriff; JOEL O. STEVENS, Under Sheriff.

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

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

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

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

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

No. 27 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. PITT SHEARMAN, JOHN W. BARROW,

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

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

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND BUILDERS.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR INTERESTS,

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

All badges issued from this office are shield shaped, with the title of the officer, the name of this Department, and the number engraved thereon, and are numbered from 1 to 50. The following badges are lost or stolen: Inspectors, badges Nos. 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 50. Fire Escape Examiners, badges Nos. 3 and 8, and Messenger's badge No. 7. All parties professing to be officers of this Department not provided with badges of the above description, or who attempt to use badges of the above named missing numbers, or an oval shaped badge, formerly used in the Department, are impostors, and the public are cautioned against recognizing such persons, and are requested to report the same to this office in any case that may come to their notice.

HENRY J. DUDLEY,
Superintendent of Buildings.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR COMPLETING THE NEW WING TO INSANE ASYLUM, WARD'S ISLAND.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR EACH OF the following named works, to wit:

1. The masonry work yet to be done (including the blue stone and granite work) required in building a west wing to the Insane Asylum on Ward's Island.
2. Furnishing and setting the cut stone for such wing.
3. The carpenter work required in building such wing.

4. The iron work required for such wing.
5. Doing the slating and tinning required for such wing.

—will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M., of Saturday, the 17th day of January, 1880, at which place and time the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read, and the awards of the contracts will be made as soon thereafter as practicable.

The person or persons making any estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, to the head of said Department, on or before the day and hour above named. The envelope containing the estimate shall be indorsed with the name or names of the person or persons presenting the same, the date of its presentation, and a statement of the work to which it relates.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates it deemed to be for the public interest. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt, or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The above several works will be required to be completed as follows, viz.:

No. 1, in (6) six months after the date of the contract.	
" 2, in (6) six "	" "
" 3, in (8) eight "	" "
" 4, in (10) ten "	" "
" 5, in (10) ten "	" "

For the amount of work to be performed in each case reference must be made to the plans and specifications for the same, on file in the office of the Department.

Any bidder for a contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect.

The person or persons to whom the several security for the faithful performance of the several contracts will be required, which security will be by the bond of the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded, with two sufficient sureties in penal sums, as follows, viz.:

For No. 1, in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars.	
" 2, " " two "	" "
" 3, " " five "	" "
" 4, " " three "	" "
" 5, " " two "	" "

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, head of 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 bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

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

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

Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the work, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for doing the whole work by which the bids will be tested.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate, in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, issued as set forth in the respective forms of contract.

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

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, will be furnished at the office of the Department.

Dated New York, January 5, 1880.

TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

PROPOSALS FOR 21,000 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 Wednesday, January 14, 1880, at which time they will be publicly opened and read, by the head of said Department, for furnishing and delivering 21,000 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—	
6,000 tons Grate size.	
300 tons Stove size.	
At Ward's Island—	
5,000 tons Grate size.	
At Bellevue Hospital—	
2,500 tons Grate size.	
250 tons Stove size.	
At 90th Street Hospital—	
40 tons Egg size.	
At Hart's Island—	
1,200 tons Egg size.	
At Randall's Island—	
1,000 tons Grate size.	
1,000 tons Egg size.	
700 tons Stove 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 Tombs, Centre Street—
375 tons Egg size.
At Jefferson Market, Second District Prison—
350 tons Egg size.
At Essex Street, Third District Prison—
100 tons Egg size.
At 57th Street, Fourth District Prison—
75 tons Egg size.
At 120th Street, Fifth District Prison—
50 tons Egg size.
At Fordham, Sixth District Prison—
10 tons Egg 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 reserves the right to decline any and all proposals if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept an offer for the whole bid or for any single article included in the proposal, and no proposal will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation. Blank forms of proposals and specifications, which are to be strictly complied with, can be obtained on application at the office of the Department, and all information furnished.

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

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

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, FEED, FISH, POTATOES, ETC.

TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING

GROCERIES.

100,000 pounds	Brown Sugar.
15,000 "	Coffee Sugar.
10,000 "	Granulated Sugar.
5,000 "	Crushed Sugar.
20,000 "	Rice.
1,000 "	Rio Coffee.
1,000 "	Roasted Java Coffee.
50,000 "	Hard Soap.
1,000 "	Castile Soap.
12,000 "	Dairy Butter, sample of which will be on exhibition January 12 and 13.
10,000 "	Dried Apples.
10,000 "	Pearl Barley.
2,500 "	Chicory.
5,000 "	Cheese.
1,000 "	Cocoa.
1,000 "	Laundry Starch.
500 "	Mustard.
200 "	Chocolate.
3,000 gallons	Molasses.
1,500 "	Syrup.
2,000 "	Vinegar.
1 cask	Prunes.
5 half chests	Oolong Tea.
5 "	Green Tea.
12 boxes	Farina, 1 pound packages.
20 "	Corn Starch, 1 pound packages.
2,500 pounds	Macaroni.
50 boxes	Raisins.
100 barrels	Soda Crackers.
30 "	Wheaten Grits, pounds to barrel.
50 "	Hominy.
50 "	Chickadee.
20 "	Pickles, 2,000 to barrel.
100 Smoked City Cured Hams,	prime, not to exceed 15 pounds weight.
50 Smoked City Cured Tongues,	prime.
100 pieces	Breakfast Bacon, prime.
50 dozen	canned Tomatoes.
30 "	" Corn.
20 "	" String Beans.
20 "	" Peas.
12 "	" Peas.
12 "	" Plums.
10 "	" Peaches.
10 "	" Lima Beans.
12 "	" Cherries.
12 "	" Lemon Extract.
12 "	" Vanilla Extract.
20 "	" Gelatine.
500 bushels	Beans.
250 "	" Peas.

GRAIN, FEED, ETC.

2,000 bushels	Oats, to be delivered at Blackwell's Island.
500 bushels	Rye.
500 bales	long, bright Rye Straw.
250 bags	Bran, 40 pounds each.
300 "	" Fine Meal.
300 "	" Coarse Meal.
250 barrels	Flour.

FISH, SALT, ETC.

300 quintals	best quality Grand Bank Codfish, to be delivered in boxes of 4 quintals each.
300 sacks	Liverpool Salt, equal to Worthington's, sacks to be full and clean and to be delivered at storehouse Dock, Blackwell's Island.
50 kits	New Mess Mackerel, not less than 20 pounds net weight.

POTATOES, ETC.

2,000 pounds	good and sound Irish Potatoes, to weigh 168 pounds net to the barrel, and to be delivered at Blackwell's Island.
27,000	Fresh Eggs, all to be candled.

MISCELLANEOUS.

2 gross	Ewers.
2 "	" Basins.
5 "	" Chambers.
5 "	" Pitchers.
6 dozen	Lanterns.
12 "	" Rim Closet Locks.
12 "	" Padlocks.
100 "	" Mops.
50 "	" Cotton Sticks.
100 gross	Coat Shoe Laces.
100 bunches	Leather Shoe Laces.
100 dozen	Shoe Blacking.

—or any part thereof, will be received at the office of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Wednesday the 14th day of January, 1880. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Groceries, Feed, Fish, Potatoes, etc.," and with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept any bid or estimate as a whole, or for any one or more articles included therein. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, at such times and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Department, but the entire quantity will be required to be delivered on or before thirty (30) days after the date of the contract.

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

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them therein; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, Head of 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 bid or estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

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

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

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares, and merchandise must conform in every respect to the samples of the same respectively at the office of the said Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bidders will state the price for each article by which the bids will be tested.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by requisition on the Comptroller, issued on the completion of the contract, or from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

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

The Department of Public Charities and Correction reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if deemed to be for the public interest, and to accept any bid or estimate as a whole, or for any one or more articles included therein. No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

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

Dated New York, January 2, 1880.

TOWNSEND COX,
THOMAS S. BRENNAN,
JACOB HESS,
Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 30, 1879.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

"In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island—Joseph Thompson, alias Joseph Townsend (colored); age 22 years; 5 feet 11½ inches high. Had on when admitted black mixed coat, black striped pants, blue vest, white shirt and undershirt, gaiters. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

At N. Y. City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island—Clinton F. Gilroy; aged 69 years; gray hair; blue eyes. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, December 27, 1879.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

"In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital—From 202 Allen street, Unknown man; aged about 40 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; light brown hair; sandy moustache; blue eyes. Had on when brought to Morgue white knit undershirt and drawers.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Mary McMahon; aged 34 years; 4 feet 10 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted striped shawl, calico dress, plaid petticoat. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Homoeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—James Hathaway; aged 60 years; 4 feet 8 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Had on when admitted dark pants, blue coat and vest. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

"In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Work-house, Blackwell's Island—Christina Stack; aged 40 years. Committed December 25, 1879. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Homoeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Mary McCarthy; aged 40 years; 5 feet 2 inches high; gray eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted light sacque and skirt, brown shawl, laced shoes. Nothing known of her friends or relatives.

At Hart's Island Hospital—Felix O'Neill; aged 44 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; one eye. Had on when admitted brown coat, light pants. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

By Order,
JOSHUA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1880.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS

Department with the following articles, to wit:

165,000 pounds Hay, of the quality and standard known as Good Sweet Timothy.

37,000 pounds good clean Rye Straw.

1,200 bags clean White Oats, 80 pounds to the bag.

800 bags Fine Feed, 60 pounds to the bag.

—will be received at these Headquarters until 9 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, the 21st instant, when they will be publicly opened and read.

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

Proposals must include all of the items, specifying the price per cwt. for hay and straw, and per bag for oats and feed.

All of the articles are to be delivered at the various houses of the Department in such quantities and at such times as may be directed.

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

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

Proposals must be indorsed upon the envelope "Proposal for Furnishing Forage," with the name of the bidder, and be addressed to the Board of Commissioners of this Department.

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

VINCENT C. KING,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
NEW YORK, January 6, 1880.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TWO (2)

horses and one old covered buggy will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at Nos. 110 and 112 East Thirtieth street, on Friday, the 16th instant, at 12 o'clock M., by Van Tassel & Kearney, auctioneers.

VINCENT C. KING,
JOHN J. GORMAN,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

Board of Commissioners of this Department will meet daily at 10 o'clock A. M., for the transaction of business.

By order of the Board,
VINCENT C. KING, President,
JOHN J. GORMAN, Treasurer,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
Commissioners.

CARL JUSSER,
Secretary

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

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 1879, 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, price, 50 00

Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, price, 15 00

Records of Judgments, 25 volumes, bound, price, 10 00

Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Comptroller's Office, New County Court-house."

JOHN KELLY,
Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
FIRST FLOOR (NEW WING), NEW COURT-HOUSE,
CITY HALL PARK,
NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 1879.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

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

CONFIRMED AND ENTERED DECEMBER 10, 1879.

83d street sewer, between 10th avenue and Boulevard.

95th street sewer, between 3d and Lexington avenues, etc.

107th street sewer, between 4th and 5th avenues.

Water street basin, southeast corner Jefferson street.

92d street basin, southwest corner 8th avenue.

99th street, regulating, grading, etc., from 1st to 3d avenue.

9th avenue, regulating, grading, etc., from 63d street to Boulevard.

74th street, paving from Avenue A to East river.

45th street, flagging south side, between 1st and 2d avenues.

4th avenue, flagging east side, between 65th and 66th streets.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before February 11, 1880, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the date of entry.

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

EDWARD GILON,
Collector of Assessments.

SUPREME COURT.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BILL of the costs, charges, and expenses incurred by reason of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter, will be presented for taxation to one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, in the New Court-house at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the twentieth day of January, 1880, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

THOMAS W. PITTMAN,
A. M. SOTELLO,
GEORGE F. MARTENS,
Commissioners.

Dated New York, January 3, 1880.

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

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

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

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

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

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

That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held in the New Court-house at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 31st day of February, 1880, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
No. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ROOM 39,
NEW YORK, January 2, 1880.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk of the Police Department of the City of New York, No. 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Boats, rope, iron, male and female clothing, watches, revolvers, two cases goods, seed, wagons, tea, coffee, etc.; also small amount of money found and taken from prisoners.