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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION.

TUESDAY, December 6, 1881,
12 o'clock, M.

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

PRESENT:

Hon. Patrick Keenan, President;

ALDERMEN

Henry G. Autenrieth,
John Cavanagh,
Frederick Finck,
James W. Hawes,
George Hilliard,
Bernard Kenney,
Patrick Kenney,

William P. Kirk,
Joseph J. McAvoy,
John McClave,
Jeremiah Murphy,
Henry C. Perley,
Robert Power,
John Reynolds,

William Sauer,
John H. Seaman,
James J. Slewin,
Joseph P. Strack,
Chas. B. Waite,
James L. Wells.

On motion of Alderman Perley the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Reynolds—

Petition of John Shea to lay an iron pipe from his factory in Thirty-ninth street to the North river.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

By Alderman McAvoy—

Petition of the United States Underground Telegraph Company for permission to lay its wires and apparatus through the streets of the city.

Which was referred to the Committee on Ferries and Franchises.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation was received to attend the annual ball of the Bernard Kenney Association, at Irving Hall, on Tuesday evening, December 13, 1881.

Which was accepted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman McAvoy—

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid at westerly side of Fourth avenue, at intersection of Seventy-second street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Autenrieth—

AN ORDINANCE (in regard to show-cases and stands) to amend section 282 of article XXX. of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances, approved December 31, 1880.

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

Section 1. Section 282 of article XXX. of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances, approved December 31, 1880, is hereby amended by the addition of: "And no permit shall be granted to any person to place on any sidewalk any show-case or stand, for the exhibit or sale of any wares, merchandise, goods, or any other thing, unless the application for such permit be made in writing, which shall in every case be personally signed by the petitioner, and be accompanied with the written consent of the owners and occupants of fifty feet of property on each side of the premises in front of which it is designed to place said show-case or stand; and no permit shall in any case be granted to place or maintain any show-case or stand on Broadway, Fifth avenue, or Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue"—so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 282. Nothing in this article shall be construed as in any case requiring the registrar of permits to grant such permits in the absence of objections, unless he shall, in his discretion, be satisfied that it is desirable and proper that the same should be granted; and no permit shall be granted to any person to place on any sidewalk any show-case or stand, for the exhibit or sale of any wares, merchandise, goods, or any other thing, unless the application for such permit be made in writing, which shall in every case be personally signed by the petitioner, and be accompanied with the written consent of the owners and occupants of fifty feet of property on each side of the premises in front of which it is designed to place said show-case or stand; and no permit shall in any case be granted to place or maintain any show-case or stand on Broadway, Fifth avenue, or Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Works to order and direct the removal forthwith of all show-cases and stands which are now or may be hereafter placed or continued in any street of this city, contrary to the preceding provisions of these ordinances; and any person who shall neglect or refuse to comply with such instruction or order shall forfeit and pay, for every such offense, five dollars.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By the same—

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 52 of article IV. of chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances, approved December 31, 1880.

Section 1. Section 52 of article IV. of chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances, approved December 31, 1880, is hereby amended by the insertion of the words: "And it is hereby expressly provided that no person shall be permitted to hang out any goods, wares or merchandise, or any other thing at any distance whatsoever, on Broadway, Fifth avenue, or Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue"—so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 52. No person shall hang or place any goods, wares, or merchandise, or any other thing, at any greater distance than twelve inches in front of his, her, or their house or store, or other building, and it is hereby expressly provided that no person shall be permitted to hang out any goods, wares or merchandise, or any other thing, at any distance whatsoever, on Broadway, Fifth avenue, or Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue, under the penalty of five dollars for each offense.

Sec. 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By the same—

AN ORDINANCE (in regard to street vendors) to amend section 302 of article XXXI. of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances, approved December 31, 1880.

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

Section 1. Section 302 of article XXXI. of chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances, approved December 31, 1880, is hereby amended by the addition of the words: "And it is hereby expressly provided that no person shall expose for sale, or lay or place, or peddle any goods, wares, merchandise, or any other thing, on the sidewalks or in the roadways of Broadway, Fifth avenue, or Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue, under penalty of ten dollars for each offense"—so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 302. No auctioneer, or his agent or servant, or any other person, shall sell at auction, or expose for sale or lay or place any goods, wares, merchandise, or other thing, in any street, road, lane, highway, or public place in the City of New York, unless such person shall first obtain the consent or permission, in writing, of the occupant of the lot or building before which such articles, or any part thereof, shall be placed or exposed for sale, under the penalty of ten dollars for every such offense, to be sued for and recovered from the seller, auctioneer, or his agent, severally and respectively. And it is hereby expressly provided that no person shall expose for sale, or lay or place or peddle any goods, wares, merchandise, or any other thing, on the sidewalks or in the roadways of Broadway, Fifth avenue, or Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Sixth avenue, under penalty of ten dollars for each offense.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Sec. 3. The Commissioners of Police are hereby required to enforce rigidly the provisions of this ordinance.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By Alderman McClave—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Edward Finney to retain the small sign now in front of his place of business, No. 337 Eighth avenue; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Wells—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles Van Riper to set the curb and gutter stones and flag the sidewalk a space eight feet wide in front of his premises, on the northerly side of One Hundred and Forty-third street, commencing 150 feet east of Willis avenue and running easterly 150 feet, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Seaman—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles L. Church's Son to erect and maintain a storm-door in front of No. 537 Hudson street, the work done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Slewin—

Resolved, That William E. Morris be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Samuel J. Goldsmith, 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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

By Alderman P. Kenney—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Loeb Bros. to erect and retain meat-rack on the curb-stone line in front of their premises, No. 238 Avenue A, the work done at their own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman McClave—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Edward Hendrick to retain the storm-door now at the entrance to No. 612 Sixth avenue; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Seaman—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Reuben Beck to erect a booth inside the stoop-line in front of Nos. 20 and 22 Mercer street, said booth to be 2 feet 2 inches wide and 8 feet high, the work 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.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 447.)

By Alderman Perley—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the following-named persons, for the sums set opposite their names, respectively, for services rendered to the Board of County Canvassers, and charge the same to the appropriation for election expenses:

John N. Outwater.....	\$250 00
Edmund M. Plum.....	150 00
Patrick Moore.....	70 00
Terence P. Smith.....	70 00
William F. Crowe.....	31 00
Philip Cooney.....	31 00
William O'Brien.....	31 00
Alexander Church, Jr.....	31 00
Max Auerbach.....	31 00
Emanuel Seiss.....	31 00
William Eckstein.....	31 00
John J. O'Gorman.....	31 00
Thomas J. O'Connell.....	31 00
William Green.....	31 00
George W. Eastburn.....	31 00
John Murphy.....	31 00
W. D. Lemhan.....	50 00
Peter Conley.....	31 00
Charles Fowler.....	31 00
Nicholas Palmer.....	31 00
William M. Taylor.....	31 00
John Tobin.....	31 00
Lewis Aikle.....	31 00
Alfred Appel.....	31 00
J. Thomas Stearns.....	31 00
William Stiner.....	31 00
Eugene McGrath.....	31 00
E. B. Cunniar.....	31 00
John Gavin.....	31 00
John Hickcock.....	31 00
James Wallace.....	31 00
John O'Rourke.....	31 00
J. Runtzeman.....	31 00
Patrick A. Whitney.....	31 00
Richard T. Cohen.....	31 00
John Stack.....	50 00
George Corbett.....	31 00

Michael Harrington.....	31 00
Frank McGrath.....	31 00
Walter Kelly.....	31 00
Patrick McMullen.....	60 00
John McConville.....	31 00
George J. Kraus.....	50 00
A. Eugene Lux.....	31 00
Theodore A. Kirk.....	31 00
James McGowan.....	60 00
Charles T. Kline.....	31 00

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Hilliard—

Resolved, That the time for payment of licenses by public cartmen be and is hereby extended to December 31, 1881.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the President—

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place, respectively, of the persons whose names appear opposite, whose terms of office expire at the time stated:

	Term Expires.
Henry A. Allen, in place of Henry A. Allen.....	December 2, 1881.
Richard C. Morgan, " Richard C. Morgan.....	" 2, "
Joseph J. Bonneau, " Isaac Aaron.....	" 2, "
William A. Keeler, " William A. Keeler.....	" 2, "
Francis J. Archer, " Alexander Martin.....	" 2, "
Henry G. Smith, " Henry G. Smith.....	" 9, "
Leo Herzberg, " James M. Sweeney.....	" 2, "
Benjamin F. Gerding, " Frederick Gessler.....	" 9, "
John M. Shedd, " Henry McLaughlin.....	" 9, "
Louis Curtis, " John H. Dempsey.....	" 26, "

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—21.

By Alderman Kirk—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Eugenio Mengali to retain small stand for the sale of fruit in front of premise the No. 28 Broad street, he having obtained the consent of the occupants of said premises, the work done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Wells—

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they hereby are requested to relay and place in good order and repair the crosswalks in College avenue and in One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, at the intersection of said street and avenue, near Grammar School No. —.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Power—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Richard Clemmens to erect storm-door inside of stoop-line in front of No. 759 Seventh avenue, 3 feet 6 inches wide, 9 feet high, the work 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.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Sauer—

Resolved, That Seventy-fifth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, be paved with Belgian or trap-block 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 Public Works.

By Alderman McAvoy—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Theodore Lichtwitz to place two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps at the curb in front of the Lexington House, No. 143 East Fifty-ninth street, the work done and gas 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.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Perley—

Whereas, The concentration of all the public offices of the city that cannot be located in either of the buildings in the City Hall Park, or other buildings owned by the Corporation, into one building in the immediate vicinity of the Park, would be so obviously an advantage to all persons having business to transact with the departments and bureaus of the City Government, that the corporate authorities would be justified in incurring even additional expense in securing the much needed accommodation to our citizens. If this advantage can be secured for the sum now paid for rent for public offices in different parts of the city, possibly with a saving to the tax-payers, it would be the imperative duty of the authorities to avail themselves of such an opportunity, and they would be derelict in their duties did they not do so; and

Whereas, If the large and commodious building located on the east side of Broadway, between Chambers and Reade streets (Stewart's wholesale store), in immediate proximity to the City Hall Park, can be leased, as is more than probable, it will afford ample accommodations for every department and bureau of the City Government that cannot for want of space be located in the buildings in the Park; be it therefore

Resolved, That the attention of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and is hereby respectfully directed to the subject, with a request that, as provided in chapter 461, Laws of 1880, the said property may be leased, at a fair and reasonable rent, for the purpose named, if deemed for the best interests of the city.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Affairs.

By the President—

Resignation of J. Kunzman as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

Whereupon the President offered the following:

Resolved, That Michael J. Kunzman be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Jacob Kunzman, resigned.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Murphy, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

(G. O. 448.)

By Alderman Perley—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Forty-second street, from First avenue to East river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Wells—

Whereas, Vanderbilt or Railroad avenue, between One Hundred and Seventy-sixth and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh streets, is, during the greater portion of the year, in such a muddy and disagreeable condition as to cause great inconvenience and annoyance to the large number of persons who are obliged to use the same either for business purposes or in going to and from the Tremont depot of the New York and Harlem Railroad be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks be and they are hereby requested to repair, with broken stone, the roadway of said Vanderbilt avenue, between said One Hundred and Seventy-sixth and One Hundred and Seventy-seventh streets, in the same manner as is now being done in One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street, and that they be further requested to lay a crosswalk in said avenue, between said streets, from a point near the postoffice to the gate on the easterly side of the Tremont station of the New York and Harlem Railroad.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cavanagh—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Carsten Dierksen to erect a storm-door in front of No. 319 West Charlton street, the work 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.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Power—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Valentine Loewer to place and keep a platform scale in the carriage-way of the street in front of his premises, No. 525 West Forty-first street, as shown on the accompanying diagram, such scale to be flush with the surface of the street, and so constructed as not to present any impediment to the free use of said street, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Wells—

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid in Mott avenue and in One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, at the intersections of said avenue and street, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman McAvoy—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles R. Purdy to place and keep a bay-window on building about to be erected on the northeast corner of Fifty-second street and Fifth avenue, in accordance with the accompanying diagram, the permission of the owner of the adjoining property having given consent and is hereto annexed, the work 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 referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Wells—

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the northerly side of One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street, between Third avenue and Washington avenue, be flagged a space four feet wide, and that crosswalks be laid in Washington avenue and in One Hundred and Seventy-fourth street at the intersections of said avenue and street, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

(G. O. 449.)

By Alderman McClave—

Resolved, That Sixty-first street, from Avenue A to the line of bulkhead (East river), be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

Alderman B. Kenney moved that the Committee on Public Works be discharged from the further consideration of a petition of "Cercle Francais de l'Harmonie," for permission to connect the Academy of Music and Irving Hall by a bridge over Irving place, on the occasion of their ball, January 24, 1881.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman B. Kenney moved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

REPORTS.

(G. O. 450.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from St. Nicholas avenue to Boulevard, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, from St. Nicholas avenue to the Boulevard, be regulated and graded, that curb and gutter stones be set, and that the sidewalks be flagged a space four feet wide, through the centre thereof, within the aforesaid limits, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

BERNARD KENNEY, } Committee
JAMES L. WELLS, } on
HENRY C. PERLEY, } Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 451.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of regulating, grading, etc., One Hundred and Third street, from First avenue to Avenue A, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That One Hundred and Third street, from the easterly side of First avenue to the westerly side of Avenue A, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

BERNARD KENNEY, } Committee
JAMES L. WELLS, } on
HENRY C. PERLEY, } Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 452.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of laying Croton-mains in One Hundred and Sixtieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in One Hundred and Sixtieth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

BERNARD KENNEY, } Committee
JAMES L. WELLS, } on
HENRY C. PERLEY, } Public Works.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 453.)

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of placing free drinking-hydrant on southeast corner of Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-second street, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That a free drinking-hydrant be placed on the southeast corner of Tenth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-second street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

BERNARD KENNEY, } Committee
JAMES L. WELLS, } on
HENRY C. PERLEY, } Public Works.

Which was laid over.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

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

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, }
NEW YORK, December 1, 1881.

Hon. PATRICK KEENAN, President of the Board of Aldermen:

SIR—Enclosed please find list of names of Commissioners of Deeds, whose terms of office expire during the month of December, 1881.

Yours respectfully,

WM. A. BUTLER,

Clerk City and County of New York.

	Term Expires.
George H. Armstrong.....	December 2, 1881.
Isaac Aaron.....	" 2, "
Henry A. Allen.....	" 2, "
John H. Dempsey.....	" 26, "
Frederick Gessler.....	" 9, "
William A. Keeler.....	" 2, "
Henry McLaughlin.....	" 9, "
Alexander Martin.....	" 2, "
Richard C. Morgan.....	" 2, "
Charles S. Monroe.....	" 2, "
Stephen Philbin.....	" 2, "
James A. Reilly.....	" 2, "
James M. Sweeney.....	" 2, "
Henry G. Smith.....	" 9, "

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Finance:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, December 3, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Common Council from January 1 to December 31, 1881, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof, for and on account of each appropriation.

Title of Appropriations.	Am't of Appropriations.	Payments.
City Contingencies.....	\$1,000 00	\$882 41
Contingencies—Clerk of the Common Council.....	250 00	85 90
Salaries—Common Council.....	63,000 00	56,624 23

RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Public Administrator:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR,
NEW YORK, December 1, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Pursuant to chapter 4, article III., section 24, of the Ordinances of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, of January 1, 1881, the undersigned hereby reports a transcript of such of his accounts as have been closed or finally settled, and of those on which any money has been received by him as part of the proceeds of any estate on which he has administered since the date of his last report.

Respectfully,
ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator.

A transcript of such of his accounts as have been closed or finally settled since the date of his last report.

NAME OF DECEASED.	Date of Final Decree.	Total Amount Received.	Total Amount paid for Funeral Expenses, Expenses of Administration, and Claims of Creditors.	Commissions paid into the City Treasury.	Amount paid to Legatees or Next of Kin.	Amount paid into City Treasury for Unknown Next of Kin.
James Williams.....	\$1,964 62	\$913 22	\$98 23	.....	\$953 17
Hiram C. Sparks.....	160 48	152 46	8 02	.....	.....
Maurice Ducarnet.....	496 66	471 83	24 83	.....	.....
Richard Callaghan.....	112 00	134 60	7 10	.....	.....
Bridget Connor.....	128 67	37 58	6 43	.....	84 66
Jerome Degandenz.....	104 37	32 25	5 22	.....	66 90
Ellen Burke.....	1,204 23	376 71	60 21	\$767 31	.....

A statement of the title of any estate on which any money has been received since the date of the last report.

NAME OF DECEASED.	DATE.	Total Amount Received.	NAME OF DECEASED.	DATE.	Total Amount Received.
Catharine C. Coster.....	Nov. 4, 1881	\$401 03	Maurice Davis.....	Nov. 25, 1881	\$31 49
Henry Fincken.....	" 4, "	1,466 66	Winifred Mooney.....	" 25, "	10 00
Charles A. W. Hoerstel.....	" 4, "	202 94	Charles Corkum.....	" 25, "	36 55
Jean Marie Le Coz.....	" 9, "	35 10	John James.....	" 28, "	1,534 90
A. J. Dobbie.....	" 9, "	7 20	Mary Carroll.....	" 28, "	23 88
William W. Finley.....	" 10, "	1,058 10	Theodore Gentil.....	" 29, "	420 00
Joseph Caille.....	" 12, "	100 00	Ann E. Lindsey.....	" 29, "	539 83
James A. McPhail.....	" 21, "	75 00			

ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Public Administrator.

Which was ordered on file.

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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I herewith transmit a communication addressed to me by Messrs. Butler, Stillman & Hubbard of this city, relative to the protection of the rights of the city in the proceedings now pending before Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court in the matter of the Broadway Underground Connecting Railway Company. The matter appears to me to be of the utmost importance to the city, and I have already addressed a communication to the Corporation Counsel, asking him to appear before the Commissioners, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty. I have grave doubts as to whether the construction of an underground road under Broadway would not be a serious detriment to the interests of the city, but in any event I am satisfied that no such structure should be built except upon condition that the manner of its construction meet with the approval of the Mayor, Comptroller, and Commissioner of Public Works. To appropriate the core of Broadway for railway purposes would be to deprive the city of a valuable property, which is much needed for public purposes, and would necessarily interfere to a greater or less extent with the entire pipe and sewer system of the street, and should be permitted only upon such terms as may meet with the approval of the representatives of the city. I should be pleased to concur in any legislation to protect the interests of the city which your Honorable Board may be pleased to pass.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

NEW YORK, December 1, 1881.

Hon. WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor of the City of New York:

DEAR SIR—As the representatives of a large number of citizens owning valuable property on the line of Broadway, we desire to call your attention to the subject of the proposed Broadway Underground Railroad as one which is of great importance, not only to the individuals immediately concerned but also to the tax-payers and the municipal authorities of the City of New York.

You may be aware, unofficially, that a proceeding is now pending to enable a corporation styled "The Broadway Underground Connecting Railway Company," to acquire the right to build a tunnel or tunnels beneath the surface of Broadway, from Park place to Fourteenth street. For your information, and for the information of those to whom this matter may be referred, we propose to state the present condition and situation of this proceeding and the reasons why we urge you to take action in the matter on behalf of the city. This we must do in a hasty and imperfect way, as we have not sufficient time to enable us to present an exhaustive argument.

The Broadway Connecting Underground Railway Company is a corporation organized under what is termed the "General Railroad Act of 1850." Its articles were filed May 27, 1880. Its capital is stated to be \$1,000,000.

It appears by the papers on file that \$2,000 of stock (\$1,000 for each mile of the road) has been subscribed for in good faith, and \$200 paid in, in cash. This is a technical compliance with the law. The road contemplated is to begin at the corner of Broadway and Park place, and to run thence under Broadway to Union square.

Under chapter 140 of the Laws of 1854, no such railroad could be constructed without the consent of a majority in interest of the owners of property along the proposed line of route, as well as the consent of the proper local authorities. The promoters of the present scheme sought to obviate this necessity by the passage of a law known as chapter 582 of the laws of 1880, passed June 25, 1880, ostensibly a general law providing for excavating and bridging for transportation purposes within villages and cities of this State, and designed, as was intimated when it was offered, to cover the case of the Hudson River Tunnel. By this act it is provided, among other things, that in case the consent of one-half of the owners cannot be obtained, the Supreme Court may appoint three Commissioners, who shall determine, after a hearing of all parties interested, whether such railroad ought to be allowed to be built, and in what manner the same may be so built with the least damage to the surface and to the use of the surface by the public, and the determination by said Commissioners, confirmed by the Court, may be taken in lieu of the consent of said authorities and property-owners.

An examination of this act discloses the curious feature, that while it is made a condition precedent that the consent of owners, of property-holders, and also the public authorities, shall be obtained, it is the refusal of the property-owners only which enables the Court to put Commissioners in the place of owners and authorities likewise.

Under this law, the company procured the appointment of Messrs. Henry E. Davies, Joseph S. Bosworth, and John O'Brien as Commissioners. These Commissioners have met, have heard testimony on behalf of the proposed scheme, and also evidence on behalf of property-owners in opposition thereto. We hand you herewith a printed copy of the proceedings to and including November 14, 1881. Additional testimony of a very important kind was given by Mr. Darragh, Mr. A. B. Mullet, Mr. George K. Radford (of Vaux & Radford), Mr. Thomas R. Lees, President of the N. Y. Gas-light Co., and others, on November 25th and 26th, but has not yet been printed. We will transmit a copy to you as soon as possible.

The Commissioners have not yet concluded their sessions, but we think that they will soon bring their proceedings to an end.

We submit to you herewith a printed pamphlet, the report of the Committee of property-owners, containing a summary of such objections to the proposed railway as had been suggested to them up to the date thereof, October 22, 1881; since that time these objections have been vastly strengthened, developed and extended by the testimony to which we respectfully refer.

The effect of the evidence which has been presented is such that the promoters of this scheme are already endeavoring to abandon their proposed plans of construction and substitute others. Whether or not they are to be permitted to do so will be a question for the Commissioners to decide. No possible plan of construction which may be adopted will lessen the importance of this matter as affecting the city at large.

We call your particular attention to the following points:

I.—The Commissioners are to determine only "whether such railroad ought to be allowed to be built, and in what manner the same may be so built with the least damage to the surface and to the use of the surface by the public." They have no authority over the work itself. Their powers will be exhausted when they shall have reported their conclusions to the General Term of the Supreme Court.

II.—It is proposed that a gift of the centre of Broadway should be made to this corporation; the core of the street is to be occupied for all time. (See paragraph 8 of Committee's Report, page 9.)

In connection with this subject we recall to your mind the language of your recent message, vetoing the resolution, granting certain privileges to the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company. Your first objection is as follows:

"First—That the resolution fails to make any provision for the payment to the city of an adequate consideration for the franchises sought to be granted. The approval of this resolution by me would be equivalent to the bestowal upon the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company of a right which is of great value to them and which should be of great value to the city, while the city itself would reap practically no return for the proprietary rights of which it would dispose.

"The Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company, which is a wealthy corporation, already possessed of most valuable rights, should be compelled to pay the city an honest price before it is permitted to add to the franchises it already enjoys.

"The provision in the resolution for the payment of one cent for each lineal foot of street occupied is altogether inadequate, being, in my opinion, scarcely more than nominal.

"Not only should this practice of granting franchises without compensation come to an end because of its inherent wrongfulness, but because if the burden of taxation is ever to be materially reduced, the city must avail itself of all possible sources of income. Capital is entitled to a fair return for its use, but if the municipality is enabled to afford the opportunity to capital for reaping unusual returns far above the market rate of interest, the city which thus affords the opportunity should share in the benefit."

These well considered remarks are applicable with even greater force to the case in question.

This railroad company seeks to acquire a privilege enormously greater than any ever granted to a corporation or individual in this State, if not in this country, without the payment of a single dollar. We submit that the officers of the city should, in the interests of the people, urge upon the Commissioners that unless the city is to derive some revenue for this extraordinary grant, "such railroad ought not to be allowed to be built."

III.—It is conceded that the gas and water pipes on Broadway must be seriously affected. The original plan of the company was to suspend them during the progress of the work from a sort of scaffolding. It has also been suggested that the water pipes might be transferred to some other street. Without arguing the question, we simply refer to the testimony as to the danger of this sort of proceeding, and the necessity of official supervision.

(See testimony of Isaac Newton, Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct Bureau, page 194, et seq., and particularly folios 776, 779, 791, 795, 800, 802, 804, 824, 826.)

IV.—It is also conceded that the pavement on Broadway must be removed and the street subsequently repaved. In the meantime the paving stones are to be allowed to stand in piles on the sidewalks as well as on intersecting streets.

(See page 99, fol. 394, et seq.)

This matter is one which requires careful attention from the municipal authorities.

V.—The proposed alteration of the sewerage system of the city is of paramount importance.

The first proposition of the Company, in regard to sewers, is set out on pages 13 to 17 of the testimony. The evidence of Mr. Towle (pp. 168-192) shows that whether successfully or unsuccessfully conducted the operation will be one attended with serious risks and great expense, and will require close supervision by the city.

(See particularly page 177.)

It requires no argument to show that any interference with the sewers is a matter of moment to the city.

Mr. Darragh, called upon by the Commission to give his views, has testified that new sewers must be built in side streets, at a cost of \$1,000,000. All this involves great expense, obstruction of traffic, danger, and public inconvenience—for the benefit of this corporation. The law provides (section 3) that this work shall be done at the expense of the railroad company, under the direction of the city. It is a matter of serious concern to tax-payers to know whether the business of helping a speculative corporation to take possession of the public property is part of the proper work for which public employees and officials receive salaries; and whether the deposit of a fund large enough to indemnify the city against any danger of loss, and to meet all the expenses of the work as well as the expense of restoring the streets to their original condition, in case of the failure of the company, should not be exacted.

VI.—As to the great danger to the buildings along the route, the evidence is simply overwhelming.

Our conclusion from the testimony is, that under any mode of construction it is probable that most of the buildings on Broadway would settle or fall, unless shored up and underpinned with the utmost care, greater care than is ever taken in the ordinary work of building.

The supervision of buildings is one of the functions of our municipal government; there is a department having such matters in charge. We expect Mr. Esterbrook, the Superintendent, to testify to the enormous danger which will be caused by the execution of this scheme; we may state, in advance, that he agrees with us in condemning the plans proposed.

VII.—The centre of Broadway is becoming more valuable day by day. No one can predict the uses to which it may hereafter be put for the convenience and accommodation of the public. All these possibilities are to be cut off by a gift to a corporation which will occupy the street permanently, for all time. This alone should be enough to call forth the opposition of the city.

VIII.—Other points are referred to in the printed report of the Committee. The sum and substance of the matter is this:

A corporation, not shown to be responsible or to be possessed of any funds, seeks to acquire, without paying for it, one of the most valuable franchises conceivable, to interfere for an indefinite period with the pavements, sewers, gas-pipes, and water-pipes on the most important thoroughfare on the continent; change the pipes and sewers, rebuild them and alter their situation; to obstruct that thoroughfare and intersecting streets for years; to take possession of sidewalks on the surface of streets; to endanger the safety of hundreds of buildings of enormous value, all this without providing in any way for furnishing any security whatever.

These are things which concern the whole city, and not merely the property-owners on Broadway.

The consent of the Commissioners is made the substitute not only for the consent of property-owners but of the city authorities.

We think, therefore, that you will agree with us in saying that it is the right and the duty of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of New York to appear before these Commissioners and resist the application of this corporation.

As the Commissioners will meet on Friday, the 2d of December, and as they may close their proceedings at any time, we respectfully suggest that you address a letter to them, asking that the city may be heard before they terminate their sessions, and that an opportunity may be afforded for a careful examination of the matter.

Very respectfully, yours,
BUTLER, STILLMAN & HUBBARD,
111 Broadway, N. Y.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PROPERTY-OWNERS AS TO THE PROPOSED BROADWAY
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.

To the property-owners on Broadway and intersecting streets:

At a meeting held on September 22, 1881, the subscribers were appointed a Committee to consider the subject of the proposed Broadway Underground Railroad, and to recommend such action as might be necessary in order to protect the interests of property-owners and of the city.

We have devoted some time and labor to the performance of this duty, and beg leave to submit our report.

It may be stated at the outset that a majority of the members of the Committee are convinced that the proposed scheme now under consideration by the Supreme Court Commission is fraught with serious danger to the public and private interests of vast importance and that it should be earnestly opposed by property-owners and by all good citizens. A minority of the Committee believe that the proposed scheme is practicable, and that the dangers apprehended may be averted by imposing upon the projectors certain conditions and restrictions which would commend themselves to the reasonable judgment of impartial Commissioners. Upon this report, however, the Committee is unanimous.

I. The history of the scheme may be briefly summarized as follows:

The Broadway Connecting Underground Railway Company is a corporation organized under what is termed the "General Railroad Act of 1850." Its articles were filed May 27, 1850. Its capital is stated to be \$1,000,000. The names of the persons subscribing the articles, and who profess to own one share of stock each, are as follows: Robert Sewell, James F. Ruggles, Francis A. Stout, D. Colden Murray, Henry Sheldon, De Witt C. Brown, Charles P. Shaw, Walter J. Morris, Douglas Campbell, Lauren Redfield, James F. Pierce, Henry Rudloff, Origen Vandenberg, J. B. Shaw, James L. Hyatt, Anson House, Louis H. Rullman, Theodore Matchett, Anson H. Naylor, George H. Priesmeyer, R. J. Clark, W. A. Orseifer, Herbert N. Curtis, George P. Sheldon, and Hiram Calkins. Of these, Messrs. Sewell, Ruggles, H. Sheldon, Brown, Campbell, Redfield, Pierce, Charles P. Shaw, Curtis, and G. P. Sheldon are lawyers; Mr. Calkins is or was a newspaper correspondent; Mr. Morris is the company's engineer; Mr. Vandenberg is a well-known speculator; and most of the others are stated by one of these stockholders to be nominal stockholders only, whose names are used in order to comply with the requirements of the law.

It appears by the papers on file that \$2,000 of stock (\$1,000 for each mile of the road) has been subscribed for in good faith, and \$200 paid in cash. This is a technical compliance with the law. The road contemplated is to begin at the corner of Broadway and Park place, and to run thence under Broadway to Union Square.

It is believed that under chapter 140 of the Laws of 1854, no such railroad could be constructed without the consent of a majority in interest of the owners of property on Broadway. This was obviated by the passage of a law known as chapter 582 of the Laws of 1880, passed June 25, 1880, ostensibly a general law providing for excavating and bridging for transportation purposes within villages and cities of this State, and designed, as was intimated when it was offered, to cover the case of the Hudson River Tunnel. By this act it is provided, among other things, that in case the consent of one-half of the owners cannot be obtained, the Supreme Court may appoint "three Commissioners who shall determine, after a hearing of all parties interested, whether such railroad ought to be built, and in what manner the same may be so built with the least damage to the surface and to the use of the surface by the public, and the determination by said Commissioners, confirmed by the Court, may be taken in lieu of the consent of said authorities and property-owners."

Under this law the company has procured the appointment of Messrs. Henry E. Davies, Joseph S. Bosworth, and John O'Brien, as Commissioners. These Commissioners published a notice of their meeting, assembled on July 6, and on that and subsequent days took testimony in favor of the proposed road. When this was finished they appointed September 19 as a day for hearing any other parties who desired to be heard. From that day, by the efforts of the members of your Committee, the hearing had been adjourned to October 22, when it must proceed without further delay.

It is no secret that the corporation just described is to be consolidated with the company known as the New York Underground Railway Company. This latter company has a longer line of ancestry than its associate. It claims to be the successor of the old Central Underground Road, incorporated in 1868. This old company was sold out, under a judgment obtained by Mr. Origen Vandenberg, for an alleged debt. Under a recent statute, it was reorganized by Mr. Vandenberg and certain associates. It claims an absolute right to build under Broadway, from the Battery to the City Hall, and, as far as we can learn, all over or under the city, founding the claim on a clause in an amendatory act passed in 1869, permitting its predecessor to make connections with any steam or horse railroads, in such manner as it should deem best. It is a grave question whether or not this corporation has acquired any rights; but that matter does not require discussion at present. It is sufficient to say that while in the past all schemes for building underground railroads in this city have proved abortive, the present scheme has reached a stage which no others have reached, and requires instant and earnest attention on the part of us all, for it will affect, whether for good or ill, most extensive and important interests, both private and public.

II.—The plan of the road has been presented to the Commissioners by the company's engineer, with the aid of maps and diagrams, so as to make a *prima facie* case. Without going too much into detail, we may give some notion of it.

Two tunnels of brick or stone are to be built side by side. The base of the rail will be 24 or 25 feet beneath the surface. The tunnels will be 15 feet in height. The top of the tunnels will be about 7½ feet from the surface. The space between their sides and the line of the curb is to be about 4 or 5 feet on each side. The foundation is to be of concrete or asphalt, and the top of the arch is to be covered with the same material. Stations are to be built at intervals of half a mile, or less; these are to be 500 or 600 feet in length, and where they are built the vaults of the adjoining owners must be occupied to the house line, to the exclusion of all light and air from that source, and the question whether any compensation shall be made is an open one; a controversy is now pending on the general subject with the elevated roads.

In building the road, it is proposed to sink shafts in side streets, about 100 feet from Broadway, the opening to occupy not more than one-half the street in width. From this shaft they will work into Broadway. They propose to do the work in sections of 250 feet, without interrupting travel on Broadway. They say that they will build a board floor over the section under construction, putting it up in a single night. This is to be supported by an elaborate trestle work. The gas and water pipes are to be suspended from the trestle. The giving way of the adjacent earth is to be prevented by what is termed "sheath piling," or boards driven into the earth and supported by beams. At Canal street there will be a different mode of procedure. Owing to the depression of the surface at this point there will be, for a considerable time, an opening 1,200 feet long; piles are to be driven beneath the structure, and it is not to be bridged during construction, unless the Commission require it. The sewers now in Broadway are to be divided, smaller sewers of half size to be constructed on either side. Those which cross Broadway and carry the drainage from the east of that street to the North river, must be discontinued, and new sewers built to carry all the east-side drainage to the East river. Four miles and a half of new sewers must be constructed at the company's expense. That work is to be done before commencing the tunnels. It is claimed that these sewers can be built in three months; the road in two years. The cost of the road is estimated by the company at \$2,000,000 per mile. They claim that the engines can be driven by compressed air. The company has proposed certain regulations to which we refer, a copy thereof being annexed to this report. It may be added that the company in no way pledges itself to adopt this or any manner of construction. It has offered testimony to show that the tunnel can be driven by means of a shield, without disturbing the street at all; but Mr. Morris, himself, does not favor that plan, because of the nature of the soil and the small distance between the top of the tunnel and the surface of the street. There is no precision whatever in the claims they make. They ask for the utmost latitude, as is shown by the "proposed regulations" submitted by them. Everything which might be construed as a possible protection to property-holders is left utterly vague and uncertain.

Attention is particularly called to the fact that by these "proposed regulations" the company proposes to occupy the side streets, during the progress of the work, to a distance extending 100 feet from the outer boundary of Broadway (section 4), and also that, if found necessary or convenient for exit or entrance to any station, the company may make and permanently maintain a subway, not exceeding 12 feet wide inside, and extending not exceeding 100 feet outward from Broadway, under any of such connecting streets (section 5).

III.—It is not disputed that this plan, as a mere matter of engineering, is so far practicable that, with competent engineers, and by means of an enormous expenditure of money, the road can be built. Some of the objections to the plan which have been urged by the property-owners we may briefly detail, premising, however, that the Committee, as a body, in making these objections, is stating the case of objectors generally:

1. That there is no demand or need for such a railway. The public is already well accommodated with means of transit, and those means will suffice to carry all the passengers offering for many years to come. There should be a very earnest and pressing demand on the part of the public to justify such a dangerous and extraordinary experiment as the present one.

2. That an underground railway is not a desirable mode of conveyance. The ascent and descent of long flights of stairs would be as unpleasant and wearisome as in the case of the elevated roads. The atmosphere of a tunnel is invariably foul, and science has not yet succeeded in devising any means of keeping it pure. The pretense of using compressed air as a means of driving the engines is only a pretense, as the company reserves the right to use any motor it may find convenient, and has not by any means demonstrated the efficacy of that means in cases such as their own.

Should the usual steam engine be employed, the tunnel would be filled with foul gases dangerous to life and health.

3. That the road, if built at all, should be built under some less important street. Any street running parallel to Broadway, at a moderate distance, would answer equally well. A convenient proximity to the main thoroughfare is all that is required. Such a road under Centre street and Lafayette place, or the route prescribed by the Legislature in the Act of 1868, would answer all the purposes of traffic quite as well as if it were under Broadway.

4. That even on the company's own showing, the surface of Broadway, as well as of intersecting streets, would be greatly disturbed for a long period of time. It is conceded that the street must be repaved for its whole length. The building of the sewers will necessarily result in such disturbance. No board flooring will remedy that difficulty. In the construction of the tunnels, the "board flooring" expedient is, at the best, of doubtful efficiency. The public will not trust it. For two years at least, and more likely for three times that period, this disturbance will continue. The injury to property on the line of Broadway will be incalculable. All experience shows that when commerce is diverted for a long period from its accustomed channel, and is forced to seek other routes, it seldom returns to its old location.

5. The danger arising from the proposed suspending of the gas and water pipes is also urged as an objection. The water pipes, particularly, are very heavy, and some very old. An accident to one of them, besides depriving the adjacent buildings of their water supply, and subjecting them to serious peril in case of fire, would cause the flooding of the tunnel, and perhaps undermine the walls of the structures near by.

6. That it is a problem whether or not the sewerage system of the city can be successfully altered, as proposed. Some of the city officials have testified that, under proper supervision, the work can be accomplished at heavy expense. But their evidence is vague, meagre and guarded. The objectors call attention to the fact that not many years ago Mr. Tracy, then Chief Engineer of the Public Works, officially declared that the very work now proposed would be detrimental to the public interests. Moreover, in many places the vaults extend far beyond the curb line, and the small side sewers cannot be built without, to a great extent, destroying them. Wherever the sewers are changed or rebuilt, new connections will have to be made with all the buildings.

7. That the excavation proposed would endanger the safety of the buildings along the line of the route. The nature of the soil differs from that of London and other places where underground roads have been completed. In many places there is quicksand. In certain parts of the street soft mud will be encountered. It is the opinion of competent builders and engineers of experience that great danger would result. The proposed tunnel is some seven or eight feet deeper than the foundation walls of most of the buildings. The removal of the sandy soil would cause the lofty and heavy walls to settle. The system of "sheath piling" suggested might, to some extent, with the greatest care and extraordinary precautions, prevent such consequences, but it is a matter of grave doubt. The risk is enormous, and there is absolutely no guaranty that such precautions will be taken, beyond the mere *ipse dixit* of a company without funds.

8. That a gift of the centre of Broadway should not be made to any person or corporation. The centre of the street is valuable. Vault owners have paid large sums for their privileges. Grants have been made to steam heating companies, for example, which conflict with this proposed gift. No revenue is to accrue to the city from this grant, although valuable public property is to be surrendered. If the franchise applied for is of any value, it is of immense value. If it should be granted, provision should be made for paying for it. Surely our streets have been yielded already to monopolies to a grievous extent. The case of the elevated roads is a sufficient exercise of liberality. Only two streets of importance now remain free from obstruction—Broadway and Fifth avenue. The former is "the great highway of travel and centre of business to the people of this city, and at the same time the object of pride and admiration of the State and country." Its greatness and its influence do not belong alone to the individuals who, by their enterprise, public spirit, and liberality, have made it what it is, but to the whole people, and any scheme which, however specious or popular the pretext, is plainly calculated to destroy it should, and will, meet with general public reprobation.

9. That the persons who constitute the body of this corporation are irresponsible, and that so vast and important a work should be entrusted only to men of ample responsibility. Without this the citizens and taxpayers are liable to sustain great loss and damage, without any remedy. The incorporators do not claim to be possessed of any wealth, or to control any funds of appreciable amount. They substantially admit that their plan is to first obtain the grant, and then raise money by the sale of stock and bonds. To these individuals the court is asked to grant, for no consideration, the right to tear up pavements and sewers, interfere with gas and water mains, disturb the streets, imperil the safety of buildings, and hold possession of valuable public property. No security is offered for the proper performance of the work. The company says, "We will pay all damages." It is easy to make promises. Good intentions pave other streets than Broadway. Corporations have been known to fail. It would be a calamity if, after uprooting pavements and sewers, and obstructing streets for miles, this company should follow the example of countless others, and pass into a receiver's hands. It would be a calamity if such a thing should occur at any stage of the work. The matter is hardly mended by the confident assurance of a Mr. Patterson, a non-resident contractor, that it will be all right, because he has promised the company to answer for all damages that may be sustained.

10. One gentleman has addressed the Committee in these words: "The work which this corporation proposes to accomplish is one of the greatest engineering works ever undertaken in this or any other country. Some years since, when another corporation, styled the Arcade Underground Railway, proposed to do a very similar work, the opinion of competent engineers was obtained, and their verdict was that the enterprise was nearly, if not quite, impossible of accomplishment. In any case, they said that it involved immense difficulties, would require many years to complete, would endanger the foundations of all the buildings on the line of the route, and would require many millions of dollars of capital. Before granting such an enormous privilege to a comparatively unknown body of men, a Commission should sit for many months and take testimony, and, after the fullest investigation, should make their report as to the necessity, desirability and practicability of such an enterprise. Should this report be favorable, the franchise should be granted only to well-known citizens of high character and great pecuniary responsibility; and a capital of at least \$10,000,000 should be required to be subscribed in cash, one quarter of which should be deposited in trust with the proper officials, as a guarantee against the imperfect or incomplete nature of the work, and to meet positive and certain damage to private property along the line, and to taxpayers at large."

These are among some of the chief reasons for opposing the road urged by property-owners. We have not undertaken by any means to present them all.

The Committee has consulted with engineers of good repute, and submit their conclusions herewith. It has exercised its own judgment upon the facts presented to it, and after mature consideration has arrived at the following conclusions:

Without dwelling upon the objections or entering into any argument upon them, the Committee is unanimously of the opinion that the "Proposed Regulations" submitted by the petitioning company are inadequate, insufficient and unsatisfactory.

That the testimony offered on the part of the petitioning company is incomplete and not sufficiently definite and satisfactory to enable the Commissioners to arrive at a proper conclusion, unless such testimony be supplemented by further proof.

That unless proper steps are taken in this matter to protect the interests of the property-owners and of the city, those interests may be seriously endangered and imperilled.

The Committee unanimously recommends:

1. That in order to protect their interests, as well as those of the city, the property owners should formally appear by attorney before the Supreme Court Commission on October 22, 1881, as by the rules of the Commission they cannot be heard without entering formal appearance by attorney or counsel.

2. That they should present to the Commissioners all the objections to the proposed road which have been suggested, in order to call the attention of the Commissioners to all points of danger and to enable them to exercise a wise judgment in the premises; and suggest to the Commissioners what conditions, restrictions, security and guarantees should be imposed and required as a condition precedent to the granting the privilege of building the road; that one of such conditions should be ample security for the payment of all damages which may be caused by the building of the road.

3. That they should cause to be summoned before the Commissioners competent, impartial, and expert builders, engineers and business men, with the view of clearing up all points of doubt and obscurity, and furnishing proper evidence upon which the Commissioners can base a reasonable decision.

4. That Committee should be appointed with power to retain attorneys and counsel to represent the property owners, and employ experts for the purpose of presenting the whole subject in a fair, concise, and orderly manner, and with further power to provide, in a just and equitable manner, for payment of the necessary expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
E. S. JAFFRAY,
O. B. POTTER,
H. H. RICE,
ALBON MAN,
JOHN C. SHAW,
Committee.

NEW YORK, October 15, 1881.

APPENDIX.
SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of the application
of the Broadway Underground
Connecting Railroad Com-
pany.

Regulations proposed by the Railroad Company.

The petitioner submits the following as proposed regulations for making the railway under Broadway, in order to secure the least damage to the surface and to the use of the surface by the public.

1. The road shall consist of a double line or two sets of tracks without sidings, turnouts or

switches, except as hereinafter provided, from a point fifty feet south of the south line of Fourteenth street to the south line of Chambers street; and longitudinally between the two tracks there shall be erected and maintained a substantial wall of masonry, with or without longitudinal openings or arches, as may be found convenient by the company; or instead of such a wall of masonry, iron columns may be used where found convenient or necessary to sustain the street overhead, in addition to the walls of masonry, arches or columns along the outer sides of the tracks.

The above regulations and mode of construction shall, however, not prevent a connection of the tracks with the tracks of a railway leading to the tunnel, proposed and now being constructed under the Hudson river; and it shall be lawful, wherever found necessary and convenient, to connect on the route aforesaid the tracks from such tunnel in such manner that cars and trains may be run from the tunnel on either of the tracks, northerly or southerly, under Broadway.

The company may construct and maintain stations wherever found convenient or necessary; and south of Chambers street, and north of the point first mentioned, the road will be made under statutory rights, without further or special regulations, except the following, which shall apply to the whole line.

2. During construction it shall not be permissible or lawful for the company to obstruct the surface traffic and travel on Broadway for more than one-half of the width of the paved roadway of the street; nor shall such obstruction of the surface of the street exceed in one locality a length of 250 feet; nor shall such obstructions be allowed or continued for more than sixty days in any one place, without the written authority of the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of New York. No other obstruction to the public use of the surface of the street shall be allowed within a distance of 250 feet from such obstructed portion. This is not intended, however, to prohibit the laying down of a plank road on or over the surface of Broadway, within the aforesaid distances, suitable and competent to receive and sustain public travel over adjoining excavations. And the company may lay down and maintain a plank or timber road, suitable and competent to receive and sustain the public travel, over any portion of Broadway where the work is being prosecuted, or remains uncompleted.

3. No permanent openings shall be made or maintained by the company in the surface of the street or sidewalks, except as follows: The company may make openings in and near the outer edge of each sidewalk, not less than 100 feet apart, for the purpose of ventilating the subways and receiving electric wires. These openings shall, at the surface, not exceed four feet in length, longitudinally, and two feet in width, and shall be surrounded by hollow iron columns, the cross-sectional area of which shall not exceed the cross-sectional area of the openings, nor shall these columns be less than twelve feet in height, and of such strength, stability and durability as to sustain iron columns, rods or other suitable structures for erecting and maintaining thereon, at any suitable or desired height, appliances for illuminating the street. And it shall always be lawful for the municipal authorities of the City of New York to erect and maintain upon said columns, structures, and appliances for illumination, but in such manner as not to interfere with the escape of air for the ventilation of the subways through the openings and columns. It shall also be lawful for the railway company, for the purpose of access to and ventilation of the stations, to make and maintain openings not exceeding six feet in width outward from the house line, to be covered with a suitable iron grating, except where there are stairways for entrance or exit through these openings.

But nothing herein is intended to prevent or interfere with the right of the abutting owners to receive or recover compensation for such occupancy, in any manner, now provided for by law; nor to deprive the railway company of any rights it may or shall have by law to acquire additional private property or rights therein or thereto, which may be necessary or convenient for constructing and maintaining convenient stations along the line, and for access and other conveniences for such stations.

4. The company may, for receiving and removing materials during construction, make openings and excavations in any of the lateral streets entering Broadway on the line of the railway, such openings and excavations to extend not exceeding one hundred feet from the outer boundary of Broadway. These openings shall not exceed one-half of the width of the street in which they may be made, and the company may, during construction, erect and maintain within and over them the necessary appliances for receiving and discharging materials.

5. In all cases the surface shall be restored to its former condition as soon as the work in the locality is completed.

6. If found necessary or convenient for exit or entrance to any station, the company may make and permanently maintain a subway not exceeding twelve feet wide inside, and extending not exceeding one hundred feet outward from Broadway under any of such connecting streets.

7. In order to prevent noise and vibration from the running of trains, there shall be placed and permanently maintained, under all ties, timber or other structures for supporting the rails asphalt or asphalt concrete not less than two inches in thickness, and covering a space equal to that occupied by the ties, timbers or other structures under which it is to be placed and maintained.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 29, 1881, giving permission to E. Wood to place side-curtains in front of No. 923 Eighth avenue, for the reason that these curtains are intended to extend from house to curb, and to be attached to a wooden awning, for which no permit can be granted.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to E. Wood to place side curtains on awning in front of his premises, No. 923 Eighth avenue, with nature of business painted thereon, the work done at his own expense; 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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 29, 1881, giving permission to John Neher, No. 230 Eighth avenue, to extend meat-rack from awning-post in front of his place of business, on the curb, for the reason that meat-racks on the curb are objectionable, and that there is no permit for the awning.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Neher, of No. 230 Eighth avenue, to extend a meat-rack from awning posts on curb in front of his place of business, 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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 29, 1881, giving permission to Joseph Reis to place an ornamental lamp-post in front of No. 143 St. Mark's place, for the reason that there is no such number as No. 143 St. Mark's place.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Joseph Reis to place and keep an ornamental lamp-post and lamp on curb-stone in front of his premises, No. 143 St. Mark's place, the work done and gas 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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 29, 1881, giving permission to William Ottman & Co. to retain meat-rack in front No. 208 Eighth avenue, for the reason that it is to be placed on the curb, and attached to an awning, for which there is no permit.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William Ottman & Co. to retain meat-rack now in front of their premises, No. 208 Eighth avenue; 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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 29, 1881, giving permission to John O'Connor to place a storm-door at the Seventy-fourth street entrance to the building corner of Third avenue and Seventy-fourth street, for the reason that the proposed storm-door is to project at least one foot beyond the stoop-line, and would interfere with public travel.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John O'Connor to place and keep a storm-door at the Seventy-fourth street entrance to the building on the southeast corner of Third avenue and Seventy-fourth street, such storm-door to be within the stoop-line, the work to be done at his own expense; 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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 29, 1881, giving permission to John B. Munger to keep a stand for the sale of oysters on West street, corner of Morton street, for the reason that the stand for the sale of oysters is contrary to the provisions of section 234, article 24, chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John B. Munger to place and keep a stand for the sale of oysters and fruit on West street, corner of Morton street, the work 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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 29, 1881, giving permission to Martin Farrell to keep a stand on South Fifth avenue, northwest corner of Canal street; also, the resolution adopted November 29, 1881, giving permission to Domenico Cazznara to keep a stand on the northwest corner of Church and Cortlandt streets, for the reason that stands in these locations would be serious obstructions to public travel.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Martin Farrell to place and keep a stand on South Fifth avenue, northwest corner of Canal street, the consent of the owner of premises having been obtained, and is hereto annexed, the work done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Domenico Cazznara to place and keep a stand on northwest corner Church and Cortlandt streets, the consent of the owner of premises having been obtained; 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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 22, 1881, giving permission to Clark & Co. to place a bridge over the gutter in front of Nos. 150 and 152 Elizabeth street, for the reason that application for the privilege should be made to the Bureau of Permits, there being no necessity for special resolution.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Messrs. Clark & Co. to place a bridge over gutter in front of their premises, Nos. 150 and 152 Elizabeth street, the work done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 22, 1881, giving permission to the Journeymen's Cooper Union to erect a small building in Old Slip square, for the reason that such structures are objectionable obstructions in the public streets and squares.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Journeymen's Cooper Union No. 2 to erect a small building in Old Slip square, according to the annexed petition, the work done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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, December 5, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 22, 1881, giving permission to Alexander Bros., No. 387 Grand street, to keep a sign over their show-window, for the reason that this is a dangerous style of sign to be allowed.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Alexander Bros. to place and keep a sign over the show-window in front of their premises, No. 387 Grand street, the work done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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, December 5, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 22, 1881, giving permission to P. Coleman to lay a crosswalk across Vesey street, from in front of No. 69 Vesey street, for the reason that there are crosswalks at this corner. An additional crosswalk is unnecessary and objectionable.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to P. Coleman to lay a crosswalk across Vesey street, from in front of No. 69 to the entrance to Washington market, almost directly opposite, 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, December 6, 1881.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return herewith, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted November 22, 1881, requesting and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to fill with water, to its fullest capacity, the reservoir at Forty-second street and Fifth avenue, for the reasons that an action is now pending in the Supreme Court to determine the validity of chapter 456, Laws of 1881, which directs the removal of the reservoir, and in the present state of that action, the Department of Public Works is legally restrained from doing anything whatever to change the condition of the reservoir and its connections with the water service. The easterly basin of the reservoir is now empty and disconnected, while the westerly basin is still connected with the service and filled with water to such level as is maintained by the volume and pressure of the water entering and leaving it through the pipes connected with it.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Whereas, The Murray Hill distributing reservoir forms an important part in the system of water supply and distribution in the city, especially to that portion below Fortieth street; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the most eminent civil engineers and experts, and in the general judgment of the people of this city and the unanimous judgment of the Fire Underwriters of this city, this reservoir is necessary for the supply and distribution of water and to the security and safety of property in the portion of the city lying below it, against fire; and

Whereas, The necessity of this reservoir for a prompt and sufficient supply of water in case of fire has been demonstrated by recent fires in this city, and especially by the fire at Thirty-second street and Fourth avenue; and

Whereas, A vast amount of property and business, amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, is placed in great and unnecessary peril by the disuse of said reservoir;

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested and directed to cause said reservoir to be filled with water to its fullest capacity without delay, and kept full and in efficient operation as a part of said system.

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

PAPERS RETURNED BY REQUEST FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following resolution from his Honor the Mayor, returned by request of the Board made at the last meeting:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Jones to place and keep a stand for the sale of oysters and fruit on West street, at the corner of Leroy street, the work 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.

On motion of Alderman Cavanagh, the vote by which the resolution was adopted was reconsidered, and the paper ordered on file.

The President laid before the Board the following preamble and resolution and accompanying papers from his Honor the Mayor, returned by request of the Board, made at the last meeting (see page 731, Minutes November 29, 1881).

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners appointed by his Honor the Mayor on the 16th day of June, 1881, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, have, by resolution adopted August 23, 1881, fixed and determined a route for the location of a steam railway in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of New York, as follows:

Commencing on the southerly side of the Harlem river at Second avenue, opposite or nearly opposite to Lincoln avenue; thence over and across the Harlem river (on such line and at such an elevation as shall conform to the requirements of law) to said Lincoln avenue; thence up the same to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and Third or Fordham avenue; thence over and along Third or Fordham avenue to the street known as College place at Fordham; thence northerly through and along said street known as College place to the southerly boundary line of the lands of St. John's College; thence through, along and over said St. John's College lands easterly from the Harlem Railroad lands, and distant not less than twenty-five feet nor more than seventy-five feet therefrom, over, along and through other lands and streets adjoining or contiguous to the Harlem Railroad Company's lands and at a like distance therefrom, as varied and shown by the map and profile of L. D. V. Mason, Esq., engineer, to the southerly side of the Bronx river; with the construction of such bridge or part of a bridge across said river as may be necessary so far as the jurisdiction of this Commission extends, as shown by the map and profile aforesaid now on file with this Commission, dated August 23, 1881.

And a branch of said route commencing at the intersection of Third avenue with One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street in the Twenty-third Ward, and running thence westerly over, along and through said One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street to the northerly and easterly side of the Harlem river.

And that whenever either of the routes so fixed and determined crosses a street, avenue, place or lands, such route includes and is intended to include and shall be deemed to include such crossing and so much of said street, avenue, place or lands as is there crossed, so as to allow and enable the construction of continuous and connected lines of railway along the route so crossing;

And whereas, said act provides that the consent of the local authorities be had for such location of such road;

And whereas, said resolution has been submitted by said Board of Commissioners to the Mayor and Aldermen for their consent;

Therefore, be it resolved, That the consent of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York be and hereby is granted for the location of the routes of such steam railway as above set forth.

Alderman Wells moved a reconsideration of the vote taken on the adoption of the said preamble and resolution, November 22, 1881 (see page 628).

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Wells offered the following as a substitute for the resolution accompanying the preamble and resolution returned by his Honor the Mayor:

Resolved, That the Board, on behalf of the corporate authorities of the City of New York, hereby gives its consent to the routes adopted by the Commission on Rapid Transit, as contained in the report of said Commission, transmitted to this Board, October 28, 1881.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept the resolution as a substitute.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Wells moved that the preamble, with the resolution as substituted for the resolution returned by his Honor the Mayor, be adopted.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—21.

Whereupon Alderman Wells offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to retain and place on file in his office all the papers relating to the question of rapid transit in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, now in his possession, and this day acted on by this Board, and transmit to his Honor the Mayor, for the information of the Commission on Rapid Transit in said Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, only a duly certified copy of the proceedings taken this day by this Board on that subject.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Sauer called up G. O. 185, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid and lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted on Seventieth street, between Third avenue and the East river.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

Alderman Sauer called up G. O. 441, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to the provisions of section 1093, chapter 448, Laws of 1876, to pay to Thomas Dunlap, late Commissioner of Jurors, the sum of two thousand and sixty dollars and ninety-two cents, the amount of deficiency in the receipts of said office, from January 1, 1881, to September 14, 1881.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Murphy, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—21.

Alderman Strack called up G. O. 250, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the roadway of Fourth avenue, from a line ten feet north of and parallel with the north curb of Seventy-second street, to a line five feet north of and parallel with the north curb of Ninety-sixth street, and extending at the intersecting streets where not now paved to the crosswalks heretofore laid, or where the crosswalks are not laid, to a line five feet east of and parallel with the east curb, and to a line five feet west of and parallel with the west curb of said avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement with concrete foundation, except that crosswalks of two courses of blue-stone be laid across said avenue within the lines of the sidewalks of the intersecting streets, where not already laid; and that crosswalks of three courses of blue-stone be laid across the intersecting streets where not now laid, within the lines of the sidewalks of said avenue; also, that crosswalks of two courses of blue-stone be laid across said avenue adjoining the northerly and southerly limits of the above-described pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—20.

Alderman Strack called up G. O. 342, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the roadway of Sixty-seventh street, from the pavement heretofore laid at the intersection of the Boulevard to a line eleven feet east of and parallel with the east curb of Tenth avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, except that a crosswalk of three courses of blue-stone be laid at the Boulevard within the lines of the west sidewalk and across said street, also that a similar crosswalk be laid at Tenth avenue adjoining the end of the above-described pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—20.

Alderman Finck called up G. O. 426, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted on both sides of Sixtieth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Strack, Waite, and Wells—17.

Alderman Finck called up G. O. 427, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted on both sides of Avenue A, from Fifty-ninth to Sixty-third street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—18.

Alderman Perley called up G. O. 442, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James V. S. Woolley to erect a bay-window on each of the dwellings on the north side of Seventy-ninth street, beginning one hundred feet westerly from Fourth avenue, in accordance with the annexed diagram, the consent of the adjoining property-owners having been received and is 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.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Perley called up G. O. 46, being a resolution, as follows:

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

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Waite, and Wells—18.

The President called up G. O. 423, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That in pursuance of chapter 381, Laws of 1879, the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized to place on each of the two forty-eight inch mains, numbers five and six, leading from the south gate-house of the new reservoir in the Central Park, a forty-eight inch throttle valve, to enable him to increase with greater dispatch the pressure of water when necessary for extinguishing fires; and, in order to avoid the delay which would be occasioned by procuring and placing the said valves by public letting, as provided by section 91 of the charter of 1873, the said Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to procure and place the same without advertising for and receiving proposals and making contracts therefor.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—20.

The President called up G. O. 147, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Third street, from Second to Third avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

Alderman Seaman called up G. O. 408, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across West street, on a line of northerly side of Christopher street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

Alderman Seaman called up G. O. 415, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That a free drinking-hydrant, for man and beast, be placed in front of No. 679 Greenwich street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

Alderman Waite called up G. O. 270, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the roadway of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, from a line twelve feet east of and parallel with the east curb of Eighth avenue to the pavement heretofore laid at the intersection of Sixth avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement where not heretofore paved, except that crosswalks of three courses of blue-stone be laid on both sides of Seventh avenue and on the west side of Sixth avenue, within the lines of the sidewalks of said avenues and parallel therewith; also that a crosswalk of three courses of blue-stone be laid at Eighth avenue, adjoining the above-described pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

Alderman Waite called up G. O. 421, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That a lamp-post be erected and street-lamp placed thereon and lighted in front of the office entrance to the City Prison, in Franklin street, near and west of Centre street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Waite, and Wells—19.

Alderman Hawes called up G. O. 268, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the roadway of One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from the west crosswalk at Second avenue to the east crosswalk at Third avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

Alderman Hawes called up G. O. 223, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in St. Ann's avenue, from the Southern Boulevard to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—20.

Alderman Kirk called up G. O. 370, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Seventieth street, from the Ninth avenue to the Boulevard, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—20.

Alderman Kirk called up G. O. 422, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That sunken and vacant lot No. 433 West Forty-third street be filled in with good and wholesome earth, and fenced in ; also that the sidewalk in front of said lot be flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—20.

Alderman Wells called up G. O. 263, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Fiftieth street, between Morris avenue and Railroad avenue.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—20.

Alderman Wells called up G. O. 435, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Forty-second street, from the present termination of the gas-mains in said street to Rider avenue.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

Alderman McAvoy called up G. O. 253, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—20.

Alderman McAvoy called up G. O. 88, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in One Hundred and Seventh street, from Second avenue to the East river, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, Waite, and Wells—19.

Alderman Cavanagh called up G. O. 433, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Mutual Electric Light Company to erect ornamental posts, similar to those now in use in Broadway, in Eighth avenue and Hudson street, from Thirty-fourth street to Bank street, and from Bank street to the Gansevoort Market, through Gansevoort street, as requested by owners of property in the vicinity, for the purpose of lighting said streets and market with electric lights, the work done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners for lighting the city ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.
Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, viz. :

Affirmative—Aldermen Cavanagh, P. Kenney, Seaman, Slevin, and Waite—5.
Negative—The President, Aldermen Autenrieth, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Power, Reynolds, Sauer, Strack, and Wells—15.
On motion of Alderman Cavanagh the above vote was reconsidered.
And, on motion of Alderman Seaman, the paper was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Alderman Cavanagh called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor of resolutions, as follows :
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Frederick Blank & Co. to place a barber's pole in front of his place of business, No. 259 Hudson street, the same to remain during the pleasure of Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to H. M. Schmitt to erect a barber-pole in front of No. 65 King street, the work done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Jeremiah M. O'Sullivan to retain the post and sign now on the sidewalk in front of his place of business, No. 1435 Third avenue ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Board then, as provided in section 13 of chapter 335, Laws of 1873, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was finally lost :
Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, and Wells—14.
Negative—Aldermen Finck, Hawes, Perley, and Strack—4.

Alderman Slevin called up G. O. 260, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and lamps placed thereon and lighted in Seventy-sixth street, between the Eleventh avenue and the Boulevard, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

Alderman Slevin called up G. O. 403, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That crosswalks of two courses of blue stone be laid across Lexington avenue within the lines of the north and south sidewalks of One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, and parallel therewith, and that crosswalks of three courses of blue stone be laid across One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, within the lines of the east and west sidewalks of Lexington avenue, and parallel therewith, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—17.

PETITIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Hawes—
Petition of the National Anti-Monopoly League relative to laying telegraph wires under ground, etc.

THE NATIONAL ANTI-MONOPOLY LEAGUE,
HEADQUARTERS, No. 7 WARREN STREET,
NEW YORK, December 6, 1881.

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

This League respectfully submits the following facts for the information of your Honorable Body in relation to the ordinance granting permission to the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Co. to lay their wires in the public streets :

This company, which has combined all the various telephone companies of this city, has had the effect to monopolize the telephone business and it is now taxing the public exorbitantly for telephone service. As an illustration of this we may mention that the charge in other cities for the same service is : In Rochester, \$50 per year ; in Troy, \$4 per month ; Hartford, \$2 per month ; New Haven, \$2.50 per month ; Bridgeport, \$3.50 per month ; New Bedford, \$3 ; Providence, \$3.50 to \$5 ; Baltimore, \$4.67 ; Springfield, \$3.50 ; Newburgh, \$4 ; Utica and Syracuse, \$3 ; while the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company charge the people of this city from \$10 to \$12.50 per month. The control of the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company being signaled by a raise in the price from \$5 and \$7 to \$10 and \$12.50, as above stated, and this in the face of the fact that the cost in a large city is much less proportionately than a small one owing to the larger business done.

It is probable that at no distant day the Legislature will compel all telegraph wires to be put under ground, and before this privilege is accorded, substantial guarantees should be exacted from the corporations which will not only secure an adequate revenue to the city for this valuable privilege, but which will protect the public from undue exactions in the shape of charges for the service rendered. There should also be proper restrictions as to the manner in which the work should be done, that the public business need not be materially interfered with by too large sections of the street being taken up at one time, and other proper restrictions should be imposed, under the direction of the public authorities.

We respectfully request that before further action is taken upon this subject, that a full investigation be instituted by your Honorable Body into the value of this franchise, and what compensation should be paid to the city therefor ; also as to what restrictions should be placed upon the manner of doing the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
THE NATIONAL ANTI-MONOPOLY LEAGUE,
L. E. CHITTENDEN, President.

Which was ordered to be printed in full in the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman McClave called up G. O. 229, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted in Henderson place on the north side of Eighty-sixth street, between Avenues A and B, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

Alderman McClave called up G. O. 445, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That One Hundred and Twentieth street, between Eighth and New avenues, be regulated and graded, curb and gutter stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

Alderman Hillard called up G. O. 214, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid on west side of Fourth avenue, between One Hundred and Third and One Hundred and First streets, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

Alderman Hillard called up G. O. 98, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

Alderman Kenney called up G. O. 141, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That the roadway of One Hundred and Twenty-second street, from the westerly crosswalk at Third avenue to a line twelve feet east of and parallel with the easterly curb-line of Fourth avenue, and extending at the intersection of Lexington avenue to a line five feet north of and parallel with the north curb, and to a line five feet south of and parallel with the south curb of said street, except the crosswalks of three courses of blue-stone be laid across said street within the lines of the sidewalks of Lexington avenue and parallel therewith ; also that crosswalks of two courses of blue-stone be laid across Lexington avenue, within the lines of the sidewalks of said street, and parallel therewith ; also that a crosswalk of three courses of blue-stone be laid at Fourth avenue adjoining the westerly limit of the above described pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—17.

Alderman Kenney called up G. O. 289, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That the roadway of Forty-second street, from the easterly crosswalk at Second avenue, in and through the cut and tunnel, and extending to the westerly crosswalk at First avenue, and also the roadways adjoining the cut and tunnel and over the same extending from the westerly ends of the retaining walls of the cut to the easterly house-line of Prospect place, and to the crosswalk now laid on the north side of Forty-second street across Prospect place, be paved with granite-block pavement, except that crosswalks of two courses of blue-stone be laid connecting the easterly sidewalks of Second avenue on the north and south sides of Forty-second street with the sidewalks in and through the cut and tunnel, and except also that crosswalks of two courses of blue-stone be laid across Forty-second street, at the east and west sides of Prospect place within the lines of the sidewalks and parallel therewith ; also that curb-stones be set and sidewalks flagged full width in and through the cut and tunnel before mentioned, and extending twelve feet easterly from the easterly end of said tunnel, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—17.

Alderman Reynolds called up G. O. 434, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That four lamp-posts and lamps be placed in front of the " Sacred Heart Hall," in Fiftieth street, between the Ninth and Tenth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—16.

Negative—Aldermen Cavanagh and Hawes—2.

Alderman Sauer moved a reconsideration of the above vote.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Subsequently, Alderman Slevin, by unanimous consent, called up the above resolution, and moved its adoption.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—17.
Negative—Alderman Perley—1.

Alderman Reynolds called up G. O. 265, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That Seventy-sixth street, from the west curb of Madison avenue to the east curb of Fifth avenue, be regulated and graded, curb-stones set and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Strack, and Wells—17.

Alderman Autenrieth called up G. O. 221, being a resolution, as follows :
Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized to lay Croton-mains in Ninety-ninth street, from Second to Third avenue, as provided by chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hillard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—17.
Negative—Alderman Cavanagh—1.

Alderman Autenrieth called up G. O. 364, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :
Resolved, That One Hundred and Eighteenth street, from the west curb of Sixth avenue to the east curb of Seventh avenue, be regulated and graded, curb-stones set, and sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—17.
Negative—Alderman Cavanagh—1.

Alderman P. Kenney called up G. O. 297, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That the roadway of Tenth avenue, from the northerly crosswalk of Manhattan street to a line five feet north of and parallel with the north curb of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, be paved with granite-block pavement where not already paved, extending at the intersecting streets to the crosswalks heretofore laid, or, where crosswalks are not laid, to a line five feet east of and parallel with the east curb, and five feet west of and parallel with the west curb of said avenue, respectively, except that crosswalks of two courses of blue stone be laid across said avenue within the lines of the sidewalks of the intersecting streets, where not already laid ; also, that crosswalks of three courses of blue stone be laid, where not already laid, across the intersecting streets adjoining the limits of said pavement, and that a crosswalk of two courses of blue stone be laid adjoining the northerly limit of the above-described pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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

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

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, Kirk, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—15.
Negative—Alderman McAvoy—1.

On motion of Alderman B. Kenney the above vote was reconsidered, and the paper again laid over.

Alderman P. Kenney called up G. O. 291, being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That the vacant lot, No. 561 Greenwich street, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works ; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

Alderman Sauer called up G. O. 375, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in Seventy-sixth street, between Boulevard and Ninth avenue, as provided in chapter 381 of the Laws of 1879.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

Alderman Sauer called up G. O. 371, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in Seventieth street, between the Ninth avenue and the Boulevard, as provided in chapter 381, Laws of 1879.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

The President called up G. O. 359, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid where not now laid, lamp-posts be erected, and street-lamps lighted in West Fifty-fifth street, between Seventh and Sixth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

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 Autenrieth, Cavanagh, Finck, Hawes, Hilliard, B. Kenney, P. Kenney, Kirk, McAvoy, McClave, Perley, Reynolds, Sauer, Seaman, Slevin, Strack, and Wells—18.

The President called up G. O. 332, being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Hecker to erect a canvas awning in front of his premises, No. 49½ Madison street, the work done at his own expense ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

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, December 13, 1881, at 12 o'clock, M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

APPROVED PAPERS.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Frank Cavanagh to place and keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps inside the stoop-line in front of No. 138 First avenue, the work done and gas 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.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 22, 1881.

Approved by the Mayor, November 29, 1881.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Hecht Brothers to retain the storm-door now in front of No. 52 Mercer street ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 22, 1881.

Approved by the Mayor, November 29, 1881.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Runge & Schacht to place and keep a storm-door at the entrance to No. 201 Pearl street ; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 22, 1881.

Approved by the Mayor, November 29, 1881.

Resolved, That A. C. Dozeville be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of Samuel Aufess, whose term has expired.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 22, 1881.

Approved by the Mayor, November 29, 1881.

Resolved, That the resolution approved October 27, 1881, permitting the New York Improve ment Company to place and keep one bay-window on each of the eight houses now in course of erection on One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, between Jackson and Trinity avenues, be and is hereby amended, by striking out the word "eight" before the word "houses," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "nine."

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 22, 1881.

Approved by the Mayor, November 29, 1881.

Resolved, That Stephen Philbin be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, his present term of office expiring December 3, 1881.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 29, 1881.

Approved by the Mayor, December 2, 1881.

Resolved, That James A. Reilly be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of James A. Reilly, whose term of office expires December 2, 1881.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 29, 1881.

Approved by the Mayor, December 2, 1881.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS,

CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground, 53 feet ; above the Sea, 97 feet.

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS

For the Week Ending December 3, 1881.

Barometer.

DATE.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Mean for the Day.	MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.	
					Reduced to Freezing.	Time.	Reduced to Freezing.	Time.
Sunday, 27	30.016	29.896	29.904	29.939	30.016	7 A. M.	29.848	6 P. M.
Monday, 28	30.290	30.348	30.398	30.345	30.398	9 P. M.	29.976	0 A. M.
Tuesday, 29	30.310	30.196	30.108	30.204	30.374	6 A. M.	30.098	12 P. M.
Wednesday, 30	30.090	30.000	29.988	30.026	30.098	0 A. M.	29.908	12 P. M.
Thursday, 1	29.692	29.588	29.982	29.754	30.082	12 P. M.	29.518	1 P. M.
Friday, 2	30.278	30.274	30.300	30.284	30.306	9 A. M.	30.082	0 A. M.
Saturday, 3	30.196	30.098	30.098	30.131	30.272	0 A. M.	30.088	6 P. M.

Mean for the week..... 30.097 inches.
Maximum " at 9 P. M., November 28..... 30.398 "
Minimum " at 1 P. M., December 1..... 29.518 "
Range "880 "

Thermometers.

DATE.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	MEAN.	MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		MAXIMUM.
					Time.	Wet Bulb.	Time.	Wet Bulb.	
Sunday, 27	35 33 48	40 46 42	43.0 38.3	50	4 P. M.	43	7 P. M.	35	7 A. M.
Monday, 28	28 27 31	27 31 28	30.0 27.3	48	0 A. M.	43	0 A. M.	27	9 A. M.
Tuesday, 29	29 27 47	41 44 42	40.0 36.6	49	4 P. M.	45	7 P. M.	28	6 A. M.
Wednesday, 30	39 39 51	46 51 49	47.0 44.7	54	3 P. M.	49	3 P. M.	37	9 A. M.
Thursday, 1	50 48 54	52 44 42	49.3 47.3	56	4 P. M.	52	12 M.	43	12 P. M.
Friday, 2	36 34 43	37 39 36	39.3 35.7	44	3 P. M.	40	0 A. M.	36	7 A. M.
Saturday, 3	36 33 40	38 38 37	38.0 36.0	40	3 P. M.	38	3 P. M.	35	5 A. M.

Dry Bulb. Wet Bulb.
Mean for the week..... 40.9 degrees..... 37.9 degrees.
Maximum for the week at 4 P. M., Dec. 1..... 56. " at 12 M., Dec. 1..... 52. "
Minimum " " at 9 A. M., Nov. 28..... 27. " at 9 A. M., Nov. 28..... 25. "
Range " " 29. " 27. "

Wind.

DATE.	DIRECTION.	VELOCITY IN MILES.				FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT.				
		7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Distance for the Day.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Max.	Time.
Sunday, 27....	WSW	WSW	WSW	74	93	111	278	¾	¾	1 ¾
Monday, 28....	N	N	ESE	121	62	21	204	¾	0	0
Tuesday, 29....	NNE	SW	W	3	18	10	31	0	0	¾
Wednesday, 30...	WSW	WSW	SSE	31	9	18	58	0	0	¾
Thursday, 1...	E	W	NW	7	62	115	184	0	4 ¾	9
Friday, 2...	NW	NE	E	88	26	27	141	¾	¾	¾
Saturday, 3....	ENE	NNE	NNE	49	52	37	138	¾	0	0

Distance traveled during the week..... 1,034 miles.
Maximum force " " 18 ½ pounds.

DATE.	Hygrometer.			Clouds.			Rain and Snow.			
	FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.		CLEAR.	O.	OVERCAST, 10.	DEPTH OF RAIN AND SNOW IN INCHES			
	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	7 A. M.	2 P. M.	9 P. M.	Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.	Duration.	Amount of Water.
Sunday, 27	.162	.143	.215	80	42	69	0	4 Cir. Cu.	8 Cu.	.....
Monday, 28	.136	.101	.179	88	58	68	0	0	0	.....
Tuesday, 29	.124	.179	.241	77	55	83	0	8 Cu.	5 Cu.	.....
Wednesday, 30	.238	.245	.321	100	65	86	10	2 Cir.	10	9 30 P. M.
Thursday, 1	.309	.362	.241	85	87	83	10	10	0	0 A. M.
Friday, 2	.170	.142	.173	80	51	72	1 Cir.	5 Cir.	0	.....
Saturday, 3	.149	.203	.207	70	82	90	6 Cir. Cu.	10	10	8 30 P. M.

Total amount of water for the week..... .53 inch.

DANIEL DRAPER, PH. D., Director.

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT.

DISTRICT COURT
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,
NEW YORK, December 6, 1881.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 110 of chapter 335 of Laws of 1873 (City Charter), I hereby give notice that Robert G. McCord has resigned the office of Clerk of the District Court in the City of New York for the Fourth Judicial District, and that I have this day appointed William L. Gardner, Clerk of said Court.

JOHN A. DINKEL,
Justice Fourth District Civil Court.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE—BUREAU OF LICENSES,
NEW YORK, December 3, 1881.

Number of Licenses issued and amount received therefor, for the week ending December 2, 1881:

DATE.	LICENSES.	AMOUNT.
November 26.....	143	\$182 50
" 28.....	359	521 50
" 29.....	368	514 00
" 30.....	548	754 75
December 1.....	107	290 75
" 2.....	109	290 50
Total	1,634	\$2,554 00

GEO. A. McDERMOTT,
Acting First Marshal.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, 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.
WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor; WILLIAM M. IVINS, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

Mayor's Marshal's Office.

No. 1 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Permit Bureau Office.

No. 13½ City Hall, 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
HENRY WOLTMAN, Registrar.

Sealers and Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

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

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS.

No. 1 County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. PITT SHEARMAN, JOHN W. BARROW.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Office of Clerk of Common Council.

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

City Library.

No. 12 City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
LUKE C. GRIMES, Librarian.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
HUBERT O. THOMPSON, Commissioner; FREDERICK H. HAMLIN, Deputy Commissioner

Bureau of Water Register.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES J. MOONEY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Sewers.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge

Bureau of Chief Engineer.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ISAAC NEWTON, Chief Engineer.

Bureau of Street Improvements

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE A. JERKMAH, Superintendent.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS H. McAVOY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor

No. 31 Chambers street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DANIEL O'REILLY, Water Purveyor.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.

JOHN F. SLOPER, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.

Nos. 19 and 20 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALLAN CAMPBELL, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.

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

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents.
No. 5 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
ARTEMAS CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenues and of Markets
No. 6 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS F. DeVOR, Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

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

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.

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

Office of the City Paymaster.

Room 1, New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
MOOR FALLS, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.

Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Saturday, 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.

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

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.

No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.
JACOB HESS, President; GEORGE F. BRITTON, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Headquarters.

Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.
JOHN J. GORMAN, President; CARL JUSSEN, Secretary

Bureau of Chief of Department.

ELI BATES, Chief of Department.

Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.

PETER SEERY, Inspector of Combustibles.

Bureau of Fire Marshal.

GEORGE H. SHELDON, Fire Marshal.

Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.

WM. P. ESTERBROOK, Inspector of Buildings.
Office hours, Headquarters and Bureaus, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. (Saturdays to 3 P. M.)

Attorney to Department.

WM. L. FINDLEY, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street and No. 120 Broadway.

Fire Alarm Telegraph.

J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph.
Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.

Repair Shops.

Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street.
JOHN McCABE, Captain-in-Charge, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Hospital Stables.

No. 109 Christie street.
DEDERICK G. GALE, Superintendent of Horses.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 36 Union square, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD P. BARKER, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.

Arsenal, 64th street and 5th avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.

146th street and 3d avenue, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Nos. 11 and 119 Duane street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN R. VOORHIS, President; EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

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

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

51 Chambers Street, Rooms 10, 11 & 12, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES S. COLEMAN, Commissioner; M. J. MORRISON, Chief Clerk.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Office, City Hall, Room No. 11½, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN R. LYDECKER, Chairman; WM. H. JASPER, Secretary.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Corner Bond street and Bowery, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM P. MITCHELL, President; ANTHONY HARTMAN, 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. STREVEN, Under Sheriff

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

East side City Hall Park, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
AUGUSTUS T. DOCHARTY, Register; J. FAIRFAX McLAUGHLIN, Deputy Register.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

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

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Nos. 7 and 8 New County Court-house, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM A. BUTLER, County Clerk; J. HENRY FORB, Deputy County Clerk.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Second floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.
9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
DANIEL G. ROLLINS, District Attorney; B. B. FOSTER, Chief Clerk.

THE CITY RECORD OFFICE,

And Bureau of Printing, Stationery, and Blank Books.
No. 2 City Hall, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.
THOMAS COSTIGAN, Supervisor; R. P. H. ABELL, Book-keeper.

CORONERS' OFFICE.

Nos. 13 and 15 Chatham street.
MORITZ ELLINGER, THOMAS C. KNOX, GERSON N. HERRMAN, JOHN H. BRADY, Coroners; JOHN D. COUGHLIN, Clerk of the Board of Coroners.

RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSIONERS.

RICHARD M. HOE, 504 Grand street.
JOHN J. CRANE, 138th street, Morrisania.
GUSTAV SCHWAB, 2 Bowling Green.
CHARLES L. PERKINS, 23 Nassau street.
WILLIAM M. OLLIFFE, 6 Bowery.

SUPREME COURT.

Second floor, New County Court-house, 10½ A. M. to 3 P. M.
General Term, Room No. 9.
Special Term, Room No. 10.
Chambers, Room No. 11.
Circuit, Part I., Room No. 12.
Circuit, Part II., Room No. 13.
Circuit, Part III., Room No. 14.
Judges' Private Chambers, Room No. 15.
NOAH DAVIS, Chief Justice; WILLIAM A. BUTLER, Clerk.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
General Term, Room No. 29.
Special Term, Room No. 30.
Chambers, Room No. 31.
Part I., Room No. 32.
Part II., Room No. 33.
Part III., Room No. 34.
Judges' Private Chambers, Room No. 35.
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 32.
Clerk's Office, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., Room No. 31.
JOHN SEDGWICK, Chief Judge. THOMAS BOESE, Chief Clerk.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Third floor, New County Court-house, 11 A. M.
Clerk's Office, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., Room No. 22.
General Term, Room No. 23.
Special Term, Room No. 24.
Chambers, Room No. 21.
Part I., Room No. 25.
Part II., Room No. 26.
Part III., Room No. 27.
Naturalization Bureau, Room No. 23.
CHARLES P. DALY, Chief Justice; NATHANIEL JARVIS, Jr., Chief Clerk.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

32 Chambers street. Parts I and II.
FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder, Presiding Judge of the General Sessions; HENRY A. GILDERSLEEVE and RUFUS B. COWING, Judges.
Terms first Monday each month.
JOHN SPARKS, Clerk.

MARINE COURT.

General Term, Room 15, City Hall.
Trial Term, Parts I., II., and III., second floor, City Hall.
Special Term, Chambers, Room 21, City Hall, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
Clerk's Office, Room 10, City Hall.
GEORGE SHEA, Chief Justice; JOHN SAVAGE, Clerk.

OVER AND TERMINER COURT.

General Term, New County Court-house, second floor southwest corner, Room 13, 10:30 A. M.
Clerk's Office, Brown-stone Building City Hall Park, second floor, northwest corner.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS

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

DISTRICT CIVIL COURTS.

First District—First, Second, Third, and Fifth Wards southwest corner of Centre and Chambers streets, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN CALLAHAN, Justice.

Second District—Fourth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Wards Nos. 112 and 114 White street, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES M. CLANCY, Justice.

Third District—Eighth, Ninth, and Fifteenth Wards Sixth avenue, corner West Tenth street.
GEORGE W. PARKER, Justice.

Fourth District—Tenth and Seventeenth Wards, Nos. 20 and 22 Second avenue, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN A. DINKEL, Justice.

Fifth District—Seventh, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Wards, No. 154 Clinton street.
TIMOTHY J. CAMPBELL, Justice.

Sixth District—Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards, Nos. 389 and 391 Fourth avenue.
WILLIAM H. KELLY, Justice.

Seventh District—Nineteenth and Twenty-second Wards, Fifty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues.
I. C. JULIUS LANGBEIN, Justice.

Eighth District—Sixteenth and Twentieth Wards, southwest corner of Twenty-second street and Seventh avenue.
FREDERICK G. GEDNEY, Justice.

Ninth District—Twelfth Ward, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue.
HENRY P. McGOWN, Justice.

Tenth District—Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, corner of College avenue and Kingsbridge Road.
JAMES R. ANGEL, Justice.

POLICE COURTS.

Judges—BUTLER H. BIRBY, MAURICE J. POWER, CHARLES A. FLAMMER, JACOB PATTERSON, JR., JAMES T. KILBRETH, BANKSON T. MORGAN, HENRY MURRAY, MARCUS OTTERBOURG, SOLON B. SMITH, BENJAMIN C. WANDRELL, and HUGH GARDINER.
GEORGE W. CREGIER, Secretary.

Office of Secretary, Fifth District Police Court, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue.

First District—Tombs, Centre street.

Second District—Jefferson Market.

Third District—No. 69 Essex street.

Fourth District—Fifty-seventh street, near Lexington avenue.

Fifth District—One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Fourth avenue.

Sixth District—One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street and Third avenue.

JURORS.

NOTICE

IN RELATION TO JURORS FOR STATE COURTS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF JURORS,
NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, Sept. 15, 1881.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS WILL BE heard here, from 10 to 3 daily, from all persons hitherto liable or recently serving who have become exempt, and all needed information will be given.

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

Persons "enrolled" as liable must serve when called or pay their fines. No mere excuse will be allowed or interference permitted. The fines if unpaid will be entered as judgments upon the property of the delinquents.

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

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

GEORGE CAULFIELD,
Commissioner of Jurors,
Room 17, New County Court-house

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, December 3, 1881.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES, INCLOSED IN A SEALED envelope, with the title of the work, the name of the bidder, and the date of presentation, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock A. M., of Thursday, the 15th day of December, 1881, at which hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read, for the following:

For building a Side-wheel Steamboat—length over all, 155 feet; breadth moulded, 27 feet 6 inches; depth of hold, 9 feet.

Further particulars may be had by reference to the specifications on file in the office of the Chief Clerk of the Department.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same; the names of all persons interested with him 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 work, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; 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 in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation any difference between the sum to which he would be entitled upon its completion, and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith, with the intention to execute the bond required by law.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

The entire work is to be completed within five months from date of contract. The amount of security required is \$60,000.

Blank forms of estimates and the agreement may be obtained at the office of the Chief Clerk.

No bid in excess of sixty thousand dollars can be considered.

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

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

- No. 1. Regulating, grading, setting curb, and flagging, and superstructure on One Hundred and Twenty-second street, from Tenth avenue to Riverside Drive.
 - No. 2. Curbing, flagging, and paving Water street, between Corlears and East streets.
 - No. 3. Paving Fifty-sixth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.
 - No. 4. Paving Lexington avenue, from Ninety-fourth to Ninety-fifth streets.
 - No. 5. Sewer in Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues.
 - No. 6. Constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Fortieth street, from Alexander to Brook avenue, with branches in Alexander and Willis avenues.
 - No. 7. Constructing sewer and appurtenances in One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, from 410 feet east of Willis avenue to Brook avenue, with branches in Brown place.
 - No. 8. Regulating, grading, curb, gutter, and flagging Fourth avenue, from One Hundred and Fifteenth to One Hundred and Sixteenth street.
 - No. 9. Paving with Belgian trap-blocks Eightieth street, from Second avenue to Avenue A.
 - No. 10. Sewer in Eightieth street, between Tenth avenue and Boulevard.
 - No. 11. Paving with granite blocks, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street from Seventh avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas.
 - No. 12. Paving with Belgian trap-blocks, Sixty-third street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue.
 - No. 13. Regulating and grading Lexington avenue, from Ninety-sixth to Ninety-seventh street.
 - No. 14. Paving with Belgian trap-blocks, Eighty-first street, from First to Second avenue.
 - No. 15. Flagging both sides of Fifty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
 - No. 16. Branch sewer curve in Eighty-second street, at Avenue A.
 - No. 17. Fencing vacant lots on bl ck bounded by Madison and Fifth avenues, Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.
 - No. 18. Fencing vacant lots on the north side of Forty-fifth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
 - No. 19. Fencing vacant lots on the south side of Fifty-ninth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
 - No. 20. Fencing vacant lots on the north side of Fifty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
 - No. 21. Flagging both sides of Ninth avenue, from Seventy-first to Seventy-second street.
 - No. 22. Fencing vacant lots on the north side of Seventy-eighth street, between Fourth and Madison avenues, and west side of Fourth avenue, between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets.
 - No. 23. Fencing vacant lots on block bounded by Eighty-first and Eighty-second streets, Madison and Fifth avenues.
- The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on—
- No. 1. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-second street, from Tenth avenue to Riverside Drive, and to the extent of half of the block at the intersecting avenues.
 - No. 2. Both sides of Water street, between Corlears and East streets, and to the extent of half of the block at the intersection of Corlears street.
 - No. 3. Both sides of Fifty-sixth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, and to the extent of half of the block at the intersection of Tenth and Eleventh avenues.
 - No. 4. Both sides of Lexington avenue, between Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth streets, and to the extent of half of the block at the intersection of Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth streets.
 - No. 5. Both sides of Forty-third street, between Second and Third avenues; also, block bounded by Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, Second and Third avenues.
 - No. 6. Both sides of One Hundred and Fortieth street, from Alexander to Brook avenue, and both sides of Willis avenue, extending southerly 120 feet from One Hundred and Fortieth street; and east side of Alexander avenue, extending 100 feet north and south from One Hundred and Fortieth street.
 - No. 7. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Willis avenue and Brook avenue, and both sides of Brown place, extending 150 feet northerly from north side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.
 - No. 8. Both sides of Fourth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifteenth and One Hundred and Sixteenth streets.
 - No. 9. Both sides of Eightieth street, from Second avenue to Avenue A, and to the extent of half of the block at the intersecting avenues.
 - No. 10. Both sides of Eightieth street, between Tenth avenue and Boulevard.
 - No. 11. Both sides of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, from Seventh avenue to Avenue St. Nicholas, and to the extent of half of the block at the intersecting avenues.
 - No. 12. Both sides of Sixty-third street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, and to the extent of half of the block at the intersecting avenues.
 - No. 13. Both sides of Lexington avenue, between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh streets.
 - No. 14. Both sides of Eighty-first street, between First and Second avenues, and to the extent of half of the block at the intersecting avenues.
 - No. 15. Both sides of Fifty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
 - No. 16. Both sides of Eighty-second street, between Avenue A and First avenue.
 - No. 17. Block bounded by Madison and Fifth avenues, Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets.
 - No. 18. North side of Forty-fifth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.
 - No. 19. South side of Fifty-ninth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
 - No. 20. North side of Fifty-eighth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
 - No. 21. Both sides of Ninth avenue, between Seventy-first and Seventy-second streets.
 - No. 22. North side of Seventy-eighth street, between Fourth and Madison avenues, and west side of Fourth avenue, between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets.
 - No. 23. Block bounded by Eighty-first and Eighty-second streets, Madison and Fifth avenues.
- All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 11½ City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.
- The above-described lists will be transmitted as provided by law to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation, on the 7th December, ensuing.

JOHN R. LYDECKER,
EDWARD NORTH,
DANIEL STANBURY,
SAMUEL CONOVER,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 11½ CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, November 3, 1881.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR ESTIMATES.

ESTIMATES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A Crib Bulkhead on the west side of Hart's Island, in Long Island Sound, will be received by the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, at the office of said Department, No. 66 Third Avenue, in the City of New York, until 9:30 o'clock A. M. of Saturday, the 17th day of December, 1881, at which place and time the bids will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read. The award of the contract, if awarded, will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Any person making an estimate for the work shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope 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 amount of security required is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

The Engineer's estimate of the nature, quantity, and extent of the work is as follows:

The construction of about 2,450 lineal feet of Crib Bulkhead, to be composed of spruce logs, made in sections and sunk in detached lengths.

576,000 cubic feet of Crib to be built.

25 Mooring Piles to be furnished and placed in position.

25 Mooring Rings to be furnished and placed in position.

50 Fender Piles to be furnished and driven.

10,000 cubic yards of Ballast Stone to be furnished and placed in position.

N. B.—As the above-mentioned quantity, though stated with as much accuracy as is practicable, in advance, is approximate only, bidders are required to submit their estimates upon the following express conditions, which shall apply to and become part of every estimate received:

1st. Bidders must satisfy themselves, by personal examination of the location of the proposed work, and by such other means as they may prefer, as to the accuracy of the foregoing Engineer's estimate, and shall not at any time after the submission of their estimates, dispute or complain of such Engineer's estimate or statement, nor assert that there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done.

2d. Bidders will be required to complete the entire work to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, and in substantial accordance with the specifications of the contract and the plans therein referred to. No extra compensation beyond the amount payable for the work before mentioned, which shall be actually performed, at the price therefor to be specified by the lowest bidder, shall be due or payable for the entire work.

The work is to be commenced within ten days after the date of the execution of the contract; 150 feet in length of the bulkhead is to be finished within forty-five days thereafter, and the entire work is to be fully completed within one hundred and fifty days from the date of execution of the contract.

Bidders will state in their estimates a price per cubic foot of crib bulkhead in position; a price for each mooring pile in position; a price for each ring in position; a price for each fender pile driven; and a price per cubic yard of accepted stone ballast in position for such quantity as may be required over and above the amount furnished by the parties of the first part.

Bidders will distinctly write out in their bids, both in figures and words, the amount of their estimates for doing this work.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to attend at this office with the sureties offered by him or them, and execute the contract within five days from the date of the service of a notice to that effect; and in case of failure or neglect so to do, he or they will be considered as having abandoned it, and as in default to the Corporation; and the contract will be readvertised and relet, and so on, until it be accepted and executed.

Bidders are required to state in their estimates their names and places of residences, the names of all persons interested with them therein; and if no other person be so interested, the estimate shall distinctly state that fact; also that the estimate 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 also that no member of the Common Council, head of a department, chief of a bureau, deputy thereof, or clerk therein, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein, or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof; which estimate must be verified by the oath, in writing, of the party making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true.

Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all the parties interested.

Each 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 or persons making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his or their sureties for its faithful performance; and that if said person or persons shall omit or refuse to execute the contract, 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 persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above all his liabilities as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York, after the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No estimate will be received or considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

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.

No 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 right to decline all the estimates is reserved, if

deemed for the interest of the Corporation of the City of New York.

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

Dated New York, December 5, 1881.

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

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

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, AND WHITE LEAD.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING

DRY GOODS.

16 bales Gray Blankets.

10 bales White Blankets.

200 dozen Knit Shirts.

100 U. S. Overcoats.

GROCERIES.

6,000 pounds Dairy Butter (sample on exhibit)

Thursday, December 8, 1881.

24,000 Fresh Eggs (all to be candled).

50 barrels Oatmeal.

1 barrel Mustard.

1 case Sardines.

20 dozen Canned Tomatoes.

500 pounds Pepper.

100 bushels White Beans.

250 bales Long Bright Rye Straw.

PAINT.

5 tons strictly pure White Lead in oil, equal in quality to "Atlantic Mills."

—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 9:30 o'clock A. M., of Friday, the 9th day of December, 1881. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Dry Goods, Groceries, and White Lead," 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, 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 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 shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount, in each case, to be calculated upon the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this 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 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.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be inclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days 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.

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 a 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, November 28, 1881.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT CITY OF NEW YORK,

155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,

NEW YORK, November 29, 1881.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS

Department with

FIFTEEN THOUSAND (15,000) FEET OF HOSE

—will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M., Monday, December 12, 1881, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

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

Ten thousand (10,000) feet of the hose is to be of seamless patent improved carbonized steam fire engine rubber-lined hose, made of best Gulf cotton and best Para rubber, Matlese Cross brand; to be not less than four (4) ply, with five (5) ply and capped ends; of two and one-half (2½) inches internal diameter; in lengths of fifty (50) feet each, with New York Fire Department standard couplings attached; each and every length of the hose and of the couplings attached is to be capable of resisting a pressure test of three hundred (300) pounds to the square inch without twisting or turning more than (1) revolution, or elongating more than thirty-six (36) inches, or increasing in exterior diameter more than one-fourth (¼) of an inch at any point, and is to weigh not more than seventy (70) pounds without the couplings.

Five thousand (5,000) feet of the hose is to be of Baker multiple woven tubular fabric rubber-lined cotton fire hose, (twenty-five hundred (2,500) feet of the same to be four (4) ply, and twenty-five hundred (2,500) feet to be three (3) ply). To be made of the best Gulf and "Peeler" cotton, and lined with best Para rubber, of two and one-half (2½) inches internal diameter, in lengths of fifty (50) feet, with New York Fire Department standard couplings attached. Each and every length of the hose and of the couplings attached is to be capable of resisting a pressure test of three hundred (300) pounds to the square inch without twisting or contracting, or expanding in external diameter more than one-eighth (⅛) of an inch at any point, or elongating more than forty-two (42) inches, and is to weigh not more than fifty-three (53) pounds for the four (4) ply, and not more than forty-seven (47) pounds for the three (3) ply.

All of the hose is to be delivered at the Repair Shops of the Fire Department, Nos. 130 and 132 West Third street, on or before the sixtieth day after the execution of the contract.

The contractor will be required to give a guarantee that the hose and couplings which shall be delivered, and each and every length, part and parcel thereof, shall and will, well and sufficiently bear and stand for and during the full end and term of three (3) years from the time the same shall be put in use, a pressure test of three hundred (300) pounds to the square inch, and the wear and tear of use by the Fire Department, its officers, agents, and servants; it being agreed that such wear and tear shall be understood to include all damage to the hose and couplings caused by being run over by vehicles or stepped upon by horses, and all other damage except that which may be caused by fire or acids. And should any part, parcel, or length of hose or of the couplings thereto attached, which shall be delivered, fail to well and sufficiently bear and stand, and for during the full end and term of three years from the time the same shall be put in use, a pressure test of three hundred (300) pounds to the square inch and such wear and tear of use by the Fire Department, its officers, agents, and servants, then, and in every such case, the same shall be replaced, length for length with hose and piece for piece with couplings, by the contractor, upon the demand in writing and without expense to said Fire Department.

Any person making an estimate for the articles shall present the same in a sealed envelope, to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope 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 articles to which it relates.

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

The Fire Department reserves the right to decline any and all bids or estimates if 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.

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 in a sum not less than one-half the amount of the estimate; 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 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, or otherwise; and that he has offered himself as surety in good faith and with the intention to execute the bond required by law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered is to be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks

of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but, if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days 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 will write out the amount of their estimate in addition to inserting the same in figures. The form of the agreement and specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, may be seen and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

JOHN J. GORMAN,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
HENRY D. PURROY,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
New York, November 30, 1881.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING THIS DEPARTMENT WITH

FOUR 4-WHEEL HOSE TENDERS
—will be received by the Board of Commissioners at the head of the Fire Department, at the office of said Department, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street, in the City of New York, until 10 o'clock A. M., Monday, December 12, 1881, at which time and place they will be publicly opened by the head of said Department and read.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.
The said tenders must be furnished as follows:
The first within sixty (60), the second within ninety (90), the third within one hundred and twenty (120), and the fourth within one hundred and fifty (150) days after the execution of the contract.
Any person making an estimate for the articles shall present the same in a sealed envelope, to said Board, at said office, on or before the day and hour above named, which envelope 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 articles to which it relates.

No estimate will be received or considered after the hour named.
For information as to kind and quality of the work to be performed, bidders are referred to the specifications and drawings, which form part of these proposals.

The Fire Department 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.

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 any 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 in a sum not less than one-half the amount of the estimate; 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 may be awarded at any subsequent letting; the amount in each case to be calculated upon the estimated amount 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 all 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 law. The adequacy and sufficiency of the security offered shall be approved by the Comptroller of the City of New York before the award is made and prior to the signing of the contract.

No bid or estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the National Banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money, to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall refuse or neglect, within five days after notice that the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and retained by the City of New York as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days 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 will write out the amount of their estimate, in addition to inserting the same in figures. The form of the agreement, including drawings and specifications, and showing the manner of payment for the work, may be seen and forms of proposals may be obtained at the office of the Department.

JOHN J. GORMAN,
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
HENRY D. PURROY,
Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF NEW YORK,
155 AND 157 MERCER STREET,
New York, September 23, 1881.

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
JOHN J. GORMAN, President.
CORNELIUS VAN COTT,
HENRY D. PURROY,
Commissioners.

CARL JUSSEN,
Secretary.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 14, 1881.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 33 of the Laws of 1881, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to property-owners that the following lists of assessments for local improvements in said city were confirmed by the Supreme Court November 2, 1881, and, on the 7th day of November, 1881, were entered in the Record of Titles of Assessments kept in the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," viz:

Sedgwick avenue opening, from the Fordham Landing road to Boston avenue.
Also, by the Board of Revision and Correction, on the 10th day of November, and on the same day entered in the Record of Titles of Assessments kept in the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," viz:

Suffolk street sewer, between Delancey and Rivington streets.

Section 5 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said record of titles of assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive legal interest thereon, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M., and all payments made thereon, on or before January 13, 1882, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles and Assessments in said Bureau.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 10, 1881.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 33 of the Laws of 1881, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to property-owners that the following lists of assessments for local improvements in said city were confirmed by the Supreme Court on the 16th day of November, 1880, and, on the 2d day of November, 1881, were entered in the Record of Titles of Assessments kept in the Bureau for Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," viz:

FOR THE OPENING OF
138th street, from Harlem river to Long Island Sound.
149th street, from Harlem river to Southern Boulevard.
Westchester avenue, from 3d avenue to the city line at the Bronx river.

Cliff street, from 3d avenue to Union avenue.
1st street, from Jerome avenue (late Central avenue) to 3d avenue.
105th street, from Boston avenue to Union avenue.
Tinton avenue, from Westchester avenue to 156th street.
Prospect avenue, from 156th street to the Southern Boulevard.

Willis avenue, from 147th street to 3d avenue.
148th street, from 3d avenue to St. Ann's avenue.
156th street, from 3d avenue to Elton avenue.

And for the opening and widening of Morris avenue, from 3d avenue to Railroad avenue, at 156th street.
Section 5 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said record of titles of assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive legal interest thereon, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M., and all payments made thereon, on or before January 9, 1882, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date of entry in the record of titles of assessments in said Bureau.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
October 22, 1881.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 33 of the Laws of 1881, the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to property-owners that the following lists of assessments for local improvements in said city were confirmed by the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments on the 12th day of October, 1881, and, on the same date, were entered in the Record of Titles of Assessments kept in the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," viz:

Elm street regulating, grading, etc., between Pearl and Worth streets.
129th street regulating, grading, etc., between 7th and 8th avenues.

4th avenue regulating, grading, etc., between 102d and 110th streets.
10th avenue regulating, grading, etc., between 95th and 110th streets.

4th avenue flagging, etc., west side, between 61st and 65th streets.
76th street flagging, between 4th and Madison avenues.
76th street regulating and paving, between 4th and Madison avenues.
64th street regulating and paving, between Boulevard and 10th avenue.

128th street paving, between 2d and 6th avenues.
4th avenue paving, from 6th to 72d street.
65th street paving, from 8th to 9th avenue.
43d street paving, from 100 feet east of 1st avenue to East river.

104th street paving, from 4th to 5th avenue.
67th street sewer, between 8th and 9th avenues.
68th, 69th, and 70th street sewers, between 1st avenue and avenue A.

Avenue B sewer, between 84th and 86th streets, etc.
61st street regulating, grading, etc., from 10th to 11th avenue.
62d street regulating, grading, etc., from Avenue A to 123 feet east.

76th street regulating, grading, etc., from 3d to 4th avenue.
114th street regulating, grading, etc., from 10th to Morningside avenue.
63d street flagging, between 9th and 10th avenues.

Water street sewer, between Roosevelt street and James slip.
Prince street sewer, between Broadway and Crosby street.

West 4th street sewer, between 10th and Charles street.
105th street sewer, between 4th and 5th avenues, etc.
105th street sewer, between 10th avenue and Boulevard.
107th street sewer, between 4th and Lexington avenues.

128th street sewer, between 7th and 8th avenues.
130th street sewer, between 7th avenue and summit east of 7th avenue.

145th street basin, southeast corner 8th avenue.
5th avenue fencing vacant lots, east side, between 65th and 66th streets, etc.
1st avenue fencing vacant lots, west side, between 73d and 74th streets, etc.

76th street fencing vacant lots, south side, between 3d and Lexington avenues.
83d street fencing vacant lots, south side, between 8th and 9th avenues.

Boulevard fencing vacant lots, west side, between 83d and 86th streets.
2d avenue fencing vacant lots, between 84th and 85th streets, westerly 150 feet from 2d avenue on 84th and 85th streets.

114th street fencing, south side, between 1st and 2d avenues.
Madison avenue fencing, northeast corner, 123d street.

Section 5 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said record of titles of assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive legal interest thereon, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M., and all payments made thereon, on or before December 21, 1881, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date of entry in the record of titles of assessments in said Bureau.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

REAL ESTATE RECORDS.

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

Grantees, 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."

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF UNPAID TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, AND CROTON WATER RENTS.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK hereby gives notice to owners of real and personal estate in this city, that all unpaid taxes, assessments, and Croton water rents may now be paid with interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, as provided by chapter 33 of the Laws of 1881, which is as follows:

CHAPTER 33.
AN ACT relative to the collection of taxes and assessments, and of arrears of taxes and assessments, and Croton water rents, in the City of New York.
(Passed March 16, 1881; three-fifths being present.)

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

Section 1. If any taxes of any year shall remain unpaid on the first day of November, after the assessment-rolls and the warrants to collect such taxes have been delivered to the Receiver of Taxes in the City of New York, it shall be the duty of said Receiver to give public notice, by advertisement for at least ten days in two of the daily newspapers, and in the City Record, printed and published in said city, respectively, that unless the same shall be paid to him at his office on or before the first day of December, in any such year, he will immediately thereafter proceed to collect such unpaid taxes, as provided in the following section of this act:

Section 2. If any such tax shall remain unpaid on the said first day of December, it shall be the duty of the said Receiver of Taxes in said city to charge, receive, and collect upon such tax so remaining unpaid on that day, in addition to the amount of such tax, one per centum on the amount thereof; and to charge, receive, and collect upon such tax so remaining unpaid on the first day of January thereafter, interest upon the amount thereof at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the day on which said assessment-rolls and warrants shall have been delivered to the said Receiver of Taxes to the date of payment.

The same rate of interest shall be so charged and collected upon any tax levied in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, remaining unpaid at the date of the passage of this act.

Section 3. All existing provisions of law which impose a charge and require the collection of interest at the rate of twelve per centum per annum upon arrears of taxes on real and personal estate within the City of New York, upon arrears of assessments for local improvements and street openings in said city, and upon arrears of Croton water rents in said city, are hereby repealed; and in lieu of such charge of interest at the rate of twelve per centum per annum, there shall be charged and collected by the officer authorized to collect and receive any such arrears of taxes and assessments and Croton water rents, interest upon the amount thereof at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated for the same period as interest at the rate of twelve per centum per annum is now required by law to be calculated thereon. This provision shall apply to taxes, assessments, or Croton water rents remaining unpaid and due, for the non-payment of which the lands and tenements liable therefor shall be hereafter sold at public auction as now provided by law; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the rights of purchasers at sales for taxes, assessments, or Croton water rents, heretofore made, or to authorize the redemption of lands and tenements from sales heretofore made for any lesser sums than the sums collectible for such redemption under the provisions of existing laws.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the City of New York to give public notice by advertisement

for at least ten days, in the City Record, printed and published in said city, immediately after the confirmation of any assessment for a local improvement or street opening in said city, that the same has been confirmed specifying the title of such assessment and the date of its confirmation by the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments in proceedings for local improvements, and by the Supreme Court in proceedings for street openings, and also the date of entry in the record of titles of assessments kept in the Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Croton water rents, notifying all persons, owners of property affected by any such assessment, that, unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or property shall be paid within sixty days after the date of said entry of any such assessment, interest shall thereafter be collected thereon as provided in the following section of this act, and all provisions of law or ordinance requiring any other or different notice of assessments and interest thereon are hereby repealed.

Section 5. If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said record of titles of assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive legal interest thereon, at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment.

Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 18, 1881.

ORDER OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CONSOLIDATING CERTAIN BUREAUX IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 3 OF CHAPTER 521 OF THE LAWS OF 1880, requires that heads of departments shall reduce the aggregate expenses of their respective departments by a reduction of salaries, and confers upon them authority to consolidate bureaux and offices for that purpose, as follows, to wit:

"In making the reduction herein required, every head of department may abolish and consolidate offices and bureaux, and discharge subordinates in the same department."

The Comptroller of the City of New York, in pursuance of the duty imposed and the authority thus conferred upon him, hereby orders and directs that the following Bureaux in the Finance Department shall be consolidated, the consolidation thereof to take effect on the first day of January, 1882, viz:

First—"The Bureau of the Collection of Assessments, and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," shall be consolidated as one bureau, and on and after January 1, 1882, shall be known as "The Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, and of Water Rents," and possess all the powers conferred and perform all the duties imposed by law and ordinance upon both said bureaux, and the officers thereof, the chief officer of which consolidated bureau shall be called "Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears."

Second—"The Bureau for the Collection of the Revenue accruing from rents, and interest on bonds and mortgages, revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the city," and "The Bureau of Markets," shall be consolidated as one Bureau, and on and after January 1, 1882, shall be known as "The Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets," and possess all the powers conferred and perform all the duties imposed by law and ordinance upon both said bureaux, and the officers thereof; the chief officer of which said consolidated Bureau shall be called "Collector of City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets."

CITY OF NEW YORK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Dec. 31, 1880.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
New York, January 22, 1880.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE IN THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH WARDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK hereby gives notice to owners of real estate in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, that pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment and payment of unpaid taxes due the county of Westchester by the towns of West Farms, Morrisania, and Kingsbridge, lately annexed to the city and county of New York," passed May 22, 1878, the unpaid taxes of said town have been adjusted and the amount determined as provided in said act, and that the accounts, including sales for taxes levied prior to the year 1874, by the Treasurer of the County of Westchester, and bid in on account of said towns, and also the unpaid taxes of the year 1873, known as Rejected Taxes, have been filed for collection in the Bureau of Arrears in the Finance Department of the City of New York.

Payments for the redemption of lands so sold for taxes by the Treasurer of the County of Westchester, and bid in on account of said towns, and payments also of said Rejected Taxes of the year 1873, must be made hereafter to the Clerk of Arrears of the City of New York.

N. B.—Interest at the rate of twelve per centum per annum is due and payable on the amount of said sales for taxes and said rejected taxes.

ALLAN CAMPBELL,
Comptroller.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS OF the Board of Aldermen will meet every Monday at two o'clock P. M., at Room No. 8 City Hall.

BERNARD KENNEY,
JOSEPH P. STRACK,
HENRY C. PERLEY,
THOMAS SHELLS,
JAMES L. WELLS,
Committee on Public Works

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY CHAPTER 550 of the Laws of 1880, to revise, vacate, or modify assessments for local improvements in the City of New York, give notice to all persons affected thereby that the notices required by the said act must be filed with the Comptroller of said city and a duplicate thereof with the Counsel to the Corporation, as follows:

As to all assessments confirmed subsequent to June 9, 1880, for local improvements theretofore completed, and as to any assessment for local improvements known as Morningside avenues, notices must be filed within two months after the dates upon which such assessments may be respectively confirmed.

The notice must specify the particular assessment complained of, the date of the confirmation of the same, the property affected thereby, and in a brief and concise manner the objections thereto, showing, or tending to show, that the assessment was unfair or unjust in respect to said real estate.

Dated, No. 27 CHAMBERS STREET, May 18, 1881.
EDWARD COOPER,
JOHN KELLY,
ALLAN CAMPBELL,
GEORGE H. ANDREWS,
DANIEL LORD, JR.,
Commissioners under the Act.

JAMES J. MARTIN, Clerk.